



Singing in worship is not to be just the repeated chanting of a few words accompanied by tunes we like. It is to be rich in Biblical content. The scripture teaches us to sing songs with beauty and truth, songs that enrich the soul, as we worship God. This is in stark contrast to the meditation of eastern religion in which the extensive repeating of sounds is used to totally empty the mind. To quote John Piper, “The idea of a mantra is not to make ideas clear but to make ideas vanish.” True Christian worship is with hymns that recite God’s magnificent attributes, the richness of his mercy in Christ and the hope that is stored up for us in heaven. We exhort one another to fight against the soul deadening despair of the world and to shake off those things which cripple our lives. We speak directly to God and with one voice we call on him to come to our aid.

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.

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.

God has moved you to come to worship him.  
We are honored that you are here.

**September 16, 2018**  
*Preaching: Bill Douglas*  
Leading Worship: Duncan Cantrell

**Songs of Ascent**

**Jesus What a Friend**

Jesus, what a Friend for sinners! Jesus, Lover of my Soul;  
Friends may fail me, foes assail me, he, my Savior, makes me whole.

Jesus, what a Strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in Him.  
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, he, my Strength, my victory wins.

*Chorus: Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah, what a Friend!*  
*Saving, helping, keeping, loving,*  
*He is with me to the end. Oh Jesus, what a Friend!*

Jesus, what a Help in sorrow! While the billows over me roll,  
Even when my heart is breaking, he, my Comfort, helps my soul.

Jesus, what a Guide and Keeper! While the tempest still is high,  
Storms about me, night o'ertakes me, he, my Pilot, hears my cry. *(Chorus)*

Jesus! I do now receive Him, more than all in Him I find.  
He hath granted me forgiveness, I am His, and He is mine. *(Chorus)*

*Oh Jesus, what a Friend! Oh Jesus, what a Friend! Oh Jesus, what a Friend!*

**Help my Unbelief**

I know the Lord is nigh, and would but cannot pray,  
For Satan meets me when I try, and frights my soul away, And frights my soul away.

I would but can't repent, though I endeavor oft;  
This stony heart can ne'er relent 'till Jesus makes it soft, 'till Jesus makes it soft.

*Refrain: Help my unbelief, Help my unbelief.*  
*Help my unbelief, My help must come from Thee.*

I would but cannot love, though wooed by love divine;  
No arguments have power to move a soul as base as mine. A soul so base as mine.

I would but cannot rest, in God's most holy will;  
I know what He appoints is best, and murmur at it still, I murmur at it still.  
*(Refrain)*

## O Great God

O great God of highest heav'n, occupy my lowly heart.  
Own it all and reign supreme, conquer every rebel pow'r.  
Let no vice or sin remain that resists Your holy war.  
You have loved and purchased me, make me Yours forever more.

I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice,  
Did not know Your love within, had no taste for heaven's joys.  
Then Your Spirit gave me life, opened up Your Word to me,  
Through the gospel of Your Son, gave me endless hope and peace.

Help me now to live a life that's dependent on Your grace.  
Keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face.  
You are worthy to be praised with my evr'y thought and deed.  
O great God of highest heav'n, glorify Your name through me.

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O great God of highest heav'n, glorify Your name through me.*

## Call to Worship (Psalter Selection from Hebrews 1 )

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.

## **I will Glory in my Redeemer**

I will glory in my Redeemer, whose priceless blood has ransomed me.  
Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails, and hung Him on that judgment tree.

I will glory in my Redeemer, who crushed the power of sin and death.

My only Savior before the holy Judge:

The Lamb who is my righteousness,

The Lamb who is my righteousness.

I will glory in my Redeemer. my life He bought, my love He owns.

I have no longings for another, I'm satisfied in Him alone.

I will glory in my Redeemer, His faithfulness my standing place.

Though foes are mighty and rush upon me,

My feet are firm, held by His grace,

My feet are firm, held by His grace.

I will glory in my Redeemer, who carries me on eagles' wings.

