

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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With every ministry at St. Paul, our hope is to create an environment where faith can take root and grow. This is especially true in our student ministries (Children and Youth). Every Bible lesson, game, mission project, camp, retreat, and conversation is designed to help young people discover that they are deeply loved by God. As that truth sinks into their hearts, it begins to shape how they see themselves, how they treat others, and how they engage the world around them.

A few weeks ago, our Vacation Bible School centered on Philippians 4:13: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." We hoped that verse would stay with our children long after the decorations were packed away, and it already has. After VBS, one young boy was learning to ride his bike. As frustration began to take over, his mother paused and together they prayed the prayer they had learned during VBS. Encouraged, he climbed back on the bike and, before long, was riding on his own. Another child was meeting with his speech therapist. As they practiced the "th" sound, the therapist asked him to say the word faith. Without hesitation, he replied, "I can do all things through Him who strengthens me."

Moments like these remind us that faith is rarely formed all at once. It grows little by little. Like a house built one brick at a time, God uses each opportunity to lay another stone in a child's spiritual foundation. We may not always see what God is building in the moment, but over time God's work becomes unmistakable.

This is why camps, mission trips, Sunday School, worship, and every gathering of the church matter so much. They are not simply events to fill a calendar; they are opportunities for God to shape hearts. As a church, we are just one week removed from Elementary Camp and one week away from our mission trips. I cannot wait to hear the stories that will emerge. Thank you for investing in the next generation. Together, we are building something that will last far longer than a single summer. We are helping to nurture a faith that, by God's grace, will endure for a lifetime.

Traditional Worship

8:30 A.M.

Illiges Chapel (M250)

Rev. Dr. Shane Green

Wisdom in an Angry World

James 3:13-18

Contemporary Worship

9:00 A.M.

Fellowship Hall (M220)

Rev. John Fugh, Jr.

Unhindered

Acts 28:23-31

Traditional Worship

11:00 A.M.

Sanctuary (M260)

Rev. Dr. Shane Green

Wisdom in an Angry World

James 3:13-18

Broadcast Live at 11:00

at stpaulcolumbus.live

The red paraments remind us that we are still in the season of Pentecost, when the Church celebrates the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit. Red symbolizes the fire of the Spirit, who continues to guide, strengthen, and transform us. In James 3:13-18, we're encouraged to seek God's wisdom—a wisdom that is gentle, peace-loving, full of mercy, and evident in the way we care for one another. May the red surrounding us today remind us that the Holy Spirit not only strengthens our faith but helps us grow together as a family, reflecting Christ's love in our words, our actions, and our lives.

EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Wednesday Night Supper will resume August 19! Be sure to mark your calendars and join us to celebrate the new beginning of the educational year. Everyone is welcome. Online reservations will be available soon. Our first meal of the season will be Fried Chicken and Rotisserie Chicken, Mac-n-Cheese, Green Beans, Cornbread, and Banana Pudding for Dessert. Our program will be "How I Spent My Summer Vacation." Plan to come for this festive night!

Mahjong Returns! Join our Adult Ministries for an afternoon of fun, fellowship, and friendly competition at 2:30 p.m., July 22, in Room M235. This gathering is for **experienced players**. If you've been interested in learning Mahjong, be on the lookout—we'll be offering another beginner's class soon. Join us and see why so many at St. Paul enjoy this wonderful time together! Contact the office at 706-327-7419 and speak to Grace, or email grace@stpaulcolumbus.com.

PRAY FOR MISSIONS

Pray for Our **Multi-Generational Mission Team**: As our group prepares to travel to Hayesville, North Carolina, July 26–30, we invite our entire church family to join this mission through prayer. The mountain communities of western North Carolina continue to recover from the devastating flooding and landslides that impacted the region in 2024, and our team will have the opportunity to serve through home repairs and hands-on ministry. Please pray for safe travels, willing hands, and open hearts as they share Christ's love with every family they meet. Every prayer offered is an important part of this mission. Together, we can help bring hope, encouragement, and the love of Christ to a community in need.

Pray for Our **Youth Mission Team**: From July 25–31, St. Paul Youth will travel to Mashulaville, Mississippi, to serve alongside Adventures in Missions as they minister to families within the Choctaw Reservation. Through home repair projects, community outreach, and time spent building meaningful relationships, our students will have the opportunity to share Christ's love in practical and personal ways. As they serve others, we pray they will also grow in faith and discover more deeply what it means to be the hands and feet of Christ. Please keep our youth, leaders, and the families they will encounter in your prayers throughout this important week of mission and service.

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KIDMIN MOMENTS

Our Story Today: Elisha and the Servant Girl

A brave young girl from Israel was captured and became a servant for the wife of a powerful army general, Naaman, who had a terrible skin disease. Even though she was far from home, the girl showed great courage and told her master about a prophet named Elisha who could heal him in God's name. At first, Naaman was angry when Elisha told him to wash in the dirty Jordan River, but his servants convinced him to try it anyway. After dipping in the river seven times, Naaman was completely healed, showing everyone that "God is great!"

