

EASTER SUNDAY BULLETIN

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At last, Easter has come. We have walked through the long road of waiting through ashes, wilderness, and the shadow of the cross. Now we stand in the light of a new morning. The truth is, we have been longing for this day far more deeply than we realize. Beneath our prayers, beneath our weariness, beneath even our doubts, there is a quiet ache for resurrection and hope that death does not have the final word, for a promise that God is still making all things new.

Easter is not simply the celebration of an empty tomb; it is the declaration that God has acted decisively in the midst of a broken world. In the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the weight of sin has been lifted, the grip of oppression has been broken, and the power of despair has been undone. What once seemed final—failure, suffering, even death itself—has been interrupted by the living hope of God’s renewing grace.

Therefore, today we rejoice. Not with superficial optimism, but with a deep, defiant joy rooted in the truth that God has not abandoned his creation. The darkness did not win. The stone did not hold. The grave did not keep Him. A new day has dawned, and with it comes the promise that what God has begun in Christ, he is continuing in us and in all the world.

Christ is risen. He is risen. The new creation has already begun. Today, we celebrate not only what God has done, but what God is still doing: raising what was dead, restoring what was broken, and calling us to live as people of the resurrection. We are Easter people. Alleluia!

Traditional Worship

8:30 A.M.

Sanctuary (M260)

Rev. John Fugh, Jr.

*Encounters: Mary Magdalene,
When Jesus Says Her Name*

John 20:1-18

Contemporary Worship

9:00 A.M.

Fellowship Hall (M220)

Rev. Dr. Shane Green

*When Sorrow Meets
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Broadcast Live at 11:00 at

stpaulcolumbus.live

On Easter, the church uses white as the liturgical color to symbolize joy, purity, and the new life revealed in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. White reflects the brightness and hope of resurrection morning, celebrating Christ’s victory over sin and death. Often gold is added alongside white to represent glory and kingship, reminding us that the risen Christ reigns in majesty and fills the church with the light of Easter hope.



Shane

EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

On Wednesday, April 29, we will be making "Hygiene Kits" for **Wynnton Neighborhood Network** at **Wednesday Night Supper**. Please help with this mission project by donating toilet tissue. 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!

This week, **Family Night Supper** will be at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, April 8. Our meal will begin with Italian Wedding Soup, then follow with a meal of Spaghetti with Meatballs, Broccoli, Garlic Bread, Salad Bar, and Desserts. The Kids Menu will be the same. Our program will be a missions moment for House of Heroes.

Our next **Red Cross Blood Drive** will be April 12, starting at 8 a.m., in the Youth Building. Please give the gift of life!

We will have a **Missions Committee Meeting** in the Conference Room at 4:30 p.m. on April 12.

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

Alleluia! On Easter Sunday, Christians remember the special morning when Jesus' tomb was found empty, showing that He is alive. The Bible tells us that some women, including Mary Magdalene, discovered this and were asked to share the good news with Jesus' friends. Even though His friends had been scared and made mistakes, Jesus still loved them and called them His family. Easter reminds us that God's love never ends and that Jesus is always with us.



Important upcoming dates:

- April 15 - Children Sing at Wednesday Night Supper
- April 19 - African Children's Choir
- April 23 - Confirmation Banquet
- April 26 - Confirmation Sunday



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

There's no SNY tonight. Enjoy this Resurrection Sunday with family and friends. We pray that you do not drift in your faith, but rather take advantage of this GREAT salvation we have in the Gospel.

High School and College students, camp counselor applications are online: stpaulcolumbus.com/events. These are due by April 12.

Senior Celebrations are forthcoming! These are:

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, April 5 - Easter Sunday
- 8:30 AM Traditional Worship (M260)
- 9:00 AM Contemporary Worship (M220)
- 10:00 AM Bridges SS Class (M235)
- 10:00 AM Disciple 1 Bible Study (Library)
- 10:00 AM Founary 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)

- Monday, April 6
- 1:30 PM Staff Meeting (M203)

- Tuesday, April 7
- 9:00 AM TMBS (M232)
- 11:00 AM Grace Bible Study (M234)
- 4:00 PM Spring Harbor Study (Off Campus)

- Wednesday, April 8
- 11:30 AM Endowment Committee Meeting (Off Campus)
- 6:00 PM Family Night Supper (M220)
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (M260)

- Thursday, April 9
- 6:30 AM Thursday Men's Bible Study (M232)
- 9:30 AM Preschool Mom's Bible Study (M235)

- Friday, April 10
- 9:30 AM Adult Ministries -Eufaula Pilgrimage and Lunch (Off Campus)
- 5:00 PM Sydney McRae / Will Boyd Wedding Rehearsal (M260)