He crowns my life with lovingkindness, His triumph song I'll ever sing.

I will glory in my Redeemer, who waits for me at gates of gold.

And when He calls me, it will be paradise,

His face forever to behold,

His face forever to behold.

The Lord be with you

**And also with you.**

## **Prayers of Invocation**

O Lord you who are both perfectly holy and completely gracious draw near to us, bless us and fill us that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations. Open our minds and give us a Spirit of wisdom and of revelation to know the glory of our eternal Father. Enlighten our hearts to our calling, the riches of our glorious inheritance with all the saints. Pour upon us that power displayed in raising Jesus Christ from the dead. We worship and adore him who is now seated on high far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named. Hear our songs of praise, our prayers and our confession of you the one true God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It is in your great name that we make our prayers. Amen

### **Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

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!

### **Prayers of Confession (from Hebrews 2 )**

Now we do see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers. In the midst of the congregation we will sing your praise."

## Confession of Faith - Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
And of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
Begotten of the Father before all worlds;  
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God;  
Begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,  
By whom all things were made.

Who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven,  
And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,  
And was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again,  
According to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven,  
And sits on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again,  
With glory, to judge the quick and the dead;  
Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life;  
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son;  
Who with the Father and the Son together  
Is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;  
And I look for the resurrection of the dead,  
And the life of the world to come. Amen.

*\*Underwent the full punishment for sin demanded by Divine justice*

*\*\* Catholic means universal church*

**Ministry Minute** – Serving in the Church, Billy Whitley

## **Holy Holy Holy**

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,  
Who was, and is, and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;  
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,  
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;  
Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

### **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 *Ephesians 3:14-19; Psalm 67*

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, 15 from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, 16 that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, 19 and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, Selah 2 that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations. 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you! 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. Selah 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you! 6 The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us. 7 God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear him!

## Sermon

## 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 heav'nly host,  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## Ephesians 3:14-19; Psalm 67

**“Don’t ask me to pray.” Is there a secret to praying or some way we are supposed to feel when we pray?**

**What makes me think God will hear me and answer?**

**“For this reason . . . .” Praying while standing on solid ground. The largest context and frame for the prayers of God’s people.**

- EPH 2:1-10: We were at one time spiritually dead but have now by God’s grace, been made alive. (God, be gracious to us)
- EPH 2:11-22: We were once alienated from God, under judgment but now by the work of Christ are included in God’s household. (Your way is Salvation)
- EPH 3:1 – 13: God has a covenant plan that spans all ages and all peoples, to fill the nations with the gospel of Christ. (Let the nations be glad . . . )

**We are instructed to just ask: “Can you help someone like me?”**

**The Life Giving Power of the Spirit (so I do not have live in the deadness that I feel around me.)**

**Growing Faith in the Savior who now dwells in me (So I am not alone, relying only on myself.)**

**Deep Roots in God's Love as my new reality (So I live according to it rather than my anger, sorrows and cynicism.)**

**The Fullness of God himself to fill me up ( Because I cannot manufacture or achieve life on my own.)**

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

### INQUIRER'S CLASS

Visitors, please come to learn more about St. Andrews and the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA); what we believe and why we believe it.

(This class is a requirement for church membership)

**September 23 & 30, October 7 & 14; 9:30 – 10:20 am in the Two Margarets Room.**

### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

This fall, there are two Adult Sunday school classes available from **9:30-10:20:** In the **Robert Murray McCheyne Room** there will be a survey of Christian Doctrine

This will be *led by Matt Maxey and Mitch Jaeger.*

In the **Samuel Rutherford Room** we will begin a look at the life of Abraham -- the father of the covenant. *This will be lead by Ted Thorne and David Smith.*

### WOMEN

Tuesdays: Starting **Sept 25th**, Margret Sue Moseley will be leading us through “The book of John” on Tuesdays from **10:00-11:30**. *Nursery is provided for children 4 and under.*

Fridays: The Women’s Early Morning Study meets from **6:30-7:30 am at Panera bread**. Please contact Amy Jaeger if you have any questions (706-615-5285).

