

WEEKLY BULLETIN

2101 WILDWOOD AVENUE, COLUMBUS, GA 31906

I want to invite you to join me in prayer over the next 28 days:

Spiritual growth begins with hunger. Prayer stimulates a hunger in us that produces change and wholeness. Prayer can form in us a desire for the presence of God.

As a community, when we pray together, we become more unified. We see each other differently. We love more. When we pray together, we become stronger as a community of faith witnessing to the goodness of God.

Over these next 28 days, I hope you will use this prayer as a means to grow closer to God and closer to each other. Together, we want to be *All In*.



All In Prayer

Faithful God, you have called us your own and redeemed us through Jesus Christ. In response to your mercy and grace, we come to offer ourselves to you. We place before you our lives: our time, our gifts, our resources, and our plans. Use us where you desire. Lead us in work that honors you and in rhythms of rest that restore our souls.

When obedience feels costly, strengthen our faith. When the path is uncertain, teach us to trust you. When service stretches us, fill us with joy. We are no longer living for ourselves alone, but for the one who gave himself for us. Send us into the world as your people, that through our lives the faith of others may grow.

By your Spirit, shape us for your mission. We are "All In," now and always. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Traditional Worship

8:30 A.M.

Illges Chapel (M250)

Rev. John Fugh, Jr.

All In with My Identity

Romans 12:1-2

Contemporary Worship

9:00 A.M.

Fellowship Hall (M220)

Rev. Dr. Shane Green

All In with My Identity

Romans 12:1-2

Traditional Worship

11:00 A.M.

Sanctuary (M260)

Rev. Dr. Shane Green

All In with My Identity

Romans 12:1-2

Broadcast Live at 11:00
at stpaulcolumbus.live

Epiphany is the season of the Church year that celebrates God making Christ known to the world. Beginning with the visit of the Magi, Epiphany proclaims that Jesus is not only Israel's Messiah but the Savior and Light for all nations. During this season, we reflect on how God reveals himself in Christ and how that light continues to shine into our lives today.

St. Paul will be closed tomorrow in observation of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday.

EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Beginning this morning, St. Paul is offering relationship-building classes called ***Strengthening Our House***. This happens at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. With counselors Amy Buchanan and Erin Harkey leading, these sessions focus on nurturing healthy relationships. Don't miss this opportunity for Christian growth—and feel free to invite friends! Dates and topics are listed below:

1. **Session 1 (Today)** - Sound House, Trust & Commitment
2. Session 2 (January 25) - Managing Conflict
3. Session 3 (February 1) - Sex & Intimacy
4. Session 4 (February 8) - Dreams & Shared Meaning
5. Session 5 (February 15) - Recap & Review

The **Family Night Supper** menu for this week will be Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes, Collard Greens, Corn Bread, the Salad Bar, and various Desserts. The program will be a "Not So Newly-Wed" game. It will be a riot to find out who knows their spouse the best! Will the men go home in trouble?!

Join our **Adult Ministries** group on Friday, February 6, at 11:00 a.m. for "Learn and Lunch". Learn the history of the St. Paul Chapel and delve into the symbolism of the stained glass windows, carved wood, and mosaic. We'll enjoy a delicious meal following our in-depth look at the Chapel. The cost is \$10 per person. Please RSVP by February 3 to grace@stpaulcolumbus.com.

We have important retreats coming up for St. Paul Kids and St. Paul Youth.

- 6th Grader's Confirmation Class Retreat, **Epworth By the Sea**, January 30 - February 1.
- **SPY Winter Ski Retreat**, Ghent, WV, February 26–March 1.

St. Paul Preschool has opened registration for the 2026 Summer Session and the 2026-27 School Session. You may register a child at stpaulcolumbus.com/preschool.

Part-Time Custodian Needed: St. Paul is seeking a dependable part-time custodian to assist with general building care and occasional kitchen support. For more information, please contact Philip Badcock at 706-327-7419.

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Children's Choirs will start practicing again on Feb. 1.

KIDMIN MOMENTS

Change the Water

Jesus' first miracle was turning lots and lots of water into yummy juice at a wedding, showing that only God can do amazing things like that. He used big jars that were already there to show how much He loves to give good gifts. Just like Jesus changed the water, He can change us too when we give our lives to Him. Because we belong to God, we love Him with our whole hearts and lives—**All In**.

All In for 2026

St. Paul is asking you to pray a special prayer for 28 days! See if you can keep up with the church's pledge to do this! Here's the prayer for you:

Loving God, thank you for calling us your children and loving us through Jesus. We give you our time, our gifts, and our lives. Help us follow you, trust you, and serve others with joy. Shape us to love like you do. We want to be "all in" for you. Amen.

Reminders:

- **Sabbath Before Sunday** is this Friday in the Quad at 4:00 p.m.
- **Club 45** meets for dinner at 6:15 p.m. in the Youth Lounge, then will go to the **River Dragons game** by buses this Saturday at 7:00 p.m.

SPY MINISTRY

There will be no SNY this Sunday as we observe the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday! We hope students and families use this time to rest, reconnect, and enjoy being together! Remember to Save the Date: **Winter Ski Retreat 2026** from February 26 – March 1. (Pics are from last week's Reflection Night.)



