

“Our heaven is in the bud and growing up until the harvest.”

This sentence is from a letter by the Scottish pastor Samuel Rutherford where he gives comfort and instruction to one weary from long spiritual battles. Rutherford speaks of the power of Christ to carry his own through every storm.

I find Christ and His cross not unpleasant or troublesome guests, as men would call them. No, I think patience makes the water Christ gives us good wine, and His cross silver and gold. We have a good reason for continuing to wait: before long our Master will be back for us and shine His light into the whole world, making visible the blacks and whites. Happy are those who will be found ready. Our hour-glass doesn't have long enough to run for us to become weary. In fact, time itself will dissolve our cares and sorrow. Our heaven is in the bud and growing up until the harvest. Don't worry about the storm when you're sailing in Christ's ship: no passenger will ever fall overboard. Even the most sea-sick passenger is sure to come to land safely. {Samuel Rutherford, 1637}

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.

August 12, 2018
Preaching: Bill Douglas

There is an important congregational meeting, immediately following the service.

Songs of Ascent

My Jesus I love Thee

My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine;
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign.
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou;
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love Thee because Thou has first loved me,
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree.
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow;
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I'll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death,
And praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath;
And say when the death dew lies cold on my brow,
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow;
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ, the Head and Cornerstone,
Chosen of the Lord and precious, Binding all the church in one;
Holy Zion's help forever, And her confidence alone.

To this temple, where we call thee, Come, O Lord of hosts today;
With thy wonted loving-kindness Hear thy people as they pray;
And thy fullest benediction Shed within its walls always.

*Chorus: Praise and honor to the Father, praise and honor to the Son,
Praise and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One, and ever One.*

Here vouchsafe to all thy servants What they ask of thee to gain;
What they gain from thee forever With the blessed to retain,
And hereafter in thy glory Evermore with thee to reign.

(Chorus)

Ever three and ever One, Ever three and ever One, Ever three One, and ever One.

Call to Worship (From Psalm 149)

Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song,
His praise in the assembly of the godly!
Let Israel be glad in his Maker;
Let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!
Let them praise his name with dancing,
Making melody to him with tambourine and lyre!
For the Lord takes pleasure in his people;
He adorns the humble with salvation.
Our help is in the name of the Lord the Maker of heaven and earth.

King of Saints

Jesus Christ, God's Holy Lamb,
We will laud Thy lovely name;
We were saved by God's decree,
And all our debt was paid by Thee.
Thou has washed us in Thy blood,
Made us kings and priests to God;
Take this tribute of the poor:
Less we can't, we can't give more.

*Chorus: Souls redeemed your voices raise!
Sing your dear Redeemer's praise;
Worthy Thou of love and laud,
King of Saints, Incarnate God.*

Righteous are Thy ways and true;
Endless honors are Thy due;
Grace and glory in Thee shine;
Matchless mercy, love divine.
We for whom Thou once was slain,
We Thy ransomed sinner train,
In this one request agree,
"Spirit, make us more like Thee."

(Chorus)

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Prayers of Invocation

O Lord, you who give help to the children of Abraham, draw near to us and raise us to newness of life. We ask that our eternal Father would be pleased to dwell in our praises. We ask that the divine Son who took on our humanity would stand with us in this life and would speak for us in the day of judgment. We ask that the Holy Spirit would come upon us to give us faith and that he would show us the beauty of our faithful Savior. We now receive from him joy, power, peace and his witness that we are the children of God. Empower, direct and accept our worship today. Hear our prayers because we do not pray in our own name but in the name of the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Amen

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, Alleluia.

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, Alleluia.

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, Alleluia.

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

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, Alleluia.

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.

Prayers of Confession

Promise of Pardoning Grace *(From Psalm 40)*

I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry.
He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog,
And set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.
He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.
Blessed is the man who makes the Lord his trust,
Who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie!
You have multiplied, O Lord my God,
Your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you!
I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told.

Ministry Minute—Small Groups

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 I John 5:4-12

4 For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. 5 Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? 6 This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. 7 For there are three that testify: 8 the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree. 9 If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. 10 Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. 11 And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12 Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

Sermon

Benediction

Nunc Dimittis

Hymn #733

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 Savior! Lord of the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
Now and forever more be thine

I John 5:4-12

Faith is a work of God in us such that we are actually “born of God.”

Faith overcomes the world: it joins us to Messiah Jesus -- the great *overcomer*.

The world is the *world system*: the convictions, values and ways aligned in rebellion against God and the exaltation of the self.

Faith brings life: it joins us to Messiah Jesus -- the only *life giver*.

