

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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Father's Day reminds us that one of the greatest gifts a parent can give a child is presence. Long after toys are forgotten and schedules fade, children often remember who showed up. They remember who sat in the stands, listened to their stories, prayed with them, corrected them with love, and modeled what it means to live with integrity and faith. Children are remarkable observers. They watch far more than they listen. They notice how adults respond to stress, how they treat people, what they prioritize, and whether their words match their actions.

My older brother once shared with me a quote from a longtime donor to The Methodist Home for Children and Youth. The donor would often say, "It is better to build boys than to mend men." Of course, the same could be said for girls and women. Those words capture an important truth: the values instilled in children become the foundation upon which much of life is built. Character, compassion, honesty, responsibility, and faith are not formed overnight. They are shaped slowly through daily examples, conversations, encouragement, and faithful presence.

The goal of parenting is not perfection, but direction. Frankly, I'm not sure the perfect parent exists. Parents, grandparents, mentors, teachers, and church families all play a role in helping young people develop a worldview rooted in the love and truth of God. In a world filled with competing voices, children need examples of adults who live with humility, courage, kindness, and faithfulness.

This Father's Day, we give thanks for those who have invested their lives in the next generation. We honor fathers and father figures who understand that building a life is not accomplished merely through providing things, but through giving time, wisdom, guidance, and love. May we all remember that the seeds planted in children today become the character, faith, and hope that shape the world tomorrow.



Traditional Worship

8:30 A.M.

Illges Chapel (M250)

Rev. Dr. Shane Green

From Listening to Living

James 1:19-27

Contemporary Worship

9:00 A.M.

Fellowship Hall (M220)

Rev. John Fugh, Jr.

Kingdom in Motion Sermon

Series: *Scattered Like Seed*

Acts 8:1-8

Traditional Worship

11:00 A.M.

Sanctuary (M260)

Rev. Dr. Shane Green

From Listening to Living

James 1:19-27

Broadcast Live at 11:00

at stpaulcolumbus.live

On June 21, the church continues to use red paraments during Pentecost. Red symbolizes the fire and power of the Holy Spirit, reminding us that God equips His people to live out their faith with courage, love, and purpose. As we celebrate Father's Day, we are invited to give thanks for the fathers, grandfathers, and father figures who have helped guide, encourage, and nurture us in faith. May this day be a reminder of God's enduring presence and the many ways His Spirit works through those who lovingly care for others.

A note from Dr. Josh May:

As we come to worship together today, I'd like to take a moment to thank Jill Honeycutt for her dedicated service to bringing beautiful music to our congregation each and every week. This will be her final day of service with us. She will be moving to Florida to be closer to her mother. During Jill's time with us at St. Paul, she has brought tremendous artistry and inspiring devotion in her significant contributions to our music program. I hope you all will take a moment of reflection during today's music to hear the beautiful and joyful connection that she shares with each and every one of us. Jill, we pray that God continues to shine in your life through all the wonderful works you will continue to do. Thank you for all that you've given to the life of our church.



EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

WYNNTON
NEIGHBORHOOD
NETWORK



June is our month, St. Paul! We need canned goods and non-perishables to stock the shelves at **WNN**! Please bring any donations to the church office: Canned Goods, Pasta/Rice, PB&J, Soup, Cereal, Toilet Paper, and Bar Soap are some ideas.

We invite you to join us for a **Multi-Generational Mission Trip** to the Hinton Rural Life Center in Hayesville, NC, July 26–30. This opportunity brings together children, parents, grandparents, and friends to serve while sharing fellowship and faith. We'll help with home repairs, building ramps and porch railings, painting, and other projects to make a meaningful difference in others' lives. All training and guidance will be provided. The cost is \$450 per person, with a \$150 deposit to reserve your spot. We hope you'll consider joining us as we seek to "Be the Body" and share Christ's love through service.



USE THE QR TO REGISTER!

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KIDMIN MOMENTS

Our Story Today: King Ahab turned away from God and worshiped a false god named Baal. God sent the prophet Elijah to tell King Ahab that it was the Lord, not Baal, who gives rain and life. Because Elijah obeyed God and spoke the truth, he had to hide from the angry king. While Elijah was hiding, God cared for him by sending ravens to bring him food, showing that God provides for His people in surprising ways.

Opportunities for Rising 3rd Graders

- **Acolyte Training:** Sundays, August 9–30, from 4:30–5:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Children will learn to carry the flame, serve Communion, and serve in worship.
- **Promotion Sunday:** August 16, third-graders are gifted a Bible during the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

Confirmation 2026-2027 for Rising 6th Graders

- In August, the Confirmation journey begins! Students will explore church history, learn the core beliefs of our faith, discover our Wesleyan heritage, and grow in understanding of what it means to be a member of St. Paul.

If your child is going into the third or sixth grade and you have not received an email from Donna Hightower, please contact her at donna@stpaulcolumbus.com.

Mission and Art Camp for Rising 2nd-6th Graders

- Registration is closed due to the camp being full. For those attending, the details are below:

August 7-9

Drop off at Pine Eden in Hamilton, GA: 5:00 p.m.

Pick Up at Pine Eden in Hamilton, GA: 9:00 a.m.

Cost \$150

We will serve the Harris County Community, create, swim, and enjoy faith and fellowship!



