

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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Someone once asked me if greed was the greatest obstacle to generosity. My response surprised him because my answer was, “no.” Granted, greed is a stumbling block to generosity. I don’t deny it. However, I don’t think it is the greatest obstacle for many because I haven’t met many greedy people. For many people, they struggle with generosity not because they are unwilling, but because they are afraid.

The fear of not having enough is powerful. Questions about the future—unexpected expenses, retirement, emergencies—make it feel risky to release what we have. When security feels fragile, money begins to feel like protection rather than provision. In that space, generosity can seem imprudent instead of faithful. Another quiet obstacle is that most of us have never defined what “enough” really is. We tell ourselves we will give later—after the raise, after the bills are paid, after life settles down. But “enough” keeps moving. Without contentment, generosity always feels premature. There is always one more reason to wait, one more reason to hold on a little longer.

Finally, beneath these struggles is a consumer mindset we absorb without realizing it. We are trained to think in terms of ownership: I earned this. This is mine. I deserve this. When that thinking takes root, stewardship becomes difficult. We begin to see generosity as losing something rather than participating in something. Instead of viewing resources as entrusted by God for his purposes, we view them as possessions meant primarily for our own security and comfort.

John Wesley lived with a motto of Earn all you can, Save all you can, and Give all you can. He believed that when all three of these are desired and sought after, generosity became part of one’s life. Holding all three in equal value transformed one’s fear, it established contentment, and it taught stewardship.



All In Prayer 2026

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 Resources

Matthew 6:19-24, 33

Contemporary Worship

9:00 A.M.

Fellowship Hall (M220)

Rev. Dr. Shane Green

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Traditional Worship

11:00 A.M.

Sanctuary (M260)

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EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Remember to pray your **All In** prayer, listed on the front of your bulletin, for another 7 days.

Strengthening Our House classes continue this week at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. With counselors Amy Buchanan and Erin Harkey leading, these sessions focus on nurturing healthy relationships. Feel free to invite friends! Dates and topics are listed below:

Session 4 (February 8) - Dreams & Shared Meaning

Session 5 (February 15) - Recap & Review

The **Family Night Supper** menu for this week will be Lasagna, Broccoli, Roasted Veggies, Garlic Bread, the Salad Bar, and various delicious Desserts. The kids will have Corn Dogs and Tater Tots. After the meal, test your knowledge during the fun-filled Valentine's Day Trivia Night.

The **Ash Wednesday service** will be on February 18 at 6:45 p.m. in the Sanctuary following our Wednesday Night Supper.

In the Bible, meals can be transformative. They become the means for hospitality, evangelism, worship, discipleship, and theology. When we share the table together, we not only interact with food, friends, family, but also with our faith. From **Sunday, February 22—Sunday, March 15**, Dr. Green will explore 4 different scripture passages centered around the table. Each Sunday from **5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.** will be an opportunity to share a meal and learn together. Space is limited to 12 people. You may sign up using the QR code.



St Paul Serves- Rise Against Hunger

On **March 15**, St. Paul will come together to serve our neighbors around the world by partnering with Rise Against Hunger. This hands-on mission opportunity allows us to pack nutritious meals for families facing hunger, turning our compassion into action. Join us as we live out our faith through service and generosity—one meal at a time. More information and registration to follow.

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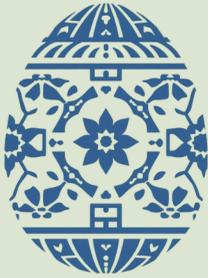
KIDMIN MOMENTS

The Good Samaritan

Jesus told the story of the Good Samaritan to show what it really means to love God and love others. The Samaritan helped someone in need because he chose kindness, even when it was hard. When we belong to God, we show our love by using our whole lives—our hearts, minds, and actions—to care for others. That's how we live for God with everything we have, **All-In**.

All In for 2026

St. Paul is asking you to pray a special prayer for 7 more days! See if you can keep up with the church's pledge to do this! The prayer is on the front page of this bulletin. Ask your parents to pray with you!



Mark your calendars for our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, March 22. The hunt will be at 2200 Oak Avenue at 4:00. Pre-filled candy eggs are needed for the Easter Egg Hunt. Please bring your donations to the main office by March 18.

SPY MINISTRY

Super Bowl Sunday @ SPY – February 8

Join us at the youth building from 6:00 p.m. through the end of halftime for Super Bowl Sunday fun! We'll have Zaxby's for dinner and a Dirty Soda Bar.

Cost: \$5 for dinner

Pickup: Parents pick up at end of halftime show.

