

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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As the summer gives way to the routines of a new school year, we are reminded that classrooms are more than buildings where information is shared. They are places where minds are shaped, character is formed, and futures begin to unfold. Every interaction between teacher and student has the potential to influence a life for years to come. Education is one of God's good gifts, equipping people with the knowledge, wisdom, and skills needed to serve their neighbors and strengthen their communities.

This new season calls us to pray intentionally for those who make education possible. I hope you will join me in praying for teachers who prepare lessons with care, administrators who lead with wisdom, support staff whose often unseen work keeps schools running, and students who will spend the coming months learning, growing, and discovering whom God has created them to be. Pray for parents, grandparents, and caregivers whose love, guidance, and sacrifices provide the foundation upon which children learn and flourish.

Strong schools contribute to strong communities. When children are encouraged to learn, when educators are supported in their calling, and when families work together with schools, everyone benefits. The values of curiosity, perseverance, integrity, compassion, and respect, when cultivated in classrooms, become the qualities that shape tomorrow's leaders, neighbors, and workers. As followers of Christ, we celebrate every effort that helps people grow in wisdom and use their gifts for the good of others.

As a church, may we be known as a people who pray faithfully for our schools throughout the year, not only at its beginning. Let us encourage those who teach, support those who serve, and remind every student that they are loved by God and filled with potential. May this new school year be marked by safety, joyful learning, meaningful friendships, and opportunities for every person to grow in knowledge, wisdom, and grace.

Traditional Worship

8:30 A.M.

Illges Chapel (M250)

Rev. Dr. Shane Green

Theology of Enoughness

James 5:1-6

Contemporary Worship

9:00 A.M.

Fellowship Hall (M220)

Rev. Dr. Shane Green

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James 5:1-6

Traditional Worship

11:00 A.M.

Sanctuary (M260)

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Theology of Enoughness

James 5:1-6

Broadcast Live at 11:00

at stpaulcolumbus.live

During the Season of Pentecost, red reminds us of the Holy Spirit, whose presence empowers and sends God's people into the world to live out their faith. As a new school year begins, these red paraments serve as a fitting reminder that our classrooms, campuses, and workplaces are places where Christ's love can shine. Today, pray for students, teachers, school staff, college students, and families. May the color red encourage us to go with courage and wisdom, trusting that the Holy Spirit goes before us. Wherever God calls us this school year, may we faithfully reflect His love and be a light to those around us.

EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Chancel Choir Practice has returned with Dr. Josh May! We meet on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. Whether you're a longtime member of the Chancel Choir or you're thinking about joining, this is the perfect time to jump in. Choir is a wonderful opportunity to worship, grow in fellowship, and glorify God through music. No audition is required—just a willingness to sing! We'd love for you to join this fun and encouraging group. All are welcome! Contact our director, josh@stpaulcolumbus.com, with questions.

Would you like to join a **Bible Study**? Get plugged in:

- Tuesday Morning Bible Study begins September 15.
- Grace Bible Study begins September 15.
- Preschool Moms Study begins September 16.
- Men's Bible Study begins September 17.

Time and room numbers to be provided soon. To get involved in any study, you may email Grace Bailey at: grace@stpaulcolumbus.com.

Wednesday Night Supper will resume August 19 with Fried and Baked Chicken, a family favorite! We will be taking donations for Wynnton Neighborhood Network. Online reservations are available at stpaulcolumbus.com/supper.

UPDATES

Our Multi-Generational Mission Team has returned from North Carolina with thankful hearts and praise! Our team members were **Grace and Everett Bailey, Phyllis and Vaughn Bray, Julie Chapman, Matthew Reynolds, and Carmen Rosario**. Thank you to those who served, and to St. Paul for your continued prayers and support. Our team truly felt surrounded by your love.

During the week, the team built a ramp and deck for wheelchair accessibility, helping provide greater safety, dignity, and continued community for the homeowner. While working, we learned new skills and experienced God's protection and presence. God worked in our hearts, strengthening our faith, deepening our friendships, and reminding us that the Holy Spirit moves powerfully through service in Christ's name.

In His service and love together,
Tammy Reynolds, Missions Chair

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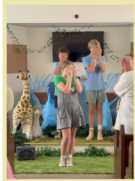
Crossing the Jordan: To remember the amazing things God does, Joshua had people build a special monument using twelve stones taken from the bottom of the Jordan River. He told the parents that whenever their children asked about these rocks in the future, they should share this wonderful story with them. Sharing these stories helps remind everyone of the incredible things God has done in the past. It also reminds us that God is still doing wonderful things all around our world today!

Our **Children's Mission Team** is having a wonderful time at Pine Eden Retreat in Hamilton, growing in faith through art, giving, fellowship, team building, and exploring God's beautiful creation. Thank you for surrounding this special group of young missionaries with your prayers. We are grateful for the ways God is helping them discover their purpose, grow in faith, and learn what it means to serve others in Christ's name.

Children's Events in August:

- **3rd Grade Acolyte Training**, August 9, 16, 23, and 30
- **Promotion Sunday**, August 16
- **Back to School Bingo Bash**, August 16
- **6th Grade Confirmation Kickoff Banquet**, August 20
- **Cross Bearer Training**, Sunday, August 23

SPY MINISTRY



SERVING ALONGSIDE OTHERS ON OUR SPY MISSION TRIP

There will be no Sunday Night Youth (SNY) tonight due to the beginning of the school year. We are taking a Sabbath evening to encourage everyone to use this time to rest, recharge, and reflect on what God has done in your life this summer. As you go back to school, remember our summer theme: "Your faith is personal, but it's not private." Let's continue living out our faith wherever God has placed us.

