

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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A Prayer for Holy Week

O Lord our God, we gather with the crowd that once lined the road to Jerusalem, waving branches and lifting our voices in praise. You are the king who comes in humility, riding not in power but in peace. As we enter this Holy Week, draw us into the story once again—not as those who are far off, but as participants whose hearts are open to be changed.

O Gracious Christ, we confess that like the crowds, our praise can be shallow, our faith spotty. We shout “Hosanna” with ease, yet we struggle to follow you on the road that leads to the cross. Slow us down in these sacred days. Give us courage to look honestly at our own hearts, to see where we resist your will, where we turn away, where we fail to love as you have loved us. Prepare us through repentance, reflection, and renewal. Help us not to fear surrender.

As we walk with you through the week ahead, from the cheers of Palm Sunday to the shadows of Gethsemane, from the pain of the cross to the silence of the tomb—help us not to rush past the weight of it all. Teach us to sit with the tension, the grief, and the cost of your love. Let this be for us an intensive and holy pause, a time to remember the depth of your sacrifice and the breadth of your mercy.

Lord, meet us in this journey. Shape us into a people who do not only celebrate your triumph, but who also take up our own cross and follow you. Strip away what is false in us, and strengthen what is faithful. Renew our hope, deepen our love, and prepare us to receive with joy the resurrection life that is to come. We are your people. Amen.

Shane

Traditional Worship

8:30 A.M.

Illges Chapel (M250)

Rev. John Fugh, Jr.

Encounters: Mary, Love that Sees What's Coming

John 12:1–8, 12-19

Contemporary Worship

9:00 A.M.

Fellowship Hall (M220)

Rev. Dr. Shane Green

Big Show, No Substance

Mark 11:11-25

Traditional Worship

11:00 A.M.

Sanctuary (M260)

Rev. Dr. Shane Green

Big Show, No Substance

Mark 11:11-25

Broadcast Live at 11:00

at stpaulcolumbus.live

Purple calls us to contrition. It invites us to examine our hearts and ask whether our faith is merely outward activity or a true, prayerful relationship with God. This connects with this week's sermon from Mark. In the temple, there was plenty of noise and religious tradition, yet something essential was missing—a genuine, prayerful presence before God. As we approach Holy Week, the purple of Lent asks us the same question: are we simply going through the motions, or are we truly seeking God?

EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

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

- Monday: Turkey and Cheese Sandwiches and Ham & Cheese Sandwiches
Soup: Roasted Veggie Soup
- Tuesday: Reuben Sandwiches
Soup: Leek Soup
- Wednesday: Roast Beef Sandwiches
Soup: French Onion Soup
- Thursday: Chicken Salad Sandwiches
And leftover sandwiches
Soup: Chicken Noodle Soup

This week, **Family Night Supper** will be at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday before the Maundy Service in the Sanctuary (6:45 p.m.). Our meal will begin with Tomato Florentine Soup, then follows with a meal of Ham, Sweet Potato Soufflé, Butter Beans, Corn Casserole, Rolls, Salad Bar, and Desserts. The Kids Menu will be the same.

You Still Have Time: The *All In* Prayer and Pledge 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. (Use the QR code to pledge.)

Communion Stewards are needed! Contact the church office at 706-327-7419.

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KIDMIN MOMENTS

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to **Whitney and Jason Pease** for graciously opening their home for our Easter egg hunt. It was a beautiful day filled with joy and fellowship. We also sincerely thank our congregation for their generous egg donations, which made the event extra special for everyone.

Our SS Lesson: On Palm Sunday, Jesus made a grand and surprising entrance into Jerusalem, riding on a humble donkey as crowds gathered all around him. People spread palm branches and their coats on the road and shouted with joy, welcoming him like a king. Many hoped he would be a powerful hero, but Jesus showed he was a different kind of King—gentle, peaceful, and full of love. He came not to fight battles, but to change hearts and teach everyone to love and serve one another.

Important upcoming dates:

April 5 - Easter - Children's Choirs sing at 11:00 a.m.

April 19 - African Children's Choir

April 23 - Confirmation Banquet

April 26 - Confirmation Sunday

April 28 - Senior Dinner

May 3 - Senior Sunday, 11:00 a.m. Worship Service



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

SPY MINISTRY

Tonight is our combined SNY at 5:00 p.m. for the Mega Egg Hunt Extravaganza on the St. Paul Campus. Dinner will be off campus, so you need \$\$.

High Schoolers and College students, camp counselor applications are online: stpaulcolumbus.com/events

Senior Sunday is coming up! Save May 3 on your calendar for this special opportunity to recognize the achievements of the Class of 2026.

Senior Celebrations of 2026 will include:

1. **Senior & Family Dinner:** April 28th at 6:30 p.m.
2. **Senior Sunday Service:** May 3 at 11:00 a.m.
3. **Senior Bulletin:** Send information to Laura.

