

WEEKLY BULLETIN

2101 WILDWOOD AVENUE, COLUMBUS, GA 31906

Be the Body — Serving Together Today

Today our church family is living out the call of First Corinthians 12:27: “Now you are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.” Throughout the morning, members of St. Paul are gathering for our annual meal-packing event with Rise Against Hunger, working side by side to prepare thousands of nutritious meals for communities around the world experiencing food insecurity. With joyful hearts, willing hands, and plenty of teamwork, our goal today is to pack nearly 30,000 meals that will help feed families across the globe.

What a beautiful picture of the church in action! Children, parents, grandparents, and friends are *All In*, serving together, proving that when the body of Christ comes together, even a few hours of service can make a powerful impact. By the end of today, St. Paul will have packed around 130,000 meals over the past several years, sharing Christ’s love far beyond the walls of our church.

In Pastor Shane’s March 8, 2026 sermon, *Fear vs. Faith*, he encouraged us to “find ways to make your faith tangible.” Today’s service is a beautiful example of that call in action. As we serve, we give thanks for the dedication and hard work that make a day like this possible.



Traditional Worship

8:30 A.M.

Illges Chapel (M250)

Rev. John Fugh, Jr.

Encounters on the Way:

Man Born Blind - Learning to See, John 9:1-7

Contemporary Worship

9:00 A.M.

Fellowship Hall (M220)

Mrs. Laura Marvets

Mind the Drift

Hebrews 2:1-3

Traditional Worship

11:00 A.M.

Sanctuary (M260)

Rev. John Fugh, Jr.

Encounters on the Way:

Man Born Blind - Learning to See, John 9:1-7

Broadcast Live at 11:00

at stpaulcolumbus.live

Purple has long been the color of repentance and reflection in the church. During Lent, it invites us to slow down and honestly examine our hearts before God.

- Where in your life do you need to be more honest with Him?
- What burdens, regrets, or hidden struggles are you still carrying?
- Have you allowed yourself to bring those places of weakness and failure into God’s presence?

EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

This week's **Family Night Supper** features Beef Tips with Rice, Roasted Carrots, Corn Bread, Salad Bar, and Desserts. The Kids Menu will be Corn Dogs 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 22 - Annual Egg Hunt
March 29 - Palm Sunday
March 30 - Holy Week Begins, with Devotionals
April 5 - Easter
April 10 - Adult Ministries Visits Eufaula
April 19 - African Children's Choir
April 23 - Confirmation Banquet
April 26 - Confirmation Sunday
May 3 - Senior Sunday and Senior Night
June 8-11 - VBS

Find more information at stpaulcolumbus.com/events.



Communion Stewards are needed! Preparing communion each month is a meaningful way to serve. Teams of two are needed once a month for communion Sunday. To volunteer for this privilege of serving God, contact the church office at 706-327-7419 or email theresa@stpaulcolumbus.com.

ANNUAL
EGG
HUNT

SUNDAY, MARCH 22,
2026



4:00 PM
2200 OAK
AVENUE

Job Opportunity for Part-Time Kitchen Help!

St. Paul is seeking a dependable part-time individual to assist with kitchen support. For more information, contact Philip Badcock: philip@stpaulcolumbus.com

Holy Week Lunch and Devotionals will be Monday, March 30 to Thursday, April 2. Please join us! \$10 each.

11:30 a.m. Lunch served in the Fellowship Hall
12:00 p.m. Devotional with the Pastor
12:30 p.m. Lunch continues
1:00 p.m. Concludes

PASTORS & STAFF

Rev. Dr. Shane Green
Senior Minister

Rev. John Fugh, Jr.
Associate Minister

Philip Badcock
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Administrative
Assistant

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Director of Youth
Ministry

Cindy Shavers
Financial Records &
Administration

KIDMIN MOMENTS

In the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus felt very sad and worried because he knew he would soon die. He asked his friends Peter, James, and John to stay awake and pray with him, but they kept falling asleep. Jesus prayed to God and asked for help, showing us that we can pray when we feel scared or upset. Even when his friends made mistakes, Jesus still loved them, and God always loves us too.



Register Now!



VBS - June 8 to 11

KIDS' CAMP - July 6 to 10

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Senior Sunday is coming up! Save May 3 on your calendar for this special opportunity to recognize the achievements of the Class of 2026. Parents, if you have a senior and haven't received an email from Laura Marvets, contact laura@stpaulcolumbus.com.

Senior Sunday 2026 will include:

1. **Senior & Family Dinner**, following a quick rehearsal on Tuesday, April 28th at 6:30 p.m.
2. **Senior Sunday Service** at 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service.
3. **Senior Bulletin** with information regarding high school, college, and family information.



SPY MINISTRY

We have a regular Split SNY tonight! We hope you and your family were able to serve at our Church-wide Mission event with Rise Against Hunger this morning! Tonight, we will praise the Lord and learn the importance of worshipping God in song.

Next Sunday is TRIP CARTER'S LAST SUNDAY with us! Come out to the St. Paul Easter Egg Hunt at 4:00 p.m., then let's celebrate Trip from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. as we send him off on his journey to a new job in Greensboro, Georgia. Show your support!

