

# WEEKLY BULLETIN

2101 WILDWOOD AVENUE, COLUMBUS, GA 31906

The African Children's Choir has been transforming lives through the power of music, education and hope for over four decades. As they continue on a tour of more than 100 cities, the Choir captivates audiences with their heartwarming performances, blending traditional hymns and African cultural sounds, while sharing stories of God's faithfulness through joyful worship.

Comprised of children ages 9 to 12, all from vulnerable backgrounds across Africa, the choir serves as a powerful testament to the resilience and potential of Africa's future leaders. Each child in the choir has faced significant hardship, often with limited access to education. Yet, these children gain life-changing opportunities for education and growth, becoming beacons of hope for their communities.

The choir proves just how powerful music can be," says Choir Manager, Tina Sipp. "These concerts not only provide hope and encouragement to our audiences, but they offer the children life-changing experiences that help shape them into future leaders."

The African Children's Choir is part of a larger, international, Christian organization called Music for Life, which provides thousands of vulnerable children throughout Africa with the education, discipleship, and leadership skills needed to rise above their conditions so they can bring positive, lasting change to their families, communities, and countries.

## Traditional Worship

8:30 A.M.

Illges Chapel (M250)

Rev. John Fugh, Jr.

*The Kingdom Grows Quietly*

Mark 4:26-32

## Contemporary Worship

9:00 A.M.

Fellowship Hall (M220)

Rev. Dr. Shane Green

*Grace Breakfast*

John 21:9-23

## Traditional Worship

11:00 A.M.

Sanctuary (M260)

Rev. Dr. Shane Green

*A Special Presentation by the African Children's Choir*

Broadcast Live at 11:00

at [stpaulcolumbus.live](http://stpaulcolumbus.live)



On April 19, the church continues the celebration of Easter, so the sanctuary is adorned with white and gold paraments. These colors reflect the brightness and glory of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. White represents the new life revealed in the empty tomb, while gold points to Christ's victory and kingship. Together they remind us that Easter is not just a single day but a season of rejoicing in the risen Lord. It is especially fitting that we celebrate this morning as we welcome the African Children's Choir, whose joyful gift of song adds to our Easter praise.

## EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

**Communion Stewards** are needed! We are working on having a list of stewards for weekly and monthly rotations. Are you being called to serve in this way? Please contact the church office at 706-327-7419.

This week at 6:00 p.m., **Wednesday Night Supper** will feature White Bean and Ham Soup, Pork Chops with Gravy, Mac-n-Cheese, Collard Greens, Biscuits, Salad Bar, and Desserts. The Kids Menu will be Grilled Cheese and Tater Tots. Our program will be a mission moment with Safehouse Ministries.

Construction work has been running smoothly and, dare we say, on time! The Old CWC will soon be a Music Education Wing, with rehearsal spaces for choirs and storage for our historic harpsichord. We are happy to provide this dedicated space for those who share their faith with us through song.

Remember to bring toilet tissue so that we can make "Hygiene Kits" for **Wynnton Neighborhood Network** at Wednesday Night Supper, April 29. You may bring your donations to the church, where there is a collection receptacle near Grace Bailey's office. Your help in this important mission for our neighbors is greatly appreciated!

## ADULT MINISTRY EVENT!

**Thursday, May 14**

Learn to Play Mahjong  
with Guide Lee Norred

Summit Condominiums Clubhouse

6:00 PM - 8:30 PM

RSVP with [grace@stpaulcolumbus.com](mailto:grace@stpaulcolumbus.com)



The 24th Annual **BRIDGE Golf Tournament**, in memory of **Elliott Kirven**, takes place Thursday, May 14, at Bull Creek Golf Course. Proceeds from the tournament provide GED preparation, life skills, and career training for young adults ages 18–30. Go to [www.bridgecolumbus.org](http://www.bridgecolumbus.org) or contact Jim Tjoflat at 706-464-4640.

## PASTORS & STAFF

**Rev. Dr. Shane Green**  
Senior Minister

**Rev. John Fugh, Jr.**  
Associate Minister

**Philip Badcock**  
Church Administrator

**Grace Bailey**  
Director of Christian  
Education

**Lauren Coleman**  
Administrative  
Assistant

**Dr. Bruce Getz**  
Broadcast Operations  
Manager

**Donna Hightower**  
Director of Children's  
Ministry

**Roy Hightower**  
Assistant to Director of  
Children's Ministry

**Theresa Holzknecht**  
Communications  
Director

**Catherine Hutchings**  
Receptionist

**Shannon Land**  
Executive  
Administrative  
Assistant

**Laura Marvets**  
Director of Youth  
Ministry

**Cindy Shavers**  
Financial Records &  
Administration

## KIDMIN MOMENTS

**Important events: TODAY, 3:00-5:15 PM**  
**Confirmation Class Interviews in Library**



One Sunday, Jesus talked with His friend Peter and asked him three times, "Do you love me?" Peter had once said he didn't know Jesus, but now he had the chance to say he loved Him. Each time Peter said yes, Jesus told him, "Take care of my people," like a shepherd cares for sheep. This reminds us that we can show our love for Jesus by helping and caring for others every day.

