

WEEKLY BULLETIN

2101 WILDWOOD AVENUE, COLUMBUS, GA 31906

We say the Apostles' Creed every week in worship.

"I believe in God, the Father Almighty..."

The words are familiar. That familiarity is a gift, but it can also make it easy to speak them without reflecting on the faith they confess. Over the next several weeks, we are going to spend time with these words and the God they confess.

We are not studying the creed for the creed's sake. The goal is not simply to learn an old statement or admire something from church history. The goal is to let the creed help us name the faith we have received.

This matters because our faith did not begin with us. These words have been tested over centuries. The Church has confessed them, taught them, defended them, and passed them on. Across the Christian tradition — Protestant, Roman Catholic, and Orthodox — the Apostles' Creed reminds us that there is a shared center.

We have real differences. Some of them matter deeply. But the creed helps us say, "Here is what unites us. Here is the truth we stand on. Here is what we go to the mat for."

The creed does not replace Scripture. Scripture is the source and authority for Christian faith. The creed serves the Church by giving a clear and faithful summary of what Scripture teaches.

This week, we begin at the beginning: "I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth." Before the creed speaks about us, it speaks about God. Before it names what we need, it names the One who made us. We will begin with the Father Almighty — the God who creates in power, forms with care, and holds all things in His hands.

So as we begin this series, we are not picking up a museum piece. We are returning to the faith handed down to the Church — the faith that teaches us who God is, who we are, what Christ has done, and where our hope rests.

This is the God we confess.



Traditional Worship

8:30 A.M.

Illges Chapel (M250)

Rev. Meghan Gross

Go...and Do Likewise

Luke 10:25-37

Modern Worship

9:00 A.M.

Fellowship Hall (M220)

Rev. John Fugh, Jr.

The Father Almighty

Genesis 1:1-2; 2:7

Traditional Worship

11:00 A.M.

Sanctuary (M260)

Rev. John Fugh, Jr.

The Father Almighty

Genesis 1:1-2; 2:7

Broadcast Live at 11:00

at stpaulcolumbus.live

SEMINARS FOR PARENTS

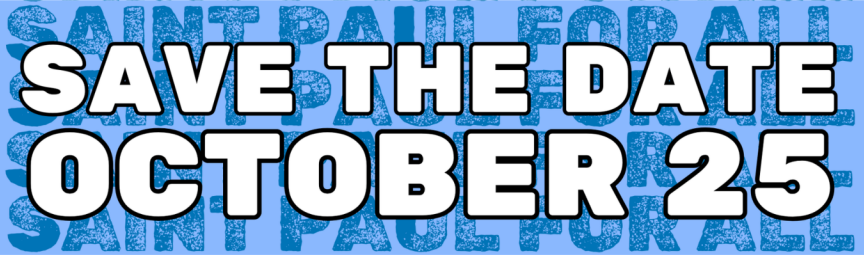
St. Paul Fellowship Hall, 10 AM

September 13 - October 4, 2026

St. Paul is excited to offer four Parenting Seminars at 10:00 a.m. on Sundays. We're thrilled to welcome back Amy Buchanan and Erin Harkey, who have joined us for our Marriage Seminars. These lessons will offer meaningful conversations and support for the journey of parenting.

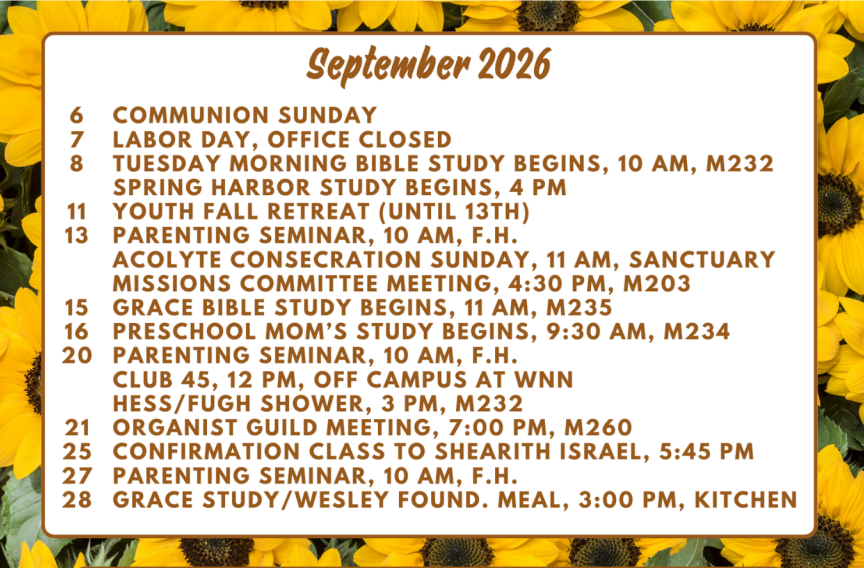
EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Wednesday Night Supper is this week on September 9! We'll have **Fire-Roasted Veggie Soup, Beef Tips with Rice, Roasted Carrots, Corn Bread, and Lemon Sheet Cake for dessert.** The kids' menu will be **Chicken Fingers and French Fries.** Our program will continue with "How I Spent My Summer Vacation," with Mrs. Tammy Reynolds as our guest speaker on Missions. Please join us! Online reservations are at stpaulcolumbus.com/supper.



