

Welcome to St Andrews Presbyterian Church

We are glad to have you worship with us today!

If you haven't already connected to one of the sources for watching our Livestream, you can do so here: sapc.net/current-sermons.



ORDER OF WORSHIP
The Lord's Day, April 21, 2024, 10:30 a.m.

PREPARATION

PRELUDE

Jesus Loves Me

arr. Mallory

WELCOME

Rev. Rattray

MINISTRY MOMENT

*Cuddle Quilts, Hearts to Hands Sewing Ministry,
and Knit, Crochet, & Pray*

PRAISE

**** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 63:1-4

A Psalm of David, when he was in the wilderness of Judah.

Leader: O God, You are my God; earnestly I seek You;

**People: My soul thirsts for You; my flesh faints for
You, as in a dry and weary land where
there is no water.**

Leader: So I have looked upon You in the sanctuary,
beholding Your power and glory.

**People: Because Your steadfast love is better than
life, my lips will praise You.**

Leader: So I will bless You as long as I live;

People: In Your name I will lift up my hands.

LEADING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Rev. Marc Rattray, Senior Pastor

Mrs. Amy Reynolds, Director of Music & Arts

Rev. Andrew Davis, Assistant Pastor

Mr. Jeff Mull, Scripture Reader

Mrs. Sharon Rattray, Organ

Mrs. Allison Hilbish, Piano

Choir

Handbell Choirs 1 & 2

DEACONS OF THE WEEK:

Mr. David Schmidt (803-351-2379), Mr. Bucky Brown (803-348-7690)

POLICE OFFICER OF THE WEEK:

Please take time this morning to express your thanks to Officer Robert Hook and pray for him.

**** Those who are able, please stand.**

**** HYMN OF WORSHIP #38**
Holy, Holy, Holy

Mrs. Reynolds

**** INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Rev. Davis

**Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be
Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will
be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give
us this day our daily bread, and forgive
us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but
deliver us from evil. For Thine is the
kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.**

RENEWAL

CHORAL CONFESSION

Wounded Alleluias

Courtney

Lord, heal our wounded alleluias.
Touch our fragile, simple praise.
Comfort every troubled, wayward song
With Your gentle grace.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

In the stillness of our inmost thoughts,
Each broken song redeem.
Move Your bow across our silent strings,
That we might learn Your theme.

Write in us Your hymn of hope and wonder,
Craft each needed chord with care.
Fix in us Your wondrous harmony,
A symphony to share.

Help us trust Your holy, grand design,
Composer of the heart.
Make us Your instruments of peace
And let the music start.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND INTERCESSION

**** PSALM OF CONFESSION #437**

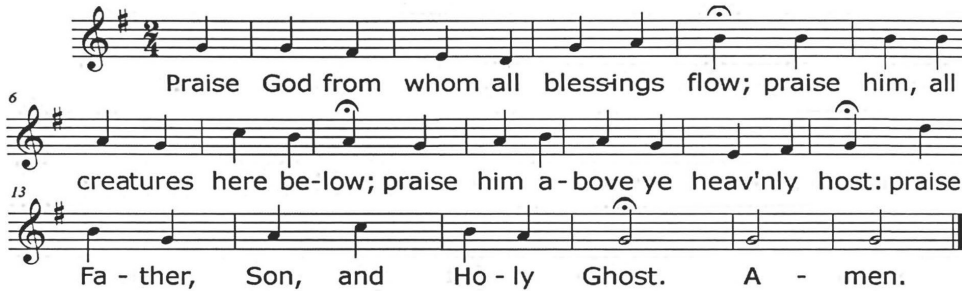
Lord, from the Depths, Psalm 130

COMMITMENT

** RESPONSE

Doxology

Children in K4 & K5 may be excused for Children's Church.



Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all
creatures here be-low; praise him a-bove ye heav'nly host: praise
Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

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** PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERTORY

For the Beauty of the Earth

arr. Krug

**** SCRIPTURE READING**

Matthew 5:43-48 (*pew Bible page 811*)

Mr. Mull

**** CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON

FOLLOWING THE KING #13
Kingdom Ethics: Love
(*space for notes may be found on page 7*)

Rev. Rattray

**** HYMN OF PREPARATION #101**
How Deep the Father's Love for Us

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION[‡]

**** HYMN OF RESPONSE #65**
O the Deep, Deep Love

**** BENEDICTION**

SPECIAL BENEVOLENCE OFFERING

As you leave the service today, the ushers will be receiving a special offering at the exits for local benevolence inside and outside the church.

