



The Gospel is Good News but it begins with bad news. The beginning point is that all people are alienated from God and the distance is so great that we can never hope to gain access to him. Without an understanding of this fact the story of the gospel does not make sense. Pastor and author Tim Keller says,

*“Without a knowledge of our extreme sin, the payment of the cross seems trivial and does not electrify or transform. But without a knowledge of Christ's completely satisfying life and death, the knowledge of sin would crush us or move us to deny and repress it. Take away either the knowledge of sin or the knowledge of grace and people's lives are not changed.”*

So we have to allow the Holy Spirit to show us how great our need is – greater than we fear -- and then to show us how great the love of God and the offer of the gospel is for us – greater than we would ever hope. Corporate worship builds into the rhythm of our lives a cycle of seeing our need and seeing our Savior.

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.

July 8, 2018

*Preaching:* Bill Douglas

*Leading in Worship:* Jeff Barkhouse

## Songs of Ascent

### Come Thy Fount

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of Thy redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by Thy help I'm come;  
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood;

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let Thy grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

Oh that day when, freed from sinning, I shall see Thy lovely face;  
Clothèd then in blood-washed linen how I'll sing Thy sovereign grace.  
Come my Lord, no longer tarry; take my ransomed soul away,  
Send Thine angels now to carry me to realms of endless day!

### Isaiah 43

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you,  
And the waves will not overcome you.  
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you,  
I have called you by name, You are Mine.

#### *Chorus:*

For I am the Lord your God (I am the Lord your God),  
I am the Lord your God (I am) The Holy One of Israel, Your Saviour!  
(repeat)

I am the Lord (Do not fear), I am the Lord (do not fear).  
I am the Lord (Do not fear), I am the Lord (do not fear).

When you walk through the fire you'll not be burned,  
And the flames will not consume you.  
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you,  
I have called you by name, You are Mine.

#### *(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!

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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!

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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!

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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!

Alleluia, alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace!

## **Call to Worship**

For in Scripture it says: "See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame. You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy."

### **For All The Saints**

For all the saints, who from their labors rest,  
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,  
Thy Name, O Jesus, be forever blessed. Alleluia, Allelu.

Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress and their Might;  
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well fought fight;  
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light. Alleluia, Allelu.

O may Thy soldiers faithful, true and bold,  
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,  
And win with them the victor's crown of gold. Alleluia, Allelu.

The golden evening brightens in the west;  
Soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;  
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blessed. Alleluia, Allelu.

But lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day;  
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
The King of glory passes on his way, Alleluia, Allelu.

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Lord be with you  
And also with you.

## **Prayers of Invocation** (*based on Psalm 84*)

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Most High! Our souls long to be in that place where you meet with your people. From our whole being we cry out for you the living God. Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever praising you. Welcome us and cover us with your salvation.

We gather here today with you who are our blessedness and our strength. You have become a pilgrimage of the heart for all who trust in your name. Make us now walk in light and new obedience. Because of your limitless mercy and favor even the dry, empty places of life become gardens. Because you are the fountain, the source of living water your people flourish in all seasons. Fill us, raise us up, cause us to turn to you and abide in you.

Hear our prayer, Lord God Almighty; listen to us, God of Jacob. Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere. It is better to be a doorkeeper in the house of God than dwell in the tents of the wicked. For you Lord God are a sun and shield, you freely give grace and glory. We worship you and in you alone we find life. We call on you for help to worship you and we call in the name of the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Amen

*Hymn # 647*

### **How Sweet The Name of Jesus Sounds**

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear!  
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds, and drives away his fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole, and calms the troubled breast;  
'tis manna to the hungry soul, and to the weary rest.

Dear Name! the rock on which I build, my shield and hiding place,  
my never-failing treas'ry filled with boundless stores of grace;

Jesus, my Shepherd, Brother, Friend, my Prophet, Priest, and King,  
my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End, accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of my heart, and cold my warmest thought;  
but when I see thee as thou art, I'll praise thee as I ought.

Till then I would thy love proclaim with every fleeting breath;  
and may the music of thy name refresh my soul in death.

## **Prayers of Confession**

### **Promise of Pardoning Grace (*from Titus 2*)**

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

### **Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder**

Let us love and sing and wonder, let us praise the Savior's name!  
He has hushed the law's loud thunder, he has quenched Mount Sinai's flame;  
he has washed us with his blood, he has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord who bought us, pitied us when enemies,  
called us by his grace, and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes:  
he has washed us with his blood, he presents our souls to God.

Let us sing, though fierce temptation threaten hard to bear us down!  
For the Lord, our strong salvation, holds in view the conqu'ror's crown;  
he who washed us with his blood, soon will bring us home to God.

Let us wonder; grace and justice join, and point to mercy's store;  
when through grace in Christ our trust is, justice smiles, and asks no more:  
he who washed us with his blood, has secured our way to God.

Let us praise, and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high;  
here they trusted him before us, now their praises fill the sky:  
"You have washed us with your blood; You are worthy, Lamb of God!"

