

WEEKLY BULLETIN

2101 WILDWOOD AVENUE, COLUMBUS, GA 31906

Thanksgiving

This week as we gather around tables filled with food and surrounded by friends, family, and loved ones, we pause to give thanks to God, for you, and for every good and perfect gift.

This Thanksgiving, may our hearts be full of gratitude for God's faithfulness, his steadfast love, and the gift of one another in this family of faith. Let us remember that Thanksgiving is more than a day, for it is a heart-posture that transforms ordinary moments into worship. It is a way of life.

We pray that your home be filled with peace, your conversations with joy, and your hearts with the presence of Christ. We are grateful for you.
God bless.

Christ the King Sunday

Traditional Worship

8:30 A.M.

Illges Chapel (M250)

Rev. John Fugh, Jr.

Grateful for What Lasts

Hebrews 12:28; Colossians 3:15-17

Contemporary Worship

9:00 A.M.

Fellowship Hall (M220)

Rev. Dr. Shane Green

Giving Thanks in All Things

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18;
Philippians 4:11-13

Traditional Worship

11:00 A.M.

Sanctuary (M260)

Rev. John Fugh, Jr.

Grateful for What Lasts

Hebrews 12:28; Colossians 3:15-17

Broadcast Live at 11:00

at stpaulcolumbus.live

White is used on Christ the King Sunday because it symbolizes Christ's glory, victory, and eternal reign. It marks this day as a joyful celebration of Jesus as sovereign over all creation. Even though it's in November, the color shifts to white to mark this joyful, exalted celebration of Christ's eternal kingship. It also is the last Sunday in the liturgical Church year.

Theresa
Wayne
P. E. Allen
Catherine
Shane
Dop
Laura Mantz
Cindy
Jesse
Shannon
Dannette
Ben D. J.

EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Our office will be closed Thursday and Friday this **Thanksgiving week**. Also, the first day of Advent is next Sunday, November 30. Please be mindful of ways you can participate in Advent this season with St. Paul.

Adult Ministries: Join us Sat., Dec. 6 for Shine at Columbus Botanical Gardens and dinner at Outback. \$15 for Shine (payable to St. Paul); dinner dutch treat. Bus departs 5:30 p.m. from the church. RSVP by Dec. 4 to grace@stpaulcolumbus.com

Be a **“Messenger of Love!”** On Sunday, December 7, Messengers will be delivering poinsettias to those who are unwillingly absent from church or have recently lost loved ones. Let's share God's love during this Advent season. Contact Grace Bailey at grace@stpaulcolumbus.com

The next **American Red Cross Blood Drive** will be Dec. 7 in the Youth Building. You may register for the event with Ken Chung at kchung@graddyconstruction.com. Walk-ins are also welcome! Please give the gift of life this Advent season!

St. Paul members and friends, you are invited to **travel with St. Paul to Italy** June 2–11! We will explore our rich Christian history by visiting Florence, Siena, Rome, Pompeii, Naples, and more beautiful cities. It's a deal of a trip for \$5390 per person. RSVP with the church office at 706-327-7419 or you may email shane@stpaulcolumbus.com.

The **Altar Guild** helps to enhance the beauty of our worship services during Advent. Next week, look for information on ways you can support our year-round work. If you are interested in helping decorate this season, please call Liz Lampton: 646-236-1442.

Wayne Martz's Retirement Lunch will be after the 11:00 a.m. service on Sunday, Dec. 14, in the Fellowship Hall. Please mark the date on your calendar. Wayne retires at the end of 2025 and we would love to have you help celebrate 21 years!

Stellarum will return to treat us for the holidays on Dec. 20 in the Sanctuary. Join us at 5:00 p.m. for “O Magnum Mysterium.” Stellarum is a choir that celebrates eight voices, bringing God's message through worship in song. We hope you'll be able to attend this beautiful service.

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Volunteers, remember that this Tuesday on Nov. 25, there is a Safehouse luncheon and we need you to bring desserts to St. Paul by 10:00 a.m. We also need help serving food at the new Safehouse location at 7200 Manor Road. Please call Dr. Joe Morrow at 706-332-9314 to help.



CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

We will not have Children's Choirs tonight. ✦ We will be back next Sunday to practice for our upcoming Children's Christmas Musical, "A Christmas Yarn," which will be on Wednesday, December 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the old CWC!



KIDMIN MOMENT

The prophet Isaiah, writing 700 years before Jesus, envisioned a future of perfect peace where all creation lived in harmony. His message offered hope to people in difficult times, reminding them—and us—of God's promise of a peaceable kingdom. As Advent begins, this vision connects to Jesus' message of peace that continues to inspire believers today. Isaiah's prophecy of a peaceful world offered hope in troubled times and points to the lasting message of peace fulfilled through Jesus and celebrated during Advent.



On December 5 we have Sabbath before Sunday at 4:00 p.m. and Club 45 Dinner and Ice Skating at 5:00 p.m. Cost: \$25. Please see Donna or Roy for details and come enjoy the slippery fun!

