

"I believe in Christianity as I believe that
the sun has risen, not only because I see it,
but because by it I see everything else."

C.S. Lewis

There are not two worlds – one where Christians live and one where non-believers live. There is only the one world that God has made. All of it belongs to him and points to him. Why is our world so balanced and so appointed that it not only supports but welcomes life? Why does it sit the distance it does from the sun and why is our sun the size it is, the is earth's rotation what it is, with the atmosphere, oceans and global temperature that exist here and no other place that we can discover? Why are the laws of physics constant and the details of biological life such that we thrive and live with pleasure on the earth? The God who made all things has spoken to us in his word and come to redeem us in his son and all that has been made glorifies him and calls us to worship.

Bill Douglas , *Pastor*

WELCOME VISITORS

We are glad to have you as our guest!

As we seek to bring glory to our Father together, we welcome you to join any or all of the events and ministry activities at St. Andrews.

- ⇒ We invite you to worship God with us, to find us as a place for encouragement and fellowship, and to become a part of this church.
- ⇒ We invite you to tell us who you are and let us get to know you, as you get to know and become more familiar with us.



The back of the program has the office phone number and email addresses for the staff.

God has moved you to come to worship him.

We are honored that you are here.

April 15, 2018

Preaching: Bill Douglas
Leading in Worship: Mike Stewart

Songs of Ascent

All Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam!

Refrain:

*O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Thou rushing wind that art so strong
Ye clouds that sail in Heaven along,
O praise Him! Alleluia!

Thou rising moon, in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice!

(Refrain)

And all ye men of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part,
O sing ye! Alleluia!

Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on Him cast your care!

(Refrain)

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship Him in humbleness,
O praise Him! Alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!

(Refrain)

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be.

Chorus:

*Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

(Chorus)

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

(Chorus)

Praise My Soul the King of Heaven

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet your tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting King!

Praise him for his grace and favor to his people in distress.
Praise him, still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Alleluia, alleluia! Glorious in his faithfulness!

Fatherlike he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows.
In his hand he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia, alleluia! Widely yet his mercy flows!

Angels, help us to adore him; you behold him face to face.
Sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace!

Call to Worship *(From Ephesians 2 & 4)*

Therefore, remember that formerly you were separate from Christ, without hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace. He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. So now this new life is in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus -- to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

Behold Our God

Who has held the oceans in His hands? Who has numbered ev'ry grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice. All creation rises to rejoice.

Chorus:

Behold our God, seated on His throne.

Come, let us adore Him.

Behold our King, nothing can compare.

Come, let us adore Him!

Who has given counsel to the Lord? Who can question any of His Words?
Who can teach the One who knows all things? Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

(Chorus)

Who has felt the nails upon His hands, bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal, humbled to the grave. Jesus, Savior risen now to reign!

(Chorus)

Men: You will reign forever!

Women: Let Your glory fill the earth!

(Chorus)

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Prayers of Invocation

O Most High, Ancient of Days and Holy God, you who live and reign forever, set your favor on us today as we worship you. We have come to exalt the Lord Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God who has been declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead. We ask that you comfort our sorrows, that you answer our fears, that you help us in our unbelief and that you restore to us the full joy of salvation. Remember your promise that the Spirit who raised up Christ also will give life to all who call on his name and ask that he now make us fully alive in him. We pray that in our words, in our thoughts and in our affections that he alone will be glorified. Confirm in us your grace and train our lives to faithful obedience so that now and always we declare the excellencies of him who called us from darkness into his glorious light. In his great name we pray -- Amen.

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Come behold the wondrous mystery, in the dawning of the King—

He the theme of heaven's praises robed in frail humanity.

In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come;

Look to Christ, who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold the wondrous mystery, He the perfect Son of Man—

In His living, in His suffering, never trace nor stain of sin.

See the true and better Adam come to save the hell-bound man:

Christ the great and sure fulfillment of the law; in Him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous mystery, Christ the Lord upon the tree.

In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory.

See the price of our redemption, see the Father's plan unfold,

Bringing many sons to glory, grace unmeasured, love untold

Come behold the wondrous mystery, slain by death the God of life.

But no grave could e'er restrain Him, praise the Lord; He is alive!