Sunday, March 29

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 Combined SNY Egg Hunt

(Various Rooms) then a Meal (Off Campus)

5:30 PM Children's Choirs (M235)

Monday, March 30

11:30 AM Holy Week Lunch and

Devotional (M220)

1:30 PM Staff Meeting (M203)

Tuesday, March 31

11:30 AM Holy Week Lunch and

Devotional (M220)

4:00 PM Spring Harbor Study (Off

Campus)

Wednesday, April 1

11:30 AM Holy Week Lunch and

Devotional (M220)

7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

(M260)

Maundy Thursday, April 2

11:30 AM Holy Week Lunch and

Devotional (M220)

6:00 PM Maundy Thursday Supper

(M220)

6:45 PM Maundy Thursday Service

(M260)

Good Friday, April 3

Church Office Closed

ADULT MINISTRIES travels to Eufaula on Friday, April 10, to tour four Antebellum homes and have lunch at the Eufaula Country Club. We leave at 9:30 am. The cost, with lunch, is \$65. RSVP by April 7 by contacting Grace Bailey.

Today's Sunday School Lesson for Preschool and Elementary Children
Hosanna! (Matthew 21:1-11)
Anchor Point – We celebrate Jesus.
Say the Bible verse together:
"Hosanna in the highest!"
Matthew 21:9

Questions for family discussion:

- **If you had planned Palm Sunday, how would you have Jesus coming into the city?**
- **What would you have the people in the city cry out to Jesus?**
- **How do you think Jesus felt that day as he rode into Jerusalem?**
- **Do you think the people understood why Jesus had come?**

Prayer:
Thank you, God, for sending Jesus to us. Help us praise Jesus today. Amen.

SERVING THIS WEEK

- (8:30) Acolytes: Mae Murphy and Anna O'Hara
- (11:00) Acolytes: Mary Elyce Klinger and Reiner Klinger
- Cross Bearer: Sophie Mills
- Acolyte Helper: Jessica Adams

ALTAR GUILD

- Chapel: Margaret Schley and Sally Tebeau
- Delivery: Martha Hatcher and Jenny Badcock

USHERS

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

IN MEMORIAM

Jeanne "Pat" Norris Walters
January 2, 1937 - March 19, 2026



Richenda "Cindy" Kelly Straus
September 19, 1926 - March 18, 2026

The flowers on the Sanctuary Altar today are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of **Anna Catherine Sayers and William Andrew Wing**, and in honor of **Mrs. Mary Webb Lockhart, Dr. and Mrs. James Robert Woodall**, and in loving memory of **Mrs. Linda Wing Kaiser, Mr. William Andrew Wing, Mr. Ralph Lockhart, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sayers.**

We welcome our newest members to St. Paul, **Sis and John Wood**, who joined on March 22, 2026. We are delighted that you have chosen St. Paul as your church home.

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

Altar Fund

In memory of **Mike Jackson**

- by Mary and Bill Cain
- by Betty and Buddy Roberts

In memory of **Judy Hubbard**

- by Harriette Cavender

Altar Guild

In memory of **Mike Jackson**

- by Susette Hall
- by Mary Lou and Charlie Jarrell
- by Stacy and Gordy Pease
- by Donna and Kerry Hand
- by Julia Alexander

Open Door Community House

In memory of **Etta Langley**

In memory of **Judy Hubbard**

- both by Donna and Kerry Hand

Wynnton Neighborhood Network

In memory of **Pat Walters**

In memory of **William Norris Bickerstaff**

In memory of **Bill Reeves**

In memory of **Mike Jackson**

- all by Alice Douglas

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 29, 2026
11:00 a.m. Traditional Service

The Chiming of the Hour

The Welcome & AnnouncementsRev. John Fugh, Jr.

The Choral Call to Worship.....Hosanna in the Highest, by H. Hopson

The Cross and Flame Come to the Altar

The Prelude.....*Ellacombe*, by Hopson/Burkhardt
organist, Adleyn Scott

The Processional Hymn.....*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* (#278)

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.

Ministry and Mission Moment.....Mrs. Ginny Lawrence

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

The Offertory Prayer.....Rev. Fugh

The Offertory.....*Medley of the Cross*, by H. Helvey

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.....Mark 11:11-25

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.....*Arise, My Soul, Arise*, by C. Wesley, arr. Chodan/Forrest

The Sermon.....*Big Show, No Substance*, Rev. Dr. Shane Green

The Hymn of Consecration.....*All Glory, Laud, and Honor* (#280)

The Cross and Flame Go Before Us into the World

The Choral Benediction.....*Peace of the Lord Go With You*
by M.K. Beall/C. Yannerella

The Postlude.....*Preparation for the King*, by A. Corelli
organist, Adley Scott

The Church Returns to His World to Serve Him