# **WEEKLY BULLETIN**

2101 WILDWOOD AVENUE, COLUMBUS, GA 31906

## CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Today, we joyfully celebrate and affirm the 2025 Confirmation Class. These young people have spent the past year exploring the foundations of the Christian faith—studying scripture, church history, sacraments, and what it means to live as disciples of Jesus Christ. They have worshiped together, served others through mission, and grown in community during their retreat experiences. Now, in this sacred moment, they stand before us to profess their personal faith in Christ Jesus and claim for themselves the promises made at their baptism.

While today marks an important milestone, it is not the end of their faith journey—it is a new beginning. Confirmation is not graduation; it is a launching point toward a lifelong pursuit of knowing God more deeply and following Christ more faithfully. The goal is not just knowledge but transformation—a growing and maturing faith that shapes their thoughts, decisions, relationships, and purpose.

As a congregation, we commit to surround them with our ongoing support, encouragement, and love. We pledge to walk with them, pray for them, and offer opportunities for growth and connection. May our community continue to be a place where their faith is nurtured, their questions are welcomed, and their gifts are affirmed. Let us rejoice in what God is doing in their lives and join in the sacred responsibility of helping them grow in grace.

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#### Traditional Worship

8:30 A.M.
Illges Chapel (M250)
Leader: Rev. John Fugh, Jr.
Sermon: Resurrection Changes
Everything

Scripture Lesson: Luke 24:13-35

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Fellowship Hall (M220) Leader: Rev. Dr. Shane Green *Rooted in Faith* 

**Contemporary Worship** 

9:00 A.M.

Scripture: Colossians 2:1-7

#### **Traditional Worship**

11:00 A.M.
Sanctuary (M260)
Leader: Rev. Dr. Shane Green
Rooted in Faith
Scripture: Colossians 2:1-7

#### HONORING KATHY HOLLON

After fourteen years of faithful service to St. Paul, Kathy Hollon is retiring from her role on our church staff. Kathy has been a steadfast presence behind the scenes, supporting every staff member with kindness, grace, and tireless dedication. Whether it was stepping into an unexpected need or helping ministries run smoothly, Kathy has always been ready to serve. Her love, support, and sacrificial spirit have been a blessing to our entire church community, and we are deeply grateful for the many ways she has strengthened the life and ministry of St. Paul.

To express our appreciation and celebrate Kathy, we will have two opportunities to honor her. The first will be at WNS on Wednesday, May 14, and the second will be during the Traditional Service on Sunday, May 18. Some have asked if they may give a gift of appreciation, and the answer is yes—please mark your giving accordingly. We are grateful for Kathy and pray for God's blessings as she moves into this different season of her life.

Shane Green (Sr. Minister)
Carter Schondelmayer (HR/Personnel Chair)

#### **WELCOME SHANNON LAND**

St. Paul extends a warm welcome to Shannon Land, who joins the St. Paul staff as Executive Assistant to the Clergy Staff. Shannon brings with her a wealth of experience from the corporate world, along with a gregarious and joyful spirit that already feels right at home. We are excited for the gifts she will bring to our team and grateful for the ways she will support and strengthen our ministry together. Welcome, Shannon.

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### **CELEBRATING THE SENIORS OF 2025!**

Join us next week on May 4 at the 11:00 a.m. service as we honor the Class of 2025! Our graduating seniors will lead us in scripture and testimony as we celebrate this special milestone.

#### FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER

Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.! Fried and Rotisserie Chicken, Green Beans, Mac & Cheese, Corn Bread, the Full Salad Bar, Assorted Desserts! RSVP stpaulcolumbus.com/supper

#### **PASTORS & STAFF**

Rev. Dr. Shane Green Senior Minister

Rev. John Fugh, Jr. Associate Minister

Philip Badcock Church Administrator

Grace Bailey Director of Christian Education

Lauren Coleman Administrative Assistant

Donna Hightower Director of Children's Ministry

Kathy Hollon
Administrative Director

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Shannon Land Executive Assistant

Wayne Martz Director of Music Ministry

Laura Marvets Director of Youth Ministry

Cindy Shavers
Financial Records &
Administration

#### KIDMIN MOMENT

Presence, time, and faith are gifts that should not be taken for granted. Today I want to express my gratitude to Tammy and Matthew Reynolds and our mentors for being present throughout the year and for sharing their time and faith with our confirmands as each one continues their journey and says "YES" in response to their faith in Christ and in their commitment to the church. Thank you St. Paul for honoring your vows and supporting our children and youth as they grow in their faith.

The VBS early registration deadline is MAY 4, which is quickly approaching for those wanting a tshirt! Please spread the word and remind your friends we have strict deadlines for VBS! VBS registration ends June 2. Due to planning, we are not able to accept registrations beyond that date. We appreciate your understanding!

As for St. Paul Kids' Camp, the spots for 3rd-5th grade girls are full. If you are interested, please register and we will add you to the waiting list. A deposit is not required until a spot becomes available. Registration ends June 20th!

#### SPY MINISTRY

Happy Confirmation Sunday to all of our sixth graders! Today we celebrate you and your decision to take ownership of your faith and practicing the way of Jesus. Tonight we have a fun activity to celebrate this special day! Reminder to all SPY: deadlines for summer activities are past due. If you are interested in participating, please sign up on our website ASAP. Senior Sunday is next week! Please plan to attend the 11:00 a.m. service to support our graduates.







#### THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, April 27

8:30 AM Traditional Worship (M250) 9:00 AM Contemporary Worship (M220) 9:35 AM Weekly Communion (M250) 10:00 AM Bridges Class (M235) 10:00 AM High School Youth SS Class (Y104)

10:00 AM Middle School Youth SS Class (Y106)

10:00 AM Seekers Class (M234) 10:00 AM Wesley/Miller-Wilson Class (M232)

10:00 AM Wildwood Class (M150)
11:00 AM Traditional Worship (M260)
2:00 PM Spring Harbor Worship (Off Campus)

5:00 PM Nominations Committee Meeting (M203)

5:30 PM SNY Activities (Y210) 5:30 PM Snack Supper for Youth (M220)

Monday, April 28 1:30 PM St. Paul Staff Meeting (M203)

Tuesday, April 29

9:30 AM Yoga Redeemed (M235) 10:00 AM Tuesday Morning Bible Study (M232)

11:00 ÅM Grace Bible Study (M234) 4:00 PM Spring Harbor Bible Study (Off Campus)

6:30 PM Senior Banquet (M220)

Wednesday, April 30

5:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal (M270) 6:00 PM Family Night Supper (M220) 6:30 FNS Program - Ukraine Update 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (M260)

Thursday, May 1

6:30 AM Men's Weekly Bible Study (M232) 9:30 AM Preschool Moms Bible Study (M234) 9:30 AM Yoga Redeemed (M235)

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Friday, May 2 9:15 AM CHS True Blue Breakfast (M220)







#### TALK ABOUT IT:

Today's Sunday School Lesson for Preschool and Elementary Children Believers Share (Acts 4:32-37) Anchor Point – I believe in Jesus.

Say the Bible verse together: "Happy are those who don't see and yet believe." (John 20:29)

Questions for family discussion:

- How do you feel when you share something with a friend?
- How do you feel when a friend shares something with you?

**Prayer:** 

Thank you, God, for stories about people who followed Jesus. Help me to share with others. Amen.

#### STEWARDSHIP 973

#### **SERVING THIS WEEK**

**Acolytes:** 

- 8:30 Elizabeth Chester and Della Stone
- 11:00 Ann Coleman and Anna O'Hara
- Acolyte Helper: Jessica Adams

#### **Ushers:**

- (8:30) Ken Crumpler and Stan Copelan
- (11:00) Kee Evans (Lead), Jay Brodwyn, Tim Shaw, Skip Henderson, Brandon Fields, and Blake Voltz

#### **Altar Guild**

- Sanctuary: Alice Douglas and Dana Freeman
- Chapel: Meredith Waddell
- Delivery: Jenny Badcock

Congratulations, Confirmands!

