



WEEKLY BULLETIN

2101 WILDWOOD AVENUE, COLUMBUS, GA 31906

As I reflect on the past year, my heart overflows with gratitude for the incredible ways God has worked through you. Your steadfast faith, generous stewardship, and tireless dedication to ministry have strengthened our unity of mission and revealed the love of Christ within our church family. Thank you for the prayers lifted, the acts of service performed, and the compassion shown to one another. Together, we have been a living testament to God's grace and goodness. Together, we continue to love each other in our differences because of our common need of God's grace.

This unity and love have allowed us to grow deeper in our faith and in our calling to serve others. Through challenges and triumphs, you have remained faithful, embodying the hands and feet of Christ. Your commitment to being a family united in Christ has made a lasting impact, not only within our congregation but also in our community and beyond. It continues to impact and influence me.

As we step into a new year, we renew our dedication to "Grow the Faith of People." Let us pledge once more to mirror the love of Christ in all we do—through our words, our actions, and our service. May we continue to shine His light, bring hope to those in need, and build a church where everyone feels His presence and love.

With a heart full of gratitude and hope, I look forward to the journey ahead. May God bless each of you abundantly as we recommit ourselves to His mission. Together, let us walk in faith, bound by His love, and be His hands and feet to a world longing for His light.

With love and appreciation, 

Traditional Worship

8:30 A.M.

Illges Chapel (M250)

Leader: Rev. Dr. Glenn Martin

Sermon: *The Hope within You*

Scripture: 1 Peter 3:15,

Revelation 21:1-6

Contemporary Worship

9:00 A.M.

Fellowship Hall (M220)

Leader: Rev. Dr. Glenn Martin

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Traditional Worship

11:00 A.M.

Sanctuary (M260)

Leader: Rev. Dr. Glenn Martin

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Scripture: 1 Peter 3:15,

Revelation 21:1-6

JANUARY 6



EPIPHANY

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YOUTH RETURN FROM RETREAT

JANUARY 8



SUPPERS BEGIN FOR 2025

JANUARY 8



HANDBELL CHOIR 2025

ST. PAUL HAPPENINGS!

Epiphany celebrates the revelation of Christ to the world, symbolized by the visit of the Magi (Matthew 2:1-12). It reminds us that Jesus is the Savior for all people, bringing light and hope to the nations. As the Magi followed the star to worship Him, we are called to seek and honor Christ in our lives.

The Youth will be returning from their **Winter Retreat** today. They have had a wonderful time of fellowship and spiritual growth. Please pray for their safety as they travel home.

Wednesday Night Supper begins for 2025 on January 8 in the Fellowship Hall. Menu: Baked and Fried Chicken, Broccoli, Tomato Casserole, Mac and Cheese, Soup, Salad Bar, and Assorted Desserts. For Kids-Grilled Cheese. RSVP at stpaulcolumbus.com/supper.

Handbell Choir begins practice for the New Year on January 8. Think you aren't equipped for the choir? You may serve St. Paul by joyfully playing in the Handbell choir! Please see Wayne Martz, our Director of Music Ministry, or simply come to practice on Wednesday, January 8, at 5:00 p.m., before Family Night Supper.

On another (musical) note, our **Carol and Covenant Choirs** will resume practice in February. We look forward to getting back into our normal yearly calendar with our smallest singers! Stay tuned!

Join us on Friday, January 10, from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. for "Sabbath before Sunday" on the quad! This is a relaxing time of fellowship! Parents can enjoy coffee and soda while the kids play on the green. It's the perfect way to slow down, connect, and savor a Sabbath before Sunday together.

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2025

KIDMIN MOMENT BY DONNA HIGHTOWER



Last month, we learned about the story of Jesus' birth in the Gospel of Luke. Shepherds were the first to hear the good news, showing that God cares about everyone, especially those who might feel left out.

This week, we hear from the Gospel of Matthew about the magi, or wise men, who followed a star to find Jesus. They weren't Jewish or waiting for the Messiah like God's people—they were astrologers who believed the star meant a king had been born. They followed it to King Herod, learned Jesus would be born in Bethlehem, and continued their journey. When they found Jesus, they were so happy! They worshiped Him and gave Him special gifts.

We can't give Jesus gifts in person like the magi, but we can honor Him by following His teachings and living as He showed us. That's the best gift we can give!

SPY MINISTRY BY LAURA MARVETS



No Sunday Night Youth tonight. We are skiing and snowboarding in West Virginia - Please pray for our safety on the slopes, that we would have an injury free trip and safe travels. We will see you next Sunday for our first SNY of the new year... Wednesday Night Supper starts back this week too!

CLUB 45 BY DONNA HIGHTOWER



Club 45 for our 4th and 5th graders will meet Friday in the Quad at 7:00 p.m.! We are going to a Columbus River Dragons game. We will travel by bus and the cost is \$12.

