

WEEKLY BULLETIN

2101 WILDWOOD AVENUE, COLUMBUS, GA 31906

"Thanks anyway." We usually say it with a shrug. The store is closed. The plan falls through. The package says "delayed." We force a smile and add, "Thanks anyway," but what we mean is, "This isn't what I wanted." This kind of thanks is what we're used to. It's polite, but it drips with disappointment.

Is that what Scripture means by "give thanks in all circumstances"? No. Not a forced smile, not pretending it doesn't hurt. Biblical gratitude looks past outcomes to see God. It names the ache and trusts the One who holds us. The psalmist cries, "How long?" and still sings of steadfast love. Habakkuk sees empty fields and still says, "Yet I will rejoice in the LORD." That little word yet is the turn—from resignation to defiant trust.

Today we name a hard place most of us know: Waiting. Waiting rooms, unanswered emails, slow healing, prayers that seem to land in silence. Waiting stretches faith because nothing looks changed. But faith learns to anchor gratitude deeper than what we can see—anchored in God's character, God's presence, God's promises that outlast the delay. We don't thank God because waiting is easy. We thank Him because He is faithful while we wait.

So we come honest. We bring the "how long" and the "not yet." And we choose to sing before the figs return—not because the story is finished today, but because the Author is good today. That is "thanks anyway" in the way of Jesus—steady, stubborn, real.



Traditional Worship

8:30 A.M.

Illges Chapel (M250)

Rev. John Fugh, Jr.

Grateful While Waiting

Psalm 13; Habakkuk 3:17-19

Contemporary Worship

9:00 A.M.

Fellowship Hall (M220)

Rev. John Fugh, Jr.

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Traditional Worship

11:00 A.M.

Sanctuary (M260)

Rev. John Fugh, Jr.

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Psalm 13; Habakkuk 3:17-19

Broadcast Live at 11:00

at stpaulcolumbus.live

On November 9, the church returns to Ordinary Time, symbolized by the color green. Green reminds us that God is present in the steady rhythm of daily life. Green represents growth, hope, and the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit within and among us.

EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES



Thank you for your candy donations! You helped make Trunk or Treat extra sweet this year! Congratulations to Grace Bailey on winning Best Chili Recipe! Thank you to our judges, Jack Wright, Mark Ellis, and Jenny Badcock.

Join us Tuesday, November 11, at 12:30 p.m. for “**Munch and Serve**” in Room 232. We’ll have soup and sandwiches, then we’ll set up supplies for Operation Christmas Child (for Wednesday Night Supper.) Sign up at grace@stpaulcolumbus.com.

Get ready to reconnect with your spouse! On January 9–11, 2026, we have a **Marriage Retreat** at Pursell Farms in Sylacauga, AL. The cost is \$1,000 per couple. Register at our site: stpaulcolumbus.com/events.

There will be a **Ministries Committee Meeting** on Nov. 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room. All committee members are encouraged to attend as we review current ministries and plan for upcoming opportunities to serve our congregation.

Travel with St. Paul to Italy June 2–11 to explore Florence, Rome, and Naples. Reserve your spot by contacting the church office at 706-327-7419 or shane@stpaulcolumbus.com.

Wayne Martz’s Retirement Lunch will be after the 11:00 a.m. service on Sunday, Dec. 14. We will continue to give you updates as the date approaches, but please mark the date on your calendar.

FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER ON NOVEMBER 12

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

Pulled Pork, Mac-n-Cheese,
Baked Beans, Cornbread,
Soup & Salad Bar. For Kids:
Chicken Fingers & Tater Tots
stpaulcolumbus.com/supper

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CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

Join us at 5:30 p.m. for singing, fun, and friends! Our choirs will share their music in the 11:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, November 16, and we're getting ready for our Christmas Musical on Wednesday, December 17 at 6:30 p.m.!



KIDMIN MOMENT

Psalm 119 celebrates God's laws as precious and life-giving, showing that rules are meant to guide us in loving and serving both God and others. The Ten Commandments, given to the Israelites over three thousand years ago, remain relevant today by shaping our relationships—with the first four focusing on our relationship with God and the remaining six on how we live in harmony with one another.



God's laws, especially the Ten Commandments, teach us how to love, honor, and live faithfully with both God and one another.

TODAY - Club 45 Lunch/Mission - 12:00 p.m. - \$5

SPY MINISTRY

Today we're celebrating the winner of our Battle of the Grades competition! The students heading to Six Flags for the whole day are our 9th and 10th Graders!! Thanks for bringing the most friends (162!) to St. Paul and helping others discover more about God—way to go! Because this trip leaves right after the 9:00 a.m. service, there will be no SNY tonight. But don't worry—SNY is back next Sunday with a special Leaders-Led night! Also, please keep our 6th graders and Laura in your prayers as they head to Shocco Springs next weekend to explore the many ways we experience God. Hope everyone has an awesome day! 🎨🙏



YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

If you haven't experienced this class, you are missing out! It's fun! It's relevant! It's God-centered! We meet Sundays at 10:00 a.m. in Y101.