What a foretaste of deliverance, how unwavering our hope—

Christ in power resurrected as we will be when he comes!

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Preparation for Confession of Sins *(from Psalm 139)*

O Lord, you have searched me and known me!
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
You discern my thoughts from afar.
You search out my path and my lying down
And are acquainted with all my ways.
Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts. And see if there
Be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!

Prayers of Confession

Promise of Pardoning Grace

Confession of Faith *Westminster Shorter Catechism*

Q. 36. What are the benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification?

A. The benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification, are, assurance of God's love, peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Ghost increase of grace, and perseverance therein to the end.

Q. 37. What benefits do believers receive from Christ at death?

A. The souls of believers are at their death made perfect in holiness, and do immediately pass into glory; and their bodies, being still united to Christ, do rest in their graves, till the resurrection.

Q. 38. What benefits do believers receive from Christ at the resurrection?

A. At the resurrection, believers, being raised up in glory, shall be openly acknowledged and acquitted in the day of judgment, and made perfectly blessed in the full enjoying of God to all eternity.

He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

Refrain:

*He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.*

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in his holy sight, He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.

(Refrain)

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast
'Till our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last!

(Refrain)

Offering

(At this time, the Pre K4 and Kindergarten children are invited to meet their leaders at the back of the sanctuary for Children's Church.)

Scripture Lesson Mark 4:26-29 & Mark 3:27

...A farmer planted seeds in a field, and then he went on with his other activities. As the days went by, the seeds sprouted and grew without the farmer's help, because the earth produces crops on its own. First a leaf blade pushes through and then the heads of wheat are formed, and finally the grain ripens. (NLT)

Who is powerful enough to enter the house of a strong man like Satan and plunder his goods? Only someone even stronger who could tie him up and then plunder his house. (NLT)

Sermon

Kingdom of God

Intro Question:

- What subject do you think Jesus talked about more than any other?
- What few words did he repeat more than any other?

At Least 3 Ways Jesus Describes the Kingdom:

- **First of Jesus's parables** imply or describe the entire creation as a kingdom over which God sovereignly rules as King.
- **Second group of sayings**, Jesus describes the Kingdom as future dimension or order into which righteous will enter at end of the present age. In these sayings, Kingdom of God is synonymous with the age to come. (Matt. 25:31-46 – Final Judgment)
- **Third group of sayings**, Jesus describes the Kingdom as a reality predicted by prophets and that had arrived with his person & mission.

The early chaps. of Matt., Mark and Luke (4:17, 1:14, 4:43) tell us: “Jesus came to Galilee preaching... the time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God is at hand.”

These passages therefore tell us the k. is present on earth **now**, an active dimension & power at work in world right now.

Most of Jesus' 46 parables describe this presently active k. – how it works, how it achieves it's purposes.

Two Brief Insights from Jesus about the present kingdom:

Mark 4:26-29

Mark 3:27

C.S. Lewis Christianity and water:

Atheism is too simple. Another view is also too simple - the view that says there is a good God in Heaven and everything is all right and leaves out the difficult and terrible doctrines about sin, hell, the devil and redemption. These are boys' philosophies.

Benediction

Nunc Dimittis

Hymn #733

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

A N N O U N C E M E N T S

Directory Photos

Directory photos will be taken **TODAY** and **next Sunday** in the Narthex for those who have not had their picture made.

Congregational Meeting

There will be a congregational meeting immediately following the service on **Sunday, April 22nd** to elect officers.

Women's Sunday School

Starting **Sunday, April 22**, there will be a Women's Sunday School class in the small group room at 9:30am. We will be having several ladies in our church share about different women in the Bible.

Song Night

Come sing with us!

A song night will be held **Sunday, April 22nd** at **6:00pm**.

Bring a picnic dinner, lawn chair, and blanket and fellowship together on the grounds at **5:00pm** before the outdoor event.

