

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, January 12, 2025, 10:30 a.m.

PREPARATION

PRELUDE

Worship In Song

WELCOME

Rev. Rattray

PRAISE

**CALL TO WORSHIP

Revelation 5:12-13

Leader: Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!

People: **To Him Who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!**

** HYMN OF WORSHIP #3

How Great Thou Art

Mrs. Reynolds

** INVOCATION AND PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Davis

LEADING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Rev. Marc Rattray, Senior Pastor
Mrs. Amy Reynolds, Director of Music & Arts
Rev. Andrew Davis, Assistant Pastor
Mr. Randy Volters, Scripture Reader

Mrs. Sharon Rattray, Organ
Mrs. Allison Hilbish, Piano
Choir
Adult Worship Band

DEACONS OF THE WEEK:

Mr. John Rockholz (803-397-2002), Mr. Van Gerrald (828-231-3368)

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

**** CONFESSION OF FAITH**

Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 1

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and death?

**People: My only comfort in life and in death is that
I am not my own, but belong—body and
soul, in life and in death—to my faithful
Savior Jesus Christ.**

**He has fully paid for all my sins with His
precious blood, and has set me free
from the tyranny of the devil.**

**He also watches over me in such a way
that not a hair can fall from my head
without the will of my Father in
heaven: in fact, all things must work
together for my salvation.**

**Because I belong to Him, Christ, by His
Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life
and makes me wholeheartedly willing
and ready from now on to live for Him.**

RENEWAL

CHORAL CONFESSION

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Larson

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come now and follow Me.
"Lay down your earthly cares," He said, "and I will set you free."
I came to Jesus as I was; I had no gifts to bring.
He took my stubborn will, my pride and taught my heart to sing.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give
"The living water; thirsty one, come now and drink, and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live for Him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light;
"Look unto Me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found in Him my star, my sun;
And in that light of life I'll walk till traveling days are done .

COMMISSIONING OF SCHOOL TIME BIBLE TEAM

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND INTERCESSION

**** HYMN OF CONFESSION #244**

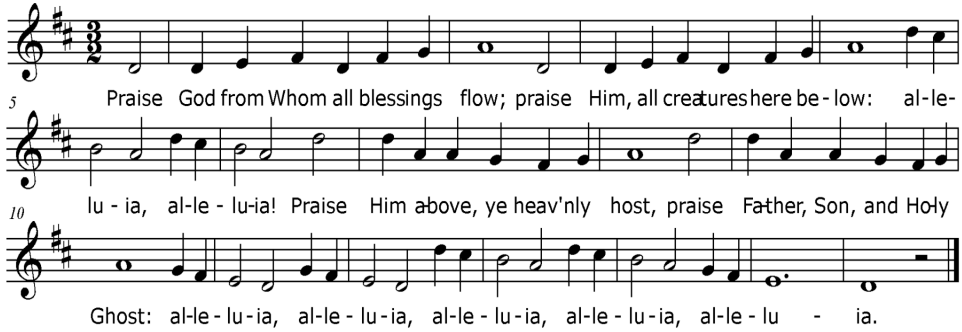
O Great God (Hymn of the Month)

COMMITMENT

** RESPONSE

Doxology

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



5 Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here be-low: al-le-

10 lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy

Ghost: al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

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** PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERTORY

Worship In Song

** HYMN OF PREPARATION #119

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

** SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 16:21-28 (*pew Bible page 822*)

Mr. Volters

** CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON

FOLLOWING THE KING #47

The Way of the Cross

(outline may be found on page 7)

Rev. Rattray



**** HYMN OF RESPONSE #224**
Christ Is Mine Forevermore

**** BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

FOLLOWING THE KING #47
The Way of the Cross
Matthew 16:21-28

Introduction

I. The Purpose of the Cross

II. The Passion of the Cross

III. The Paradox of the Cross

IV. The Prize of the Cross

Conclusion

FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS THIS WEEK:

CONSIDER...

1. What stood out to you in today's message?
2. What do you think God was communicating to the original hearers of today's passage?
3. How do the principles of this passage apply to the Church today?
4. What is one way that you can apply this truth to your life now?
5. In what ways does the passage help us in seeing the gospel needs in our community and world?

PRAY...

1. **Pursuing Christ:** For our Community Groups, as they resume this week for the encouragement and strengthening of the body.
2. **Loving Our Neighbor:** That we'll have eyes to see—really see—our neighbors and have hearts of courage to engage and welcome them to things such as our Wednesday Nights.
3. **Equipping the Church Family:** For the leaders of and participants in our Sunday and Wednesday Growth Classes which are beginning a new semester this week.

THIS WEEK'S MISSIONS FOCUS: ACROSS THE STREET

School Time Bible Ministries (STBM)

Robbie Muncatchy, SAPC Interim Onsite Administrator & Teacher

"Reaching Students and Their Families with the Life-Changing Word of God"

School Time Bible (STB) provides off-campus, biblical teaching for public school students. STB curriculum provides students the opportunity to embrace the gospel, to grow in Christian maturity, and to apply biblical principles in the many choices they will face in their lives. Students are taught biblical truths through the curriculum, *God's Plan for Redemption*, tracing what God is doing throughout Scripture from Genesis to Revelation.