SAVE THE DATE
OCTOBER 25

Please mark your calendars for **St. Paul for All Day!** Each year, St. Paul comes together to serve as the hands and feet of Christ. On **October 25**, members will serve at various sites and organizations throughout our community, guided by our Missions Committee. Some of our mission partners include Wynnton Neighborhood Network, SafeHouse Ministries, Operation Christmas Child, Backpack Buddies, and The Methodist Children's Home. There will be opportunities for individuals and families of all ages to serve, so plan now to join us as we share Christ's love through service to our community!



September 2026

- 6 COMMUNION SUNDAY
- 7 LABOR DAY, OFFICE CLOSED
- 8 TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY BEGINS, 10 AM, M232
- SPRING HARBOR STUDY BEGINS, 4 PM
- 11 YOUTH FALL RETREAT (UNTIL 13TH)
- 13 PARENTING SEMINAR, 10 AM, F.H.
- ACOLYTE CONSECRATION SUNDAY, 11 AM, SANCTUARY
- MISSIONS COMMITTEE MEETING, 4:30 PM, M203
- 15 GRACE BIBLE STUDY BEGINS, 11 AM, M235
- 16 PRESCHOOL MOM'S STUDY BEGINS, 9:30 AM, M234
- 20 PARENTING SEMINAR, 10 AM, F.H.
- CLUB 45, 12 PM, OFF CAMPUS AT WNN
- HESS/FUGH SHOWER, 3 PM, M232
- 21 ORGANIST GUILD MEETING, 7:00 PM, M260
- 25 CONFIRMATION CLASS TO SHEARITH ISRAEL, 5:45 PM
- 27 PARENTING SEMINAR, 10 AM, F.H.
- 28 GRACE STUDY/WESLEY FOUND. MEAL, 3:00 PM, KITCHEN

PASTORS & STAFF

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KIDMIN MOMENTS

Samuel Anoints Saul

The Israelites wanted to be like everyone else and asked God for a king to rule over them, even though God was already their true leader. Even though it wasn't what was best, God told the prophet Samuel to give them a king and chose a man named Saul. Saul was so nervous and shy about becoming king that he actually hid behind a pile of baggage! Eventually, Samuel anointed Saul to lead, teaching us that it's always best to listen to and put our trust in God first.

Children's Choir will begin with our new Fellowship Supper and Sing program on Wednesdays, beginning September 16. Children will sit together for our regular supper at 6:00 p.m., then join for Children's Choir music at 6:30 p.m. Use QR for updates.



Upcoming Events for Children and Parents:

- Acolyte Consecration, September 13
- Children's Choirs, September 16
- 4 Parenting Seminars from Sept 13-Oct 4
- Club 45 Love in Action at WNN, September 20
- Preschool Fall Break, September 24-25
- Confirmation Class to Shearith Israel, September 25
- St. Paul for All Day of Missions, October 25
- Trunk or Treat with Costume Parade, October 28

SPY MINISTRY

There is no SNY this Labor Day weekend! Enjoy this time with family and friends.

SPY Fall Retreat is almost here! September 11–13, our 6th–12th graders will head to Camp Grace with our friends from St. Luke. We can't wait for this special weekend, designed to give students space away from routines and phones to build meaningful friendships, have a ton of fun, and grow in their faith. Our hope is that students return home with a deeper understanding of what it means to follow Jesus alongside others.

The cost is \$200 per student. The church will provide transportation. Additional details will be shared with registered families.

Go to stpaulcolumbus.com/pay/ to pay the cost, and fill out a new medical form at stpaulcolumbus.com/medical. We need these ASAP!

