



WEEKLY BULLETIN

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Every January, right about now, people start joking about "Quitters' Day." It's that point when those shiny New Year's resolutions lose their luster and the treadmill gets a little dusty. It's a funny thing about us humans—we can start with so much energy and hope, but when life throws challenges our way, it's easy to let go of our goals.

But isn't that the way life works? Whether it's a resolution, a relationship, or just trying to get through a tough season, the temptation to give up is real. What we often forget is that hope isn't about perfection; it's about perseverance. It's about trusting that tomorrow can be different, that the work is worth it, and that even small steps forward matter.

So, if you're feeling like quitting today, take heart. Real hope isn't about never stumbling—it's about getting back up and pressing on. Whether it's a goal, a dream, or just making it to next week, hold onto the hope that keeps you going. You might be surprised just how far it can take you.

Traditional Worship

8:30 A.M.

Illges Chapel (M250)

Leader: Rev. John Fugh, Jr.

Sermon: *Hope that Perseveres*

Scripture: Romans 8:18-25

Contemporary Worship

9:00 A.M.

Fellowship Hall (M220)

Leader: Rev. John Fugh, Jr.

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Traditional Worship

11:00 A.M.

Sanctuary (M260)

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JANUARY 22



WEDNESDAYS

JANUARY 31



CONFIRMATION RETREAT

FEBRUARY



CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

FEBRUARY 23



GENERATION'S DINNER

IMPORTANT DATES

June 9-13: VBS
 July 7-11: Kids' Camp
 July 21-25 SPY
 Mission Trip
 July 31-Aug. 2
 Art/Mission Camp

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

ST. PAUL HAPPENINGS!

Join us for **Wednesday Night Supper** this week in the Fellowship Hall. Menu: Italian Night of Spaghetti and Meatballs, Lasagna, Roasted Vegetables, and Garlic Rolls. For our kids we have Chicken Fingers and Fries. RSVP at stpaulcolumbus.com/supper. Our program will be a fun night featuring a "Sing Along with Wayne!"

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!

Our Annual **Confirmation Retreat** will be at Epworth by the Sea from January 31-February 2. Please reach out to Donna Hightower with any questions you have: donna@stpaulcolumbus.com.

Join us on Sunday, February 23, at 6:00 p.m for **Generations Over Dinner**, sponsored by our St. Paul Youth (SPY). The evening includes a delicious meal and involves interactions between generations. Our Youth will be table servers as well as table hosts, with engaging questions and discussions about life.

This dinner is for adults of all ages and takes place in the Fellowship Hall. Childcare will be provided for children 5 and under. Donna Hightower will provide a program for children 6 and up. The children will be downstairs in the preschool areas.

This event is a fundraiser for SPY Missions. There is no cost, but a love offering will be accepted. Please make reservations for the meal and for childcare by contacting laurencoleman@stpaulcolumbus.com, by Wednesday, February 19.

PASTORS & STAFF

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St. Paul is looking for immediate help in our kitchen. We have an opening involving 2-3 days per week during the school year (part-time). Contact Philip at 706-327-7419.

KIDMIN MOMENT BY DONNA HIGHTOWER



Everyone faces temptation—it's part of being human. Even Jesus, when He lived on Earth, experienced temptation, and the way He handled it teaches us how to stay strong.

When Jesus was in the wilderness, He was tempted three times. Each time, He used words from Scripture to resist. When the tempter told Him to turn stones into bread, Jesus said, "People don't live only by bread." When tempted with power, Jesus replied, "Worship the Lord your God and serve only Him." Finally, when the tempter suggested Jesus jump from the temple to prove God's protection, Jesus reminded him, "Don't test the Lord your God."

This story shows how important it is to learn and understand God's Word. Jesus didn't just know the words—He understood their meaning and lived by them. As you learn about God and His teachings, you're building a strong foundation that will help you make good choices when you face challenges or temptations.

SPY MINISTRY

BY LAURA MARVETS



No Sunday Night Youth tonight. Enjoy the holiday weekend! **UPDATE ALERT:** The Youth "Generations over Dinner" Fundraiser event has been moved to Sunday Feb. 23rd (due to Superbowl Sunday conflicts). Check the bulletin for more details about the event! See you all next Sunday!

PRESCHOOL

BY WREN DANIELS



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

Now – Ongoing Registration for new students from St. Paul members only
January 29 – Registration opens for all new students

STEWARDSHIP 381

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, January 19

8:30 AM Traditional Worship (M250)
9:00 AM Contemporary Worship (M220)
9:35 AM Weekly Communion (M260)
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 20

Office Closed

Tuesday, January 21

9:30 AM Yoga Redeemed (M235)
11:00 AM Grace Bible Study (M234)

Wednesday, January 22

6:00 PM Family Night Supper (M220)
6:00 PM Yoga Redeemed
6:30 PM Family Supper Program, Sing Along with Wayne
7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (M260)

Thursday, January 23

9:30 AM Yoga Redeemed (M235)
9:30 AM Preschool Moms Bible Study (M234)
4:00 PM CHS Alumni Meeting (M232)