Sunday, March 15

7:30 AM St. Paul Missions Day

8:30 AM Traditional Worship (M250)

9:00 AM Contemporary Worship (M220)

9:30 AM Weekly Communion (M260)

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)

5:00 PM Middle School SNY (Y210)

5:30 PM Children's Choirs (M235)

6:00 PM SNY Snack Supper (M220)

6:30 PM High School SNY (Y210)

Monday, March 16

1:30 PM Staff Meeting (M203)

5:30 PM Finance Committee Meeting (M234)

6:00 PM CHS Girls Basketball Banquet (M220)

6:15 PM Administrative Council Meeting (M232)

Tuesday, March 17

St. Patrick's Day

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 18

6:00 PM Family Night Supper (M220)

7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (M260)

Thursday, March 19

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

9:30 AM Preschool Moms Bible Study (M234)

1:00 PM Columbus Pastors' Meeting/Lunch (M207)

Friday, March 20

4:00 PM Sabbath Before Sunday (Quad)

6:00 PM Club 45 Bowling (Off Campus)

Saturday, March 21

4:30 PM Private Birthday Party (Y210)

**Today's Sunday School Lesson for
Preschool and Elementary
Children**
Jesus Shows Love in the Garden
(Matthew 26:31-58)

**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:

- **Why do you think Jesus wanted to pray?**
- **Why do you think Jesus didn't want the disciples to fight the soldiers who came to arrest him?**
- **Do you pray when you are struggling with problems? What are some things you need to pray to God about?**
- **Do you ever struggle to believe what God says? What do you do then?**

Prayer:

**Thank you, God, for caring for us
and hearing our prayers. Amen**

SERVING THIS WEEK

- (8:30) Acolytes: Elizabeth Chester and Anna Wells Wallace
- (11:00) Haley Alexander and Edee Portillo
- Cross Bearer: Beau Calhoun
- Acolyte Helper: Sara Varner

ALTAR GUILD

- Sanctuary: Dori Jones and Meredith Waddell
- Delivery: Caroline Laney and Amanda McPherson

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 are given to the glory of the God and in thanksgiving for our confirmation leaders, **Tammy and Matthew Reynolds** for their faithful years of service, on the occasion of Tammy's birthday.

The flowers in the Illges Chapel today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of **Georganne Hairr** by her family.



We welcome our newest members to St. Paul, the **Carmichael family, Judson, Steve, Bobby, and Tripp**. The Carmichaels joined last Sunday on March 8, 2026. We are delighted that you have chosen St. Paul as your church home.

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

Building Fund

In appreciation and honor of **Mary Sue Polleys**, for her years of dedication and hard work

- by the Wesley/Miller-Wilson Class

In memory of **Anne Sizemore**

- by the Wesley/Miller-Wilson Class

In memory of **Etta Blackmon Langley**

In memory of **Judy Bradford Hubbard**

In memory of **Georganne Hairr**

In memory of **Edna Mae Gerner**

In memory of the **Honorable Judge William**

Rambo

In memory of **Bill Ploeger**

In memory of **John Walden**

- all by Becky and Jerry Averett

Media Fund

In memory of **Edna Mae Gerner**

- by Betty and Buddy Roberts

Ukraine Ministry

In memory of **Georganne Hairr**

- by Sandy and Ken Coolik



**The African Children's Choir will be at
St. Paul on April 19 for a special 11 am
service in the Sanctuary. Please join us
for this wonderful opportunity to hear
the children worship the Lord in song.**

TRAVEL TO ITALY WITH ST. PAUL THIS SPRING!

June 2–11

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 15, 2026
11:00 a.m. Traditional Service

The Chiming of the Hour

The Welcome & AnnouncementsRev. Dr. Shane Green

The Choral Call to Worship.....*Kyrie Eleison (Lord, Have Mercy)*
by B. Slagle Mayo, St. Paul Children's Choir

The Cross and Flame Come to the Altar

The Prelude.....*I Must Tell Jesus*, by E. Hoffman, arr. N. Smith
pianist, Jill Honeycutt

The Hymn of Celebration.....*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* (#127)

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 Sacrament of Baptism.....Lee Sterling Schley (see insert)

The Pastoral Prayer with the Lord's Prayer.....Rev. 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.

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

The Offertory Prayer.....Rev. Green

The Offertory.....*I Run to the Father*, by Carnes, Maher, and Jackson vocalists, Ms. Caroline Green and Mr. Jake Hess, III

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.....John 9:1-7

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.....*Fairest Lord Jesus*, by Derek Hakes

The Sermon.....*Encounters on the Way: Man Born Blind - Learning to See*
Rev. John Fugh, Jr.

The Hymn of Consecration.....*Great Is Thy Faithfulness* (#140)

The Cross and Flame Go Before Us into the World

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

The Postlude.....*Prelude in G Minor*, by J.S. Bach
organist, Adley Scott

The Church Returns to His World to Serve Him