

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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The prophet Amos speaks with urgency and clarity to a people comfortable in their religion but compromised in their living. “Seek the LORD and live” (Amos 5:6) is not merely a call to worship—it is a summons to transformation. For Amos, to seek God is to seek good; the two are inseparable. When we pursue what is good—what is just, merciful, and righteous—we are pursuing the very heart of God.

Amos reminds us that religious rituals, offerings, and assemblies mean nothing if they are disconnected from lives marked by justice and righteousness. “Let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!” (Amos 5:24), these are not abstract virtues but relational realities. Righteousness is how we walk with integrity with God and others. Justice are the steps we take to correct when righteousness is not present. Together, they form the substance of true faith, not just its ceremony.

The danger Amos warns against is substituting religious activity for personal transformation. God is not impressed by hollow songs or elaborate offerings if our hearts remain unmoved and our actions unchanged. Worship, or any religious activity, is not an end in itself—it is a means by which we are realigned to God’s purposes and re-formed into God’s people.

To seek God, then, is to live differently. It is to hunger for a world shaped by God’s justice. It is to love what God loves. It is to live, truly live—anchored in grace, alive with holy purpose, and bearing witness to a kingdom where right relationships matter more than empty rituals. For Amos’ generation and for us: Seek God—Seek good—And live.



Traditional Worship

8:30 A.M.

Illges Chapel (M250)

Leader: Rev. John Fugh, Jr.

Sermon: *Resurrection and the Mission of God*

Scripture: Matthew 28:16-20;
Isaiah 6:1-7

Contemporary Worship

9:00 A.M.

Fellowship Hall (M220)

Leader: Rev. Dr. Shane Green

Sermon: *Crossroads of Faith and Life*
Scripture Lesson: Amos 5:4-6, 14-15

Traditional Worship

11:00 A.M.

Sanctuary (M260)

Leader: Rev. Dr. Shane Green

Sermon: *Crossroads of Faith and Life*
Scripture Lesson: Amos 5:4-6, 14-15

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 sincere appreciation and to celebrate Kathy, we will have another opportunity to honor her today, during the Traditional Service at 11:00 a.m. 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.

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

Family Night Supper Menu:

Italian Night of Chicken Alfredo, Spaghetti and Meatballs, Squash Casserole, Texas Toast, Assorted Desserts, and the Super Salad Bar. Kids menu is Grilled Cheese and Fries.

PASTORS & PROGRAM STAFF

Rev. Dr. Shane Green
Senior Minister

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Director of Youth Ministry

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KIDMIN MOMENT



Pentecost was originally a Jewish holiday, but Christians now celebrate it as the birthday of the Church. While Jesus' followers were waiting in Jerusalem, the Holy Spirit came with a loud wind and flames like fire. The Spirit helped them speak in different languages so they could share the good news about Jesus. That day, many people believed and about 3,000 were baptized—showing that God's Spirit helps us do amazing things even today.

For VBS, ALL registration ends June 2. Due to planning, we are not able to accept registrations beyond that date. We appreciate your understanding!

Children's church is now available during the 9:00 a.m. service. We are looking for volunteers over the age of 18 to be a second adult to help us comply with our Safe Sanctuaries policy. Please let Donna Hightower know if you are able and willing to serve on the rotation.



SPY MINISTRY



It's the Last Sunday Night Youth of the school year! We normally have "Reflection Sunday" at the beginning of the new calendar year. This year we are switching it up to the end of the school year. Don't miss out on writing a letter to yourself in the future to read.

We will also watch a recap video to reflect and remember all the ways we have experienced God and community this year as a youth group. Bring \$1 for snack supper. Mission Trip total payment is due June 8th.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, May 18

8:30 AM Traditional Worship (M250)
9:00 AM Contemporary Worship (M220)
9:30 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 New Life SS Class (Y102)
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)
5:30 PM Snack Supper for Youth (M220)
5:30 PM SNY (Y210)

Monday, May 19

1:30 PM St. Paul Staff Meeting (M203)

Tuesday, May 20

9:30 AM Yoga Redeemed (M234)
4:00 PM Spring Harbor Bible Study (Off Campus)

Wednesday, May 21

6:00 PM Family Night Supper (M220)
6:00 PM Nominations Committee Meeting (M203)
6:30 PM FNS Program of Fellowship (M220)
7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (M260)

Thursday, May 22

9:30 AM Yoga Redeemed (M235)



Mother's Day Crafts!

