

Welcome to St Andrews Presbyterian Church

We are glad to have you worship with us today!

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ORDER OF WORSHIP
The Lord's Day, May 5, 2024, 10:30 a.m.

PREPARATION

PRELUDE

Worship in Song

WELCOME

Rev. Rattray

PRAISE

**** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 104:1-45, 14-15, 31-33

Leader: Bless the LORD, O my soul! O LORD my God, You are very great!

People: You are clothed with splendor and majesty, covering Yourself with light as with a garment, stretching out the heavens like a tent.

Leader: He lays the beams of His chambers on the waters; He makes the clouds His chariot;

People: He rides on the wings of the wind; He makes His messengers winds, His ministers a flaming fire.

Leader: You cause the grass to grow for the livestock and plants for man to cultivate,

People: That He may bring forth food from the earth and wine to gladden the heart of man, oil to make his face shine and bread to strengthen man's heart.

Leader: May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in His works,

People: Who looks on the earth and it trembles, Who touches the mountains and they smoke!

Leader: I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

People: Bless the LORD, O my soul! Praise the LORD!

LEADING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Rev. Marc Rattray, Senior Pastor

Mr. Roger Simpson, Guest Director of Music

Mr. Burk Suits, Ruling Elder

Mrs. Kristin Patterson, Assistant Director of Music & Arts

Mrs. Ashley Suits, Scripture Reader

Mrs. Sharon Rattray, Organ

Mrs. Allison Hilbish, Piano

Choir

Children's Choir

Phil & Kay Luther, Mission to the World Partners

Rev. Andrew Davis, Assistant Pastor, is on vacation today.

DEACONS OF THE WEEK:

Mr. Brad Brannon (770-597-9886), Mr. Grier Mangum (803-409-9905)

POLICE OFFICER OF THE WEEK:

Please take time this morning to express your thanks to Officer Tyler Baker and pray for him.

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

**** PSALM OF WORSHIP #386**
O Worship the King, Psalm 104

Mr. Simpson

**** INVOCATION AND PRAYER OF ADORATION**

Mr. Suits

**** CONFESSION OF FAITH**
Westminster Shorter Catechism, Questions 98-100

Q. 98. What is prayer?

A. Prayer is an offering up of our desires unto God, for things agreeable to His will, in the name of Christ, with confession of our sins, and thankful acknowledgment of His mercies.

Q. 99. What rule hath God given for our direction in prayer?

A. The whole word of God is of use to direct us in prayer; but the special rule of direction is that form of prayer which Christ taught His disciples, commonly called the Lord's Prayer.

Q. 100. What does the preface of the Lord's Prayer teach us?

A. The preface of the Lord's prayer, which is, Our Father which art in heaven, teaches us to draw near to God with all holy reverence and confidence, as children to a Father able and ready to help us; and that we should pray with and for others.

SAPC MAY HYMN OF THE MONTH: *BLESSED ASSURANCE*
Words by Fanny J. Crosby, 1873; Music by Phoebe P. Knapp, 1873

The SAPC May Hymn of the Month is *Blessed Assurance* (#215), and this morning, we'll hear the adult and children's choirs sing an arrangement of this hymn.

Fanny Crosby and Phoebe Knapp were close friends. Knapp composed this melody and then played it for Crosby and asked Crosby what the tune said to her. Fanny Crosby replied, "Blessed assurance: Jesus is mine!"

This gospel song reminds us that because of our confidence in Jesus and our status in Christ, we have a reason to sing and praise our Savior all the time! What blessings of being a Christian are listed in this song?

RENEWAL

CHORAL WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Blessed Assurance

arr. Raney

One thing I'm sure of, one thing I know.
God walks beside me wherever I go.
He'll never leave me, He's there to stay.
God holds my hand, He lights my way.

God's love is perfect, His arms are strong.
He's right here with me, I'm not alone.
When my heart's broken, He's there to mend.
He is my Savior, He is my Friend.

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

MISSIONS MOMENT

Greece

The Luthers

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND CONFESSION

** HYMN OF CONFESSION #241

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

COMMITMENT

** RESPONSE

Gloria Patri

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

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly
Ghost; as it was in the be-gin-ning is now, and ever shall be,
world with-out end. A - men, a - men.