KidMin Coming Up:

- **Mission and Art Camp** (full) is from August 7-9 at Pine Eden.
- **3rd Graders Acolyte Training** is on Sundays, August 9, 16, 23, and 30, 4:30–5:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.
- **Promotion Sunday** is August 16, when 3rd Graders will be given a Bible during the 11:00 a.m. worship service.
- **Back to School Bingo Bash** is August 16 at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
- **6th Graders' Confirmation Kickoff Banquet** is August 20 at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.
- **Cross Bearer Training** is Sunday, August 23, 10-10:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

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.

There will be a **CPR Training Class for all Preschool Teachers** on July 28, 8:30 a.m. to noon, in Room M232.

SPY MINISTRY

Tonight we will have **Sunday Night Youth** in the Youth Building with a Snack Supper! Meet us from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and be ready to work on Project James, which is our way of loving, giving back, and paying it forward to others. We will deliver flowers and prayers to those in need.

For the Mission Team, we leave on Saturday (July 25) for the **Youth Mission Trip**. Please pray for safe travels and for God to move powerfully throughout the week. We are so thankful for our team's committed service to the Choctaw Community in Mississippi.

Sunday, July 19

8:30 AM Traditional Worship (M250)

9:00 AM Contemporary Worship (M220)

9:30 AM Weekly Communion

10:00 AM Bridges SS Class (M235)

10:00 AM Foundry Class (Y101)

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)

10:00 AM Middle and High School Youth Combined SS (Y104)

11:00 AM Traditional Worship (M260)

2:00 PM Spring Harbor Worship (Off Campus)

4:30 PM Missions Committee Meeting (M203)

5:00 PM Combined SNY (Y210)

6:00 PM SNY Snack Supper (M232)

Monday, July 20

1:30 PM CRWS Sports (Quad)

1:30 PM Staff Meeting (M203)

Tuesday, July 21

1:30 PM CRWS Sports (Quad)

Wednesday, July 22

1:30 PM CRWS Sports (Quad)

2:30 PM Mahjong (M235)

6:00 PM SPY Sports Wednesday (TBA)

Thursday, July 23

1:30 PM CRWS Sports (Quad)

Saturday, July 25

TBA Youth Mission Trip Leaves for Mississippi

Today's Sunday School Lesson for Preschool and Elementary Children

**Elisha and the Servant Girl (2
Kings 5:1-19)**

**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:

- **Why do you think Naaman was healed?**
- **What do you think Naaman felt when his skin was completely healed of the sores?**
- **How can we show others that our God is the one true God?**
- **Is there someone in your life whom you need to tell about the one true God?**

Prayer:

**Dear God, thank you for
always loving us. Help us to
be courageous like the young
servant girl, even in difficult
times. In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.**

SERVING THIS WEEK

- (8:30) Acolytes: Nora Arnett and TBD
- (11:00) Acolytes: Dawson Laney and TBD
- Cross Bearer: Johnson Trawick
- Acolyte Helper: Sara Varner

ALTAR GUILD

- Delivery: Caroline Laney and Amanda McPherson

USHERS

- (8:30) Ken Crumpler, Stan Copelan
- (11:00) Travis Miller (lead), Bret Coffman, Barber Wilson, Robert Hiers

The flowers on the Sanctuary altar today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Pat Ward** by Mary Pat King, Jimmy Ward, and Libby Reames.

The flowers on the Fellowship Hall altar today are given to the glory of God and in honor of the baptism of **Tate Fober** by Ellie and Jason Fober.



The Rosebud in the Chancel is in honor of the July 2, 2026 birth of **Margot Jane Stovall**, daughter of Jamie and Ryan Stovall. May the Lord bless this little one with love and fill her life with happiness and peace.

Our Christian love and heartfelt sympathy is extended to Beth Holman and her family in the loss of her nephew, **Miles Loy Henslee IV**, on July 11, 2026.

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

Altar Guild

In memory of **Bettye Spence**
• by Ginger and Larry Harper

Music Fund

In memory of **Jonathan Weeks**
• by Walter and Janet Mauldin
In memory of **Sally White**
• by Pam and Homer Shuler

Music Suite Renovation

In memory of **Sally White**
• by Cynthia Hill
• by Walter and Janet Mauldin

Wynnton Neighborhood Network

In memory of **Sloan Flournoy, Sr.**
In memory of **Walter Wellman**
• both by Alice Douglas



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

The Chiming of the Hour

The Welcome & AnnouncementsRev. Dr. Shane Green

The Prelude.....*My Savior's Love*, arr. Harold DeCou
organist, Adleyn Scott

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.....*Now Thank We All Our God* (#102)

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.....(#70)

The Sacrament of Infant Baptism.....Isla Ren Cliatt (see insert)

The Pastoral Prayer with the Lord’s Prayer.....Rev. Meghan Gross
The Leader: Let Us Worship God with His Tithes and Our Offerings.
The Offertory Prayer
The Offertory.....*Shall We Gather at the River*, arr. Harold DeCou
organist, Adleyn 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 3:13-18
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, children 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.....*His Eye Is on the Sparrow*, by Charles H. Gabriel
soprano, Jennifer Akin; organist, Adleyn Scott

The Sermon.....*Wisdom in an Angry World*, Rev. Dr. Green

The Hymn of Consecration.....*Spirit Song* (#347)

The Cross and Flame Go Before Us into the World

The Benediction

The Postlude.....*Praise Him! Praise Him!*, by Mark Hayes
organist, Adleyn Scott

The Church Returns to His World to Serve Him