### Women’s Luncheon

All Women are invited to join us for a Women’s Fellowship Luncheon on **September 23rd**, immediately following the service (12p) in the John Knox Room.

### YOUTH

**FALL CAMP** is **October 12-14th!!** Please contact Mathes Ballard (youth.sapc@gmail.com) with questions or to sign up!

### KIDS

**CLUBTIME Kick-off** takes place on **Sunday September 23 at 5:30 PM**. This will be a joint youth/children's ministry event. We'll have games and supper during this first **CLUBTIME** for all students in 1st-6th Grade. For more information contact

Bess at [kids.SAPC@gmail.com](mailto:kids.SAPC@gmail.com)

### PULPIT COMMITTEE

Please in be prayer for the Pulpit Committee as they move forward with the pastoral search process. The Pulpit Committee members are *Steve Adams, Paula Anderson, Bess Kendrick-Holmes, Matt Maxey, John Mitchell, Chris Schuster, and Ted Thorne.*

Please feel free to contact any member of the group if you would like to offer feedback or ask questions.

# Monthly Calendar at St. Andrews

## S E P T E M B E R

- 16, Sun— Sunday School (9:30a)  
Middle School Small Groups (4:30p)  
Youth Group (5:30p)
- 17, Mon— Moms in Prayer (9:00a)
- 21, Fri— Women's Early Morning Study (6:30a)
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- 23, Sun— Sunday School (9:30a)  
Women's Luncheon (12:00p)  
Middle School Small Groups (4:30p)  
Youth Group (5:30p)  
Club Time (5:30p)
- 24, Mon— Moms in Prayer (9:00a)
- 25, Tues— Women's Study "John" (10:00a)
- 28, Fri— Women's Early Morning Study (6:30a)
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- 30, Sun— Sunday School (9:30a)  
Middle School Small Groups (4:30p)  
Youth Group (5:30p)

## O C T O B E R

- 1, Mon— Moms in Prayer (9:00a)
- 2, Tues— Women's Study "John" (10:00a)
- 5, Fri— Women's Early Morning Study (6:30a)

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

**706-327-7750**

# Calendar of the Month

Ushers: Ryan Foster, Ashton Mapel, Nathan Gehman, Sterling Cannon

Deacons: Morgan Kimball, Mitch Jaeger

## **Greeters:**

**September 16th:** Jeff & Sara Barkhouse

**September 23:** Ryan & Ashley Foster

**September 30:** Greg and Susan Johnson

## **Children's Church:**

**September 16th:** Bess Kendrick-Holmes, Jennifer Stowe, Maggie Foster

**September 23:** Brett & Jackie Horne, Blake Schoonover

**September 30:** Amy Jaeger, Olivia Shields, Grace Johnson

## **Nursery Volunteers:**

**September 16th:** Stephanie Schuster

**September 23:** Volunteer

**September 30:** Annie Simpson

## **COVENANT FAMILY NEEDS**

- Expectant Mothers — Jennifer Corcoran, Traci Howell
- Foster Care Families — Matt & Katherine Maxey, Andrew & Amanda Harry
- Families Adopting— Mathes & Caitlin Ballard
- St. Andrews Missionaries — Misson to the World,  
Pete & Ruth Mitchell (France)
- St Andrews Ministries— Outreach Ministry Team
- Please pray for those in our church family who are recovering from surgeries, accidents, cancer treatments, and other illnesses:  
*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**

**2019**

Bill Brouwer  
Matt Maxey

**2020**

Chris Schuster  
Greg Johnston  
John Mitchell

**2021**

Steve Adams  
Clark Cobb  
Tim Dodds  
Ted Thorne

**Deacons of St. Andrews**

**2019**

DR McNew  
Josh Schuster  
Allen Whitley

**2020**

Morgan Kimball  
Bill Shirley  
Ben Wallace

**2021**

Luke Addison  
Mitch Jaeger  
Mike Willett

# **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.

