

EASTER SUNDAY BULLETIN

2101 WILDWOOD AVENUE, COLUMBUS, GA 31906

The season of Lent is over. The long journey through the wilderness of repentance, self-examination, and sacrifice has brought us to this glorious morning. The tomb is empty. Christ is risen! What was once marked by ashes and silence is now filled with song and celebration. Where there was sorrow, now there is joy. Death has been defeated, and the grave no longer has the final word. The light of resurrection breaks forth, shattering the shadows of despair.

Easter is not only a day—it is a declaration that transforms how we live every day. Because Jesus lives, we are invited to live differently too. The stone rolled away from the tomb is also the stone rolled away from our own hearts. Hope is no longer a distant dream—it is a present reality. Forgiveness is not just offered—it is embraced. In Christ's victory, we find new life, renewed purpose, and resurrection power for each step we take.

Let us not return to the patterns of defeat or the rhythms of fear. Let us rise with Christ. Let us be people who reflect resurrection in our words, our work, our worship, and our witness. The joy of Easter should echo in our Monday mornings as much as our Sunday songs. If Christ is risen—and He is—then every moment is charged with holy possibility. Every encounter becomes a chance to bear witness to the risen Lord.

Let us celebrate. But let us also continue in celebration because the tomb is empty, and Christ is alive. We are Easter people, and Alleluia is our song. May the joy of the resurrection not be confined to one day on the calendar but become the heartbeat of our daily lives. Christ is risen indeed—now let us rise with Him.



EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES

Traditional Worship

8:30 A.M.

Sanctuary (M260)

Leader: Rev. John Fugh, Jr.

Sermon: *The Risen Redeemer*

Scripture: Job 19:25-27 and
Luke 24:25-27

Contemporary Worship

9:00 A.M.

Fellowship Hall (M220)

Leader: Rev. Dr. Shane Green

Sermon: *Victory is Here -
Anticipating a Resurrected
Hope*

Scripture: Matthew 28:1-10

Traditional Worship

11:00 A.M.

Sanctuary (M260)

Leader: Rev. Dr. Shane Green

Sermon: *Victory is Here -
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Hope*

Scripture: Matthew 28:1-10

Online Worship available at 11:00 A.M. at live.spumccolumbus.com

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmation Banquet – Thursday, April 24, 2025

Join us at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of St. Paul as we celebrate the Confirmands of the 2024–2025 class! All Confirmands, parents, and mentors are invited to this special evening of recognition, reflection, and fellowship.

CELEBRATING THE SENIOR CLASS OF 2025

Join us on May 4 at the 11:00 a.m. service as we honor the Class of 2025! Our graduating seniors will lead us in scripture and testimony as we celebrate this special milestone. Parents, please be sure to send your senior's bio and graduation photo to Lauren Coleman at laurencoleman@stpaulcolumbus.com.

CHILDREN SING

Our Children's Choir will delight us with song at our Family Night Supper on April 23. Please make plans to come and support our smallest songbirds! Menu is Hamburger Steak with Gravy, Butterbeans, Baked or Mashed Potatoes and Rolls. For kids we have Pigs in a Blanket and Fries.

SABBATH BEFORE SUNDAY

Mark your calendars! Our next Sabbath Before Sunday will be on May 9 at 4:30 p.m. This beloved gathering gives parents a chance to relax and connect while kids enjoy time playing together. This is a great way to unwind before the weekend begins. Contact donna@stpaulcolumbus.com.

BRIDGE GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Annual Bridge Golf Tournament in Memory of Elliott Kirven will be Thursday, May 8, at Bull Creek Golf Course in Midland at 8:00 a.m. Lunch is provided. Contact the main office if interested.

SAFEHOUSE MINISTRIES

SafeHouse, one of the ministries St. Paul supports, is sending letters to raise funds for their growing work with the homeless. Volunteers are needed next Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. at St. Paul to help stuff envelopes and label. If you can help, please contact: Joe Morrow, 706-332-9313.



PASTORS & STAFF

Rev. Dr. Shane Green
Senior Minister

Rev. John Fugh, Jr.
Associate Minister

Philip Badcock
Church Administrator

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Director of Christian Education

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Director of Music Ministry

Laura Marvets
Director of Youth Ministry

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HONORING KATHY HOLLON

After fourteen years of faithful service to St. Paul, Kathy Hollon is retiring from her role on our church staff. Kathy has been a steadfast presence behind the scenes, supporting every staff member with kindness, grace, and tireless dedication. Whether it was stepping into an unexpected need or helping ministries run smoothly, Kathy has always been ready to serve. Her love, support, and sacrificial spirit have been a blessing to our entire church community, and we are deeply grateful for the many ways she has strengthened the life and ministry of St. Paul.

To express our appreciation and celebrate Kathy, we will have two opportunities to honor her. The first will be at WNS on Wednesday, May 14, and the second will be during the Traditional Service on Sunday, May 18. Some have asked if they may give a gift of appreciation, and the answer is yes—please mark your giving accordingly. We are grateful for Kathy and pray for God’s blessings as she moves into this different season of her life.

Shane Green (Sr. Minister)
Carter Schondelmayer (HR/Personnel Chair)



KIDMIN MOMENT

Happy Easter, Friends! Easter is a time filled with joy, peace, and new beginnings. May your hearts be filled with love and happiness this Easter season as we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior. Remember that the Confirmation Banquet is this Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for Confirmands, Parents, and Mentors. Confirmation Sunday is up next! Don’t forget to invite the ones you love.

SPY MINISTRY



Today, as we celebrate Easter, remember His sacrifice, His resurrection, and the incredible truth that through it all, we are free, known, and invited into eternal relationship with God. Praise Jesus!

No SNY activities tonight!

