

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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A few years back, I joined a running group at church. When I joined, I envisioned my ideal self: having perfectly shiny hair, eating kale every day, and running marathons like it was a breeze, without even breaking a sweat. Instead, I went home exhausted after our first day and ate an entire pack of cookies to reward myself.

I quit after going only once. Honestly, I hoped people would forget I was ever there.

To be fair, we were given an independent running schedule, and I did diligently keep up with it for a few weeks. I had several prior commitments, which coincided with the group's training days and caused me to miss a few meetings. But I forced myself to keep running independently, because I had the accountability of knowing I would be meeting with them soon, and I didn't want to fall behind.

The problem was, after I missed a few meetings in a row due to my outside commitments, I didn't see the point in returning after so long. The urgency and excitement gradually lessened during my absence. I decided not to return, which meant I no longer had anything to hold me accountable. When I stopped coming to the running group, I stopped running.

Hebrews 12 describes the Christian life as a race, where we "fix our eyes on Jesus." It encourages us to not give up, difficult as this race is. We, as the Church, are called to encourage one another in the faith, and we strengthen one another to run this race. My own experience has shown me that when we drift away from plugging into church community and try to live out our faith independently, outside things drift our focus from Jesus, and we waver in our faith. Running the race well, chasing after Jesus, requires a good community on the sidelines, cheering us on when we feel tired and face challenges in our faith.

I've seen so many wonderful things already in our Sunday school classes, and I've heard countless testimonies of what Sunday School has meant to St. Paul's congregants. If you aren't already plugged into a Sunday School class, I want you to share in the power of being surrounded by a godly community! Furthermore, I know that God has placed St. Paul in Columbus to reach our city with the amazing community we have here, which so many are longing for.

Thank you so much for offering me such a warm welcome into your church community! I am so blessed to carry out God's mission with you and have really enjoyed getting to know you. I cannot wait to see what the LORD does next through our church community.

Meghan Gross *meghan*

Our Parenting Seminars Continue Today! Join us at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Amy Buchanan and Erin Harkey continue this series with today's topic, "Coaching Emotions (Instead of Controlling Behavior)." Come learn how understanding and guiding our children's emotions can help us respond with greater connection, patience, and grace.

Traditional Worship

8:30 A.M.

Illges Chapel (M250)

Rev. Meghan Gross

Full Body Scan: The Knees

Psalm 95

Modern Worship

9:00 A.M.

Fellowship Hall (M220)

Rev. John Fugh, Jr.

Ascended, Seated, Coming Again

Acts 1:6-11

Traditional Worship

11:00 A.M.

Sanctuary (M260)

Rev. John Fugh, Jr.

Ascended, Seated, Coming Again

Acts 1:6-11

Broadcast Live at 11:00

at stpaulcolumbus.live



EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Wednesday Night Supper is this week, September 30! We'll have a fiesta of **Chicken Fajitas** with **Rice, Beans** and **Nachos**, along with the **Soup and Salad Bar**. Dessert will be a **Tres-Leches Cake**. The kids' menu will be **Cheese Quesadillas and French Fries**. Our program continues the *Whisper* series by Mark Batterson, with Mrs. Laura Marvets as our speaker. Please join us! Online reservations can be made at stpaulcolumbus.com/supper.

Grace Bible Study – Wesley Foundation Meal Prep: Tomorrow, Monday, September 28, from 3:30–5:00 p.m. in the Kitchen, the Grace Bible Study class will gather for a service project to prepare meals for the CSU Wesley Foundation. This group serves local college students and puts faith into action through simple acts of hospitality and care.

Mahjong: You are invited to join us for an afternoon of fun, fellowship, and Mahjong! Whether you've played for years or just weeks, we'd love to have you with us on Wednesday, September 30, from 2:30–4:30 p.m. in Room M235. Bring a friend and enjoy a relaxed afternoon together!

Give Blood. Give Life. **Our next American Red Cross Blood Drive is next Sunday, October 4**, from 8:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Every donation has the potential to help save lives. Blood is needed for people with serious injuries, surgeries, cancer treatments, illnesses, and emergencies. A single donation can help multiple patients. Please donate to give hope and new life to others in our community. Your donation matters. Walk-ins are welcome, or you may register with Ken Chung at kchung@graddyconstruction.com.