Reminder: There will be no SNY next week due to Winter Break for all schools.

SPY Winter Ski Retreat Boot Fitting

Sunday, February 22 • 5:30 p.m.

Youth Building

The deposit for the Ski Retreat is due **TODAY**.
Registration is available at the link below:

stpaulcolumbus.com/event/ski2026

Sunday, February 8

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 4 (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)

2:00 PM Spring Harbor Worship (Off Campus)

5:30 PM Children's Choirs (M235)

6:00 PM SNY Super Bowl Sunday (M220)

Monday, February 9

1:30 PM Staff Meeting (M203)

Tuesday, February 10

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, February 11

12:00 PM HR Committee Meeting (M234)

6:00 PM Family Night Supper (M220)

6:00 PM Worship Committee Meeting (M207)

7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (M260)

Thursday, February 12

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

9:30 AM Preschool Moms Bible Study (M234)

Lent Begins February 18

Encounter, Stones, and an Empty Space: From Sacred Altars to the Empty Tomb, a Lenten devotional by Rev. Fugh will be available for purchase in the church office beginning February 15.

Today's Sunday School Lesson for
Preschool and Elementary Children
The Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37)
Anchor Point – Parables teach us
about God's love.
Say the Bible verse together:
"Everyone who has ears should pay
attention." Luke 8:8

Questions for family discussion:

- Who is your neighbor?
- What things do you think would be different if everyone loved like Jesus?
- Why do you think the priest and the Levite didn't stop to help the injured man?
- What can you do to show love to a neighbor?

Prayer:

Dear God, help us to love God with all our heart, our being, our strength, and our mind. And help us show love to our neighbors. Amen.

Italia

June 2-11

\$5390 per person
RSVP at 706-327-7419

SERVING THIS WEEK

- (8:30) Acolytes: Reiner Klinger & Mary Elyce Klinger
- (11:00) Nora Arnett & Rivers Hamilton
- Cross Bearer: Jody Flournoy
- Acolyte Helper: Sara Carver

ALTAR GUILD

- Sanctuary: Meredith Waddell
- Delivery: Mimi Copelan and Susan Middlebrooks

USHERS

- (8:30) Ken Crumpler, Stan Copelan
- (11:00) Will Burgin (lead), Eric Kilgore, Jason Pease, Jay Parker, Gordy Pease, Nick Garcia

The flowers on the Sanctuary Altar today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Dr. and Mrs. Jack A. Raines** by their children and grandchildren.

The flowers in the Narthex today are given in honor of the 90th birthday of **Nancy Weekley** by her three children and spouses, her six grandchildren and spouses, and her 16 great-grandchildren.

The flowers in the Illges Chapel today are given in honor of **Sharon Bunn** on her 77th birthday by her sister, Carol Henderson.

The Rosebud in the Chancel is in honor of the January 27, 2026 birth of **John David (Jack) Jr**, son of Erin and John Flowers. May the Lord bless this little one with love and fill his life with happiness and peace.

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

Altar Fund

In memory of **Etta Langley**
• by Peggy Gray

Building Fund

In memory of **Etta Langley**
In memory of **John Walden**
• both by Kristi and Cham Watkins

Children's Ministry

In memory of **Etta Langley**
• by Ken and Sandy Coolik

Wynnton Neighborhood Network

In memory of **Molly Watkins Farmer**
• by Alice Douglas
In memory of **Kate Noury**
• by Anne Walton

OPEN DOOR SUNDAY LUNCH 2026

You are invited to **Sunday Lunch 2026** on March 15. 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.



ORDER OF WORSHIP

February 8, 2026
11:00 a.m. Traditional Service

The Chiming of the Hour

The Welcome & AnnouncementsRev. John Fugh, Jr.

The Choral Call to Worship.....*Brethren, We Have Met to Worship,*
by Arnold B. Sherman

The Cross and Flame Come to the Altar

The Prelude.....Meditation on *Terra Beata*, by Charles Callahan

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

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 Sacrament of Infant Baptism.....Caden Beckett Barber
(see insert)

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.*

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

The Offertory Prayer.....Rev. Fugh

The Offertory.....Balm in Gilead-African American Spiritual
arr. by Hal Hopson

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.....Matthew 6:19-24,33

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.....*The Lord Will Be My Shepherd, by Price & Besig*

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

The Hymn of Consecration.....*Seek Ye First (#405)*

The Cross and Flame Go Before Us into the World

The Choral Benediction.....*Lord, Let Us Now Depart in Peace*
by George Whelpton

The Postlude.....*Fugue in C. Major, by G.F.Handel*

The Church Returns to His World to Serve Him