

WEEKLY BULLETIN

2101 WILDWOOD AVENUE, COLUMBUS, GA 31906

Over the last six weeks, I've asked different church members to share how they have experienced the work of God's Spirit in their lives. They have shared how they have studied, prayed, served, celebrated the sacraments, and welcomed others in the house God is building among and in us.

Thank you to Gil McBride, Nan Konze, Jake and Carly Gudger, Helen Burgin, Jamie Farmer, and Rebecca Westerman for opening your hearts and stories to us. Your reflections helped us see that discipleship is not just something we study but something we live. Through your honesty, faith, and love, we have seen what it means to grow in grace, to love with generosity, and to follow Christ more deeply.

Exploring the rooms of God's house—walking through the door with faith, feasting at the table, praying in the study, connecting our gifts in the hallway, growing close to each other in the den, and inviting others from the front porch, leads us toward faith maturity. It is not enough to simply visit this house; we are called to dwell. To make our home in Christ is to allow His love to reshape every part of our lives. As we do, we carry that love into the world so that others may find their way into God's home of grace. May we continue to be a people who not only enter the house of faith but live as its witnesses by welcoming, learning, serving, and inviting others to share in the joy of belonging to Christ.



Traditional Worship

8:30 A.M.

Illges Chapel (M250)

Rev. John Fugh

Renewed Hope: Receiving Hope

Lamentations 3:19-26

Contemporary Worship

9:00 A.M.

Fellowship Hall (M220)

Rev. Dr. Shane Green

The Journey of a Disciple: Into the House (The Power of Simple Obedience)

2 Kings 5:1-19

Traditional Worship

11:00 A.M.

Sanctuary (M260)

Rev. Dr. Shane Green

The Journey of a Disciple: Into the House (The Power of Simple Obedience)

2 Kings 5:1-19

Broadcast Live at 11:00

at stpaulcolumbus.live

"So Naaman went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times, as the man of God had told him. But his flesh was restored, and became clean like that of a young boy."

EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES



It's time for Trunk or Treat! Join us for a fun-filled fall night on Wednesday, October 29, at 6:00 p.m.! Start the evening at Family Night Supper and enter your best recipe in our Chili Cookoff. Then, enjoy a kids' costume parade and head to the youth parking lot for Trunk or Treat! Bring the whole family!



Come join us on Thursday, October 30, at 6:30 p.m. in Room 232 for a fun evening of creativity and fellowship! Our Adult Ministries group will be making beautiful Chrismon Balls, led by Claudia Garrard. You'll craft a keepsake to treasure for years to come. The cost is \$30, and light refreshments will be served.



Hope Harbour provides a safe haven for victims of domestic violence. During Domestic Violence Awareness Month, we invite you to help meet the needs of women seeking refuge by donating toiletries, linens, and socks. A full list of needed items is available through Sunday School and on our social media. Donations may be brought to the St. Paul office, and they will be delivered to Hope Harbour.



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. See stpaulcolumbus.com/events/. We can't wait for this weekend with you!



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.

FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER

ON OCTOBER 29

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



Chili, Hot Dogs, and Baked Potato Bar.

Special Dessert: Dirt Cake.

Then Trunk or Treat!

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CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

Children's Choirs will meet tonight at 5:30. The Children's Christmas Musical will be on Wednesday, December 17 at 6:30 p.m.!



KIDMIN MOMENT

After leaving Egypt, the Israelites were afraid of the unknown and complained to Moses, but God reminded them to trust Him. When Pharaoh's army pursued them, God showed His power by parting the waters of the Red Sea, allowing the Israelites to escape. This story teaches that even when we feel scared or trapped, we can trust God to be with us and guide us through challenges.

God helped the Israelites escape from Pharaoh by parting the Red Sea, showing that we can always trust Him to be with us when we are scared.

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

Nov. 14 - Sabbath before Sunday - 4:00 p.m.

Dec 5 - Sabbath before Sunday - 4:00 p.m.

Dec. 5 - Club 45 - Dinner and Ice Skating-5:30-8 p.m.

SPY MINISTRY

St. Paul Youth Bounce-o-Ween is Tonight! 🎃 Join us 5:30–7:30 p.m. for a fun, combined event for all grades! We'll have inflatables and bouncy houses for everyone to enjoy. Feel free to wear a Halloween costume if you're in the spirit! Bring \$1 for snack supper, and we'll share the latest Battle of the Grades update.



Don't forget—the deadline to sign up for Fall Retreat is coming in just one week. Make sure you register now if you plan to attend!