Join us next Sunday, October 4, at 4:00 p.m. on the Quad in front of the Youth Building for our annual **Blessing of the Animals!** We'll gather to celebrate and give thanks for the wonderful animals God has placed in our lives. While dogs may be the most popular guests, all creatures are welcome—even the scaly, winged, furry, and clawed ones! As Scripture reminds us, "The Lord is good to all; he has compassion on all that he has made." – Psalm 145:9. This special service is made possible with the help of Jennifer Daniel and PAWS. Bring your beloved pets and join us for a joyful afternoon! 🐾



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KIDMIN MOMENTS

David and Goliath

When a giant, scary soldier named Goliath challenged the Israelites, everyone was terrified except for a brave young shepherd boy named David. David knew that God was on his side, so he stepped up with just a sling and five stones, trusting God completely instead of heavy armor or weapons. Because of his trust and courage, God helped David defeat Goliath and protect his people! This reminds us that no matter how big or scary our problems seem, we can always rely on God to give us courage and strength.



Acolyte Consecration Sunday



SPY MINISTRY

Sunday Night Youth is having a Split Night! Middle School students, we'll kick things off at 5:00 p.m., followed by a Snack Supper for everyone at 5:30 p.m. Then High School students will meet at 6:00 p.m. Come hang out, grab some food, worship together, and enjoy time with friends. Bring a friend and come ready for a great night! We'll see you there!

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Our first Second Sunday Lunch will take place at **Mix Market** on Sunday, October 11th at 12:30 p.m. Please join us for this after-church fellowship!

To get notified about other upcoming young adults events, please email meghan@stpaulcolumbus.com.

Sunday, September 27

8:30 AM Traditional Worship (M250)

9:00 AM Modern Worship (M220)

9:30 Weekly Communion (M260)

10:00 AM Parenting Seminar (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 Boys' Youth (7-12 Gr) SS (Y106)

10:00 AM Girls' Youth SS (7-12 Gr) (Y104)

11:00 AM Traditional Worship (M260)

2:00 PM Spring Harbor Worship (Off Campus)

5:00 PM Middle School SNY (Y210)

5:30 PM SNY Snack Supper (M220)

6:00 PM High School SNY (Y210)

Monday, September 28

1:30 PM Staff Meeting (Library)

3:30 PM Grace Bible Study- Wesley Foundation Meal Prep (Kitchen)

Tuesday, September 29

7:00 AM 8th Gr. Girls Bible Study (Off Campus)

10:00 AM TMBS (M232)

11:00 AM Grace Bible Study (M235)

4:00 PM Spring Harbor Bible Study (Off Campus)

Wednesday, September 30

7:00 AM 6th-7th Gr. Girls Bible Study (Off Campus)

8:00 AM Piano Perfect Tuning (Various)

9:30 AM Preschool Moms' Bible Study (M235)

2:30 PM Mahjong (M235)

5:30 PM Handbell Choir Supper (M232)

6:00 PM Handbell Choir (M273)

6:00 PM Children's Supper (M220)

6:00 PM Family Night Supper (M220)

6:30 PM Children's Choir (M235)

6:30 PM High School Girls Bible Study with Emma Hess (Y210)

7:00 PM Chancel Choir (M273)

Friday, October 2

8:15 AM CHS Homecoming Mother/Daughter Breakfast (M220)

5:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal for Sophia Reynen & David Thayer (M260)

Saturday, October 3

5:30 PM Sophia Reynen & David Thayer Wedding (M260)

**Today's Sunday School Lesson
for Preschool and Elementary
Children**
**David and Goliath (1 Samuel
17:1-51a)**
**Anchor Point – We can love
and serve God.**

Say the Bible verse together:
"The Lord sees into the heart."
1 Samuel 16:7

**Questions for family
discussion:**

- **God gave David courage.
What does it mean to have
courage?**
- **What is the best way to
deal with a bully who is
mistreating people?**
- **Why did David choose to
use a sling and stones?**
- **How do you think the
brothers felt when little
brother David defeated
Goliath?**

