

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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Faith often begins with a conversation. Recently, our youth participated in a simple but powerful exercise. They sat down with their parents and asked four questions: How has your faith changed after having children? When and how did you know God is real? Did your parents push you in your faith, or did you develop it on your own? How have you seen or experienced God recently?

What made the exercise so meaningful was not that every parent had a perfect answer. In fact, some questions may have been difficult to answer. The value was found in the conversation itself. Faith became something discussed rather than assumed. Shared stories, remembered experiences, and questions were welcomed. For many families, it created space for a conversation that might not have happened otherwise.

One of the greatest gifts we can give the next generation is not a perfect explanation of faith but a living example of it. Children, youth, and even adults learn what matters by what is regularly discussed. When faith becomes a common topic around the dinner table, in the car, or during everyday moments, it becomes easier to talk about God's presence, God's guidance, and God's work in our lives. Faith is no longer confined to Sunday morning; it becomes part of the rhythm of daily living.

Many people desire a home where faith is nurtured and encouraged, but such an environment rarely develops by accident. It begins with simple conversations. It begins when parents, grandparents, spouses, and friends are willing to share what they believe, what they wonder about, and how they have experienced God's grace. The goal is not to have all the answers. The goal is to create a culture where faith is welcomed, expected, and discussed openly.

Imagine what might happen if conversations about God became as natural as conversations about school, work, sports, or the weather. Imagine homes where family members regularly shared where they have seen God at work, what they are praying for, or what they are studying. These conversations help shape a worldview that recognizes God as an active presence in everyday life. They teach us to look for God's fingerprints in ordinary moments and remind us that faith is meant to be lived together.

You don't have to be in our youth ministry to do this. Begin now with your family, regardless of the age of each family member. Ask someone one of those four questions. You may be surprised where the conversation leads. More importantly, you may discover that cultivating faith often begins not with a lesson, but with a simple question.



Traditional Worship

8:30 A.M.

Illges Chapel (M250)

Rev. Dr. Shane Green

Level Ground

James 2:1-13

Contemporary Worship

9:00 A.M.

Fellowship Hall (M220)

Rev. John Fugh, Jr.

Kingdom in Motion Sermon

Series: An Enemy, Remade

Acts 9:1-19

Traditional Worship

11:00 A.M.

Sanctuary (M260)

Rev. Dr. Shane Green

Level Ground

James 2:1-13

Broadcast Live at 11:00

at stpaulcolumbus.live

On June 28, the church continues to use red paraments during the Pentecost season. Red symbolizes the fire of the Holy Spirit, reminding us to share the Good News. This is a time to share our faith with those closest to us. Some of our most important opportunities to witness to God's love happen within our own families. Through our words, actions, prayers, and example, we help pass on the faith to loved ones. As we worship, may we be reminded that the Holy Spirit equips us to nurture faith in the hearts closest to us.

EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

A SUMMER FOR MISSION WORK!

St. Paul is gearing up for the summer by extending our hearts and hands to others by participating in three mission opportunities. We are humbled to take part in these experiences, which involve all ages, and we stand at the ready to “Be the Body” of Christ. **“Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.” (1 Corinthians 12:27)**

- A **Multi-Generational Mission Trip** to the Hinton Rural Life Center in Hayesville, NC, from July 26–30. We are bringing together families 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. stpaulcolumbus.com/event/family-mission-trip/
- A **Youth Mission Trip** to Mashulaville, MS from July 25–31. St. Paul Youth will spend a week serving, growing, and putting their faith into action in this rural area. Students will help with home repair projects, serve children and families through local ministries, and build meaningful relationships within the community. Please be in prayer for the leaders, those attending, and the Choctaw community during this time.
- A **Children's Mission and Art Camp** to Hamilton, GA. We are blessed to share that all spots for this year's Mission & Art Camp have been filled! Children who have completed grades 1–5 will gather at Pine Eden Christian Retreat Center from August 7–9 for a weekend of creativity, service, fellowship, and faith. Campers will enjoy hands-on art projects, mission experiences, games, baking brownies for local volunteer firefighters, and fun at the Liberty Bell Pool—all while growing in their understanding of God's love.



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

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KIDMIN MOMENTS

Our Story Today: During a terrible drought, a brave prophet named Elijah challenged the followers of a false god named Baal to a big contest on a mountain. While the false prophets shouted for hours and nothing happened, Elijah built an altar to the one true God and even completely soaked it with water. When Elijah prayed, God amazingly sent down fire from heaven that burned up everything, including the water! Seeing this incredible miracle, all the people fell to the ground and cheered, "God is great!"

For those going to Kids' Camp Next Week (full)

- From July 6–10, rising 3rd–7th graders will embark on a week filled with faith, friendship, fun, and discovery with a safari-inspired experience. Check-in is at 2:00 p.m. on Monday in the Youth Building. Campers, see you then!

For Rising 3rd Graders

- Acolyte Training:** Sundays, August 9–30, 4:30–5:30 p.m., Sanctuary.
- Promotion Sunday:** August 16, Third-graders given a Bible, 11:00 a.m. worship service.

For Rising 6th Graders

- The **Confirmation** journey begins in August!
- 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.