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**** PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

OFFERTORY

Worship in Song

**** HYMN OF PREPARATION #245**

Before You I Kneel

**** SCRIPTURE READING**

Matthew 6:7-15 (pew Bible page 811)

Mrs. Suits

**** CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON

FOLLOWING THE KING #15

Pray Then Like This

(outline may be found on page 7)

Rev. Rattray

**** HYMN OF RESPONSE #227**

Jesus, Strong and Kind

**** BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

FOLLOWING THE KING #15
Pray Then Like This
Matthew 6:7-15

Introduction:

I. God's Concerns

- A. Desiring His Glory

- B. Desiring His Kingdom

- C. Desiring His Will

II. Our Concerns

- A. Pursing Food

- B. Pursuing Forgiveness

- C. Pursing Freedom

Conclusion:

PRAY...

Unity: *For the First Night ministry team meetings which will take place this afternoon, that teams will have wisdom and a united vision for serving Christ at SAPC.*

Families: *Give praise for the evidence of multi-generational involvement at SAPC we've witnessed this past Wednesday Night and this morning.*

Mobilization: *For our engagement with Mobilization Day this Saturday (there's still time to sign up!) and for the effectiveness of our outreach to our community.*

THIS WEEK'S MISSIONS FOCUS: ACROSS THE WORLD

Mission to the World: Athens, Greece

Phil & Kay Luther, Retiring from the Field

Phil graduated from Reformed Theological Seminary and, after 33 years in university ministry, the Luthers sensed God directing them to serve overseas through a small reformed national church in Athens, Greece, where there had been no church planting for 50 years. Since 2012, the Luthers have been involved in the Athens City Initiative, planting churches throughout Athens. Phil's role involved discipleship, teaching, preaching, and working with a Greek church planter. Kay's heart for ministry was effective through hospitality, mentoring women, and reaching out to victims of human trafficking.

Over time, their church planting efforts have seen four churches planted, and those churches are now planting churches! Many of those who are coming to the churches are younger. In 2017, the refugee crisis exploded, and the church started a refugee house, serving many families with friendship and spiritual guidance.

Phil served as MTW's team leader in Athens and as the regional director for Italy, Bulgaria, and Albania.

Phil & Kay extend their thanks to SAPC for our financial support and prayers as they served in Greece. They request prayers as they embark on the "next 25 years of their journey" following their retirement from their ministry in Greece. They will be settling in the Chattanooga area near their children and many grandchildren. Phil is particularly interested in continuing to study and write about missions in Eastern Orthodox countries.

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

Pray...

- Sunday, May 5** **Psalm 128**
 > *For the churches planted to thrive in unity as they seek to grow in their walks of faith*
- Monday, May 6**..... **Judges 2 & Romans 12**
 > *For the young church planters to mature and grow strong in their leadership abilities*
- Tuesday, May 7**..... **Judges 3 & Romans 13**
 > *That the new church plant in Italy will grow in faithfulness*
- Wednesday, May 8**..... **Judges 4 & Romans 14**
 > *For a strong biblical foundation to be laid among the churches towards forming a new denomination*
- Thursday, May 9** **Judges 5 & Romans 15**
 > *For the Greek National Pastor, George Tolia*
- Friday, May 10** **Judges 6 & Romans 16**
 > *For God to protect and provide safety for Phil & Kay as they establish a new home*
- Saturday, May 11**..... **Judges 7 & 1 Corinthians 1**
 > *For Phil and Kay to have intentional, godly relationships with their children*
- Sunday, May 12** **Psalm 129**
 > *That the Lord will open doors for Phil & Kay as they continue ministry in retirement*

SAPC Financial Summary

Ministry Operations *(July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024):*

Budgeted \$1,703,725
 Received to Date 1,546,372
 Expenses to Date 1,385,219

Faith Mission Giving *(April 1, 2024-March 31, 2025):*

Pledged \$205,987
 Received 18,636

Mortgage *(January 1, 2024-December 31, 2024):*

Current Balance \$406,437
 Principal Reduction Funds to Date 11,473

MINISTRY NEWS

—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.

MOBILIZATION DAY IS THIS SATURDAY! Have you signed up yet? Opportunities include:

- Serving Irmo Elementary School
- Doing cleanup for the Town of Irmo
- Assisting at Sharing God's Love
- Doing maintenance for homebound/widows
- Visiting with our homebound/widows
- Creating car packs for our unhoused community

Go to sapc.net/serve for more information!

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

REMINDER: THE CAMP JAM VOLUNTEER

TRAINING & DINNER for ALL adult and youth volunteers is this Wednesday, May 8, at 5:30 p.m. in the Great Hall. Don't miss it!

