

# WEEKLY BULLETIN

2101 WILDWOOD AVENUE, COLUMBUS, GA 31906

Acolyte Consecration Sunday is a time when we pause to remember that worship is not something that “just happens,” but something carefully prepared for, set apart, and offered to God. Acolytes help set the stage for worship in a profound way. When they light the candles, carry the cross, and serve with reverence, they are reminding the whole congregation that what we do here is holy. Their service helps usher us into the presence of God and prepares our hearts to focus on Him. In this way, acolytes are not simply helping the pastor; they are ministering to the entire church family by pointing us toward the sacredness of the moment.

On this day, we also recognize that worship is the calling of the whole body of Christ. From the youngest child who learns to carry the flame of the light of Christ, to adults who read Scripture, offer prayers, lead music, usher and greet, every age and stage of life has a part in glorifying God through worship. What unites all of us is the central truth that worship is never a performance for one another. It is not for applause or approval. Worship is always for an audience of One—God Himself. As children take their place in the service of worship, we are reminded that the heart of every act we do—whether big or small—is to give glory and honor to the Lord who alone is worthy.



Traditional Worship  
8:30 A.M.

Illges Chapel (M250)  
Rev. John Fugh, Jr.

*Practicing Confession: The  
Grace of Telling the Truth*  
Psalm 32:1-7 & 1 John 1:5-9

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Contemporary Worship  
9:00 A.M.

Fellowship Hall (M220)  
Rev. Dr. Shane Green  
with Gil McBride

*The Journey of a Disciple:  
The Porch (Welcoming the  
Triune God)*  
2 Corinthians 13:14 &  
Ephesians 4:4-6

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Traditional Worship  
11:00 A.M.

Sanctuary (M260)  
Rev. Dr. Shane Green  
with Gil McBride

*The Journey of a Disciple:  
The Porch (Welcoming the  
Triune God)*  
2 Corinthians 13:14 &  
Ephesians 4:4-6

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



## EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES



Carol and Covenant Choirs have practice this afternoon. Snack Supper is for both Choirs at 5:30. Then, choirs will practice together from 6:00-6:30 p.m. in room M235. **The children will sing at the 11:00 a.m. worship service on September 28!** Watch for reminders from Julia Green in the Remind App.



Our Confirmand Class will visit Holy Family on September 20, at 4:50 p.m. Please contact our Director of Children's Ministry at the email [donna@stpaulcolumbus.com](mailto:donna@stpaulcolumbus.com) if you have any questions. Also, please make sure that Donna is aware that your Confirmand will attend.



Please consider contributing your Georgia State tax dollars to the Methodist Home for Children and Youth. This will benefit those furthering their education after high school. Your contribution will be written off for any state-liable funds. Use the QR code or see [themethodisthome.org/tax-credit](http://themethodisthome.org/tax-credit).



Adult Ministries will visit Botanic on Friday, September 19. Join us for lunch and shopping in Opelika. Lunch is Dutch treat; bus travel is a donation of bath or skin care products for Open Door's Circles program. Depart St. Paul at 11 a.m., return by 5:30 p.m. Space is limited—[grace@stpaulcolumbus.com](mailto:grace@stpaulcolumbus.com).



Save the date for Sunday, September 28! Stellarum, an ensemble of eight remarkable singers, including our own Julia Green, will present a special evening of music. This will be at 5:00 p.m. in the St. Paul Sanctuary. Admission is free!

**NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO LADIES TMBS ON SEPTEMBER 16.**

### LITURGICAL COLOR: GREEN

**Green, the color of living things, symbolizes renewal, life, and spiritual growth. Just as plants grow steadily over time, we too are called to grow in grace, faith, and love as we follow Christ in the ordinary rhythms of our lives.**

### FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER

ON SEPTEMBER 17

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

Baked Chicken, Green

Beans, Rice, Rolls, Full Salad

Bar & Dessert, PLUS Corn

Dogs and French Fries for

Kids! PLEASE RSVP

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

### PASTORS & PROGRAM STAFF

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## KIDMIN MOMENT



When Joseph was 17, his brothers sold him, and he ended up in Egypt working for a man named Potiphar. Joseph did his best, but Potiphar's wife told a lie, and Joseph was put in prison. Even there, Joseph helped people by explaining their dreams with God's help. No matter what happened, God was always with Joseph and had a plan for his life. Joseph's journey continued, and through it all, God was present.

## SPY MINISTRY



It's week two with our new split SNY format! Last week was awesome! It's also week two of our "Disciples" lessons. This week we will learn about Andrew, who invited someone on his journey. Come learn how you can be like Andrew in inviting others to come along for the journey with Jesus. Idea: Invite someone today to our Snack Supper of Poppyseed Chicken! Our Encounter Fall Retreat registration is now live! Dates: Nov. 21st-23rd. Cost:\$250. Location: St. Simons Island, GA. Scan the QR code to sign up online.



## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY



We're launching The Foundry—a new class for young adults (20s–early 30s)—on Sunday, September 28 at 10:00 a.m. in Room Y101. We'll begin with a study called *Adulting*, exploring what it means to follow Christ in everyday life. Bring a friend and join us!