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

This past Sunday, we studied how being single is a gift and how God uses this season of our lives for our growth and His glory. Sometimes, society seems to look down on those who are single, but we are learning to embrace it for His purpose.



THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, October 26

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)

2:00 PM Spring Harbor Worship (Off Campus)

3:30 PM Boy Scouts Troop 1 Award Ceremony (M220)

5:30 PM SNY Bounce-O-Ween (Quad)

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)

Monday, October 27

1:30 PM Staff Meeting (M203)

Tuesday, October 28

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 29

5:00 PM Handbell Practice (M270)

6:00 PM Family Night Supper (M220)

6:30 PM Trunk or Treat (Youth Parking Lot)

7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (M260)

Thursday, October 30

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study (M232)

9:30 AM Preschool Moms Bible Study (M234)

1:00 PM Pastors' Lunch (M207)

6:30 PM Chrismon Making (M232)

LITURGICAL COLOR: GREEN

Green is the color of Ordinary Time, representing life, growth, and hope. Even as the days grow shorter and leaves begin to turn, green reminds us that God is always at work, nurturing our faith, and helping us grow in grace each day—just as plants continue to thrive in sunlight and rain.

Today's Sunday School Lesson
for Preschool and Elementary
Children
Crossing the Sea (Exodus 13:17–
14:31)
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:
- When the Israelites left Egypt,
they were leaving a life of slavery.
You would think this would have
made them happy! But the
Israelites were afraid.
Think about a time you started at
a new school, began a new
activity, or moved to a new place.
How does it feel to do something
new? What feels good about new
things? What is difficult about
starting something new?
-No matter what you are doing,
you can trust God to be with you.
God will help you find a way.
What or who helps you
remember God's presence? How
does it feel to know God is with
you?

Prayer:
Thank you, God, for your great
power and for always being with
us. Amen.

SERVING THIS WEEK

- (8:30) Acolytes: Gigi
Gudger and Susie Gudger
- (11:00) Acolytes: SaSa
Varner and Mims Watkins
- Cross Bearer: TBD
- Acolyte Helper: Sara
Varner

ALTAR GUILD

- Sanctuary: Cathryn Pease
- Chapel: Carolyn Perry and
Katie Bickerstaff
- Delivery: Becky Baker and
Dori Jones

USHERS

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



The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory
of God and in honor of the birthdays of **Mason and
Mary Lu Lampton**, by their children and
grandchildren.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

We welcome our newest
members to St. Paul, **Jamie
and Ryan Stovall**. They joined
last Sunday on October 19,
2025. The Stovalls are seen
here with their two daughters
Piper (5) and Sadie (3). Please
welcome the Stovalls, as we are
delighted that you have chosen
St. Paul as your church home.

MEMORIAL & HONORARIUM GIFTS

Building Fund

In memory of **Carol Auten**

- by Leslie and William Slaughter

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Fellowship Hall Fund

In memory of **Carol Auten**

- by the Wesley/Miller-Wilson Sunday School Class

Media Fund

In memory of **Marilyn Fugh**

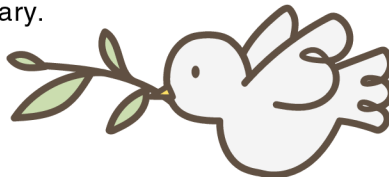
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Safehouse Ministry

In memory of **Carol Auten**

- by the Wesley/Miller-Wilson Sunday School Class

Join us for a Baptism today!--The Baptism of "Hap"
Saunders at the 11:00 a.m. service in the
Sanctuary.



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

October 26, 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.....*Largo*, J.S. Bach

Flute - Jeanne Martz, Violin - Ruslan Apostolov, Cello - Ina Apostolova

The Hymn of Celebration.....*Morning Has Broken* (#145)

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 Sacrament of Infant Baptism.....Henry Alexander Pound Saunders
(see insert)

The Pastoral Prayer with the Lord's Prayer.....Rev. Fugh

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

The Offertory Prayer.....Rev. Fugh

The Offertory.....*Adagio and Vivace*, J.S. Bach

Flute - Jeanne Martz, Violin - Ruslan Apostolov, Cello - Ina Apostolova

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 Kings 5:1-19

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 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.....*Nearer, My God, to Thee*, arr. Knapp/Schram

The Sermon.....*The Journey of a Disciple: Into the House
(The Power of Simple Obedience)*, Rev. Dr. Green

The Hymn of Consecration.....*Great Is Thy Faithfulness* (#140)

The Cross and Flame Go Before Us into the World

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

The Postlude.....*Jesus Christus, unser Konig*, by A. Fedak

The Church Returns to His World to Serve Him