

# WEEKLY BULLETIN

2101 WILDWOOD AVENUE, COLUMBUS, GA 31906

## Promotion Sunday

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."— Psalm 119:105

Today we honor an important step in the lives of our children. Promotion Sunday reminds us of the sacred journey of faith: beginning in baptism, where God's covenant promises are spoken over each child, and continuing now as our 6th graders begin their confirmation journey—preparing to one day stand before the church and profess their faith in Christ.

As children move into new classes, we give thanks for God's guiding hand and the steady encouragement of this church family. Additionally, we offer gratitude for parents who nurture faith at home and for teachers who give of themselves in devotion and love, shaping young disciples for a lifetime of following Jesus.

During the 11:00 service, our 3rd graders will be entrusted with Bibles—God's living Word—to light their path and sustain them as they continue to grow in Christ.

## Third Graders Receiving Bibles

**Elinor "Nora" Young Arnett  
Beau Rogers Cochran  
William Edward Coffman  
Greyson Kinser Crosby  
John Burl Roberts David  
Camille Dianne Forsyth**

**Bruce Allan Getz, III  
Mary Elyce Klinger  
Dawson Charles Laney  
Sanford Rush McMurphy, III  
Robert Lee Springer, III  
Robert Parker Varner, III**

### Traditional Worship

8:30 A.M.

Illges Chapel (M250)

Leader: Rev. John Fugh, Jr.

Sermon: *Practicing Trust:*

*When You Can't Fix It*

Scripture Lesson:

Proverbs 3:5-6 and Romans 8:28

### Contemporary Worship

9:00 A.M.

Fellowship Hall (M220)

Leader: Rev. Dr. Shane Green

Sermon: *Rooted Rhythms:*

*Return with Purpose-  
Don't Reverse the Order*

Scripture Lesson:

Genesis 2:1-3 &  
Matthew 11:25-30

### Traditional Worship

11:00 A.M.

Sanctuary (M260)

Leader: Rev. Dr. Shane Green

Sermon: *Rooted Rhythms:*

*Return with Purpose-  
Don't Reverse the Order*

Scripture Lesson:

Genesis 2:1-3 &  
Matthew 11:25-30

# EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES



**BACK TO SCHOOL BASH  
TODAY FROM 5:30-7:00  
HEWITT QUAD**

Fall 2025 Small Group Study

**LESSONS  
FROM THE  
KINGS**

SHANE  
GREEN

contact [grace@stpaulcolumbus.com](mailto:grace@stpaulcolumbus.com)

**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)

## **PASTORS & PROGRAM STAFF**

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**DISCIPLE 1**  
BECOMING DISCIPLES  
THROUGH BIBLE  
STUDY

THIS STUDY PRESENTS  
THE WHOLENESS OF  
THE BIBLE AS A  
REVELATION OF GOD.

BEGINS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7  
10:00 AM  
Contact Sarah Rumph at  
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or 678-595-0475

**HANDBELL  
CHOIR**  
WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

**YOU'RE  
INVITED!**

**BEGINNERS WELCOME!**

**ADULT  
MINISTRY  
EVENT**

**Friday, September 19**  
A trip to **BOTANIC** in Opelika  
for lunch and shopping!  
Church bus leaves St. Paul at 11 AM  
Contact: [grace@stpaulcolumbus.com](mailto:grace@stpaulcolumbus.com)  
for more information.  
Space is limited, so RSVP today.

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

## KIDMIN MOMENT



This week we're learning about gentleness through Psalm 23. This psalm reminds us that God is like a gentle shepherd who cares for us, guides us, and provides everything we need. Just like sheep feel safe with their shepherd, we can feel safe knowing God is always with us—even in hard times. God gently leads us, protects us, and surrounds us with love that never stops.

## NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

- 3s – Parents serve on a rotation
- Pre-K/Kindergarten (Combined) – Laine Klinger & Shelley Hill
- 1st–2nd Grade (Combined) – Rebecca Hamilton & Katherine Coffman
- 3rd Grade – Mandy Gill & Jake & Carly Gudger
- 4th–5th Grade – Mary Dell & Bob Borneman
- 6th Grade Confirmation – Tammy & Matthew Reynolds

Where to Go:

- Preschool–2nd Grade: Lower level of the Main Building
- 3rd–6th Grade: Upper level of the Youth Building

Back to School Bash – TODAY! 5:30 -7:00 p.m.

- Dinner on the grill with Shane & John
- Water fun for kids – sprinklers, water balloons, and water blasters on the quad

## SPY MINISTRY



BACK TO SCHOOL BASH is this afternoon from 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.! Parents, there will be a quick informative meeting in the 6th grade Confirmation classroom in the Youth Building. This is to answer any questions regarding our new SNY split format starting September 7th, and to give out dates regarding SPY events and trips. There's no SNY next weekend due to the Labor Day holiday.