Sponsor Opportunities for Methodist Home Luncheon:

Would you or your business bless The Carpenter's Way Ranch by becoming a sponsor for our annual "Giving Childhood A Chance" luncheon? This year's event is Tuesday, February 25, at the St. Luke Ministry Center and will feature Stephen Kendrick as keynote speaker. Stephen and his brothers are the writers/producers of multiple Christian movies, including *Overcomer*, *War Room*, and their latest, *The Forge*. Stephen is a powerful speaker with a passion for impacting the next generation. To learn about table sponsorship opportunities, please contact Rev. Lynn Meadows-White:

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TALK ABOUT IT

Today's Sunday School Lesson for Preschool and Elementary Children

Jesus Chooses (Luke 4:1-13)

Anchor Point – God chose Jesus; Jesus chose God.

Say the Bible verse together:

“You are my Son, whom I dearly love.” Luke 3:22

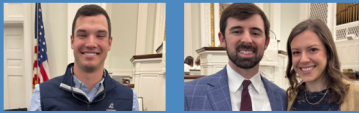
Questions for family discussion:

- How did Jesus feel when tempted?
- How do you feel when you are tempted to do something you know you shouldn't do?

God, thank you for stories about Jesus. Thank you for the teachings of Jesus that help us know how to live. Help us to be strong when we face temptation and to choose to follow you. Amen.

NEW MEMBERS

Trip Carter (left), Sarah & Carson Cummings (right)



SERVING THIS WEEK

Acolytes This Week:

- (8:30) Reiner Klinger and Gray Williams
- (11:00) Bennett Fields and Camille Pease

Acolyte Helper: Lauren Coleman

Cross Bearer: Kate Martin

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: Jenny Badcock and Becky Baker
- Chapel: Cathryn Pease
- Sanctuary: Betty Roberts and Kathryn W. Tanner

The flowers on the Sanctuary Altar today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of **Walter Jackson Wright, Jr. and Kathryn Ward Wright** by their daughter, Kathryn W. Tanner and their granddaughters, Carson Tanner Glore and Hallie Elizabeth Tanner.

St. Paul would like to welcome our new members, **Sarah and Carson Cummings**, who joined on Sunday, January 12, 2025.

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St. Paul extends Christian love and sympathy to Ally Hall and her family in the loss of her grandfather, **Dale Edward Ellis**, on January 1, 2025.

St. Paul extends Christian love and sympathy to Libby Hudson and Andy Carter, along with their families, in the loss of their father, **Donald Harold Carter**, on January 3, 2025.

MEMORIAL AND HONORARIUM GIFTS

Altar Fund

In Memory of **Harry Stonewall Jackson**

- by Betty and Buddy Roberts

Building Fund

In Memory of **Joe Waldrep**

- by Lynn and Houser Pugh

Fellowship Hall Fund

In Memory of **Joe Waldrep**

- by Jane and Gayle Camahan
- by Colleen and Rusty Rustin

Music Fund

In Honor of **Wayne Martz and Choir**

- by Betty Roberts
- In Memory of **Jim Walton**
- by Kristi and Cham Watkins
- by Jane and Gayle Camahan

SafeHouse Ministry

In Memory of **Dr. Davis R. Watson, Sr.**

In Memory of **Mr. and Mrs. Albert Moseley**

In Memory of **Mr. John T. Middlebrooks, III**

In Memory of **Mr. Jackie Copelan**

- all by Janice Watson
- In Honor of **Dr. Joe Morrow**
- by Janice Watson

Ukraine Fund

In Memory of **Mizell Alexander**

- by Jane and Gayle Camahan

In Memory of **Trey Carmack**

In Memory of **Joe Waldrep**

- both by Jennifer and Wade Harper

Youth Ministry

In Memory of **Ricky Caldwell**

- by Kristi and Cham Watkins
- by Beth Thomas
- by Kay and Crow Gudger



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 19, 2025

11:00 a.m. Traditional Service

The Chiming of the Hour

The Welcome & AnnouncementsMrs. Grace Bailey

The Choral Call to Worship*Be Joyful*

The Cross and Flame Come to the Altar

The Prelude.....*Voluntary*, by M. Hawdon

Hymn of Celebration.....*Sweet Hour of Prayer* (#496)

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 Sacrament of Infant Baptism.....Grey Alexander Cope (see insert)

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.

The Leader: *Let Us Worship God with His Tithes and Our Offerings.*

The Offertory Prayer

The Offertory.....*Offertory Solo for Cornet, by F. Couperine*

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.....Romans 8:18-25 (p.919)

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 Anthem.....*He Hideth My Soul, by J. Carter*

The Sermon.....*Hope that Perseveres, Rev. John Fugh, Jr.*

The Hymn of Consecration.....*Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart (#500)*

The Cross and Flame Go Before Us into the World

The Choral Benediction.....*Go Now in Peace*

The Postlude.....*Dessus de Cromhorne, by N. Lebegue*

The Church Returns to His World to Serve Him