## Ministry Minute—AJ Morris & Anna McLendon

### 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.)*

### Prayers of Intercession

### Scripture Lesson I John 2:1-11

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. 2 He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. 3 And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments. 4 Whoever says "I know him" but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, 5 but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him: 6 whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.

7 Beloved, I am writing you no new commandment, but an old commandment that you had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word that you have heard. 8 At the same time, it is a new commandment that I am writing to you, which is true in him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining. 9 Whoever says he is in the light and hates his brother is still in darkness. 10 Whoever loves his brother abides in the light, and in him there is no cause for stumbling. 11 But whoever hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

**Sermon**

**Benediction**

**Nunc Dimittis**

*Hymn #170*

**Fairest Lord Jesus**

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Thee will I cherish, thee will I honor,  
Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Beautiful Saviour! Lord of the nations!  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,  
Now and for evermore be thine.

## I John 2:1-11

“This is how we are sure.” John gives us the basis of assurance by giving us ways to examine the genuineness of our trust.

The audience for the gospel includes those with hardened and calloused consciences, as well as those with tender consciences.

The free offer of grace is not the offer of *cheap grace*.

**“The one who says. . . .” True believing brings alive-ness of obedience to the word of God.**

**“The one who says. . . .” True believing gives alive-ness that is an imitation of the life of our Savior.**

**“The one who says. . . .” True believing gives alive-ness as a growing love for one another.**

John 2:8 -- The old and the new of God's commands – Christ has come. (What is there about our pattern of living that requires that Jesus Christ be crucified and raised?)

The correction for cheap grace is not law – but *true grace*

The correction for broken lives is the Whole Christ.

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

## Adult Sunday School

Beginning today, July 8th, Sunday School will be in the New Adult Sunday School Classroom at the end of the hall.

## YOUTH

Ways to be involved in RENEW 2018:

1) **Financially** - We are striving to raise \$3,000 to support our work projects and the work of Highland Community Church.

*\*Make all checks payable to St. Andrews with "RENEW Giving" in the memo line*

2) **Food** - We have a list of food needs for meals out in the narthex for you to sign up for as a Small Group or with other individuals. Details are provided on the form.

3) **Come and See!** We will be working and spending time with HCC everyday Sunday to Wednesday (July 15th-18th) from 9AM-2PM and from 3:30PM-6:30PM.

*\*Please note that Wednesday, July 18th, we will not be at HCC in the afternoon*

4) **Block Party!** Come enjoy fellowship, food, and fun on Wednesday, July 18th from 5PM-7:30PM at the Moseley House!

We will have a jumpy house, obstacle course, games, and food

**If you plan to attend, PLEASE sign up in the narthex so we can have enough food for everyone attending.**

5) **PRAY!**

## WOMEN

A new **Women's Bible study** is starting next Tuesday, **July 10th, from 9:30-11:00am** at St. Andrews. We will be going through "Faith" by Paul David Tripp. Study guides are \$8 and can be purchased in the church office.

*Nursery is provided for children 4 and under.*

## KIDS

We are looking for teachers for the Fall in Children's Church and Sunday School. If you are interested in assisting with ministry to elementary age children at St. Andrews, please contact Bess at [kids.SAPC@gmail.com](mailto:kids.SAPC@gmail.com)

# Monthly Calendar at St. Andrews

## JULY

- 8, Sun—** Sunday School: Ask Pastor Bill (9:30a)  
Youth Group (5:30p)
- 10, Tues—** Women's Study "Faith" (9:30a)
- 14, Sat—** RENEW Begins
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- 15, Sun—** Sunday School (9:30a)  
No Youth (RENEW)
- 17, Tues—** Women's Study "Faith" (9:30a)
- 18, Wed—** RENEW Block Party (5:00p)
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- 22, Sun—** Sunday School (9:30a)  
Youth Group (5:30p)
- 23, Mon—** Moms in Prayer (9:00a)
- 24, Tues—** Women's Study "Faith" (9:30a)

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

**706-327-7750**

# Calendar of the Month

Ushers: Billy Whitley, Max Sheppard, Buddy Cook, Dan Gwaltney  
Deacons: Ben Wallace, Josh Schuster

## **Greeters:**

**July 8:** Drew & Amy Rhodes  
**July 15:** Bobby & Diane McGowan  
**July 22:** Tom & Lauren Johnson

## **Children's Church:**

**July 8:** Diane McGowan & Cordy Phillips  
**July 15:** TBD  
**July 22:** TBD

## **Nursery Volunteers:**

**July 8:** Alison Ross  
**July 15:** Lauren Johnson  
**July 22:** Heather O'Shields

## **COVENANT FAMILY NEEDS**

- Expectant Mothers — Sarah Steed, Jennifer Corcoran, Traci Howell
- Foster Care Families — Matt & Katherine Maxey, Andrew & Amanda Harry
- St. Andrews Missionaries — Covenant Theological Seminary
- 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:  

*Doug Brown — Ellen Brooks — Sam Killeffer*
- 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.

