

How may we come to the Lord's Table and be certain that his grace is truly conferred to us in this sacrament? Faithful guides who have gone before us can help to point the way. The Westminster Confession of Faith advises us that:

Worthy receivers, outwardly partaking of the visible elements, in this sacrament, do then also, inwardly by faith, really and indeed . . . spiritually, receive and feed upon, Christ crucified, and all benefits of His death.

“Worthy receivers” are those who come with a sense of their need and with their hope and trust placed not in themselves but in the finished work of Christ on the cross. We do not try to manufacture virtue or pretend but we look to the virtues and mercy of our Savior.

It is by faith in the crucified and risen Savior that we see the truth conveyed by the elements in the Lord's Supper. It is not something we are to believe about the bread and cup but what we believe about Christ himself. His life, death and resurrection are always to substance of our believing. Our minds become awake and our hearts and souls grasp growing hope in God's salvation, certainty that God is for us, resolve to be completely his and assurance that we are God's children.

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 23, 2018
Preaching: Bill Douglas
Communion Sunday

Songs of Ascent

The Power of the Cross

Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day: Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then Nailed to a cross of wood.

Chorus:

This, the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us;
Took the blame, bore the wrath—We stand forgiven at the cross.

Oh, to see the pain written on Your face, Bearing the awesome weight of sin.
Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed Crowning Your bloodstained brow.

(Chorus)

Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath Quakes as its Maker bows His head.
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life; "Finished!" the vict'ry cry.

(Chorus)

Oh, to see my name written in the wounds, For through Your suffering I am free.
Death is crushed to death; life is mine to live, Won through Your selfless love.

(Chorus)

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)

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

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.

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All—here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died the wrath of God was satisfied;
For every sin on Him was laid—here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine—bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death—this is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home—here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Prayers of Invocation

Our great and gracious God, Creator, Rock, Almighty and worthy of all praise, draw near to us today. We worship you because in your righteousness you did not stand far off but have come to us by sending the Redeemer who is both the Eternal God and a true man. He is the great and true Word of God who reveals the way of Salvation. He the only mediator and ransom to cover our guilt. He is the great and true King of Glory who subdues nations to himself, who rules over and defends his children and will one day return to conquer all his enemies. We welcome his work in us today as we sing, as we pray and as we listen to his word. Give us new life, train us to submission and come and reign over us Ancient of Days. In His Name we pray. Amen.

Hymn # 647

How Sweet The Name of Jesus

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 Treasury 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.

Ministry Minute – Reformation Conference 2018

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 29*

14 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.

1 Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. 2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness. 3 The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over many waters. 4 The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty. 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon. 6 He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox. 7 The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire. 8 The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. 9 The voice of the Lord makes the deer give birth and strips the forests bare, and in his temple all cry, “Glory!” 10 The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever. 11 May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!

May God grant that we contemplate the mysteries of his heavenly wisdom with truly increasing devotion, to his glory and our edification. Amen.

Ephesians 3:14-19 & Psalm 29

Praying and the power of God for normal life. How we speak, listen to, forgive, and love one another.

Hurtful words and minor conflicts – giving blessing for curse (I Peter 3:9)

Trusting God with and not being in charge of other people. (Rom. 15:7)

Not listening to and operating by my fears. (I John 4:18)

Valuing, cherishing and ‘being for’ one another. (Phil 2:3,4)

A model for daily, brief, *kingdom prayers* for ourselves and the church.

“I pray today that the life-giving Holy Spirit who dwells in believers would give resurrection life to me for all of my choices, actions, thoughts and words.”

“I pray that I would have the grace of self-awareness to see my sins and then to see my faithful Savior and all of his riches of grace, so that I walk in joy and freedom today.”

“I pray that you would remind me today of the One who chooses to love me at incalculable cost and root me deeply in the ever present value of his blood.”

“I pray that God’s fullness of love, grace, power and holiness would transform me today in my attitude, convictions, behavior and heart affections.”

Sermon

Confession of Faith – Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty; Maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord;
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary;
Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
He descended into hell. *
The third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven; and is seated at the right hand Of God the Father Almighty;
From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; **
The communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
The resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

*Died a true death and bore the full weight of the wrath of God as the Redeemer

** This phrase means the true, universal invisible church in all ages

Hymn # 247

O Sacred Head Now Wounded

O sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded with thorns, Thine only crown;
O sacred Head, what glory, what bliss till now was Thine!
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call Thee mine.

What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered, was all for sinners' gain;
Mine, mine was the transgression, but Thine the deadly pain.
How art thou pale with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn!
How doth Thy visage languish that once was bright as morn!

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Hymn # 247

O Sacred Head Now Wounded

What language shall I borrow to thank Thee, dearest friend,
For this Thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end?
Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve Thy place;
Look on me with Thy favor, vouchsafe to me Thy grace.

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.

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)

Today, September 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 **TODAY**, 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 **TODAY 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

REFORMATION COLUMBUS

Reformation Columbus will be hosted at St. Andrews, Saturday, **October 27 from 9:00-3:00pm**. Speakers Voddie Baucham, Jr. will be walking through “Is Scripture Enough? Contemporary Challenges to the Sufficiency of Scripture.” Visit the conference tab on our website for more details or to register. If you are interested in volunteering for the event, contact the church office.

Monthly Calendar at St. Andrews

SEPTEMBER

- 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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Middle School Small Groups (4:30p)
Youth Group (5:30p)

OCTOBER

- 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 23: Ryan & Ashley Foster

September 30: Greg and Susan Johnson

October 7: Todd & Rachel Sheppard

Children's Church:

September 23: Brett & Jackie Horne, Blake Schoonover

September 30: Amy Jaeger, Olivia Shields, Grace Johnson

October 7: Brett & Jackie Horne, Jack Phillips

Nursery Volunteers:

September 23: Volunteer

September 30: Annie Simpson

October 7: Volunteer

COVENANT FAMILY NEEDS

- Please pray for Duncan and Mary Lou Cantrell's family, as Duncan's paternal grandmother went to be with the Lord this past week.
- **Expectant Mothers** — Jennifer Corcoran, Traci Howell
- **Foster Care Families** — Matt & Katherine Maxey, Andrew & Amanda Harry
- **Families Adopting** — Mathes & Caitlin Ballard
- **St. Andrews Missionaries** — (MTW) 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 — Susan Jackson

- 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.



