

September 30, 2018
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Songs of Ascent

Speak, O Lord

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to receive the food of Your Holy Word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility;
Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail—let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us—
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises, and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built and the earth is filled with Your glory.

Come Thou 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!

Jesus Lover of My Soul

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high.
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, till the storm of life is past;
Safe into the haven guide; O receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none, hangs my helpless soul on Thee;
Leave, oh, leave me not alone, still support and comfort me.
All my trust on Thee is stayed, all my help from Thee I bring;
Cover my defenseless head with the shadow of Thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want, more than all in Thee I find;
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is Thy Name, I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am; Thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with Thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art, freely let me take of Thee;
Spring Thou up within my heart; rise to all eternity.

Call to Worship *(from Ephesians 1)*

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption as children through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace. In him you were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance to the praise of his glory. Our help is in the name of the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.

All Must Be Well

Through the love of God our Savior, all will be well.
Free and changeless is His favor, all is well.
Precious is the blood that healed us, Perfect is the grace that sealed us,
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us, All must be well.

Though we pass through tribulation, all will be well.
Ours is such a full salvation, all is well.
Happy, still in God confiding, Fruitful, if in Christ abiding,
Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding, All must be well.

We expect a bright tomorrow, all will be well.
Faith can sing through days of sorrow, "All is well."
On our Father's love relying, Jesus every need supplying,
Yes in living or in dying, All must be well. (repeat)

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

Hymn # 76

Praise My Soul The King of Heaven

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to his feet your tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who like me, his praise should sing?

Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,
praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor to our fathers in distress;
praise him, still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless;
praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,
glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes;
praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,
widely as his mercy goes.

Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish, blows the wind and it is gone;
but while mortals rise and perish, God endures unchanging on.
praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,
praise the High Eternal One.

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.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,
praise with us the God of grace.

Admission to Sealing Ordinances

Sacrament of Baptism *Marcus Rent Parker*

Prayers of Confession

May the Lord answer us in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect us! May he send help from the sanctuary and give support from Zion!
O Lord turn your ear to us for mercy and hear our confession.

Promise Of Pardoning Grace *(From Psalm 25)*

O Lord my Stronghold and my Shelter
Guard me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all the day long.
Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.
Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!
For your name's sake, O Lord, pardon my guilt, for it is great.
Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted.
Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.
Oh, guard my soul, and deliver me!
Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you.
May integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait for you.
Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles. Amen

Hymn #642

Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my battle Shield, Sword for the fight;
Be Thou my Dignity, Thou my Delight;
Thou my soul's Shelter, Thou my high Tower:
Raise Thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine Inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High king of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright Heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of All.

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 3:1-13*

For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles—
2 assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, 3 how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. 4 When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, 5 which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. 6 This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. 7 Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power. 8 To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, 9 and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, 10 so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. 11 This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, 12 in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him. 13 So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory.

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 3:1-13

“I am safely in prison -- so don't worry about me.” (Ephesians 3:1 & 3:13)

Prisoner of whom?

Prisoner for what reason?

Because GRACE was given to me. (Eph 3:2)

Grace that is ultimately something to be passed on and not hoarded.

The Grace of revealed truth (mystery) God is not silent.

The Grace of revealed truth about God's covenant salvation for the nations.

Because Grace was given to me. (Eph. 3:7)

Grace that is to be acted on and not put behind a glass case.

The grace of a role of service – a herald of a coming Kingdom.

The grace of a role of service – I report directly to the King.

“I am right in prison where I am supposed to be. As are you. Now – go and be WHAT you are supposed to be.”

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

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: Margret Sue Moseley is currently leading the women 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).

INVITED!

INVITED!, our women's mentorship and discipleship program, is hosting their first
"**Desserts and Discuss**" on Thursday, **October 11, from 7-8:30 at Dorothy Bryant's
home** to discuss the book "Uninvited" by Lysa Terkeurst. All women are welcome!

Please contact the church office for more details.

YOUTH

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

There is NO YOUTH on Sunday, **October 7th**.

KIDS

CLUBTIME for students 1st-6th Grade meets next on **October 7 from 5:30-7:30 PM**.

Students should be memorizing John 15:12 to recite to Mrs. Carol. 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

- 30, Sun— Sunday School (9:30a)
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)

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- 7, Sun— Sunday School (9:30a)
Middle School Small Groups (4:30p)
NO Youth Group
Clubtime (5:30p)
8, Mon— Moms in Prayer (9:00a)
9, Tues— Women's Study "John" (10:00a)
11, Thurs— Women's "Desserts and Discuss"
12, Fri— **NO** Women's Early Morning Study

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 30: Greg and Susan Johnston

October 7: Todd & Rachel Sheppard

October 14: Chris & Betty Schuster

Children's Church:

September 30: Amy Jaeger, Olivia O'Shields, Grace Johnson

October 7: Brett & Jackie Horne, Jack Phillips

October 14: Diane McGowan, Cordy Phillips, Bethany Adams

Nursery Volunteers:

September 30: Annie Simpson

October 7: Volunteer

October 14: Renate Shirley

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** — Pioneers— Tom & Iris Lowder
- **St Andrews Ministries** — Pastor & Staff
- 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.
- Please be in continuous prayer for our Pastoral Search Committee.

**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
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 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.