Monthly Calendar at St. Andrews

A P R I L

- 15, Sun**— Sunday School (9:30a)
Inquirer's Class (9:30a)
Communicant's Class (4:00p)
Middle School Boys Small Group (4:30p)
Youth Group (5:30p)
- 16, Mon**— Moms in Prayer (9:00a)
- 17, Tues**— Play Group (10:00a)
- 20, Fri**— Women's Early Morning Study, "Calm My Anxious Heart" (6:30a)
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- 22, Sun**— Sunday School (9:30a)
Congregational Meeting, following the service
Communicant's Class (4:00p)
Middle School Boys Small Group (4:30p)
Song Night (6:00p)
- 23, Mon**— Moms in Prayer (9:00a)
- 24, Tues**— Play Group (10:00a)
- 27, Fri**— Women's Early Morning Study, "Calm My Anxious Heart" (6:30a)
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- 29, Sun**— Sunday School (9:30a)
Communicant's Class (4:00p)
Middle School Boys Small Group (4:30p)
Youth Group (5:30p)
- 30, Mon**— Moms in Prayer (9:00a)

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- 1, Tues**— Play Group (10:00a)
- 4, Fri**— Women's Early Morning Study, "Calm My Anxious Heart" (6:30a)

If you have questions regarding any event,
please contact the church office.

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Calendar of the Month

Ushers: John Anderson, Kelly Phillips, Mike Brooks, Elizabeth Thorne
Deacons: Dan Gwaltney, Allen Whitley

Greeters:

April 15: Allen Whitley & Dan Gwaltney
April 22: Billy & Janet Whitley
April 29: Ted & Elizabeth Thorne

Children's Church:

April 15: Diane McGowan, Sydney Brasseaux, Grace Johnson
April 22: Alison Ross, Blake Schoonover
April 29: Bess Kendrick-Holmes, Aracelis Williams, Jack Phillips

Nursery Volunteers:

April 15: Susan Johnston
April 22: Danelle McNew
April 29: Sydney Brasseaux

COVENANT FAMILY NEEDS

- Expectant Mothers — Mary Lou Cantrell, Danelle McNew, Elise Jones, Heather Cannon, Sarah Steed, Jennifer Corcoran, Traci Howell
- Foster Care Families — Matt & Katherine Maxey, Andrew & Amanda Harry
- St. Andrews Missionaries — Bethany Christian Services
- St Andrews Ministries— Small Group Ministry
- Please pray for those in our church family who are recovering from surgeries, accidents, cancer treatments, and other illnesses:

Cheryl Smith — Sam Killeffer — Will Anderson
- Please pray for service members and families from our church family who are deployed or moving to new duty stations in the coming days and weeks.

**MISSIONARIES AND MINISTRIES
SUPPORTED BY ST. ANDREWS**

Bethany Christian Services (Columbus, GA)
Covenant Theological Seminary (St. Louis, Missouri)
House of Mercy (Columbus, GA)
International Friendship Ministries (Columbus, GA)
InterVarsity Christian Fellowship — Paul and Margaret Tokunaga
Mission to North America (MNA) — Chaplain Ministries
Chaplain Dr. Mike Stewart (Medical Center, Columbus, GA)
Mission to the World (MTW)
 David and Erin Pervis (Ukraine)
 Johan and Stephanie van der Westhuizen (Chile)
 Gary and Tammy Elliott (Bulgaria)
 Pete & Ruth Mitchell (France)
Pioneers
 Tom and Iris Lowder
Reformed University Fellowship (RUF)
 Auburn University (Wes and Nancy Simmons)
 University of GA (Justin and Elizabeth Clement)
 University of South Alabama (Jacob and Leigh Zoller)
Valley Rescue Mission (Columbus, GA)
Young Life
 Greater Columbus, GA
 Atlanta, (Slate and Lindsay Fluker)

Elders of St. Andrews 2018

Andy Dickens
Dimon Kendrick-Holmes
AJ Morris

2019

Bill Brouwer
Matt Maxey

2020

Chris Schuster
Greg Johnston
John Mitchell

Deacons of St. Andrews 2018

David Clickner
Dan Gwaltney
Dale Pope

2019

DR McNew
Josh Schuster
Allen Whitley

2020

Morgan Kimball
Bill Shirley
Ben Wallace

The Purpose of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church:

We exist to glorify and enjoy God as His called-out people:

Who are called together to worship God,

To be instructed in the Scriptures,

To be conformed to God's truth,

To reach out into our world with the news of the gospel.