POSTLUDE

PRAYERS FOR THOSE NOT TAKING COMMUNION

Saint Andrews Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians who are willing to forsake their sin and trust in Jesus for salvation, and who are members of congregations that proclaim the gospel, to receive the Holy Communion with us. If you are not able to receive Communion, please use this time to meditate on one of the following prayers:

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth Lord Jesus, You claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following You as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what You claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who You are. Give me an understanding of You that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life You promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through You I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank You for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserve in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that You have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive You as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

[‡]*The communion bread is gluten-free.*

FOLLOWING THE KING #13
Kingdom Ethics: Love
Matthew 5:43-48

Introduction:

I. Love Your Enemy

- A. Be Kind
- B. Be Prayerful
- C. Be Imitators
- D. Be Rewarded

II. Love Your Neighbor

- Who is my Neighbor?

III. Love Perfectly

Conclusion:

THIS WEEK, PRAY...

1. **Unity:** *That we will be given a unified heart to serve together on Mobilization Day (May 11).*
2. **Families:** *That hearts will be encouraged and grown this weekend through our Men's Spaghetti Dinner and Cornhole Night (Friday) and our Women's Tea on the Hill (Saturday).*
3. **Mobilization:** *For the hearts of the those who will receive the quilts, clothes, blankets, shawls, and hats made by our crafting ministries, that they might be deeply encouraged and know how loved they are by our Father.*

THIS WEEK'S MISSIONS FOCUS: ACROSS THE COUNTRY

Prepare for the National Day of Prayer: Thursday, May 2, 2024

Lift Up The Word — Light Up The World

*For You are my lamp, O LORD,
and my God lightens my darkness.
For by You I can run against a troop,
and by my God I can leap over a wall.
This God—His way is perfect;
the Word of the LORD proves true;
He is a shield for all those who take refuge in Him.*

—2 Samuel 22:29-31, ESV

The National Day of Prayer tradition predates the founding of the United States of America, as evidenced by the Continental Congress' proclamation in 1775 setting aside a day of prayer. In 1952, Congress established an annual day of prayer and, in 1988, that law was amended, designating the National Day of Prayer as the first Thursday in May.

The National Day of Prayer has great significance for us as a nation, enabling us to recall and share the way our founding fathers sought the wisdom of God when faced with critical decisions. It stands as a call for us to humbly come before God, seeking His guidance for our leaders and His grace upon us as a people.

Pray that as a nation we would return to God. As we call on God, let us do so by genuine faith, believing that He hears our prayers. God can heal this great land, for which our forefathers fought and died. We need spiritual renewal, we need a revival in America, and we need each and everyone to pray. "Lord, Hear Our Cry!" —Franklin Graham

Taken from *National Day of Prayer Resources*

**This Week's Scripture Reading Challenge
& Prayer Prompts from This Week's Mission Focus**

**Pray for America...by praying for the centers of influence in our nation.
Pray for...**

- Sunday, April 21** **Psalm 126**
> God to grant our leaders, as well as the judges in our courts, wisdom to act with integrity
- Monday, April 22**..... **Joshua 14 & Acts 28**
> God to encourage our military to be strong and courageous
- Tuesday, April 23**..... **Joshua 15 & Romans 1**
> God to protect and support military families who are left behind
- Wednesday, April 24**..... **Joshua 16 & Romans 2**
> God to empower decision-makers within the media to be filled with creative ideas that present kingdom principles and life-giving messages
- Thursday, April 25** **Joshua 17 & Romans 3**
> Christian workers to display Christ-like humility and service to their co-workers
- Friday, April 26** **Joshua 18 & Romans 4**
> Equal educational opportunities supporting every student to their full potential
- Saturday, April 27**..... **Joshua 19 & Romans 5**
> SAPC to find zeal and commitment to the mission and purpose of Jesus Christ
- Sunday, April 28** **Psalm 127**
> Unity and love in individual families that reach out in hospitality toward others

SAPC Financial Summary

Ministry Operations <i>(July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024):</i>	
Budgeted	\$1,703,725
Received to Date	1,518,138
Expenses to Date	1,330,820
Faith Mission Giving <i>(April 1, 2024-March 31, 2025):</i>	
Pledged	\$204,987
Received	6,738
Mortgage <i>(January 1, 2024-December 31, 2024):</i>	
Current Balance	\$406,967
Principal Reduction Funds to Date	10,943

MINISTRY NEWS

—GROW—

sapc.net/GROW

A disciple is committed to continue to grow, to be a lifelong learner of the things of God.