The flowers on the Sanctuary Altar today are given to the glory of God and in loving honor of *Charles and William Gower* in celebration of their birthdays.

Our Christian love and sympathy is extended to Forrest Champion IV and family in the passing of his grandmother *Irene Mae (Spencer) Champion* on April 8, 2025.

#### MEMORIAL AND HONORARIUM GIFTS

**Building Fund** 

In memory of *Jack Passailaigue*In memory of *Mary Ann Butler Birnbaum*In memory of *Raymond South* 

all by Betsy Flournoy

Wesley-Miller-Wilson In memory of **Donna Hunt** In memory of **Kathy Day** 

both by Barbara Farish

Wynnton Neighborhood Network
In memory of Will Barnes
In memory of Sally Kenimer
In memory of Eddie Norris

all by Clair Thayer







St. Paul Annual Easter Egg Hunt 2200 Oak Avenue

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

# April 27, 2025 11:00 a.m. Traditional Service

The Chiming of the Hour	
The Welcome & Announcements	Rev. John Fugh, Jr.
The Choral Call to Worship	We Have Met to Worship
The Prelude	
The Cross and Flame Come to the Altar	
The Processional Hymn	.The Church's One Foundation (#545)
The Affirmation of Faith	The Apostles' Creed (#881)
I believe in God the Father Almigh and in Jesus Christ his only Son o the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Pilate, was crucified, dead, and bu the dead; he ascended into heave of God the Father Almighty; from the quick and the dead. I believ catholic church, the communion of the resurrection of the body, and th	ur Lord: who was conceived by Mary, suffered under Pontius ried; the third day he rose from n, and sitteth at the right hand thence he shall come to judge te in the Holy Spirit, the holy saints, the forgiveness of sins,
The Gloria Patri	
Glory be to the Father and to the as it was in the beginning, is no without end. Amen, Amen.	
The Confirmation Introduction	Rev. Dr. Shane Green
The Service of Confirmation	(see insert)

The Pastoral Prayer with The Lord's PrayerRev. Fugh
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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.
The Leader: Let Us Worship God with His Tithes and Our Offerings.
The Offertory Prayer
The Offertory
The Doxology
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below: praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.
<b>The Scripture Lesson</b>
Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.  Congregational Response: Thanks be to God.
The Passing of the Peace
Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.  Congregational Response: And also with you.
The Welcome and Registration of Attendance
Children ages K4-2nd graders are invited to go to Children's Church; children 3 and younger are taken to the nursery by parents, Room M235)
The AnthemHow Firm a Foundation, arr. L. Larson
The Sermon
The Hymn of ConsecrationO Master, Let Me Walk with Thee (#430)
The Cross and Flame Go Before Us into the World
The Choral Benediction and Amen
The Postlude
The Church Returns to His World to Serve Him

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#### CONFIRMAND EXAMINATION

Do you in presence of God and this congregation renew the solemn vow and promise made at your baptism?

I do.

Do you truly and earnestly repent of your sins? I do.

Do you believe in God the Father Almighty? **I do**.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ? I do.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit? I do.

Do you receive and profess the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

Do you promise, according to the grace given you, to keep God's holy will and commandments and walk in the same all the days of your life as faithful members of Christ's holy church?

I do.

(Continued on reverse)

#### CONFIRMATION

Name, may the Holy Spirit work within you, that having been born through water and the Spirit, you may live as a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ.

All respond:

Amen.

#### MEMBERSHIP VOWS

Will you be faithful to St. Paul Church with your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness for the transformation of the world? *I will*.

#### CONGREGATIONAL WELCOME AND RESPONSE

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.