Sunday, November 9
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)
12:00 PM Club 45 Lunch (Y210)
2:00 PM Spring Harbor Worship (Off Campus)
4:30 PM Missions Committee Meeting (M203)
5:30 PM Snack Supper for Children's Choirs (M220)
6:00 PM Children's Choirs (M235)

Monday, November 10
1:30 PM Staff Meeting (M203)

Tuesday, November 11
Veteran's Day
9:30 AM Yoga Redeemed (M235)
11:00 AM God's Grace Bible Study (M234)
12:30 PM Munch and Serve (M232)
4:00 PM Spring Harbor Bible Study (Off Campus)

Wednesday, November 12
5:00 PM Handbell Practice (M270)
6:00 PM Family Night Supper (M220)
7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (M260)

Thursday, November 13
9:30 AM Preschool Moms Bible Study (M234)

Friday, November 14
4:00 PM Sabbath before Sunday (Quad)
4:30 PM Confirmation Retreat to Shocco Springs
6:00 PM Ann Martin / Joshua Whitmer Wedding Rehearsal (M260)

Saturday, November 15
Confirmation Retreat Continues
4:00 PM Ann Martin / Joshua Whitmer Wedding (M260)

On Nov. 25, there will be a Safehouse luncheon and we need volunteers to serve and bring desserts. Please call the church office at 706-327-7419.

Today's Sunday School Lesson
for Preschool and Elementary
Children
Ten Commandments (Exodus
19:1-20:21)
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:
-God gave the Ten
Commandments to the Israelites
so they would know how to treat
God and each other. Even many
years after God gave these
commandments, we need to
follow them.
-The first four commandments
tell us how to be in relationship
to God. How would you describe
your relationship with God? How
do you show your love for God?
How do you worship God?
-The last six commandments tell
us how to be in relationship with
other people. When is it difficult
or challenging for you to get
along with other people? Why are
rules to help people get along
with one other necessary?

Prayer:
Thank you, God, for rules that
show us how to live like you.

SERVING THIS WEEK

- (8:30) Acolytes: Nora Arnett
and Rivers Hamilton
- (11:00) Acolytes: James
Adams and Dawson Laney
- Cross Bearer: Katie Fugh
- Acolyte Helper: Sara
Carver

ALTAR GUILD

- Chapel: Mimi Copelan and
Joyce Johnson
- Delivery: Mimi Copelan and
Susan Middlebrooks

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 on the Sanctuary Altar today are
given to the Glory of God and in loving memory
of **Dr. Joe and Thea Chastain** in celebration of
their wedding anniversary by their children, Eric,
Mark, and Joy Chastain.

Our Christian love and heartfelt sympathy is
extended to Sanford McMurphy, Jr. and family in
the loss of his father, **Sanford McMurphy, Sr.**,
on October 23, 2025.

Our Christian love and heartfelt sympathy is
extended to Edie Evans and family in the loss of
her father, **Raymond Alden Pendleton**, on
October 30, 2025.

MEMORIAL & HONORARIUM GIFTS

Building Fund

In memory of **Bill Langley**

- by Betty and Buddy Roberts
- by Ginger and Larry Harper

In memory of **John Waldrep**

- by Betty and Buddy Roberts

In memory of **Carol Auten**

- by the Greenhaw family

Children's Ministry

In honor of **Debra Hartman**

In honor of **Susan Scott**

In honor of **Teresa Tipton**

- all by Sandy Coolik

General Fund

In memory of **Carol Auten**

- by Debbie Powell

Wynnton Neighborhood Network

In memory of **Carol Auten**

- by Harriette Cavender



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 9, 2025

11:00 a.m. Traditional Service

The Chiming of the Hour

The Welcome & AnnouncementsMrs. Grace Bailey

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

The Cross and Flame Come to the Altar

The Prelude.....*Amazing Grace*, arr. S. Eithun

The Hymn of Celebration.....*Blessed Assurance* (#369)

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. Bailey

*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.....*Be Thou My Vision* (#451)

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

The Offertory Prayer.....Mrs. Bailey

The Offertory.....*Pastorale*, by A. Corelli

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.....Psalm 13; Habakkuk 3:17-19

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

*(After the Children’s Moment, 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.....*All Things Work Together for Good*, by J. Carter

The Sermon.....*Grateful While Waiting*, Rev. Fugh

The Hymn of Consecration.....*Be Still, My Soul* (#534)

The Cross and Flame Go Before Us into the World

The Choral Benediction and Amen.....*Threefold Amen*

The Postlude.....*Pavane*, by W. Byrd

The Church Returns to His World to Serve Him