Sunday, January 18
8:30 AM Traditional Worship (M250)
9:00 AM Contemporary Worship (M220)
9:30 AM Weekly Communion (M260)
10:00 AM Strengthening Our House Session 1 (M220)
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 Private Baptism (M250)
2:00 PM Spring Harbor Worship (Off Campus)

Monday, January 19
The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday Observance - Office Closed

Tuesday, January 20
9:30 AM Yoga Redeemed (M235)
10:00 AM Tuesday Morning Bible Study (M232)
11:00 AM Grace Bible Study (M234)
4:00 PM Spring Harbor Study (Off Campus)

Wednesday, January 21
6:00 PM Family Night Supper (M220)
7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (M260)

Thursday, January 22
6:30 AM Thursday Morning Men's Bible Study (M232)
9:30 AM Preschool Mom's Bible Study (M234)
6:00 PM CHS Girl's Flag Football Banquet (M220)
6:00 PM Peach Little League Coaches Meeting (Youth Building, Downstairs Rooms)

Friday, January 23
4:00 PM Sabbath Before Sunday (Quad)

Saturday, January 24
6:15 Club 45 Dinner (Youth Lounge)
7:00 PM Club 45- Columbus River Dragons Hockey Game (Off Campus)

**TODAY'S SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON
FOR PRESCHOOL AND ELEMENTARY
CHILDREN**

Change the Water (John 2:1-12)

Anchor Point – Jesus is God's Son.

Say the Bible verse together:

"God so loved the world that he gave his only Son." (John 3:16)

Questions for family discussion:

- What is a miracle?
- Why do you think Jesus performed miracles?
- How do you think the people at the wedding felt when they saw the miracle Jesus had performed?
- Why didn't Jesus want everyone at the wedding to know about the miracle?

Prayer:

Dear God, we believe Jesus was the Son of God and showed his power by performing miracles when he came to earth. Amen.

Journey to Italy 
June 2-11
\$5390 per person
RSVP at 706-327-7419

SERVING THIS WEEK

- (8:30) Acolytes: Della Stone and AnnaWells Wallace
- (11:00) Acolytes: Ann Coleman and Camille Pease
- Cross Bearer: Baker Bohannon
- Acolyte Helper: Sara Varner

ALTAR GUILD

- Sanctuary: Betty Roberts
- Delivery: Caroline Laney and Amanda McPherson

USHERS

- (8:30) Ken Crumpler, Stan Copelan
- (11:00) Mike Gill (lead), Philip Park, Austin Gower, Ben Hubbard, John Cochran, John O'Connor

IN MEMORIAM
ETTA DYKES (BLACKMON) Langley
AUGUST 26, 1942 – JANUARY 10, 2026

The flowers on the Sanctuary Altar today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of **Walter Jackson Wright, Jr. and Kathryn Ward Wright** by their daughter, Kathryn W. Tanner and their granddaughters, Carson Tanner Glore and Hallie Elizabeth Tanner.



The Rosebud in the Chancel today is given in honor of the January 2, 2026 birth of **Isla "Ren" Cliatt**, daughter of Elizabeth and Wade Cliatt.

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

Altar Fund

In memory of **Rudi Pierson**

- by Betty Roberts

Children's Ministry

In honor of **Sharon Bunn**

In honor of **Carol Henderson**

- both by Ginger and Larry Harper

Wynnton Neighborhood Network

In memory of **Etta Dykes Langley**

In memory of **Kate Noury**

- both by Alice Douglas

You are invited to **Sunday Lunch 2026** on March 15, 2026! This is a fundraiser benefitting **Open Door Community House**. The lunch will be from 12:30-2:00 p.m. at the St. Luke Ministry Center on 301 11th Street. Please scan the code or go to www.odch.org/events.



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 18, 2026
11:00 a.m. Traditional Service

The Chiming of the Hour

The Welcome & Announcements Rev. John Fugh, Jr.

The Choral Call to Worship *Rejoice, the Lord is King*, by Darwall's 148th

The Cross and Flame Come to the Altar

The Prelude *How Majestic Is Your Name*, by M.W. Smith, arr. M. Hayes

Responsive Reading Rev. Fugh

Gracious God, you have given yourself fully to us,

You have loved us with a faithful and unending love.

Before we offered anything to you,

You claimed us as your own.

You call us not to give you leftovers,

But to offer our whole lives in response to your mercy.

All that we are and all that we have comes from you.

The Hymn of Celebration *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty* (#64)

The Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles' Creed* (#881)

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. Fugh

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 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* (#400)

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

The Offertory Prayer.....Rev. Fugh

The Offertory.....*You Are My Hiding Place*, by M. Ledner, arr. M. Hayes

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.....Romans 12:1-2

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, Room M235; children 3 and younger are taken to the nursery by parents.)

The Anthem.....*Near to the Heart of God*, by J. Stevens

The Sermon.....*All In with My Identity*, Rev. Dr. Shane Green

The Hymn of Consecration.....*I Am Thine, O Lord* (#419)

The Cross and Flame Go Before Us into the World

The Choral

Benediction.....*Threefold Amen*

The Postlude.....*Let There Be Peace On Earth*, by Miller/Jackson

The Church Returns to His World to Serve Him