

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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The earliest followers of Jesus understood something vital: faith does not grow by accident—it grows by devotion. Acts 2 tells us that the first believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teachings. This wasn't a casual interest, but a deliberate commitment. They built habits of study, prayer, and fellowship, repeating them day after day until they became the rhythm of their lives.

The discipline of study is about more than gathering information; it is about transformation. Each time we open Scripture, meditate on God's Word, or study together, we are shaping our minds and hearts to reflect Christ. Like any practice, repetition leads to formation. What begins as discipline eventually becomes delight, and what once felt like effort becomes our "new normal."

Maturation of faith happens this way. Through deliberate choices forged over time, we grow. Just as no athlete is formed overnight, no disciple matures without consistent practice. When we devote ourselves to study, we are choosing the long path of growth. These repeated habits build a life where the Spirit's voice is more familiar, God's wisdom more natural, and Christ's character more evident.

As we journey together as a church family, may we commit ourselves again to the rhythm of study. John Wesley once said that he was a *homo unius libri*—"a man of one book." By this, he meant that the Scriptures were his primary source of life, faith, and practice. While he read widely, he was shaped most deeply by the Word of God. In the same way, let us be a people of one book.

Brooke and I would love for you to join us for our St. Paul Marriage Retreat, January 9–11, 2026, at the beautiful Pursell Farms Resort in Sylacauga, AL. It's the perfect setting for rest, renewal, and reconnection. The cost is \$1000 per couple, and space is limited. Please RSVP soon at stpaulcolumbus.com/events/marriage. We can't wait to share this meaningful weekend with you!

Traditional Worship
8:30 A.M.

Illges Chapel (M250)
Rev. Dr. Shane Green
with Mrs. Jamie Farmer
*The Journey of a Disciple:
The Study (Growing through
Disciplines)*
Acts 2:42-47

Contemporary Worship
9:00 A.M.

Fellowship Hall (M220)
Rev. Dr. Shane Green
with Mrs. Jamie Farmer
*The Journey of a Disciple:
The Study (Growing through
Disciplines)*
Acts 2:42-47

Traditional Worship
11:00 A.M.

Sanctuary (M260)
Rev. Dr. Shane Green
with Mrs. Jamie Farmer
*The Study (Growing through
Disciplines)*
Acts 2:42-47

Broadcast Live at 11:00
at stpaulcolumbus.live

EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES



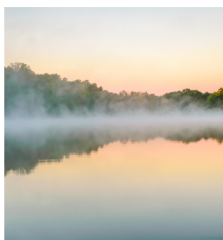
Join us for a night of fall fun on Wednesday, October 29, for Trunk or Treat! Kids can enjoy a costume parade after Family Night Supper, and everyone's invited to enter the Chili Cookoff! After eating hot dogs with chili, we'll head to the youth parking lot for Trunk or Treat. Bring the whole family!



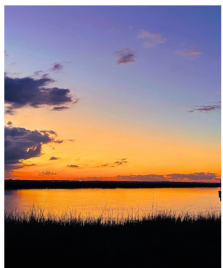
On Thursday, October 30, at 6:30 p.m., in room #232, our Adult Ministries group will meet to make Chrismon Balls. Claudia Garrard will guide us in creating our very own keepsake. The cost is \$30. Light refreshments will be served and a nursery will be provided if requested by October 23. Payment may be made on the 30th - cash or check made payable to St. Paul.



Travel with St. Paul to Italy! Join us June 2-11 for the trip of a lifetime as we explore Florence, Rome, and Naples. Don't miss this opportunity to experience the beauty, history, and faith of Italy with your church family! To reserve your spot, contact the church office at 706-327-7419, or contact shane@stpaulcolumbus.com.



Our 6th Grade Confirmation Class will travel to Shocco Springs in Talladega, AL for our annual retreat on November 14-16. The cost is \$225, which pays for lodging, meals, and activities. Payment is due by November 1. Contact donna@stpaulcolumbus.com with any questions.



The St. Paul Youth Encounter Fall Retreat will be November 21-23 at Epworth by the Sea in St. Simons, GA. The cost is \$250. Please contact laura@stpaulcolumbus.com to secure your teen's spot on this amazing trip! Your child will experience God in a profound way in this beautiful natural setting.

FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER

ON OCTOBER 15

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

Beef & Broccoli, Chicken Teriyaki, Vegetable Stir Fry, Jasmine Rice, Egg Rolls, Full Salad Bar & Dessert: Mini Corn Dogs & Fries for Kids.
stpaulcolumbus.com/supper

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CHILDRENS CHOIRS

Childrens' Choirs will meet tonight at 5:30. Be on the lookout for information about the December Musical.



KIDMIN MOMENT

God called Moses in a powerful way—speaking to him from a burning bush and asking him to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. Though Moses felt unworthy and afraid, God promised to be with him every step of the way. Like Moses, we may doubt ourselves at times, but God still calls us and guides us to do His work with courage and faith.



Club 45 Lunch & Mission is TODAY! All 4th and 5th graders are invited for faith, fellowship, and fun from noon-2:00 p.m.! We'll enjoy lunch together and head out for a Grocery Store Scavenger Hunt to collect items for the Wynnton Neighborhood Network. Cost: \$10. Don't miss it!



Other dates to add to your calendar:

Nov. 9 - Club 45 Lunch - 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. - Cost \$5

Nov. 14-16 - Confirmation Retreat - Shocco Springs

SPY MINISTRY

SPLIT SUNDAY NIGHT is tonight! We will have Chicken Fingers and Fries for supper! Remember that this Friday, Middle School will go to Urban Air from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.!