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Sunday, September 14

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 Disciple 1 Bible Study (Library)  
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)  
3:30 PM Troop 1 Award Ceremony (Boy Scouts) (M220)  
4:30 PM Troop 1 Gathering (M232)  
4:30 High School Girls Bible Study (Y104)  
5:00 PM SNY for Middle School (Y210)  
5:30 Snack Supper for Children's Choirs (M220)  
6:00 PM Snack Supper for Youth (M220)  
6:00 PM Children's Choirs (M235)  
6:30 PM SNY for High School (Y210)

### Monday, September 15

5:30 PM Finance Meeting (M234)  
6:30 PM Administrative Council Meeting (M232)

### Tuesday, September 16

9:30 AM Yoga Redeemed (M235)  
11:00 AM God's Grace Bible Study (M234)  
4:00 PM Spring Harbor Bible Study (Off Campus)

### Wednesday, September 17

4:15 PM CHS Alumni Meeting (M232)  
5:00 PM Beginner Handbell Class (M270)  
6:00 PM Family Night Supper (M220)  
7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (M260)

### Thursday, September 18

6:30 AM Mens Bible Study (M232)  
9:30 AM Preschool Moms Bible Study (M234)  
11:30 AM Safehouse Ministries Ministers Luncheon (Off Campus)

### Friday, September 19

11:00 AM "Botanic" in Opelika (Off Campus)

### Saturday, September 20

4:50 PM Confirmand Class Visit to Holy Family (Off Campus)



## TALK ABOUT IT:

Today's Sunday School Lesson  
for Preschool and Elementary  
Children

Joseph in Egypt

(Genesis 39:1-40:23)

Anchor Point – God is with us  
wherever we go.

Say the Bible verse together:  
The Lord was with Joseph.

(Genesis 39:2)

Questions for family discussion:

-What are some difficult things  
that have happened to you in  
your life?

-What or who helps you  
remember that God is with you  
when difficult things happen?

-When do you feel God's  
presence?

Prayer:

Thank you, God, for your  
constant presence in our lives  
and for the people around us who  
help us through the good and  
bad times. Amen.

## SERVING THIS WEEK

- 8:30 Bennett Fields and  
Camille Pease
- 11:00 Acolytes: Elizabeth  
Chester and Della Stone
- Cross Bearer: Anna Gosling
- Acolyte Helper: Sara  
Carver

## ALTAR GUILD

- Chapel: Whitney Pease and  
Frances Raybon
- Delivery: Mimi Copelan and  
Susan Middlebrooks

## USHERS

- (8:30) Ken Crumpler, Stan  
Copelan
- (11:00) Charlie Jarrell  
(Lead), Jay Marvets, Guy  
Kenimer, Jr., Jeff Beck, Bill  
Pound, Brad Hill



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The flowers on the Sanctuary Altar today are  
given to the Glory of God and in loving  
memory of **Helen Lovein and Harry Cook  
Jackson** by Helen Jackson Burgin and family.

Our Christian love and heartfelt sympathy is  
extended to Yulane Wilson and her family in  
the loss of her sister, **Fay Pearson Allen**, on  
August 6, 2025.



We welcome our newest  
member to St. Paul,  
**Amanda Osborn**. Amanda  
joined last Sunday on  
September 7, 2025.  
Amanda, we are delighted  
that you have chosen St.  
Paul as your church home.

## MEMORIAL & HONORARIUM GIFTS

### Altar Guild

In memory of **Anne Douglas**  
• by Donna and Kerry Hand

### Building Fund

In memory of **Bill Ploeger**  
• by Ann Norris

### Children's Ministry

In memory of **Bill Ploeger**  
• by Eddie Branch

### General Fund

In honor of the **St. Paul Maintenance and  
Custodial Staff**  
• by Riley Middleton, Jr.

### Media Fund

In memory of **Marilyn Fugh**  
• by Glenn and John Springer

### Music Fund

In memory of **Anne Douglas**  
• by Ann Norris  
• by Ann Williamson  
In memory of **Marilyn Fugh**  
• by Ann Williamson



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ST. PAUL GIVING

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 14, 2025

11:00 a.m. Traditional Service

**The Chiming of the Hour**

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

**The Choral Call to Worship**.....*This Is the Day*

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

**The Prelude**.....*Duet*, by Alessi/Sachs  
Trombone and Trumpet

**The Hymn of Celebration**.....*God of Grace and God of Glory* (#577)

**The Retiring of Cross Bearers**.....Mrs. Donna Hightower

Miles Baker	Fontaine Dixon	Henry Gosling	Josie Park
Lovett Beck	Gardner Fields	Rece Gudger	Hattie Pease
James Boyd	Julianna Fields	Sam Hubbard	Gates Raybon
Jack Carver	Helen Godfrey	Jack Jordan	Mac Trotter
Davis Cochran	Anna Gosling	Kate Martin	

**The Retiring of Acolytes**.....Mrs. Donna Hightower

Katie Fugh	Edie Getz	Mary Ellen Lane
Ruthie Springer	Lola Waldrep	

**Introduction of new Acolytes** (see insert).....Rev. Dr. Shane Green

Elinor "Nora" Young Arnett	Mary Elyce Klinger
Beau Rogers Cochran	Dawson Charles Laney
William Edward Coffman	Sanford Rush McMurphy, III
John Burl Roberts David	Robert Lee Springer, III
Camille Dianne Forsyth	Robert Parker Varner, III
Bruce Allan Getz, III	

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

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

**The Offertory**.....*Eternal Source of Light Divine*, 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**.....2 Corinthians 13:14 & Ephesians 4:4-6 (all ESV)

**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 dismissed to go to Children’s Church; children 3 and younger are taken to the nursery by parents, Room M235)*

**The Anthem**.....*The Lone, Wild Bird*, by D. Johnson

**The Sermon**.....*The Journey of a Disciple: The Porch*  
*(Welcoming the Triune God)*

Rev. Dr. Shane Green and The Hon. Gil McBride

**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**.....*Three-fold Amen*

**The Postlude**.....*Toccata Energico*, by L. Smith

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