SPY MINISTRY

No Sunday Night Youth on November 23rd! Many of you will be traveling, hunting, relaxing, or spending time with family—and some of us will just be getting back from the SPY Fall Retreat. It was an awesome weekend to get away and truly encounter God. Please note: There will also be no SNY on November 30th (Thanksgiving Break).



Service Opportunity: Need service hours? Let Laura know ASAP if you'd like to help pack and load groceries at Wynnton Neighborhood Network on Tuesday, Nov. 25th, from 8:00 a.m.–11:00/12:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 23
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 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)
3:00 PM Youth Return from Epworth

Tuesday, November 25
10:30 AM Volunteers Prep for Safehouse Luncheon (Kitchen)
12:00 PM Safehouse Luncheon (Off Campus)

Wednesday, November 26
12:00 PM Office Closes

Thursday, November 27
Office Closed
Happy Thanksgiving!

Friday, November 28
Office Closed



Today's Sunday School Lesson
for Preschool and Elementary
Children:

**The Peaceable Kingdom (Isaiah
11:6-9)**

**Anchor Point – God cares for all
people.**

Say the Bible verse together:

**"I'll take you as my people, and
I'll be your God." (Exodus 6:7)**

Questions for family discussion:

**-In Isaiah, chapter 11, the prophet
spoke about a place where all
God's creatures live together in
peace. Isaiah also said, "a little
child will lead them." These
verses from Isaiah are often read
during Christmas time as we
prepare to celebrate the birth of
Jesus. Jesus preached a
message of peace and love.**

**-What do you think the world
would be like if everyone treated
each other with love and lived
together peaceably?**

**-What are some ways you can
show peace and love to other
people?**

Prayer:

**Thank you, God, for Jesus. Help
us to show love and live
peaceably with those around us.
Amen.**

SERVING THIS WEEK

- (8:30) Acolytes: Camille Forsyth and Rush McMurphy
- (11:00) Acolytes: William Coffman and TBD
- Acolyte Helper: Lucy Cochran

ALTAR GUILD

- Sanctuary: Claudia Garrard and Cathryn Pease
- Chapel: Mimi Copelan and Joyce Johnson
- Delivery: Jenny Badcock and Martha Hatcher

USHERS

- (8:30) Ken Crumpler, Stan Copelan
- (11:00) Ron Daniel (Lead Usher), Will Cliatt, Wade Cliatt, Ryan Sheffield, Billy Byrd, Michael Bleke

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of the faith communities of Wynnton Neighborhood Network (Epworth UMC, Living Grace Church, St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church, St. Paul Church, St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Shearith Israel Synagogue, Temple Israel and Wynnton Methodist Church) for 40 years of serving this community and for their continued service.

The Rosebud in the Chancel is in honor of the November 12, 2025 birth of Whitfield Sprouse Cummings, son of Sarah and Carson Cummings. May the Lord bless this little one with love and fill his life with happiness and peace.



We welcome our newest members to St. Paul, **Martha and Daniell Gilbert**, along with their children. They joined last Sunday on November 16, 2025. Please welcome the Gilberts, as we are delighted that they have chosen St. Paul as their church home.

MEMORIAL & HONORARIUM GIFTS

Wesley/Miller-Wilson Class

In memory of **Carol Auten**

- by Mary Sue and Hardy Polleys

Wildwood Class

In memory of **Frankie Alexander**

- by Betsy Flournoy

Wynnton Neighborhood Network

In memory of **Carol Auten**

- by Sharon Bunn
- by Carol Henderson

In memory of **Nancy Scott**

- by Alice Douglas

In memory of **Frankie Alexander**

- by Alice Douglas



Please keep our **Music Ministry Search Committee** in your prayers as they discern the next leader to guide and inspire our worship through music. Pray for wisdom, unity, and clarity as they continue to interview candidates and listen for the Spirit's direction. May God prepare both our church and the person(s) God is calling to this vital ministry of praise.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 23, 2025

11:00 a.m. Traditional Service

Christ the King Sunday



The Chiming of the Hour

The Welcome & AnnouncementsRev. Dr. Shane Green

The Choral Call to Worship.....*Oh Praise Ye*

The Cross and Flame Come to the Altar

The Prelude.....*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*, by A. Ward

The Hymn of Celebration.....*We Gather Together* (#131)

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. Dr. Green

*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.....*Take My Life, and Let It Be* (#399)

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

The Offertory Prayer.....Rev. Dr. Green

The Offertory.....*Down from His Glory*, by W.E. Booth-Clibborn
Soloist: Tommy Bridges

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.....Hebrews 12:28; Colossians 3:15-17

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

*(After the Children’s Moment, 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.....*For the Beauty of the Earth*, by J. Rutter

The Sermon.....*Grateful for What Lasts*, Rev. John Fugh, Jr.

The Hymn of Consecration.....*Now Thank We All Our God* (#102)

The Cross and Flame Go Before Us into the World

The Choral Benediction and Amen.....*Sevenfold Amen*

The Postlude.....*Ein’ feste Burg ist unser Gott*, by A. Hesse

The Church Returns to His World to Serve Him