

# WEEKLY BULLETIN

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Lately, I've been contemplating a quote by Thomas Merton: "There is a greater comfort in the substance of silence than in the answer to a question" (The Sign of Jonas). In this work, Merton journaled his experience as he entered a monastery and adjusted to the new rhythm of life. He suggested that true spiritual depth is not found in analytical answers or verbal clarity, but in silence—a presence filled, active silence. In this view, silence is not emptiness but a deeper communion with God. It's the space where our restless striving for explanations quiets, and we encounter something beyond words.

Rather than seeking comfort in answers, which are often temporary, limited, and intellectual, Merton proposed that silence itself becomes the spiritual answer where one is grounded in presence, humility, and surrender. It's the kind of silence Elijah experienced in the "still small voice" of 1 Kings 19:12. In the quiet whisper, Elijah found contentment and peace. In the wilderness and garden, Jesus embraced this quiet surrender.

Merton learned that questions arrive and then they disappear. They rise and fall like waves, but learning to embrace silence and a quiet surrender ushers the person into something more abiding—the presence of God. Learning to be comfortable with silence means stepping out of the cycle of needing to control, explain, or grasp. It is only then that one can rest in the mystery of things.

I have discovered the more I can live with mystery, the better attuned I am at seeing the beauty that is directly in front of me. Learning to be comfortable with silence helps me be fully present with those who cross my path.



## Traditional Worship

8:30 A.M.

Illges Chapel (M250)

Leader: Rev. John Fugh, Jr.

Sermon: *When I've Forgotten  
Who I Am*

Scripture Lesson:

Psalms 139:7-24

## Contemporary Worship

9:00 A.M.

Fellowship Hall (M220)

Leader: Rev. Dr. Shane Green

Sermon: Rooted Rhythms: Return  
with Purpose-Start with Stillness

Scripture Lesson:

Mark 1:35-37 and Psalm 131:1-2

## Traditional Worship

11:00 A.M.

Sanctuary (M260)

Leader: Rev. Dr. Shane Green

Sermon: Rooted Rhythms: Return  
with Purpose-Start with Stillness

Scripture Lesson:

Mark 1:35-37 and Psalm 131:1-2

Broadcast Live at 11:00 A.M. at [stpaulcolumbus.live](http://stpaulcolumbus.live)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### PARENTS of 3rd Graders

You have important  
dates ahead!

- Acolyte Training, August 10, 17, 24
- Promotion Sunday and Receiving New Bibles, August 24

Please contact [donna@stpaulcolumbus.com](mailto:donna@stpaulcolumbus.com)  
to make sure your child is involved!

### 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](mailto:grace@stpaulcolumbus.com)  
for more information.

FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER  
WILL BE BACK FOR DINE IN  
ON AUGUST 27

6:00 p.m - 7:00 p.m.

Fried and Rotisserie Chicken,  
Corn, Fried Okra, Cornbread,

Full Salad Bar & Dessert

PLEASE RSVP AT

[stpaulcolumbus.com/supper](http://stpaulcolumbus.com/supper)

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



BACK TO  
SCHOOL BASH

AUGUST 24, 5:30 P.M.



Fall 2025 Small Group Study  
[contact\\_grace@stpaulcolumbus.com](mailto:contact_grace@stpaulcolumbus.com)



A CONCERT OF  
8 REMARKABLE VOICES  
Sunday, September 28  
5:00 PM  
St. Paul Church of Columbus  
Free Admission

KIDMIN MOMENT

This week we are talking about **love**, one of the fruits of the spirit. The love Paul talks about starts with God. God loves us first, and that love flows through us to others. When we know we are loved by God, we share that love by caring for the people around us. In Greek, there are different words for love, and the one Paul uses is **agape**. Agape means the deep, selfless love that comes from God—the kind of love we’re called to show when we’re filled with the Spirit.



SPY MINISTRY

Sunday Night Youth at the Movies! Join us this Sunday as we head to see the new *Freakier Friday* movie! The movie time is 4:25 p.m.

Meet-Up Options:

- 1. Join at 3:45 p.m. at the Youth Building parking lot to ride to the movie together.
  - 2. Meet at 4:00 p.m. at the Hollywood Connection.
- Be sure to order your ticket online ahead of time to get a seat! Also, bring money for snacks and drinks. This is our last summer Sunday sabbath before regular SNY kicks off next week, August 17th — you don’t want to miss it! See you at the movies! We are giving out FREE T-SHIRTS!!