We'll see you at the Back-to-School Bash next Sunday, August 16! Bring a friend and let's start another year of SPY together!

Sunday, August 9

8:30 AM Traditional Worship (M250)

9:00 AM Contemporary Worship (M220)

9:30 AM Weekly Communion (M260)

9:30 AM Kid's Mission and Art Camp Pickup at Pine Eden

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 Combined Children's SS Classes (Y210)

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 Acolyte Training (M260)

Monday, August 10

1:30 PM Staff Meeting (M203)

Tuesday, August 11

12:00 PM Property and Grounds Committee Meeting (GICC)

Wednesday, August 12

7:00 PM Chancel Choir Practice (M260)

Thursday, August 13

12:00 PM Staff Luncheon (M220)

Please pray for everyone beginning a new school year. Pray for peace, safety, wisdom, and opportunities to live out and share their faith each day.

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

**Crossing the Jordan (Joshua
3:1-17; 4:1-24)**

**Anchor Point – We choose to
serve God.**

**Say the Bible verse together:
"But my family and I will serve
the Lord." (Joshua 24:15)**

**Questions for family
discussion:**

- How much time passed between when Israelites crossed the Red Sea and crossed the Jordan River?
- What is a memorial?
- What memorial did Joshua build?
- If you were building a family memorial, what would you want to remember?

Prayer:

**Dear God, help us gratefully
remember all the wonderful
things you have done for us.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

SERVING THIS WEEK

- (8:30) Acolytes: Rob Springer and Parker Varner
- (11:00) Acolytes: Ann Coleman and Camille Pease
- Cross Bearer: Tripp Carmichael
- Acolyte Helper: Sara Carver

ALTAR GUILD

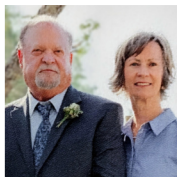
- Chapel: Eliza Brewer and Dori Jones
- Delivery: Mimi Copelan and Susan Middlebrooks

USHERS

- (8:30) Ken Crumpler and Stan Copelan
- (11:00) Morgan Waldrep (lead), Jack Jenkins, Brad Coppedge, Robert Raybon, and Mack Jenkins

The flowers on the Sanctuary Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Mr. & Mrs. Benjamin H. Hardaway** and **Dr. & Mrs. Jack Hughston** by Edgar Hughston and family.

The flowers in the Fellowship Hall are given to the glory of God and in honor of **Ann Castle** on the occasion of her 80th birthday and in honor of **Ann & Gary Castle** on the occasion of their 58th wedding anniversary by Caroline, Whit & Dawson Laney.



We welcome our newest members to St. Paul, **Kathy and Don Wilson**, who joined on August 2, 2026. We are happy to have you as part of the St. Paul family, Kathy and Don. Welcome!

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

Altar Guild

In honor of **Ann and Gary Castle**

- by Caroline, Whit and Dawson Laney

Building Fund

In memory of **Harold Upchurch**

In memory of **Sally White**

In memory of **Etta Langley**

In memory of **Pat Walters**

In memory of **Angie Hart**

- all by Clair Thayer

Music Ministry

In memory of **Bettye Spence**

- by Sue and Robert Hiers

Music Suite Renovation

In memory of **Sally White**

- by Helen Burgin

Wynnton Neighborhood Network

In memory of **Jane Ellen McGuinness**

In honor of **Bitsy Windsor**

- both by Alice Douglas

In memory of **Bettye Spence**

- by Helen Burgin
- by Glenn and John Springer

Thank you to all who donated blood at the **Red Cross Blood Drive**, Sunday, August 2.

Part-Time Kitchen Help Needed: St. Paul is seeking a dependable part-time person to assist with kitchen support. For more information, please contact Philip Badcock at 706-327-7419.



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

August 9, 2026
11:00 a.m. Traditional Service

The Chiming of the Hour

The Welcome & AnnouncementsMrs. Grace Bailey

The Prelude.....*Movement No. 1 from Sonata No. 2 in E-flat Major*
by Franz Anton Rosetti; harpist, Katie Damon

The Cross and Flame Come to the Altar

The Choral Call to Worship.....*Be Joyful in the Lord from Psalm 100*
arr. by Donald Moore

The Hymn of Celebration.....*Come, Thou Almighty King (#61)*

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. Bailey

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.....*Close to Thee* (#407)
The Leader: Let Us Worship God with His Tithes and Our Offerings.
The Offertory Prayer.....Mrs. Bailey
The Offertory.....*Sweet Hour of Prayer*, by William Bradbury
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 5:1-6
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. Bailey

*(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.....*La Source*, by Alphonse Hasselmans
harpist, Katie Damon

The Sermon.....*Theology of Enoughness*, Rev. Dr. Shane Green

The Hymn of Consecration.....*The King of Love My Shepherd Is* (#138)

The Cross and Flame Go Before Us into the World

The Benediction

The Postlude.....*Revive Us*, by McKay/Burkhardt
organist, Adleyn Scott

The Church Returns to His World to Serve Him