## SNY IS SPLITTING SEPTEMBER 7

New times will be:

- 5:00–6:00 p.m. – Middle School
- 6:00–6:30 p.m. – Snack Supper (both groups together)
- 6:30–7:30 p.m. – High School

## THE WEEK AHEAD

**Sunday, August 24**

8:30 AM Traditional Worship  
(M250)

9:00 AM Contemporary Worship  
(M220)

9:30 AM Weekly Communion  
(M250)

10:00 AM Cross Bearer Training  
(M260)

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)

11:00 AM Promotion Sunday - 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Graders Receive Bibles (M260)

2:00 PM Spring Harbor Worship  
(Off Campus)

4:00 PM Girls High School Bible  
Study (Y104)

4:30 PM Acolyte Training (M220)

5:30 PM Back to School Bash

**Monday, August 25**

1:30 PM Staff Meeting (M203)

**Tuesday, August 26**

9:30 AM Yoga Redeemed (M235)

4:00 PM Spring Harbor Bible  
Study (Off Campus)

**Wednesday, August 27**

5:00 PM Beginner Handbell Class  
(M270)

6:00 PM Family Night Supper  
(M220)

7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
(M260)

## TALK ABOUT IT:

Today's Sunday School Lesson  
for Preschool and Elementary  
Children

Fruit of the Spirit: Gentleness  
(Psalm 23:1-6)

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:

- Can you think of a time when someone showed gentleness to you?
- How did it make you feel when someone was gentle in his or her actions towards you?
- How can you show gentleness to others?

Prayer:

Thank you, God, for your gentle  
care for us. Please help  
gentleness grow inside our lives  
and give us hearts filled with  
love. Amen.

## SERVING THIS WEEK

- 8:30 Acolytes: Edie Getz and Katie Fugh
- 11:00 Acolytes: Mary Ellen Lane and Ruthie Springer
- Cross Bearer: Gardner Fields
- Acolyte Helper: Lucy Cochran

## ALTAR GUILD

- Sanctuary: Betty Roberts
- Chapel: Eliza Brewer, Dori Jones, and Liz Lampton
- Delivery: Dori Jones

## USHERS

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

## IN MEMORIUM



Anne Hinson Douglas  
August 10, 1928 - August 15, 2025

The flowers on the Sanctuary Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Janet Pulliam Gray** by her daughter, Roxann Gray Daniel.

The flowers on the Chapel Altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of **Rev. John Fugh, Jr.** by the Gower family.

## MEMORIAL & HONORARIUM GIFTS

### Childrens Ministry

In memory of **Betty Stinson**

- by Sharon Bunn and Carol Henderson

### Media Fund

In memory of **Marilyn Fugh**

- by Sharon Bunn and Carol Henderson
- by Erwin Key
- by Ann Norris
- by Anne Walton

### Music Fund

In memory of **Marilyn Fugh**

- by Marjorie Newman

### Wynnton Neighborhood Network

In memory of **Marilyn Fugh**

- by Sandy and Ken Coolik

### Wildwood Class

In honor of **Bob and Linda Patton**

- by Betty Roberts

Acolyte Consecration is coming up! We will consecrate our new Acolytes during the 11:00 a.m. Traditional worship service on Sunday, September 14. Join us in celebrating their commitment to serve.

Ever wanted to give handbells a try? 🎵 Join us for a fun, no-pressure Beginner Handbell Class on August 27 at 5:00 p.m. (right before Family Night Supper). We'll learn the basics together in a relaxed setting—no experience needed! Come see Wayne Martz or call the office at 706-327-7419 to join the fun.

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

August 24, 2025

11:00 a.m. Traditional Service

**The Chiming of the Hour**

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

**The Choral Call to Worship**.....*Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*

**The Cross and Flame Come to the Altar**

**The Prelude**.....*Praeludium in F*, by J.S. Bach

**The Hymn of Celebration**.....*In the Garden* (#314)

**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 Presentation of Bibles to Third Graders**.....(see insert)

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

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

**The Offertory**.....*Adagio*, by G.F. Handel

**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**....Genesis 2:1-3 (p. 2) & Matthew 11:25-30 (p. 792)

**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**.....Mrs. Donna Hightower

*(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**.....*O Come, Angel Band*, Arr. S Curry

Guitar - Caroline Laney, Mandolin - Wayne Martz,

Keyboard - Jill Honeycutt

**The Sermon**

*Rooted Rhythms: Return with Purpose - Don't Reverse the Order*

Rev. Dr. Shane Green

**The Hymn of Consecration**.....*I Know Whom I Have Believed* (#714)

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

**The Choral Benediction and Amen**.....*O Bear Me Away*

**The Postlude**.....*Fuga in F*, by J.S. Bach

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