

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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I am humbled to be alive this year, as it marks the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States of America. For two and a half centuries, generations have enjoyed freedoms that many throughout history have only dreamed of possessing. These freedoms have been preserved through much sacrifice, courage, service, and a shared commitment to the common good of society.

As we commemorate this milestone, we do so not with pride alone, but with humility and gratitude. Freedom is never guaranteed. It is a gift received, a responsibility entrusted, and a blessing that must never be taken for granted. We honor those who have worked, sacrificed, and served so that future generations might continue to live in liberty.

Among our greatest blessings is the freedom to gather openly for worship. Today, we enter this sanctuary without fear of persecution, government interference, or punishment for our faith. We are free to pray, sing, read, and proclaim the name of Jesus Christ. While this freedom may seem ordinary to us, it is not true for millions around the world. They face restrictions, discrimination, or even danger because of their faith. Their circumstances remind us that religious liberty is a precious gift worthy of both protection and thanksgiving.

As followers of Christ, we remember that every good gift comes from God. Our gratitude for earthly freedom should deepen our commitment to use that freedom wisely by loving our neighbors, seeking justice, serving others, and faithfully bearing witness to the Gospel. May this anniversary be more than a celebration of our nation's history. May it be an opportunity to give thanks to God, to pray for our nation (and the world for that matter), and to recommit ourselves to being people who use freedom for the glory of God.

"For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another." — Galatians 5:13. For this, thanks be to God.



Traditional Worship

8:30 A.M.

Illges Chapel (M250)

Rev. Dr. Shane Green

When Words Aren't Enough

James 2:14-26

Contemporary Worship

9:00 A.M.

Fellowship Hall (M220)

Rev. John Fugh, Jr.

Set Apart

Acts 13:1-3

Traditional Worship

11:00 A.M.

Sanctuary (M260)

Rev. Dr. Shane Green

When Words Aren't Enough

James 2:14-26

Broadcast Live at 11:00

at stpaulcolumbus.live

On July 5, the church uses white and gold paraments for Communion Sunday. These colors symbolize the purity, victory, and glory of Christ, reminding us of His resurrection and presence at the Lord's Table. As we gather for Independence Day weekend, we also give thanks for the freedoms we enjoy. Faith reminds us that true freedom is found in Christ and expressed through lives of love and service. This echoes today's message of James 2, where we are reminded that faith is revealed through action. As we worship this morning, may we be inspired to live in ways that honor God and serve our neighbors.

EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES



The Music Wing renovation is on schedule and slated to be completed this summer. You are welcome to peer through the windows to see the progress. It has just been freshly painted.

Leaders for Kids' Camp leave today to travel to Shocco Springs near Talladega, AL. Please keep this group in prayer as they prep for a fantastic week!

Kids' Camp leaves tomorrow at 2:00 p.m. We will meet in the Youth Building to confirm final details and pack the bus. Then, off we go!

The **Multi-Generational Mission Trip** to Hinton Rural Life Center in Hayesville, NC, is from July 26–30. The cost is \$450 per person. stpaulcolumbus.com/event/family-mission-trip/

The **Youth Mission Trip** to Mashulaville, MS, is from July 25-31.

July 2026

- 1 CRWS SPORTS CAMP, 1:30-5:30 PM, QUAD
- BOY SCOUT PLANNING MEETING, 5:30-7:00 PM, M232, M234
- 2 CRWS SPORTS CAMP, 1:30-5:30 PM, QUAD
- 3 OFFICE CLOSED
- 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY, 250TH ANNIVERSARY!
- 5 COMMUNION, ALL SERVICES
- KIDS' CAMP COUNSELORS LEAVE FOR SHOCCO SPRINGS, 2 PM
- 6 KID CAMPERS LEAVE FOR SHOCCO BY BUS, 2 PM, Y210
- 8 MAHJONG, 2:30 PM, M235
- SPY SPORTS WEDNESDAY, 6 PM, OFF CAMPUS
- 10 KID CAMPERS RETURN FROM SHOCCO SPRINGS, QUAD
- 12 COMBINED SNY, 5-7 PM, Y210
- COUNSELOR APPRECIATION DINNER, 6 PM, OFF CAMPUS
- 13 CRWS SPORTS CAMP, 1:30-5:30 PM, QUAD
- 14 CRWS SPORTS CAMP, 1:30-5:30 PM, QUAD
- 15 CRWS SPORTS CAMP, 1:30-5:30 PM, QUAD
- SPY SPORTS WEDNESDAY, 6 PM, OFF CAMPUS
- 16 CRWS SPORTS CAMP, 1:30-5:30 PM, QUAD
- 18 MISSION TRIP TRAINING FOR ALL YOUTH, 10 AM-2 PM, Y210
- 19 COMBINED SNY & SNACK SUPPER, 5-7 PM, Y210
- 20 CRWS SPORTS CAMP, 1:30-5:30 PM, QUAD
- 21 CRWS SPORTS CAMP, 1:30-5:30 PM, QUAD
- 22 MAHJONG, 2:30 PM, M235
- CRWS SPORTS CAMP, 1:30-5:30 PM, QUAD
- SPY SPORTS WEDNESDAY, 6 PM, Y210/QUAD
- 23 CRWS SPORTS CAMP, 1:30-5:30 PM, QUAD
- 25 YOUTH MISSION TRIP TO MISSISSIPPI (UNTIL 31ST)
- 26 FAMILY MISSION TRIP LEAVES FOR NORTH CAROLINA
- 28 PRESCHOOL CPR TRAINING, 8:30 AM TO 12 PM, M232
- 30 FAMILY MISSION TRIP RETURNS
- 31 YOUTH RETURN FROM MISSION TRIP

