

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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Psalms 121 is one of the “Psalms of Ascent” — songs that were sung by the people of Israel as they made their way up to Jerusalem for worship. The Temple sat on a hill, so they literally had to lift their eyes as they climbed. But it wasn’t just a physical movement. It was spiritual. It was a way of preparing their hearts — shifting their gaze upward — as they came to meet with God.

We still need that shift. Because if we’re honest, our eyes stay glued to what’s right in front of us. Our schedules. Our worries. Our deadlines. The noise of life. It’s everywhere — constant notifications, endless needs, emotional clutter that pulls on our strength and leaves us stretched thin.

And without even realizing it, our souls start to run on empty. We show up to worship, but we’re still carrying the noise. And somehow, even here, it’s hard to catch our breath.

If that’s you today, the psalmist has a word for you: Look up. Not just physically, but spiritually. Recenter. Remember where your help comes from. Your Keeper never sleeps. He hasn’t forgotten you. And even when your strength runs out, He doesn’t.

Let’s lift our eyes together this morning — and remember the One who keeps us.



Traditional Worship

8:30 A.M.

Illges Chapel (M250)

Leader: Rev. John Fugh, Jr.

Sermon: *When I'm Running
on Empty*

Scripture Lesson:

Psalm 121

Contemporary Worship

9:00 A.M.

Fellowship Hall (M220)

Leader: Rev. John Fugh, Jr.

Sermon: *When I'm Running
on Empty*

Scripture Lesson:

Psalm 121

Traditional Worship

11:00 A.M.

Sanctuary (M260)

Leader: Rev. John Fugh, Jr.

Sermon: *When I'm Running
on Empty*

Scripture Lesson:

Psalm 121

UPDATES & EVENTS



The St. Paul Organ Restoration Summer 2025

ADULT MINISTRY EVENT!

Thursday, August 14

A trip to the Bo Bartlett Center

"Artist Talk" with Butch Anthony

Dinner to follow at Houlihans

Church bus leaves St. Paul at 5 PM

Contact: grace@stpaulcolumbus.com

for more information.



6th Grade
Confirmation Banquet
Thursday, August 21
6:30 PM
St. Paul Fellowship Hall

A special evening to mark the beginning of a journey of discovery, connection, and commitment.



LESSONS FROM THE KINGS

Fall 2025 Small Group Study
contact@grace@stpaulcolumbus.com



A CONCERT OF 8 REMARKABLE VOICES

Sunday, September 28
5:00 PM

St. Paul Church of Columbus
Free Admission

Supper To Go:
for TAKE OUT ONLY
Next pick-up on: August 6
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Hamburger Steak with Gravy
Butter Beans, Broccoli, Rolls,
Full Salad Bar & Dessert
PLEASE RSVP AT
stpaulcolumbus.com/supper

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KIDMIN MOMENT

This week we're learning about goodness through the story of Ruth and Naomi. After Naomi's husband and sons died, she planned to return home and told her daughters-in-law they didn't have to come. Ruth chose to stay and care for Naomi, showing great love and goodness. They gathered leftover grain from the fields to survive, and their story reminds us that doing good is a way to share God's love.



UPCOMING DATES FOR CHILDREN

August 21 – Confirmation Kick-Off Banquet: We'll welcome our new 6th grade class!

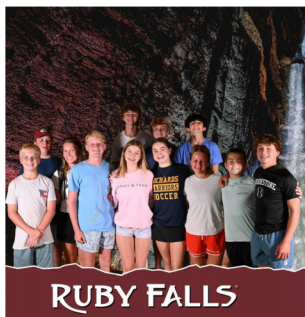
August 24 – Promotion Sunday & Bible Presentations: We'll celebrate kids moving up and present Bibles to 3rd graders. If you haven't received info, please reach out.

August 24 – Back to School Bash (5:30-7:30 PM): Join us for food and water inflatables—bring a towel!

Contact Donna at donna@stpaulcolumbus.com or call the church office with any questions.

SPY MINISTRY

Hey SPY! This afternoon we're heading to Spring Harbor with Rev. John Fugh, who leads worship there each Sunday. We'll bring music, joy, and fellowship to the residents—then stop for ice cream afterward! Meet in the youth building parking lot at 1:20 p.m., or at Spring Harbor at 1:45 p.m. Don't forget ice cream money!



THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, August 3
8:00 AM Blood Drive (Y210)
8:30 AM Traditional Worship (M250)
9:00 AM Contemporary Worship (M220)
10:00 AM Bridges SS 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)
4:30 Acolyte Training (M220)

Monday, August 4
1:30 PM Staff Meeting (M203)

Tuesday, August 5
9:30 AM Yoga Redeemed (M235)

Wednesday, August 6
5:00 PM Meals to Go (M220)

TALK ABOUT IT:

Today's Sunday School Lesson
for Preschool and Elementary
Children

Fruit of the Spirit: Goodness
(Book of Ruth)

Anchor Point – The Holy Spirit
helps me act in good ways.

Say the Bible verse together:

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy,
peace, patience, kindness,
goodness, faithfulness,
gentleness, and self-control.
(Galatians 5:22-23)

Questions for family discussion:

- Why do you think Ruth chose to go with Naomi?
- What good acts have you done for others?
- Why did you do those acts of goodness?

Prayer:

Good and loving God, help us
find ways to do acts of goodness
this week—for other people, for
animals, and for your creation.
Help us live Spirit-filled lives and
bear fruit. Amen.



CONNECTION CARD

SERVING THIS WEEK

- 8:30 Acolytes: Elizabeth Chester and Della Stone
- 11:00 Acolytes: Ann Coleman and Anna O'Hara
- Cross Bearer: Jack Carver
- Acolyte Helper: Randilynn Cornavaca

ALTAR GUILD

- Delivery: Lynn Pugh and Beth Thomas
- Chapel: Eliza Brewer and Dori Jones

USHERS

- (8:30) Ken Crumpler, Stan Copelan
- (11:00) Morgan Waldrep (Lead), Jack Jenkins, Brad Coppedge, Robert Raybon, Drew Bowles

The flowers on the Sanctuary Altar are given to the glory of God by the **St. Paul Altar Guild**.

Our heartfelt Christian love and sympathy is extended to Rev. John Fugh, Jr. and family in the passing of his mother, **Marilyn Fugh**, on July 23, 2025.

Our heartfelt Christian love and sympathy is extended to Jennifer Crosby and family in the passing of her father, **Gary Kent Troyer**, on July 11, 2025.

MEMORIAL & HONORARIUM GIFTS

Building Fund

In memory of **Bill Gordy**

- by Kimberly and Blake Voltz
- by Celia Jenkins and Family

In memory of **Alicia Wood**

In memory of **Maggie Slayton Redden**

- both by Celia Jenkins and Family

In memory of **George Woodruff, II**

- by Betty Roberts

Music Fund

In honor of **Betty and Mike Hipps**

- by Barbara Waller

Ukraine Mission Fund

In memory of **Marilyn Fugh**

- by Tammy and Matthew Reynolds

A Reminder from the Altar Guild:

Each Sunday, our altar flowers are rearranged into smaller bouquets and delivered to members who are hospitalized, recovering from an illness or grieving a loss. On some Sundays, we have excess flower bouquets. If you know of someone who is celebrating a milestone, such as a special anniversary or a new baby, please contact the Church Office. If flowers are available, we would love to brighten their day.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

August 3, 2025

11:00 a.m. Traditional Service

The Chiming of the Hour

The Welcome & AnnouncementsMrs. Grace Bailey

The Choral Call to Worship.....*I Come with Joy*

The Cross and Flame Come to the Altar

The Prelude.....*Arioso*, by J. S. Bach

Violin, Ruslan Apostolov; Cello, Ina Apostolova

The Hymn of Celebration.....*I Am Thine, O Lord* (#419)

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.....Mrs. Bailey

*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.....Mrs. Bailey

The Offertory Anthem.....*In Remembrance*, by B. Red
Violin, Ruslan Apostolov

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.*

The Scripture Lesson.....Psalm 121 (p. 498)

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 Sermon.....*When I’m Running on Empty*, Rev. John Fugh, Jr.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion.....(#12)

The Hymn of Consecration.....*O Jesus, I Have Promised* (#396)

The Cross and Flame Go Before Us into the World

The Choral Benediction and Amen.....*Together Met, Together Bound*

The Postlude.....*Andante*, by J. Blewitt

The Church Returns to His World to Serve Him