Life is used in the widest, most positive and comprehensive sense – fully alive, joined to God, filled with his limitless blessings and everlasting joy.

The *way of faith* is explained for us in this most puzzling section of John’s letter: 5:6-8. Faith rests on information -- the testimony of witnesses.

The four witnesses of the water, the blood, the Spirit and the Father point together to the real Jesus – the only one able to save because he is the only one truly there.

Water: the beginning of a ministry of obedience to the Father.

“This is the beloved Son – hear him.”

Blood: The climax of his atoning glory as Redeemer.

“Declared by resurrection power to be the Son of God.”

If you really believe this is true
you trust him, follow him and give your life to him.

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

WOMEN

Women's Bible study continues Tuesday, **9:30-11:00am** at SAPC.
There is nothing to read or study beforehand, jump in as you can!
Nursery is provided for children 4 and under.

CHILDREN

Today is Move-Up Sunday in Children's Church!

Please welcome our rising PreKers into big church.

We are glad to have them join us each Sunday during this time of worship.

Sunday School- New Fall Sunday School classes begin on August 19.

We will be learning about the Early Church and studying the
book of Acts this year in Children's Sunday School.

Hope you can join us at 9:30 AM in the John Knox Room.

Teachers who will be assisting in Children's Sunday School this year are as follows:

Greg and Susan Johnston- PreK and Kindergarten Class

Jennifer McGowan and Bess Kendrick-Holmes- 1st and 2nd Grade Class

Brooke Douglas and Cam Addison- 3rd and 4th Grade Class

Paula Anderson and Katherine Maxey- 5th and 6th Grade Class

Men's Ministry Golf Fellowship

Bull Creek Golf Course, **August 14, 5:30 pm**, *Tee Time 6 pm*, 9 Holes,
Food Provided, *\$20 per golfer*, Hosted by Bobby McGowan and Bill
Brouwer, email Andy Dickens to sign up or for more
information: ephandy85@yahoo.com

Bethany IMPACT Training Class

Bethany Christian Services will be hosting an
IMPACT training class at St. Andrews *lasting 6 weeks*, starting
Monday, October 1st, from 6-10:00pm.

This class is for those interested respite care, foster care, and adoption.

Please contact the church office if you have any question.

More information to follow.

Monthly Calendar at St. Andrews

AUGUST

12, Sun— *Church Life Fellowship Breakfast (9:30a)*
Move Up Sunday! For school aged children.

13, Mon— Moms in Prayer (9:00a)

14, Tues— Women's Study "Faith" (9:30a)

Men's Golf Fellowship (5:30p)

19, Sun— Officer Installation
Sunday School (9:30a)

Youth Group (5:30p)

20, Mon— Moms in Prayer (9:00a)

21, Tues— Women's Study "Faith" (9:30a)

23, Thurs— Women's Ministry Kick Off!

26, Sun— Communion Sunday
Sunday School (9:30a)

Youth Group (5:30p)

27, Mon— Moms in Prayer (9:00a)

28, Tues— Women's Study "Faith" (9:30a)

SEPTEMBER

2, Sun— Sunday School (9:30a)
Youth Group (5:30p)

4, Mon— Moms in Prayer (9:00a)

5, Tues— *Final* Women's Study
"Faith" (9:30a)

If you have questions
regarding any event,
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church office.
706-327-7750

Calendar of the Month

Ushers: Lois Cain, Brett Horne, Chris Schoonover, Rodney Milner

Deacons: Bill Shirley, DR McNew

Greeters:

August 12th: Billy & Janet Whitley

August 19th: Ted & Elizabeth Thorne

August 26th: Annie Simpson & Katie Van

Children's Church:

August 12th: Jackie and Brett Horne, Maggie Foster

August 19th: Bess Kendrick-Holmes, Jennifer Stowe, Bethany Adams

August 26th: David & Cheryl Smith & Blake Schoonover

Nursery Volunteers:

August 12th: Kaky McLendon

August 19th: Cheryl Smith

August 26th: Mary Lou Cantrell

COVENANT FAMILY NEEDS

- Expectant Mothers — Sarah Steed, Jennifer Corcoran, Traci Howell
- Foster Care Families — Matt & Katherine Maxey, Andrew & Amanda Harry
- St. Andrews Missionaries — Mission to North America (MNA), Chaplain Ministries
- St. Andrews Ministries — Children's Ministry

- Please pray for those in our church family who are recovering from surgeries, accidents, cancer treatments, and other illnesses:

Doug Brown— Sam Killeffer— Elise Jones

- 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.