- Saturday, April 11
- 6:00 PM Sydney McRae / Will Boyd Wedding (M260)

**Today's Sunday School Lesson
for Preschool and Elementary
Children**
Alleluia! (Matthew 28:1-10)
**Anchor Point – We celebrate
Jesus.**

Questions for family discussion:

- **What do you like best about springtime?**
- **What do you think the guards thought when the earth shook and the angel rolled the stone away?**
- **How do you think Mary Magdalene and Mary felt when they found the tomb empty?**
- **Why wasn't Jesus' body in the tomb?**
- **What would you have said to Mary Magdalene and Mary when they told you they had talked to Jesus?**

Prayer:

God, we thank you for sending Jesus to pay for our sins on the cross. Today, we praise you and celebrate Jesus' resurrection. Amen.

SERVING THIS WEEK

- (8:30) Acolytes: Nora Arnett and Rivers Hamilton
- (11:00) Acolytes: James Adams and Dawson Laney
- Cross Bearer: Ruthie Springer
- Acolyte Helper: Tabetha Getz

USHERS

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

The flowers on the Easter altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Dr. James Ward for his April birthday** by Mary Pat and Buford King and family.

The flowering arch at the entrance of the Church is given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the **St. Paul Altar Guild** by the Green family.

The flowers, greenery, and lilies that decorate our Church, Narthex, Chapel, and Fellowship Hall were arranged by the volunteers of the St. Paul Altar Guild. Our thanks to: **Claudia Garrard, Cathryn Pease, Dori Jones, Meredith Waddell, Jenny Swift, Eliza Brewer, Carter Schondelmayer, Lee Norred, Martha Hatcher, Ivey Evans, Katie Parker, Sherrie Buracker, Brooke Green, Beth Burgin, Liz Lampton, Katie Parker, Jenny Badcock, Phillip Badcock, Paul Magoni, and John Schley.**

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

Altar Fund

- In memory of **Mike Jackson**
- by Pam and Charlie Johnson
- In memory of **Jeanne "Pat" Norris Walters**
- by J. Edward Norris, III
 - by Amy and Charlton Norris
 - by Ginger and Larry Harper

Altar Guild

- In memory of **Mike Jackson**
- by Rem and Leila Houser
 - by Jim and Becky Baker
 - by Peggy Beck Gray
 - by Mary Lu Lampton
- In memory of **Jeanne "Pat" Norris Walters**
- by Helen Burgin

Building Fund

- In memory of **Jeanne "Pat" Norris Walters**
- by Lynda Alford

Wildwood Class

- In memory of **Judge William Rambo**
- In memory of **Etta Dykes Blackmon Langley**
- In memory of **Judy Bradford Hubbard**
- by Sherry Evans
- In memory of **Mike Jackson**
- by Helen Burgin



ORDER OF WORSHIP

**April 5, 2026
Easter Service**

The Chiming of the Hour

The Welcome & Announcements.....Mrs. Laura Marvets (8:30 A.M.)
Rev. John Fugh, Jr. (11:00 A.M.)

The Call to Worship.....*Easter Fanfare Christ The Lord Is Risen Today!*
by L. Davidica, arr. M. Arnold; trumpets, Noah Graff and Ethan Nguyen

The Cross and Flame Come to the Altar

The Prelude.....*Toccata on 'Praise to the Lord, the Almighty'*, arr. J.W. Kerr
organist, Adley Scott

The Processional Hymn.....*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* (#302)

Children's Choirs.....*He's Alive! He's Alive*, by Russell Nagy (11:00 A.M.)

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.....Mrs. Marvets (8:30 A.M.)
Rev. Fugh (11:00 A.M.)

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.....Mrs. Marvets (8:30 A.M.)
Rev. Fugh (11:00 A.M.)

The Offertory Anthem.....*Joy in the Morning*, by N. Sleeth

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 20:1-18

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 Sermon.....*Mary Magdalene, When Jesus Says Her Name*
Rev. Fugh (8:30 A.M.)

When Sorrow Meets Resurrection
Rev. Dr. Shane Green (11:00 A.M.)

The Hymn of Consecration.....*Crown Him with Many Crowns* (#327)

The Cross and Flame Go Before Us into the World

The Benediction.....*Fanfare for Two Trumpets, No. 4*, by K.Kaisershot
trumpets, Noah Graff and Ethan Nguyen

The Postlude.....*The Hallelujah Chorus from The Messiah*
by G.F. Handel, arr., E.J. Lorenz,
organist, Adley Scott, and pianist, Jill Honeycutt

The Church Returns to His World to Serve Him