Sunday, September 6
Communion Sunday
8:30 AM Traditional Worship (M250)

9:00 AM Modern 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)
10:00 AM Boy's Youth (7-12 Gr) SS (Y106)
10:00 AM Girl's Youth SS (7-12 Gr) (Y104)
11:00 AM Traditional Worship (M260)
2:00 PM Spring Harbor Worship (Off Campus)

Monday, September 7
Labor Day - Office Closed

Tuesday, September 8
10:00 AM TMBS (M232)
4:00 PM Spring Harbor Bible Study (Off Campus)

Wednesday, September 9
6:00 PM Family Night Supper (M220)
6:00 Handbell Practice (M273)
7:00 PM Chancel Choir Practice (M273)

Friday, September 11
Youth Fall Retreat, 11th-13th, (Off Campus)

You're Invited

Please join us in celebrating the upcoming nuptials of Emma Hess and John Fugh III with a wedding shower, September 20 from 3:00-5:00 p.m. in room M232. Everyone is invited! The couple is registered at zola.com.

**Today's Sunday School Lesson
for Preschool and Elementary
Children**
**Samuel Anoints Saul (1 Samuel
7:15-8:22; 10:17-24)**
**Anchor Point – We listen to
God.**

Say the Bible verse together:
**"Speak. Your servant is
listening" 1 Samuel 3:10**

**Questions for family
discussion:**

- **Why did the Israelites want a king?**
- **What did the Israelites think a king would do?**
- **What would it be like today if we had a king?**
- **Why did Saul run and hide when Samuel came to announce the new king of Israel?**

Prayer:
**Dear God, help us follow your
will like Samuel did. We want
to be known for serving you.
In Jesus' name, we pray.
Amen.**

SERVING THIS WEEK

- (11:00) Acolytes:
Nora Arnett and
Rivers Hamilton
- Cross Bearer: Edie
Getz
- Acolyte Helper:
Tabetha Getz

ALTAR GUILD

- Sanctuary: Betty
Roberts
- Chapel: Whitney Pease
and Frances Raybon
- Delivery: Lynn Pugh and
Beth Thomas

USHERS

- (8:30) Ken Crumpler
and Stan Copelan
- (11:00) Charlie Jarrell
(lead), Jay Marvets, Guy
Kenimer, Jr., Jeff Beck,
Bill Pound, Brad Hill

The flowers on the Sanctuary Altar today are given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for our **Educators and School Staff** at St. Paul, and in the greater Columbus community.

Our Christian love and heartfelt sympathy is extended to Cedric Thomas, our Lead Custodian, and his family in the loss of his sister-in-law, **Lavern McCallister**, on August 31, 2026.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

We welcome our newest members to St. Paul, **Morgan and Ben Muller**, along with their children, **Macy and Manning** (shown top left). We are equally excited to announce that **Morgan and Jana Scarbrough** joined, along with their children, **Winn, Nolan, Harry, and Lela** (lower left). All joined on Sunday, August 30, 2026. Please welcome the Mullers and Scarbroughs, as we are delighted that they have chosen St. Paul as their church home.

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

Building Fund

In memory of **Wren Watson Gilliam**
• by Joan and Tommy Culpepper

Music Ministry

In memory of **Anne Aldridge Williams**
• by Betty and Buddy Roberts

REMINDERS

Hiring for Part-Time: Kitchen – St. Paul is seeking a dependable part-time person to assist with kitchen support. Please contact Philip Badcock at 706-327-7419.

Join Dr. Joshua May for **Chancel Choir** on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in our restored Music Wing. No audition required! Prefer bells? Our Handbell Choir welcomes you, too. Contact josh@stpaulcolumbus.com.



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 6, 2026
11:00 a.m. Traditional Service

The Chiming of the Hour

The Welcome & AnnouncementsRev. Meghan Gross

The Prelude.....*Be Thou My Vision*, Traditional
arr. Jan Sanborn; pianist, Cher Liu

The Cross and Flame Come to the Altar

The Choral Call to Worship.....*Rejoice, the Lord is King*, by J. Darwall

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.....Rev. Gross

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.

The Leader: Let Us Worship God with His Tithes and Our Offerings.
The Offertory Prayer.....Rev. Gross
The Offertory/Anthem.....*Give Me Jesus*, arr. Trevor Manor
pianist, Cher Liu

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.....Genesis 1:1-2; 2:7

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.....*The Father Almighty*, Rev. John Fugh, Jr.
The Sacrament of Holy Communion.....(#12)
The Hymn of Consecration.....*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!* (#64)
The Cross and Flame Go Before Us into the World
The Benediction and Choral Response.....*Lord, Let Us Now Depart in Peace*
by George Whelpton

The Postlude.....*La Réjouissance*, by G. F. Handel
arr. Jan Sanborn; pianist, Cher Liu

The Church Returns to His World to Serve Him