**Sunday, April 19**  
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 Middle and High School Youth SS Class (Y104)  
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)  
12:15 PM Lunch for African Children's Choir and Host Families (M220)  
2:00 PM Spring Harbor Worship (Off Campus)  
3:00 PM Confirmation Class Interviews (Library)  
5:00 PM Middle School SNY (Y210)  
6:00 PM Youth Snack Supper (Y210)  
6:30 PM High School SNY (Y210)

**Monday, April 20**  
1:30 PM Staff Meeting (M203)

**Tuesday, April 21**  
10:00 AM Ladies TMBS (M232)  
11:00 AM Grace Bible Study (M235)  
4:00 PM Spring Harbor Study (Off Campus)

**Wednesday, April 22**  
6:00 PM Family Night Supper (M220)  
7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (M260)

**Thursday, April 23**  
6:30 AM Men's Bible Study (M232)  
9:30 AM Preschool Mom's Bible Study (M235)  
6:30 PM Confirmation Banquet (M220)

# CONFIRMATION NEXT SUNDAY

**CONFIRMATION BANQUET  
WITH MENTORS AND PARENTS**

APRIL 23, 2026

**CONFIRMATION  
SUNDAY**

APRIL 26, 2026

## SPY MINISTRY

**Celebrate Good Times! We are celebrating the Confirmation Class next Sunday on the 26th, with a Grillout and combined SNY from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Don't miss it!**



We will have a regular Split SNY tonight with a Snack Supper. Bring \$1.

Reminder: Sunday School will be combined for the rest of the semester.

Seniors and Parents, thank you to all who have sent in Senior Pictures! If you haven't done this yet, send your information and photo for the Senior Bulletin to Laura ASAP. We want to recognize your achievements on May 3, our Senior Sunday!

**Today's Sunday School Lesson  
for Preschool and Elementary  
Children**

**Feed My Sheep (John 21:15-19)**

**Anchor Point – We celebrate Jesus.**

**Questions for family discussion:**

- **Do you think the disciples should have gone fishing? What do you think they should have been doing?**
- **Would you be excited if Jesus appeared to you? How would you show your excitement?**
- **How do you think Peter felt when Jesus repeated his question three times?**
- **Why do you think Jesus asked Peter the question three times?**

**Prayer:**

**Thank you, God, for caring for us and giving us wonderful blessings. Help us to take care of your sheep. Amen.**

**SERVING THIS WEEK**

- (8:30) Acolytes: Camille Forsyth & Rush McMurphy
- Cross Bearer: Lola Waldrep

**ALTAR GUILD**

- Chapel: Mary Lovett Beck and Meredith Waddell.
- Delivery: Caroline Laney and Amanda McPherson

**USHERS**

- (8:30) Ken Crumpler, Stan Copelan
- (11:00) Kee Evans (lead), Jay Brodwyn, Tim Shaw, Skip Henderson, Brandon Fields, Blake Voltz

**IN MEMORIAM**

**Buford King**

**October 21, 1949 – April 12, 2026**

**Chris Tyra**

**January 7, 1951 – April 13, 2026**

The flowers on the Sanctuary Altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of **Cammy Marchetti** in celebration of her April birthday by Lee Norred and Dena Waldrep.

Our Christian love and heartfelt sympathy is extended to Beth Holman and family in the loss of her father, **Miles Henslee**, on April 7, 2026.

**MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS**

**Altar Fund**

In memory of **Mike Jackson**

- by Laurie and Stephen McRae

**Altar Guild**

In memory of **Mike Jackson**

- by Lynn and Houser Pugh
- by Jean and George Flowers

In memory of **Jeanne “Pat” Norris Walters**

- by Barbara Farish

**Building Fund**

In memory of **Jeanne “Pat” Norris Walters**

- by Nancy Waldrep
- by Lynn and Houser Pugh

In memory of **Judy Hubbard**

In memory of **Mike Jackson**

In memory of **Bill Reeves**

- all by Nancy Waldrep

In memory of **Harold Upchurch**

- by Betty and Buddy Roberts

In memory of **Newton Sharp**

- by Ginger and Larry Harper

**Wesley Glen Ministry**

In memory of **Judge William Rambo**

- by Nan Bridges

**Wildwood Class**

In memory of **Jeanne “Pat” Norris Walters**

- by Nancy Weekley

**Wynnton Neighborhood Network**

In memory of **Harold Upchurch**

In memory of **Newton Sharp**

In memory of **Burnie Quick**

In memory of **Buford King**

In honor of **Joanne Walker Blagg**

In memory of **Chris Tyra**

- all by Alice Douglas

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 19, 2026  
11:00 a.m. Traditional Service

**The Chiming of the Hour**

**The Welcome & Announcements** .....Rev. John Fugh, Jr.

**The Prelude**.....*Lift Up Your Heads (TRURO)*, by M. Burkhardt  
organist, Adley Scott

**The Hymn of Celebration**.....*The Church's One Foundation (#545)*

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

**The Offertory Prayer**.....Rev. Fugh

**The Offertory**.....*Jesus Loves Me*, arr. C. Callahan  
organist, Adley Scott

**A Special Presentation by the African Children's Choir**.....*Just as I Am*

**A Special Offering for the African Children's Choir**

**The Benediction**.....Rev. Green

**The Postlude**.....*He Lives*, by A. Ackley  
organist, Adley Scott

**The Church Returns to His World to Serve Him**