For those going on the Mission and Art Camp (full):

- Kids will be serving the Harris County Community, creating art, swimming, and enjoying faith and fellowship from August 7–9.
- On August 7, drop off at Pine Eden in Hamilton, GA: 5:00 p.m.
- On August 9, pick up at Pine Eden in Hamilton, GA: 9:00 a.m.

For All Ages

- Back to School Bash: August 16 at 5:30 p.m. on the Quad

SUMMER CAMP BLASTS FROM THE PAST



SPY MINISTRY



BRING THIS!



Pool party at the Perrys' this afternoon from 2:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.! The address will be sent in the GroupMe texting app, so be sure to check it. Remember to bring a towel to the pool. Snacks will be provided.

There will be NO Sunday night youth (SNY) on July 5th. Instead, join us Sunday morning at the 9:00 a.m. service to pray over those who will spend the week serving as camp counselors. Hope to see you there!

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9

Sunday, June 28

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 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)

2:00 PM SPY Pool Party (Off Campus)

Monday, June 29

1:30 PM Staff Meeting (M203)

1:30 PM CRWS Sports Camp (Y210 and Quad)

Tuesday, June 30

1:30 PM CRWS Sports Camp (Y210 and Quad)

Wednesday, July 1

1:30 PM CRWS Sports Camp (Y210 and Quad)

6:00 PM SPY Sports Wednesday (Off Campus)

Thursday, July 2

1:30 PM CRWS Sports Camp (Y210 and Quad)

Friday, July 3

Office Closed

Saturday, July 4

Independence Day



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

**Elijah and the Prophets (1 Kings
18:20-39)**

**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:

- Have you ever been in a contest? What was the challenge?
- How do you think Elijah felt being one prophet facing 450 prophets of Baal?
- How did the drought and the contest bring glory to God?
- Why do you think the Israelites had been worshipping Baal?

Prayer:

**Dear God, we worship you as the
same great and true God of
Elijah and the Israelites. Help us
to show our faith to others. In
Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**



SERVING THIS WEEK

- (8:30) Acolytes: Anna Wells
Wallace & Elizabeth
Chester
- (11:00) Acolytes: Haley
Alexander & Bennett Fields
- Cross Bearer: Mary Ellen
Lane
- Acolyte Helper: Lucy
Cochran

ALTAR GUILD

- Delivery: Becky Baker
and Martha Hatcher
- 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, and in appreciation for our **Communion stewards, Helen Burgin and Minnie Luttrell.**

The two Rosebuds in the Chancel are in honor of the following births:



On April 5, 2026, Esther and Phillip Clark III welcomed their daughter, **Sarah Elisabeth Clark.**



On June 4, 2026, Anna and Nick Garcia welcomed their son, **Walter Jack Garcia.**

May the Lord bless these little ones and fill their lives with love.

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

Altar Fund

In honor of **Mary Lu and Mason Lampton**

- by Mary Pat King

Building Fund

In memory of **Buford King**

In memory of **Mike Jackson**

- by Mary Lu and Mason Lampton

In memory of **Grace Hill**

- by Linda and Thurston Sheffield

General Fund

In memory of **Mike Jackson**

In memory of **Buford King**

In memory of **Pat Walters**

In memory of **Harold Upchurch**

In memory of **Sally White**

In memory of **Nellie Grace Hill**

- all by Celia Jenkins, Mr. and Mrs. Mack
Jenkins, III, and Mr. and Mrs. Russell
Hofstetter

Music Fund

In honor of **Jill Honeycutt**

- by Ginger and Larry Harper
- by Carolyn Poole

Music Suite Renovation

In memory of **Sally White**

- by Linda and Thurston Sheffield

Wynnton Neighborhood Network

In memory of **Patty Hester Calloway**

- by Alice Douglas

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

June 28, 2026
11:00 a.m. Traditional Service

The Chiming of the Hour

The Welcome & AnnouncementsRev. John Fugh, Jr.

The Prelude.....*Prelude from Violin Partita No. 3, by J.S. Bach*
harpist, Katie Damon

The Cross and Flame Come to the Altar

The Call to Worship

Leader: *If any lack wisdom, let them ask of God, who gives generously to all.*

Congregational Response: *We come seeking the wisdom that comes from above.*

Leader: *Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you.*

Congregational Response: *We come with humble hearts, ready to receive His grace.*

Leader: *Let us worship the Lord who is full of compassion and mercy.*

Congregational Response: *To Him be all praise, honor, and glory.*

The Hymn of Celebration.....*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart (#160)*

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.

The Pastoral Prayer with the Lord’s Prayer.....Rev. Fugh
Hymn of Preparation.....*Spirit of the Living God* (#393)
The Leader: Let Us Worship God with His Tithes and Our Offerings.
The Offertory Prayer.....Rev. Fugh
The Offertory.....organist, Adley Scott
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 2:1-13
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.)*

Anthem.....*La Fille aux Cheveux de Lin*, by Claude Debussy
(transcribed by Henriette Renie)
harpist, Katie Damon

The Sermon.....*Level Ground*, Rev. Dr. Shane Green
The Hymn of Consecration.....*The Gift of Love* (#408)
The Cross and Flame Go Before Us into the World
The Benediction
The Postlude.....*Second Movement of Op. 27, No. 2 (Moonlight Sonata)*
by Ludwig van Beethoven
pianist, John Finley

The Church Returns to His World to Serve Him