

WEEKLY BULLETIN

2101 WILDWOOD AVENUE, COLUMBUS, GA 31906

John Wesley viewed fasting (self-denial) as a vital spiritual discipline of the early church and essential for shaping holy love. In many of his sermons, Wesley emphasized that fasting is a natural expectation of the follower of Christ, not as a legalistic requirement but as a practical expression of repentance, humility, and dependence on God.

For Wesley, fasting was a “means of grace”—a practice through which God works an inward transformation through the Holy Spirit. However, he warned that fasting must never become a display of piety or a substitute for obedience. True fasting was to be joined with prayer, generosity, and acts of mercy. Wesley believed that abstaining from food (or any daily habit) helps awaken spiritual hunger and sharpen awareness of the needs of the people on the fringes of society. For us, fasting during Lent is not merely personal discipline but social holiness. What we deny ourselves can become an opportunity to serve others.

In his journal entries, Wesley revealed his regular Wednesday and Friday fasts, a practice he inherited from the Anglican/Methodist tradition. He saw self-denial as training the will to love God wholly and resist muddled desires. Lent, in Wesley’s spirituality, was a season of self-examination leading to renewal of personal and social holiness. It was less about sorrow for its own sake and more about reorienting the heart toward perfect love—love for God that naturally flows into love for neighbor. As you practice different examples of self-denial, may it lead you to a greater closeness to God and neighbor.



Traditional Worship

8:30 A.M.

Illges Chapel (M250)

Rev. John Fugh, Jr.

Encounters on the Way:

Samaritan Woman - True Thirst

John 4:4-26

Contemporary Worship

9:00 A.M.

Fellowship Hall (M220)

Rev. Dr. Shane Green

God Hears and Calls

Exodus 3:1-12

Traditional Worship

11:00 A.M.

Sanctuary (M260)

Rev. Dr. Shane Green

God Hears and Calls

Exodus 3:1-12

Broadcast Live at 11:00

at stpaulcolumbus.live

On this Second Sunday of Lent, you'll notice two colors in worship. The bulletin remains purple, the traditional color of repentance and reflection, reminding us to prepare our hearts for the journey to the cross. The communion paraments are white, the color of Christ's victory and new life. Together, these colors remind us that even as we repent, we do so in the light of grace already at work among us.

EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

This week's **Family Night Supper** features Hamburger Steak and Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Butter Beans, Rolls, Salad Bar, and Desserts. The Kids Menu will be Chicken Fingers and French Fries. Our program continues the **Lenten devotional study** by Rev. John Fugh, Jr., **Encounters, Stones, and an Empty Space**. Books are available in the church office for \$10.

Important upcoming dates:

March 8 - Daylight Savings Time Begins
March 13 - Adult Ministries Visits "Hills and Dales Estate"
March 15 - St. Paul Day for Missions: Rise Against Hunger
March 22 - Annual Egg Hunt
March 29 - Palm Sunday
March 30 - Holy Week Begins, with Devotionals
April 5 - Easter
April 23 - Confirmation Banquet
April 26 - Confirmation Sunday
May 3 - Senior Sunday and Senior Night
June 8-11 - VBS
July 6-10 - St. Paul Kids' Camp
Find more information at stpaulcolumbus.com/events.

ADULT MINISTRIES Friday, March 13

A trip to "Hills and Dales" Estate in LaGrange, GA for \$25
Plus, Lunch at Nutwood Winery (Lunch is at your cost.)
Church bus leaves St. Paul at 9 AM
RSVP: grace@stpaulcolumbus.com



JOIN US! 

Register from the QR code or at stpaulcolumbus.com/events



ST. PAUL PARTNERS WITH
RISE AGAINST HUNGER
March 15, 2026

8:30 AM to 12:30 PM
St. Paul Church of Columbus
2101 Wildwood Avenue
Columbus, GA 31906

PASTORS & STAFF

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KIDMIN MOMENTS

The Ten Lepers

One day, Jesus met ten men who had skin diseases and had to live away from other people. Instead of seeing them as “unclean,” Jesus saw them as people who needed help and care. He told them to go show themselves to the priests, and as they went, they were healed. One man came back to thank Jesus and praise God, showing us how important it is to be grateful for God’s love.

Eggs Needed

ST. PAUL ANNUAL EGG HUNT
SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2026
2200 OAK AVENUE

*Please bring egg/candy donations
to the office by March 18*



VBS



June 8-11, 2026

(Ages 4 years old by September 1, 2026
through completion of 4th Grade)

Register at stpaulcolumbus.com/events

T-shirts only guaranteed for those who register early

SPY MINISTRY

We're on our way home from our Winter Ski Retreat! Please keep our group in your prayers as we travel.