SAPC, in partnership with CrossRoads Intermediate School (CRIS), has taught the STB program on our campus for 20 years. We have been blessed to serve close to 1,000 students over those 20 years. Some of our current members even attended STB when they were at CRIS. We look forward to another year of faithfully teaching these students the Word of God and helping them to see the truth of Jesus Christ for themselves.

This year's School Time Bible will start **this Tuesday, January 14, and continue weekly through May 27**, on the SAPC Campus. Each Tuesday, students are walked across the street from their school to our church, fed a meal, and taught a lesson from the *God's Plan for Redemption* curriculum. Please pray for this valuable ministry as they begin a new term.

SAPC Financial Summary

Ministry Operations (July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025):

Budgeted	\$1,732,004
Expenses to Date	826,582
Received to Date	952,665

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

Pledged.....	\$209,287
Received	181,356

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

Current Balance	\$343,121
Principal Reduction Funds to Date	66,559

SCHEDULED IN THE NURSERY

Today

Desk Monitor: *M. Jordan*
Infants: *M. Moore, H. Maycock*
Toddlers/2s: *B. Siler, J. Mull*
3s: *L. Nagel, J. Merchant*
CC: *C. Marchman, P. Clements*

Next Sunday

Desk Monitor: *M. Jordan*
Infants: *L. Clanton, HELP NEEDED*
Toddlers/2s: *H. Farrell, R. West*
3s: *A. Melia, HELP NEEDED*
CC: *M&B Poston*

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

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

Pray For:

- Sunday, January 12** **Psalm 14**
> *Robbie Muncatchy, as she leads this year's team in teaching the STB program at SAPC*
- Monday, January 13** **Esther 3 & John 17**
> *Wisdom for Lexington-Richland Five Administrators to continue with the STB and SAPC relationship*
- Tuesday, January 14** **Esther 4 & John 18**
> *CrossRoads staff and teachers*
- Wednesday, January 15** **Esther 5 & John 19**
> *CrossRoads students who attend STBM to be open to the gospel message*
- Thursday, January 16** **Esther 6 & John 20**
> *The STBM teachers to share God's Word with passion and wisdom*
- Friday, January 17** **Esther 7 & John 21**
> *The safety of students and volunteers crossing St. Andrews Rd.*
- Saturday, January 18** **Esther 8 & Acts 1**
> *The volunteers assisting with lunch and supporting the teachers*
- Sunday, January 19** **Psalm 15**
> *Students' families to be receptive to God's Plan of Redemption*

MINISTRY NEWS

—WORSHIP—

sapc.net/WORSHIP

A disciple is faithful to worship with God's people, not merely out of duty, but out of joyful gratitude for salvation.

COMMUNION SERVICE We will celebrate the Lord's Table as part of next Sunday's worship service. Please prepare your heart for this holy sacrament. Also note that we will receive a benevolence offering at the conclusion of the service.

—GROW—

sapc.net/GROW

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

WEDNESDAY NIGHT GROWTH CLASSES begin *this Wednesday*, January 15! Register now at sapc.net/grow and plan to join us! And to join in the fellowship over a catered dinner, register today on the Response Card (p. 11).

—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.

CHOIR AND HANDBELLS will be restarting soon (choir on the 15th, handbells on the 21st). If you have any interest, we'd love to have you join us! For more information, reach out to Amy Reynolds (amy@sapc.net, 803-888-1717).

SCHOOL'S BACK IN SESSION Each week through the Snack Pack Ministry, SAPC provides food for the weekend to students at CrossRoads Intermediate School who have little or nothing to eat. Donations may be dropped at the Donation Station on the first floor. Single-serving items needed are updated weekly on the donation board.

—CONNECT—

sapc.net/CONNECT

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

YOUTH BOWLING! Today is the last day to sign up to go bowling with us *this Saturday*, January 18. We will meet at Anchor Lanes at 1:00 p.m. and will be finished around 2:30 p.m. Text or email Rebecca by *today* if you plan to go so that we can get lanes reserved, and bring \$15 cash with you on Saturday.

YOUTH CHOIR FOLLYLALALA RETREAT Youth—join us February 14-16 as we dive deeper into our choir music and focus on the importance of singing worship songs together. The cost is \$125/student, and the deadline is in two

weeks, on January 26. Register at sapc.net/featured-events or find it on the youth page.

New To SAPC? Would you like more information on the church? Whether today's your first day or you've been attending for months, we hope you'll join us for the next **Meet the Pastor lunch** on Sunday, February 9, in the Great Hall following the worship service. *Meet the Pastor* is an informal time to meet Marc and his wife, Sharon, and ask questions about SAPC. Come learn more about life here at St. Andrews! Sign up on the Response Card on page 11.