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KIDMIN MOMENTS

Our Story Today: When God told Jonah to preach to his enemies in Nineveh, Jonah didn't want to go and tried to run away on a ship. After a huge storm hit, Jonah was thrown into the sea, but God lovingly saved his life by sending a giant fish to swallow him. Inside the fish, Jonah prayed for three days until the fish spit him out safely on the beach, giving him a second chance to obey. Even though Jonah pouted when the people actually listened to God, the story reminds us that God has a big heart and teaches us all about compassion!

Pray for a safe and faith-filled week at Kids' Camp!

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

KIDS' CAMP IS THIS WEEK! GET READY FOR...



SPY MINISTRY

We will not have Sunday Night Youth tonight, as many of our high school and college students are heading to Shocco Springs this afternoon. We'll be preparing for St. Paul Kids Camp. Please be praying for our students, leaders, and campers—for a safe, meaningful week and for God to work in wondrous ways in the lives of our campers.



SPY Sports is happening this Wednesday! Join us for bowling at **Bowlero** from 6:00–8:00 p.m. Check the SPY GroupMe for all the details!

Sunday, July 5

Communion Sunday

8:30 AM Traditional Worship (M250)

9:00 AM Contemporary Worship (M220)

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)

11:00 AM Traditional Worship (M260)

2:00 PM Spring Harbor Worship (Off Campus)

2:00 PM Kids' Camp Counselors Leave for Shocco Springs

Monday, July 6

2:00 PM Kids' Camp Leaves for Shocco Springs

Tuesday, July 7

All Day Kids' Camp

Wednesday, July 8

All Day Kids' Camp

2:30 Mahjong (M235)

6:00 PM SPY Sports Wednesday (Off Campus - Bowlero)

Thursday, July 9

All Day Kids' Camp

Friday, July 10

Kids' Camp Returns (TBA)



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

**Jonah and the Fish (Book of
Jonah)**

**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:**

- **Do you think Jonah
thought he was right to
run away?**
- **Do you think God's love
has a limit?**
- **Why do you think Jonah
got mad when Nineveh
wasn't destroyed?**
- **Can you think of a time
when God did something
in your life that didn't
make sense to you? What
happened?**

Prayer:

**Dear God, we are thankful for
your unlimited love for all of
us. Help us to show that kind
of love to others, even our
enemies. In Jesus' name we
pray. Amen.**

SERVING THIS WEEK

- (8:30) Acolytes: Gigi
Gudger and Susie Gudger
- (11:00) Acolytes: SaSa
Varner and Mims Watkins
- Cross Bearer: Sophie Mills
- Acolyte Helper: Tabetha
Getz

ALTAR GUILD

- Delivery: Lynn Pugh and
Beth Thomas

USHERS

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

IN MEMORIUM



Bettye Timmons Spence

June 4, 1927 - June 25, 2026

The flowers on the Sanctuary Altar are given to the
glory of God and ***in honor of those who serve in
our Military***, by the Dixon family.

Our Christian love and heartfelt sympathy is
extended to Harrison Mills and his family in the loss
of his father, ***Tom Mills***, on June 29, 2026. Our
prayers are with you during this time.

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

Altar Fund

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

- by Page Flournoy
- by Mary Varner

Building Fund

In memory of ***Buford King***

In memory of ***Mike Jackson***

- both by Lee Tyra

Music Suite Renovation

In memory of ***Sally White***

In memory of ***Bettye Spence***

- both by Barbara Farish

Wynnton Neighborhood Network

In honor of ***Judy Wade***

In honor of ***John F. Douglas III***

In honor of ***D. Thad Haygood***

In memory of ***S.C. Pete Gentry***

In memory of ***John F. Douglas, Sr.***

- all by Alice Douglas
- by Sandy and Ken Coolik



Use the QR code in pledge or
support of St. Paul. "Each one
must give as he has decided in
his heart, not reluctantly or
under compulsion, for God
loves a cheerful giver."
2 Corinthians 9:7

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

July 5, 2026
11:00 a.m. Traditional Service

The Chiming of the Hour

The Welcome & AnnouncementsRev. John Fugh, Jr.

The Prelude.....*Amazing Grace*, arr. by Beverly Terrell
soprano, Noel Lewandowski; organist, Adley 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.....*America (My Country, 'Tis of Thee)* (#697)

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. Fugh
The Leader: Let Us Worship God with His Tithes and Our Offerings.
The Offertory Prayer.....Rev. Fugh
The Offertory/Anthem.....*Eternal Life*, by Olive Dunham
soprano, Noel Lewandowski; 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 2:14-26
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
(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 Sermon.....*When Words Aren’t Enough*, Rev. Dr. Shane Green
The Sacrament of Holy Communion.....(#12)
The Hymn of Consecration.....*America the Beautiful* (#696)
The Cross and Flame Go Before Us into the World
The Benediction
The Postlude.....*Eternal Father, Strong to Save*, by Charles Callahan
The Church Returns to His World to Serve Him