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Easter Sunday, April 20

- 8:30 AM Traditional Worship (M260)
- 9:00 AM Contemporary Worship (M220)
- 9:35 AM Weekly Communion Service (M250)
- 10:00 AM Confirmation Class (Y203)
- 10:00 AM High School Youth SS Class (Y104)
- 10:00 AM New Life Class (Y101)
- 10:00 AM Middle School Youth SS Class (Y106)
- 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)

Easter Monday, April 21

- 1:30 PM St. Paul Staff Meeting (M203)
- Senior Pictures Due to Lauren Coleman

Tuesday, April 22

- 9:30 AM Yoga Redeemed (M235)
- 10:00 AM Tuesday Morning Bible Study (M232)
- 11:00 AM Grace Bible Study (M234)
- 4:00 PM Spring Harbor Bible Study (Off Campus)

Wednesday, April 23

- 5:00 Handbell Choir Rehearsal (M270)
- 6:00 PM Family Night Supper (M220)
- 6:30 PM Program-Children’s Choirs Sing (M220)
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (M260)

Thursday, April 24

- 6:30 AM Thursday Men’s Bible Study (M232)
- 9:30 AM Preschool Moms Bible Study (M234)
- 9:30 AM Yoga Redeemed M235
- 6:30 PM Confirmation Banquet (M220)



TALK ABOUT IT:

Today's Sunday School Lesson for Preschool and Elementary Children: The Great Commission (Matthew 28:16-20)

Anchor Point – I believe in Jesus.

Say the Bible verse together:

"Happy are those who don't see and yet believe." (John 20:29)

Questions for family discussion:

- How do you think the disciples felt when Jesus told them to go to all nations and tell everyone about him?
- How does it make you feel to know Jesus also wants us to tell others about him?
- Whom can you tell about Jesus?

Prayer:

God, thank you for Jesus, who taught us and showed us how we are to live. Help us to be good followers of Jesus and continue to spread the news of your love. Help us to look for opportunities to tell people about Jesus. Thank you for the reminder that Jesus is always with us. Amen.

SERVING THIS WEEK

Acolytes This Week:

(8:30) Reiner Klinger and Gray Williams

(11:00) Bennett Fields and Camille Pease

Acolyte Helper: Lauren Coleman

Ushers:

- (8:30) Ken Crumpler and Stan Copelan
- (11:00) Kee Evans (Lead), Jay Brodwyn, Tim Shaw, Skip Henderson, Brandon Fields, and Blake Voltz

STEWARDSHIP 573

RISEN



The flowers on the Sanctuary Altar today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Dr. James Ward** for his April birthday, by Mary Pat and Buford King and family.

The flowers, greenery and lilies that decorate our Church, Chapel, Narthex, and Fellowship Hall were placed by the volunteers of the Altar Guild to the glory of God and in celebration of **His Resurrection** this morning. Special thanks to Philip Badcock, Paul Magoni, John Schley, Claudia Garrard, Cathryn Pease, Dori Jones, Mary Pat King, Liz Lampton, Martha Hatcher, Sherry Evans, Jenny Swift, and Angela Springer.

Our Christian love and sympathy is extended to Freddie Manning and family in the death of grandson **Dane Dunn** on April 10, 2025.

MEMORIAL AND HONORARIUM GIFTS

Altar Guild

In memory of **Donna Hunt**

- by Jacquelyn Miller

Building Fund

In memory of **Kathy Day**

- by Beth Kirven

General Fund

In memory of **Kathy Day**

- by Lummie and Greg Hall

Wildwood Class

In honor of **Alice Douglas**

- by Elizabeth Roberts

Wynnton Neighborhood Network

In honor of **Gayle Yarbrough**

- by Alice Douglas

Youth Ministry

In honor of **John Arthur Fugh**

- by Nan Bridges

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EASTER SUNDAY

April 20, 2025

The Chiming of the Hour

The Welcome & AnnouncementsMrs. Grace Bailey (8:30 a.m.)
Rev. John Fugh, Jr. (11:00 a.m.)

The Choral Call to WorshipThe Chancel Choir (8:30 a.m.)
The Children's Carol and Covenant Choirs (11:00 a.m.)

The Prelude.....Easter Fanfare, by K. Hilderbrand

The Cross and Flame Come to the Altar

Congregational Response

Leader: *Christ is risen!*

Congregational Response: *He is risen indeed!*

Leader: *Let us rejoice and give thanks for the victory of life over death.*

Congregational Response: *Christ is risen!*

Leader: *May the hope and new life of the resurrection fill our hearts and minds.*

Congregational Response: *He is risen indeed!*

The Processional Hymn.....*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* (#302)

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

The Pastoral Prayer with The Lord’s Prayer.....Mrs. Bailey (8:30 a.m.)
Rev. Fugh (11:00 a.m.)

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

The Offertory Prayer

The Offertory.....*Hallelujah*, by L. Cohen/K. Mooney
Soloists Julia Lester Green and Caroline Green

The Doxology.....(#95)

The Scripture Lesson...Job 19:25-27 (p.406), Luke 24:25-27 (p. 861) 8:30
Matthew 28:1-10 (p. 811) 11:00

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
(Children ages K4-2nd graders will be dismissed to Children’s Church after the sermon, Room M235; children 3 and younger are taken to the nursery by parents.)

Anthem.....*Resurrection Hymn*, by S. Strite

The Sermon.....*The Risen Redeemer*, Rev. Fugh, (8:30)
Victory is Here-Anticipating a Resurrected Hope, Rev. Dr. Shane Green, (11:00)

The Hymn of Consecration.....*Crown Him with Many Crowns* (#327)

The Cross and Flame Go Before Us into the World

The Choral Benediction.....*Hallelujah Chorus from The Messiah*, by G.F. Handel
The Church Returns to His World to Serve Him