# AUGUST SCHEDULE

AUGUST 10TH	FREAKIER FRIDAY MOVIE NIGHT
AUGUST 17TH	FIRST SNY OF THE SCHOOL YEAR
AUGUST 24TH	BACK TO SCHOOL BASH / SPY PARENT MEETING
AUGUST 27TH	FIRST WNS OF SCHOOL YEAR
AUGUST 31ST	NO SNY - HOLIDAY WEEKEND

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THE WEEK AHEAD

- Sunday, August 10
- 8:30 AM Traditional Worship (M250)
  - 9:00 AM Contemporary Worship (M220)
  - 9:30 AM Weekly Communion (M250)
  - 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)
  - 3:45 Youth Movie Meetup (Youth Parking Lot)
  - 4:30 Acolyte Training (M220)

- Monday, August 11
- 1:30 PM Staff Meeting (M203)

- Wednesday, August 13
- 6:00 PM Beginner Handbell Class (M270)
  - 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (M260)

- Thursday, August 14
- 5:00 PM Artist Talk with Butch Anthony (Off Campus)

## TALK ABOUT IT:

Today's Sunday School Lesson  
for Preschool and Elementary  
Children

Fruit of the Spirit: Love (1  
Corinthians 13:1-13)

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:

- How do you feel when someone shows you love?
- How do you feel when you show love back to that person?
- How can you show love to someone today?

Prayer:

Thank you, God, for your love.  
Help us to show your love to  
others. Amen.



## CONNECTION CARD

## SERVING THIS WEEK

- 8:30 Acolytes: Gigi Gudger and Susie Gudger
- 11:00 Acolytes: Rivers Hamilton and Mae Murphy
- Cross Bearer: Davis Cochran
- Acolyte Helper: Sara Carver

## ALTAR GUILD

- Delivery: Mimi Copelan and Susan Middlebrooks
- 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 and in loving memory of **Mr. & Mrs. Benjamin H. Hardaway** and **Dr. & Mrs. Jack Hughston** by Edgar Hughston and family.

## MEMORIAL & HONORARIUM GIFTS

### **Building Fund**

In memory of **Marilyn Fugh**

- by Ginger and Larry Harper
- by Betty and Buddy Roberts

### **Children's Ministry**

In memory of **Betty Stinson**

- by Elizabeth and Gil McBride

### **Media Fund**

In memory of **Marilyn Fugh**

- by Mary Pat and Buford King

### **Wynnton Neighborhood Network**

In memory of **Marilyn Fugh**

- by Alice Douglas
- by William Myers

In memory of **Winfred Snooky Fowler**

- by William Myers

In honor of **Richard Wilson's** birthday

- by Alice Douglas

Altar Guild Reminder: Each week, our altar flowers are repurposed into small bouquets for those who are ill, grieving, or celebrating a special milestone. If you know someone who could use a lift, contact the Church Office—we'd love to share the joy when flowers are available.

If you've ever wanted to try handbells but have no experience, you're not alone! Learning the basics while jumping into new music can be tricky—so we're offering a Beginner Handbell Class. Join us on August 13, 20, and 27 from 6–7 PM (before Chancel Choir rehearsal). We'll cover techniques in a relaxed setting. If you're interested, please see Wayne Martz or call the office at 706-327-7419.

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

August 10, 2025

11:00 a.m. Traditional Service

## The Chiming of the Hour

The Welcome & Announcements.....Rev. John Fugh, Jr.

The Choral Call to Worship.....*Be Joyful*

## The Cross and Flame Come to the Altar

The Prelude.....*Jig Fugue*, by D. Buxtehude

The Hymn of Celebration.....*Sweet Hour of Prayer* (#496)

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.*

**Hymn of Preparation.....***Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart* (#500)

**The Leader:** *Let Us Worship God with His Tithes and Our Offerings.*

**The Offertory Prayer.....**Rev. Fugh

**The Offertory.....***Alleluia*, by R. Manuel

### **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...**Mark 1:35-37 (p. 813) and Psalm 131:1-2 (p. 500)

**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**

### **The Children's Moment**

*(Children ages K4-2nd graders are invited to go to Children's  
Church immediately following the Children's Sermon; children  
3 and younger are taken to the nursery by parents, Rm M235)*

**The Anthem.....***With a Voice of Singing*, by R. Shaw

**The Sermon.....***Rooted Rhythms: Return with Purpose-Start with Stillness*

Rev. Dr. Shane Green

**The Hymn of Consecration.....***It's Me, It's Me, O Lord* (#352)

### **The Cross and Flame Go Before Us into the World**

**The Choral Benediction and Amen.....***Go Now in Peace*

**The Postlude.....***Trumpet in Dialogue*, by L. Clerambault

### **The Church Returns to His World to Serve Him**