There will be no SNY tonight. Go home, rest, and enjoy your family time!

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Sunday, March 1

8:30 AM Traditional Worship (M250)
9:00 AM Contemporary Worship (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)

Monday, March 2

1:30 PM Staff Meeting (M203)
6:00 PM CHS Swim Team Banquet (M220)

Tuesday, March 3

10:00 AM Tuesday Morning Bible Study (M232)
11:00 AM Grace Bible Study (M234)
4:00 PM Spring Harbor Study (Off Campus)

Wednesday, March 4

9:30 AM Preschool Advisory Board Meeting (M203 - Conference Room)
6:00 PM Family Night Supper (M220)
7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (M260)

Thursday, March 5

6:30 AM Thursday Morning Men's Bible Study (M232)
9:30 AM Preschool Moms Bible Study (M234)

Friday, March 6

6:00 PM Grier/Eyster Wedding Rehearsal (M250)

Saturday, March 7

9:00 AM American Cancer Society Survivor's Luncheon (M220)
6:00 PM Grier/Eyster Wedding (M250)

TALK ABOUT IT

Today's Sunday School Lesson for Preschool and Elementary Children

Jesus Shows Love to 10 Lepers
(Luke 17:11-19)

Anchor Point – Jesus shows us
how to love each other.

Say the Bible verse together:

"I give you a new commandment:
Love each other. Just as I have
loved you, so you also must love
each other." John 13:34

Questions for family discussion:

- What was different about the ten men in today's story?
- What do you think it felt like to be an outcast?
- Who is considered an outcast today?
- Only one out of ten (ten percent) of the men thanked God for healing him. What should we thank God for today? What percent of people do you think stop to praise God for loving them?

Prayer:

Thank you, God, for loving us
when we are unlovable. Amen.

SERVING THIS WEEK

- (8:30) Acolytes: William Coffman and TBD
- (11:00) Rob Springer and Parker Varner
- Cross Bearer: Lizzie Godfrey
- Acolyte Helper: Tabetha Getz

ALTAR GUILD

- Sanctuary: Meredith Waddell
- Delivery: Lynn Pugh and Beth Thomas

USHERS

- (8:30) Ken Crumpler, Stan Copelan
- (11:00) Chris Parker (Lead), Stephen McRae, Arthur Bickerstaff, Jere Campbell, Jim Gunby, Mal Waldrep

The flowers on the sanctuary altar today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Charles L. Briscoe** by his family.

The flowers in the Illges Chapel today are given in loving memory of **Gene Bunn**, and in honor of the **Anniversary of Sharon and Gene Bunn**, given by Sharon Bunn and Carol Henderson.

Our Christian love and heartfelt sympathy is extended to Betsy Illges and family in the loss of her mother, **Georganne Hairr**, on February 18, 2026.

Our Christian love and heartfelt sympathy is extended to Rev. John Fugh, Jr. and family in the loss of his aunt, **Edna Mae Gerner**, on February 19, 2026.

Our Christian love and heartfelt sympathy is extended to Christy Hubbard and family in the loss of her grandmother, **Janice Haughabook**, on February 21, 2026.

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

Children's Ministry

In memory of **Etta Dykes Blackmon Langley**

- by the Wildwood Sunday School Class



Children's Church, February 22, 2026

ST. PAUL 2026

ROME

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

**SIGN UP BEFORE
APRIL 1!!**



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 1, 2026

11:00 a.m. Traditional Service

The Chiming of the Hour

The Welcome & AnnouncementsRev. John Fugh, Jr.

The Choral Call to Worship.....*O Worship the Lord*, by Robert McCutchan

The Cross and Flame Come to the Altar

The Prelude.....*What Wondrous Love Is This*, arr. J. Raney
pianist, Jill Honeycutt

The Hymn of Celebration.....*How Firm a Foundation* (#529)

The Affirmation of Faith*The Apostles' Creed*

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. 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/Anthem.....*The Lord Is My Shepherd*, by Henry Smart
soprano duet, Julia Green and Katherine Ambrester; pianist, Jill Honeycutt

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.....Exodus 3:1-12

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

Children 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 Sermon.....*God Hears and Calls*, Rev. Dr. Shane Green

The Sacrament of Holy Communion.....(#12)

The Hymn of Consecration.....*Take Time to Be Holy* (#395)

The Cross and Flame Go Before Us into the World

The Choral Benediction.....*Threefold Amen*, by John Storer

The Postlude.....*O Christ, Lamb of God*, by J.S. Bach
organist, Adley Scott

The Church Returns to His World to Serve Him