CAMP JAM REGISTRATION closes today! If your rising 1st-6th grader is interested in being a part of this exciting week (June 17-21, \$25), hurry to sapc.net/camp-jam to register!

—SERVE—

sapc.net/SERVE

A disciple seeks to use his/her gifts and abilities to serve God and others as an application of genuine faith.

DON'T MISS the crafting ministries' displays in the Gathering Place (exit the sanctuary front right) this morning!

MEN If you're interested in being part of our Mother's Day Choir (May 12), plan to join our rehearsal on Sunday, May 5, from 3:00-4:00 p.m. in the Choir Room.

MOBILIZATION DAY Have you signed up for our Mobilization Day yet? Opportunities include:

- Serving Irmo Elementary School
- Irmo Town Cleanup
- Assisting at Sharing God's Love
- Doing maintenance for homebound/widows
- Visiting with our homebound/widows
- Creating Car Packs for our Unhoused Community

Visit sapc.net/serve today for more information!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR TEA Our annual English Tea event is coming up on Saturday, April 27, and we are looking for volunteers to help with flowers, baking and assembling, setting tables, serving, and cleaning up. Please consider signing up at sapc.net/serve.

—CONNECT—

sapc.net/CONNECT

A disciple connects with other believers for fellowship, prayer, friendship, and support.

MEN—be sure to **register** for our *Spaghetti Dinner and Cornhole Night* (\$6/person) this Friday, April 26, at 6:00 p.m. Visit sapc.net/featured-events today!

YOUTH—the registration deadline for our Saturday, May 18, Carwinds trip (\$50/each) is *this Wednesday*, April 24! Visit sapc.net/featured-events today!

LADIES—Tea on the Hill is this Saturday, April 27, at 2:00 p.m. and the registration *deadline is today!* Our theme is *A Cup of Joy*. Enjoy a 3-course English Tea and consider with us some

ways we have to fight for joy in our lives. Register at sapc.net/featured-events (\$7, \$5/up to 5th grade), and bring a friend!

COMING THIS SPRING & SUMMER

Wednesday, 5/1	Combined Wednesday Night
Saturday, 5/11	Mobilization Day
Sunday, 5/19	Annual Churchwide Picnic
Wednesday, 6/12	Bob Ross & Pizza*
Wednesday, 6/26	The King's Brass in Concert*
Wednesday, 7/17	Food Trucks & Games*
Sunday, 7/28	Summer Covered Dish Lunch

**Part of our Summer @ SAPC series*

TODAY'S FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Steve & Sara Martin in memory of Tootie Martin.

FAITH MISSION GIVING (FMG) We are still accepting pledges for the 2024-2025 FMG year. Place your pledge card in the offering basket OR submit an online pledge at go.sapc.net/FMG.

AN ADOPTION INFORMATIONAL MEETING will be held by Lifeline Children's Services at Crossroads Church (2723 Ashland Rd.) on Friday, May 17, at 6:00 p.m. Prospective adoptive families are invited to attend. Attendees will receive a \$1000 scholarship if they apply by June 16. To register, please email jessica.cumbers@lifelinechild.org.

HOPE FOR THE JOURNEY CONFERENCE will be hosted by Crossroads Church, 8:30a-5:00p on Saturday, May 18. This *Show Hope* conference is designed to equip and encourage parents, caregivers, church communities, and professionals caring for children, particularly those impacted by adoption and/or foster care. For more information or to register for this free event, visit crossroadschur.ch and scroll down to "Upcoming Events."

SCHEDULED IN THE NURSERY

Today

Infants: A. Suits, S. Case
Toddlers/2s: A. Threadgill
3s, M. Simmons, B. Boyd
CC: J. Simpson, C. Marchman

Next Sunday

Infants: S. Higbe, J. Whitford
Toddlers/2s: J. McGehee, HELP NEEDED
3s, S. Downs, K. McHenry
CC: P. Graham, K. Webb

If unable to serve, please switch with someone and contact Jeanette Simpson (jeanette@sapc.net).