Over the next 4 weeks, Youth will compete by grade to see who can bring the most friends to SS and SNY!

- 1 person = 1 point
- Big events & Sunday School = 2 points
- Winning grade = *Six Flags Over Georgia* trip for the whole Sunday (on Nov. 9th)!

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Fun? Absolutely! That's how we do Adult Ministry! We've just launched this new program, and we're so excited to create a space for adults to grow in faith together. Sundays at 10:00 a.m. in Y101.



THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, October 12

8:30 AM Traditional Worship (M250)

9:00 AM Contemporary Worship (M220)

9:30 Weekly Communion (M260)

10:00 AM Bridges SS Class (M235)

10:00 AM Disciple 1 Bible Study (Library)

10:00 AM Foundry Class (Y101)

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)

12:00 PM Club 45 Lunch and Mission (Off Campus)

2:00 PM Spring Harbor Worship (Off Campus)

5:00 SNY Middle School (Y210)

5:30 PM Snack Supper for Children's Choirs (M220)

6:00 PM Children's Choirs (M235)

6:00 PM Snack Supper for Youth (M220)

6:30 PM SNY High School (Y210)

Monday, October 13

Columbus Day

1:30 PM Staff Meeting (M203)

Tuesday, October 14

9:30 AM Yoga Redeemed (M235)

10:00 AM TMBS (M232)

11:00 AM God's Grace Bible Study (M234)

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

Wednesday, October 15

5:00 PM Handbell Practice (M270)

6:00 PM Family Night Supper (M220)

7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (M260)

Thursday, October 16

6:30 AM Mens Bible Study (M232)

9:30 AM Preschool Moms Bible Study (M234)

1:00 PM Pastors' Lunch (M207)

Friday, October 17

4:00 PM Emma Davis / Cole Riley

Wedding Rehearsal (M260)

5:00 PM Urban Air Afternoon - Middle School (Off Campus)

Saturday, October 18

5:00 PM Emma Davis / Cole Riley

Wedding (M260)

TALK ABOUT IT:

Today's Sunday School Lesson for Preschool and Elementary Children
The Burning Bush (Exodus 2:11-3:22)
Anchor Point – We remember God's powerful acts. Say the Bible verse together: "I'll set you free with great power." (Exodus 6:6)

Questions for family discussion:
- God asked Moses to go to Egypt and ask Pharaoh to set the Israelite slaves free. What is God asking you to do? What opportunities do you have to do God's work?
-What excuses do you use to get out of things you feel God would want you to do? How do you think God would reply to your excuses?
-God's reply to Moses' excuses was, "I will be with you." With God's help, how can you do God's work in the upcoming week?

Prayer:
Thank you, God, for always being with us. Show us what you want us to do. Amen.

SERVING THIS WEEK

- (8:30) Acolytes: Bennett Fields and Louise Fowler
- (11:00) Acolytes: Ann Coleman and Camille Pease
- Cross Bearer: Baker Bohannon
- Acolyte Helper: Sara Carver

ALTAR GUILD

- Chapel: Carolyn Perry and Katie Bickerstaff
- Delivery: Mimi Copelan and Susan Middlebrooks

USHERS

- (8:30) Ken Crumpler, Stan Copelan
- (11:00) Jeff Hudson (lead), Jay Pease, Adam Pease, Parker Swift, Tommy Watkins, Bobby Baker

IN MEMORIAM

Elizabeth Carol Dent Auten

September 29, 2025

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Dr. Davis Ronald Watson, Sr.**, by his wife, Janice Watson, in celebration of their October 15th wedding anniversary.

MEMORIAL & HONORARIUM GIFTS

Altar Fund

In memory of **Bill Ploeger**
• by Peggy Gray

Building Fund

In memory of **John Mayher**
• by Ginger and Larry Harper
In memory of **Carol Auten**
• by Betty and Buddy Roberts
• by Ginger and Larry Harper

Music Fund

In memory of **John Mayher**
• by Kay and Crow Gudger

Wesley/Miller-Wilson Class

In memory of **Carol Auten**
• by Betty and Mike Hipps

Ukraine Ministry

In memory of **Clark Stallings**
• by Peggy Gray



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

October 12, 2025

11:00 a.m. Traditional Service

The Chiming of the Hour

The Welcome & Announcements.....Mrs. Laura Marvets

The Choral Call to Worship.....*Come, We That Love the Lord* (#732)

The Cross and Flame Come to the Altar

The Prelude.....*Lamb of God*, by T. Paris; arr M. Hayes

The Hymn of Celebration.....*Come, Christians, Join to Sing* (#158)

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. Marvets

*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 Hymn of Preparation.....*Take Time to Be Holy (#395)*

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

The Offertory Prayer.....*Mrs. Marvets*

The Offertory*People Need the Lord, by Nelson/McHugh; arr B. Wolaver*

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.....*Acts 2:42-47*

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

The Anthem.....*Be Not Afraid, by C. Courtney*

The Sermon.....*The Journey of a Disciple: The Study
(Growing through Disciplines)*

Rev. Dr. Green and Mrs. Jamie Farmer

The Hymn of Consecration.....*Dear Lord and Father of Mankind (#358)*

The Cross and Flame Go Before Us into the World

The Choral Benediction and Amen.....*Three-fold Amen*

The Postlude.....*O How He Loves You and Me, by K. Kaiser; arr M. Hayes*

The Church Returns to His World to Serve Him