LOVE CHILDREN and looking for a way to serve?

There are some openings on Sunday mornings for nursery help during the worship service hour. If interested, please contact Jeanette (jeanette@sapc.net).

PICNIC OPPORTUNITIES There are opportunities to help with our upcoming Churchwide Picnic on May 19. Visit sapc.net/serve for more information or to sign up!

ESMI IN HAITI Due to the urgent situation in Haiti, our ministry partner El Shaddai Ministries International (ESMI) has requested additional support from their supporters to meet the food and housing needs which have developed during the country's current crisis. Our Mission Team was able to send \$10,000 on behalf of SAPC. For more information on the situation or to donate, visit esmiHaiti.org.

—CONNECT—

sapc.net/CONNECT

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

CHURCHWIDE PICNIC Join us for this annual tradition on Sunday, May 19, at Saluda Shoals Park, River Birch Shelter. Enjoy family fun & games, fabulous food, and fellowship!

- 2:00 PM Splash pad and playground for children & hospitality for adults
- 3:00 PM Field games, board games, & train rides
- 4:30 PM All gather before dinner for an activity
- 5:00 PM Dinner

—GROW—

sapc.net/GROW

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

SUMMER GROWTH CLASSES Registration is now open for Summer Growth Classes. See the insert for details, then visit sapc.net/grow to register!

LOST AND FOUND Have you left something behind—reading glasses, a Bible, your favorite coffee cup, etc.? A table of "lost and found" items is located right outside the Great Hall. Be sure to check it out *today*. Any items remaining tomorrow will be donated.

TODAY'S FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Tom & Diane Carraway in memory of their parents, AQ & Margaret Carraway and Hershell & Maryellen Dunn.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Ervin Ott (Daun) & family on the death of his sister, Bonnie O. Witherspoon, on April 14, in West Columbia.

SAVE THE DATE

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| Saturday, 5/11 | Mobilization Day |
| Sunday, 5/12 | Combined Mobilization Celebration |
| 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 Truck & Games* |
| Sunday, 7/28 | Summer Covered Dish Lunch |

**Part of our Summer @ SAPC series*

PLEASE LET US KNOW YOU WERE HERE by providing your name (along with any family in attendance) on the Response Card on page 12.

Visiting? We invite you to also provide family/contact information. Members may also provide updated information on page 12, or on their online profile at sapc.net/login.

SCHEDULED IN THE NURSERY

Today

Infants: V. Fincannon, R. King
Toddlers/2s: G. Siler
3s, M. Moore, S. Lynch
CC: J. Simpson

Next Sunday

Infants: S. Martin, H. Maycock
Toddlers/2s: A&D Pettus
3s, L. Nagel, J. Merchant
CC: M. Evans, P. Clements

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

ACTIVITIES

Response Card

May 5, 2024



Sunday, May 5

- 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 Men's Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
 - 3:30 PM *Missions Team, #301 & online (contact: Jay Evans)
 - 4:00 PM *Children's Ministry Team, #102
 - *Spiritual Growth Team, #304
 - *Youth Ministry Team, #120
 - 5:00 PM *Building & Grounds Team, #204
 - *Men's Ministry Team, #122
 - *Outreach Team, #303
 - *Women's Ministry Team, #304
 - Youth Praise Team Rehearsal, Sanctuary
 - 6:30 PM Youth First Night Fellowship, Youth Area
- *First Night*

Monday, May 6

- 9:30 PM Mom Connection, #108
- 1:00 PM Staff Meeting, Conference Room
- 6:00 PM Executive Leadership Team, Conference Room

Tuesday, May 7

- 6:30 AM Men's Tuesday Study: *Galatians: God's Grace*, Library
- 6:00 PM Handbell Choirs 1 & 2 play at Generations

Wednesday, May 8

- 5:30 PM Camp JAM Volunteer Training Dinner, Great Hall
- 6:30 PM *These Ancient Words* Rehearsal, #220/Choir Room

Thursday, May 9

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

Saturday, May 11

- 8:30 AM Mobilization Day, Great Hall

Sunday, May 12—Graduate Sunday

- 8:45 AM Weekly Corporate Prayer, #208
- 9:15 AM Combined Growth Hour (4th grade/up): Mobilization Celebration, Great Hall
- 10:00 AM Fellowship Time
- 10:30 AM Worship Service, Sanctuary

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*