ACTIVITIES

Sunday, April 21 – Communion

- 8:45 AM Weekly Corporate Prayer, #208
- 9:15 AM Sunday Morning Growth Classes, Various
- 10:00 AM Fellowship Time
- 10:30 AM Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 3:00 PM England Mission Journey Team Meeting, Conf Room
- 5:00 PM Youth Praise Team Rehearsal, Youth Worship Rm

Monday, April 22

- 1:00 PM Staff Meeting, Conference Room

Tuesday, April 23

- 6:30 AM Men's Tuesday Study: *Galatians: God's Grace*, Library
- 10:00 AM Women's Tuesday Morning Study, #301
- 10:30 AM School Time Bible Classes, #120, #122
- 11:30 AM Administrative Support Team, Conference Room
- 5:30 PM Handbell Choir 1, #206
- 6:00 PM Handbell Choir 2, #206

Wednesday, April 24

- 5:30 PM Wednesday Night Meal, Great Hall
Fried Chicken, Macaroni & Cheese, Green Beans, Rolls, Salad Bar, Apple Cobbler
- 6:00 PM Youth Group (6th-12th Grades), Youth Area
- 6:15 PM Nursery (2 & under), #106
PB&J (2s & 3s), #107
Preschool Choir (K4 & K5), #103
Catechism Club (1st- 3rd Grades), #101, #102
MERGE Bible Study (4th & 5th Grades), #100
- 6:30 PM Officer Training, #301
Old Testament Survey, #205
Questions Christians Need to Answer, #303
Reconnected: Striving for Healthy Marriages, #302
- 6:55 PM Catechism Club (4K- 5K), #103
Children's Choir (Grades 1-5), #221
- 7:20 PM Choir Rehearsal, #220/Choir Room

Thursday, April 25

- 9:30 AM Heart to Hands Sewing Ministry, #308
- 1:00 PM Creative Communications Team, Conference Room
- 1:00 PM Knit, Crochet, & Pray Ministry, #208
- 6:30 PM Perception Ministries (SWAT), #120, #122

Friday, April 26

- 6:00 PM Men's Spaghetti Dinner & Cornhole Night, Great Hall

Saturday, April 27

- 2:00 PM Women's Tea on the Hill, Great Hall

Sunday, April 28

- 8:45 AM Weekly Corporate Prayer, #208
- 9:15 AM Sunday Morning Growth Classes, Various
- 10:00 AM Fellowship Time
- 10:30 AM Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 4:00 PM *These Ancient Words* Rehearsal, Choir Room
- 5:00 PM Youth Praise Team Rehearsal, Youth Worship Rm

Response Card

April 21, 2024

Name: _____

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER RSVP

Deadline is TODAY for 4/24

Adults & Youth: _____

Children 10 & under:

Cost: Adults \$9, children \$4 (0-10), \$30
max (parents + children 18/under)

Payment will be received by cash or check at
the door (exact change appreciated).



PRAYER REQUESTS

(shared with pastors)

**Please place this completed
(see reverse) Response Card
in the offering basket.**

OUR MINISTRY TEAMS

OUTREACH

Missions: To oversee and promote missions across the street, across the country, and across the world.

Elder, Deacon, & Staff: *Jay Evans, Brad Brannon, Marc Rattray*

Outreach: To equip members to engage our community with the gospel and provide opportunities to build relationships outside the church.

Elder, Deacon, & Staff: *Brian Bowen, Steve Martin, Andrew Davis*

TEACHING

Spiritual Growth: To coordinate the growth and connection opportunities of the church toward becoming enfolded disciples of Jesus.

Elder, Deacon, & Staff: *Jeff Mull, Daniel Maycock, Andrew Davis*

Men's Ministry: To connect and encourage men on their journey of faith.

Elder, Deacons, & Staff: *Jody Mills, Bucky Brown, John Crane, Marc Rattray*

Women's Ministry: To connect and encourage women to seek what is good on their journey of faith.

Elder, Deacon, & Staff: *Daniel Threadgill, Grier Mangum, Lizzie Goodwin*

Youth Ministry: To oversee and assist in ministries to 6th-12th grade students with the aim of making disciples.

Elder, Deacons, & Staff: *Burk Suits, Casey Melia, Rebecca Marchman*

Children's Ministry: To oversee and assist in the discipling of children from birth to 5th grade.

Elder, Deacon & Staff: *Scott Downs, Marion Sadler, Jeanette Simpson*

WORSHIP

Worship: To plan, coordinate, and carry out the worship ministry of St Andrews.

Elder, Deacon, & Staff: *Larry Mack, Casey Melia, Amy Reynolds*

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAMS

Administrative Support: To address day-to-day operational, personnel and administrative issues.

Elders & Staff: *Burk Suits, Ted Gantt, Larry Mack, David Layman, Bryan Clifton, Marc Rattray*

Fellowship: To be involved in meals, receptions, and other events which provide opportunities for fellowship.

Elder, Deacon, & Staff: *DuPree McKenzie, Steve Martin, Paul Reynolds*

Building & Grounds: To assure stewardship of our facilities and property.

Elder, Deacons & Staff: *Bryan Clifton, Dave Looney, John Rockholz, Paul Reynolds*