TALK ABOUT IT:

Today's Sunday School Lesson
for Preschool and Elementary Children

Pentecost (Acts 2:1-41)

Anchor Point – I can help spread
the good news.

Say the Bible verse together:

"They praised God and
demonstrated God's goodness to
everyone." (Acts 2:47)

Question for family discussion:

- How do you think the disciples
felt when the Holy Spirit came?

Prayer:

God, we thank you for the gift of
your Spirit. Help us always to
remember that you are with us,
giving us the courage and power
to do your work and spread the
good news. Amen.



STEWARDSHIP 413 SERVING THIS WEEK

- 8:30 Edie Getz and Katie Fugh
- 11:00 Acolytes: Mary Ellen Lane and Ann Coleman
- Cross Bearer: Jack Jordan
- Acolyte Helper: Lauren Coleman

ALTAR GUILD:

- Chapel: Grace Bailey
- Delivery: Jenny Swift

USHERS:

- (8:30) Ken Crumpler, Stan Copelan
- (11:00) Mike Mayhew (Lead), Homer Shuler, Guillermo Cornavaca, Mack Jenkins, Frank Tommey, Wade Harper

The flowers on the Sanctuary Altar today
are given to the glory of God and in loving
memory of **Charles William Burgin**.

Please welcome new members **Debbie and
Freddie Manning** to the St. Paul Church of
Columbus congregation.

MEMORIAL & HONORARIUM GIFTS

Children's Ministry

In memory of **Emma Jo Ploeger**

- by Linnea Grosse

Wynnton Neighborhood Network

In honor of **Laura Haygood**

In honor of **Cortney Douglas**

in memory of **Jim Flournoy**

in memory of **Todd Wood**

- all by Alice Douglas

PRESCHOOL GRADUATES 2025



**Online Worship is Broadcast Live
at 11:00 A.M. at stpaulcolumbus.live**

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 18, 2025

11:00 a.m. Traditional Service

The Chiming of the Hour

The Welcome & AnnouncementsRev. John Fugh, Jr.

The Choral Call to Worship*This Is the Day*

The Cross and Flame Come to the Altar

The Prelude.....*Praeludium*, by J. Surzynski

The Hymn of Celebration.....*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* (#103)

The Affirmation of Faith*The Apostles' Creed* (#881)

*I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by
the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius
Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from
the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand
of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge
the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy
catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.*

The Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen, Amen.*

The Pastoral Prayer with The Lord's Prayer.....Rev. 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:	<i>Let Us Worship God with His Tithes and Our Offerings.</i>	
The Offertory Prayer	.....	Rev. Fugh
The Doxology	<i>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.</i>	
The Scripture Lesson	.....	Amos 5:4-6 (p. 746), 14-15 (p. 747)
Leader:	<i>The Word of God for the People of God.</i>	
Congregational Response:	<i>Thanks be to God.</i>	
Leader:	<i>The Peace of Christ be with you.</i>	
Congregational Response:	<i>And also with you.</i>	
The Welcome and Registration of Attendance		
Special Recognition of Kathy Hollon	.....	Rev. Dr. Shane Green
	<i>(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)</i>	
The Anthem	.....	<i>Seek Ye First</i> , arr. D. Wagner
The Sermon	.....	<i>Crossroads of Faith and Life</i> , Rev. Dr. Green
The Hymn of Consecration	.....	<i>My Faith Looks Up to Thee</i> (#452)
The Cross and Flame Go Before Us into the World		
The Choral Benediction and Amen	.....	<i>Dresden Amen</i>
The Postlude	.....	<i>Voluntary</i> , by G. Berg
The Church Returns to His World to Serve Him		