SPY MINISTRY

No Sunday Night Youth (SNY) this Sunday, June 21, as we encourage families to spend time together celebrating Father's Day. As part of our challenge to have more spiritual conversations, take some time this weekend to talk with your dad, grandfather, stepdad, mentor, or another important father figure in your life. Ask them about their faith journey, a lesson they've learned, or how they've seen God at work in their lives. You might be surprised by what you learn!

We'll see everyone back for Spy Sports Wednesday at Lakebottom Park at the kickball field (6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.) and then for a Pool Party at the Perry's next Sunday afternoon (2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.).

Sunday, June 21

Father's Day

8:30 AM Traditional Worship (M250)

9:00 AM Contemporary Worship (M220)

9:30 AM Weekly Communion (M260)

10:00 AM Youth Mission Trip Training (Y104)

10:00 AM Bridges SS Class (M235)

10:00 AM Foundry Class (Y101)

10:00 AM Middle and High 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, June 22

1:30 PM Staff Meeting (M203)

Wednesday, June 24

1:30 PM Mahjong (M235)

6:00 PM SPY Sports Wednesday (Off Campus)

Saturday, June 27

8:00 AM Boy Scout Training (M235)

St. Paul would like to wish all fathers and father figures a very happy and blessed Father's Day.

Kids: Remember Your VBS Bible Verse!

I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.
Philippians 4:13, NRSV

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

**Elijah and the Ravens (1 Kings
16:29-30; 17:1-7)**

**Anchor Point – With God's
help, we can do great things.
Say the Bible verse together:
"Let those who love your
saving help say again: God is
great!" (Psalm 70:4)**

**Questions for family
discussion:**

- How did God give Elijah saving help?
- Why do you think God told Elijah to go hide at Cherith Brook?
- How would you feel about food delivered by a bird?
- Why do you think Elijah would say, "God is great!"?

Prayer:

**God, you are great! We praise
you for your greatness and
your saving help when we are
in need. In Jesus' name we
pray. Amen.**

SERVING THIS WEEK

- (8:30) Acolytes: Elizabeth Chester and TBA
- (11:00) Acolytes: Edee Portillo and TBA
- Cross Bearer: Beau King
- Acolyte Helper: Erin Murphy

ALTAR GUILD

- Delivery: Caroline Laney and Amanda McPherson
- Sanctuary: Dori Jones
- Chapel: Knoxie Heisler and Susan Middlebrooks

USHERS

- (8:30) Ken Crumpler, Stan Copelan
- (11:00) Mark Ellis (Lead), Asa Swift, David Koon, Kevin McPherson, George Avant, Jack Schley

The flowers on the Sanctuary Altar today are given to the glory of God, ***in celebration of the fathers of St. Paul***, and in loving memory of ***William David Varner, Jr.***, by Caroline, Brandon, and the girls.

Our Christian love and heartfelt sympathy is extended to Jimmy Martin and his family in the loss of his mother, ***Linda Martin***, on June 8, 2026.

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

Altar Fund

In memory of ***Grace Hill***

- by Jennifer and Wade Harper

In memory of ***Buford King***

- by Elizabeth and Wade Cliatt

Building Fund

In memory of ***Buford King***

In memory of ***Etta Langley***

In memory of ***Harold Upchurch***

In memory of ***Mike Jackson***

In memory of ***Johnny Jackson***

In memory of ***Pat Walters***

In memory of ***Philip Cain***

- all by Dell and Paul Gray

In memory of ***Grace Hill***

- by Kimberly and Blake Voltz

Music Fund

In memory of ***Sally White***

- by Nancy Weekley

Music Suite Renovation

In memory of ***Sally White***

- by Betty and Buddy Roberts
- by Nancy Waldrep
- by Kimberly and Blake Voltz

Wesley Glen Ministries

In honor of ***Jill Honeycutt***

- by Linda and Bob Patton

Wynnton Neighborhood Network

In honor of ***Mary Lou Jarrell***

- by Betty and Mike Hipps

In memory of ***Jay Davis***

- by Alice Douglas

In honor of ***Betty Roberts***

In honor of ***Patty Hester Calloway***

- by Alice Douglas

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

June 21, 2026
11:00 a.m. Traditional Service

The Chiming of the Hour

The Welcome & AnnouncementsRev. Dr. Shane Green

The Choral Call to Worship.....*O Worship the Lord*, by Robert McCutchan
from Psalm 96

The Cross and Flame Come to the Altar

The Prelude.....*You Are My Hiding Place*, by M. Ledner, arr. M. Hayes
pianist, Jill Honeycutt

The Hymn of Celebration.....*Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands* (#273)

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. Dr. 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.

Hymn of Preparation.....*I Sought the Lord* (#341)

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

The Offertory Prayer.....Rev. Dr. Green

The Offertory.....*Hallelujah*, by L. Cohen/K. Mooney
duet, Julia Green and Hope Phillips; accompanist, 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.....James 1:19-27

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.....*Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You*, by Jay Althouse

The Sermon.....*From Listening to Living*, Rev. Dr. Green

The Hymn of Consecration.....*My Faith Looks Up to Thee* (#452)

The Cross and Flame Go Before Us into the World

The Choral Benediction.....*May the Peace of the Lord Go With You*
by Charles Yannerella

The Postlude.....*Festival Voluntary*, by J. Clarke, arr. J. Spong
organist, Adleyn Scott

The Church Returns to His World to Serve Him