PRESCHOOL BY WREN DANIELS



Please go to stpaulcolumbus.com/preschool/ for information and to **register your child for 2025-2026.**

January 8 – Registration for returning students
January 15 – Registration for new students from St. Paul members only
January 29 – Registration opens for new students

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, January 5

8:30 AM Traditional Worship (M250)
9:00 AM Contemporary Worship (M220)
10:00 AM Bridges Class (235)
10:00 AM Middle and High School SS (Y104)
10:00 AM New Life Class (Y101)
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 Service(Off Campus)

Monday, January 6

1:30 PM Staff Meeting (M203)
TBA SPY Return from Ski Trip

Tuesday, January 7

9:30 AM Yoga Redeemed (M235)
11:00 AM Grace Bible Study (M234)
4:00 PM Spring Harbor Bible Study (Off Campus)

Wednesday, January 8

5:00 Handbell Choir Rehearsal
6:00 PM Family Night Supper (M220)
6:30 PM Family Supper Program, Trivia
7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (M260)

Thursday, January 9

9:30 AM Yoga Redeemed (M235)

Friday, January 10

3:30 Sabbath Before Sunday for Parents (Quad)
7:00 Club 45 (Off Campus)

STEWARDSHIP 450

SAVE THE DATE

Jun 9-13: VBS
July 7-11: St. Paul Kids' Camp
July 21-25: SPY Mission Trip

TALK ABOUT IT

Today's Sunday School Lesson
for Preschool and Elementary
Children
Follow the Star (Matthew 2:1-12)
Anchor Point: God chose Jesus;
Jesus chose God.
Say the Bible verse together:
"You are my Son, whom I dearly
love." Luke 3:22

Questions for family discussion:

- How, do you think, did the wise men feel when they saw the star?
- How, do you think, did the wise men feel when they found Jesus?
- How, do you think, did Mary feel when the wise men offered their gifts?
- What gift can you give to Jesus?

God, we thank you for stories that remind us of your gift of Jesus for all people. We want to honor Jesus by giving the gift of our time and ourselves. Help us to find ways to share your love. Amen.

January

SERVING THIS WEEK

Acolytes This Week:

- (8:30) Mary Ellen Lane and Ruthie Springer
- (11:00) Louise Fowler and Lola Waldrep

Acolyte Helper: Randilynn Cornavaca

Cross Bearer: TBD

Ushers:

- (8:30) Ken Crumpler and Stan Copelan
- (11:00) Mike Gill (Lead), John Cochran, Austin Gower, Ben Hubbard, and Philip Park

Altar Guild:

- Delivery: Lynn Pugh and Beth Thomas
- Chapel: Liz Lampton

The flowers on the Sanctuary Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Roger L. Hewitt by his wife, Cheryl Hewitt, and their children and grandchildren.



The family of St. Paul extends Christian love and sympathy to Joe Bridges in the passing of his mother, Eleanor Witcher Bridges, on December 14, 2024.

The family of St. Paul extends Christian love and sympathy to Jere Campbell in the passing of his father, William Harp "Billy" Campbell, on December 10, 2024.

The family of St. Paul extends Christian love and sympathy to Helen Burgin and her family in the passing of her brother, Harry Stonewall Jackson, on December 27, 2024.

MEMORIAL AND HONORARIUM GIFTS

Altar Guild

In Honor of **Mary Pat King**

- by Nancy Burgin
- by Ginger and Larry Harper
- by Glenn and John Springer
- by Cindy and Brock Jones

Altar Fund

In Honor of **Ginger and Larry Harper**

- by Sarah and Jim Jackson

In Honor of **John Fugh, III**

- by Mary and George Boyd

Building Fund

In honor of **Rev. Dr. Shane Green, Rev. John Fugh, Jr. and all Staff of St. Paul**

- by Belle Brightwell and Tom Ford

In Memory of **Ricky Caldwell**

- by Karon and Skip Henderson

Fellowship Hall Fund

In Memory of **Terry Hurley**

- by Mary and George Boyd

In Memory of **Joe Waldrep**

- by Vicki and Ken Toole

In Memory of **Sally Kenimer**

- by Vicki and Ken Toole

Music Fund

In Memory of **Joe Waldrep**

- by Harriette Cavender

Youth Fund

In Memory of **Ricky Caldwell**

- by Vicki and Ken Toole

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 5, 2025

11:00 a.m. Traditional Service

The Chiming of the Hour

The Welcome & AnnouncementsRev. John Fugh, Jr.

The Choral Call to Worship*I Come with Joy*

The Cross and Flame Come to the Altar

The Prelude.....*Polish Carol*, by A. Jordan

Hymn of Celebration.....*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty* (#64)

The Affirmation of Faith*The Apostles' Creed* (#881)

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

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

The Offertory Anthem.....*In Remembrance*, by B. Red

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.....1 Peter 3:15 (p.985), Revelation 21:1-6 (pp.1007-8)

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; children 3 and younger are taken to the nursery by parents, Room M235)

The Sermon.....*The Hope within You*, Rev. Dr. Glenn Martin

The Sacrament of Holy Communion.....(#12)

The Hymn of Consecration.....*My Hope Is Built* (#368)

The Cross and Flame Go Before Us into the World

The Choral Benediction.....*Together Met*

The Postlude.....*Psalm 19*, by B. Marcello

The Church Returns to His World to Serve Him