2025 SAPC MINISTRY SURVEY The Spiritual Growth Team and the newly-formed Member Care Team are looking for our members to give input through an anonymous survey. Your responses will help our leadership as we enter a season of preparation for the next ministry year. Please take a few minutes to fill out our survey at go.sapc.net/survey or by scanning this QR code.



UPCOMING DATES STILL AVAILABLE on our 2025 Flower Calendar include February 2, 16, & 23 and March 9 & 30. Sponsor (\$65) the Sanctuary flowers (under the cross) one Sunday this coming year by signing up at go.sapc.net/flowers. The flowers are yours to take after morning worship.

READERS ARE NEEDED for Campfire Time in the children's library Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m. If you would be willing to read out loud one time to our kids for 20 minutes, add your name to the sheet outside the library door or email lizzie@sapc.net. This is a great way to invest in our covenant children!

CONGRATULATIONS to grandparents Fredric & Sandy Mau on the birth of Samantha Elinor Hughes, born on December 29 to Brian & Amelia (Mau).

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Joyce Faber & family on the death of her husband, Ed, on January 2.

TODAY'S FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in memory of "Mr. Ed" Faber.

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.

ACTIVITIES

Sunday, January 12

- 8:30 AM Communicants' Course Sunday, #100
- 8:45 AM Weekly Corporate Prayer, #208
- 9:00 AM Children's Worship Time
- 9:15 AM Sunday Morning Growth Classes
- 10:00 AM Fellowship Time, Gathering Place (2nd floor)
- 10:30 AM Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 1:30 PM Session Meets, Conference Room
- 5:00 PM Youth Praise Team, Youth Worship Room
- 5:30 PM Community Groups Resume
- 6:00 PM Youth Choir & Games, Youth Worship Room
- 7:00 PM Youth First Night Fellowship, Youth Area

Monday, January 13

- 9:30 AM Mom Connection, #307
- 10:00 AM Women's Study: *The Prodigal God*, #301
- 12:00 PM Media Team, Conference Room
- 6:30 PM Lydia Fellowship Group, #208

Tuesday, January 14

- 6:30 AM Men's Tuesday Study: *2 Corinthians*, #110
- 9:00 AM School Time Bible, #120 & #122
- 9:00 AM Staff Meeting, Conference Room
- 11:15 AM Administrative Support Team, Conference Room
- 7:00 PM Women's Study: *The Gift of the Outsider*, Offsite

Wednesday, January 15

- 5:00 PM Children's Library Campfire Time, #105
- 5:30 PM Wednesday Night Dinner, Great Hall
Fried Chicken, Macaroni & Cheese, Green Beans, Rolls, Salad Bar, Brownies
- 6:00 PM Youth Group (7th-12th Grades), Youth Area
- 6:15 PM Nursery (2 & under), #106
- PB&J (2s & 3s), #107
- Preschool Choir (K4 & K5), #103
- Children's Choir (Grades 1-6), #221
- 6:30 PM Adult Wednesday Night Growth Classes
- 6:55 PM Catechism Club (4K-4th Grade), #101, #102, #103
- MERGE Bible Study (5th & 6th Grades), #100
- 7:20 PM Choir Rehearsal, #220

Thursday, January 16

- 10:30 AM Adults 55+ Study, #205 (fellowship begins at 10AM)
Followed by Lunch Offsite
- 1:00 PM Cuddle Quilts Ministry, #308
- 6:30 PM Perception Ministries (SWAT), #120, #122
- 6:30 PM Meeting in the Middle, Offsite

Saturday, January 18

- 1:00 PM Youth Bowling, Offsite

Sunday, January 19—Communion

- 8:45 AM Weekly Corporate Prayer, #208
- 9:00 AM Children's Worship Time
- 9:15 AM Sunday Morning Growth Classes
- 10:00 AM Fellowship Time, Gathering Place (2nd floor)
- 10:30 AM Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 5:00 PM Youth Praise Team, Youth Worship Room
- 5:30 PM Community Groups
- 6:00 PM Youth Choir & Games, Youth Worship Room

Sunday Morning Growth Classes

- Infant-6th Grade, Children's Area
- 7th to 12th Grades, Youth Area
- Young Adults Class, #307
- *Acts*, #204
- *Cultural Topics*, #301
- *James*, #205
- *Lost in the Middle*, #303
- *Romans*, #302
- *Prodigal God* (Women), #304
- *New Wine Fellowship*, #201

Wednesday Night Growth Classes

- Infant-6th Grade, Children's Area
- 7th to 12th Grades, Youth Area
- *ACROSS Conversations*, #205
- *The Heart of Parenting*, #307
- *Gospel of John*, #303
- *Lordship of Jesus Christ*, #302
- *Prayer & Devotions*, Great Hall

Response Card

January 12, 2025

Name: _____

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER RSVP
Deadline is TODAY for 1/15

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).



MEET THE PASTOR

- I/We plan to come to the *Meet the Pastor* lunch on Sunday, February 9.
(For childcare, RSVP to jeanette@sapc.net.)



PRAYER REQUESTS

(shared with pastors)

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

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