Prayer:
**God, give us courage to stand
for you and show us how to
be a peacemaker. In Jesus'
name, we pray. Amen.**

SERVING THIS WEEK

- (8:30) Acolytes: Nora
Arnett and Lillie
Coleman
- (11:00) Acolytes: Mae
Murphy and Bobby
Carmichael
- Cross Bearer: Louise
Fowler
- Acolyte Helper:
Amanda Baker

ALTAR GUILD

- Chapel: Whitney Pease
and Frances Raybon
- Delivery: Beth Burgin
and Jenny Badcock

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 in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory
of God and in loving memory of ***Peggy Pease
Jenkins and Mack W. Jenkins, Jr.***, by their family.

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

Altar Fund

In memory of ***Berry Henderson***
• by Betty and Buddy Roberts

Building Fund

In memory of ***Berry Henderson***
• by Pam and Homer Shuler
In memory of ***Billy Langle***
• by Will Cliatt

Music Fund

In memory of ***Billy Langle***
• by Kathie and Tommy Bridges

Music Suite

In memory of ***Rusty Gross***
In memory of ***Berry Henderson***
In memory of ***Billy Langle***
• all by Anne Walton

Wildwood Class

In memory of ***Sloan Flournoy***
In memory of ***Bryan Sargent***
• both by Betsy Flournoy

Wynnton Neighborhood Network

In memory of ***Jack Collins***
In memory of ***Mary Jane Wynn Wadkins***
In memory of ***Billy Langle***
In memory of ***Andy Young***
In honor of ***Kirkland Clason***
In honor of ***Sydney Flournoy***
In honor of ***Shane Green***
• all by Alice Douglas
In memory of ***Anne Aldridge Williams***
• by Janet and Walter Mauldin
In memory of ***Berry Henderson***
• by Elizabeth and John Knight
• by Carter and Heath Schondelmayer

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.

Our Liturgical color is green, symbolizing growth,
life, and spiritual maturity.



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 27, 2026
8:30 a.m. Traditional Service

The Welcome & Announcements Rev. Meghan Gross

The Flame Comes to the Altar

The Prelude.....*Jesus, Lord, We Look to Thee*, (Trad.)
pianist, Cher Liu

The Hymn of Celebration.....*O Worship the King* (#73)

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 Passing of the Peace

Leader: *The Peace of Christ be with you.*

Congregational Response: *And also with you.*

The Welcome & Registration of Attendance

Sunday School Testimony.....Mr. Stevie Lorentz

The Pastoral Prayer with The Lord’s Prayer.....Rev. Gross

The Scripture Lesson.....Psalm 95

Leader: *The Word of God for the People of God.*

Congregational Response: *Thanks be to God.*

The Sermon*Full Body Scan Series: The Knees*, Rev. Gross

The Word in Song.....*Ave Verum Corpus*, by W.A. Mozart

Latin Text:

*Ave verum corpus natum
de Maria Virgine;
vere passum immolatum
in cruce pro homine,
cuius latus perforatum
unda fluxit sanguine;
esto nobis praegustatum
in mortis examine.*

English Text:

*Hail, true Body,
born of the Virgin Mary,
Who has truly suffered,
was sacrificed on the cross for mortals,
Whose side was pierced,
whence flowed water and blood:
Be for us a foretaste (of heaven)
during our final examining.*

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

The Offertory Prayer

The Offertory.....*God Will Take Care of You*, by Martin/Berry
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 Hymn of Consecration.....*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* (#400)

The Cross and Flame Go Before Us into the World

The Benediction

The Postlude.....*Movement No. 1 from Piano Sonata No. 11, K. 331*
by W.A. Mozart
pianist, Dr. John Finley

The Church Returns to His World to Serve Him

ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 27, 2026
11:00 a.m. Traditional Service

The Chiming of the Hour

The Welcome & Announcements Rev. Dr. Shane Green

The Prelude.....*Jesus, Lord, We Look to Thee*, (Trad.)
pianist, Cher Liu

The Cross and Flame Come to the Altar

The Choral Call to Worship.....*O Come, Let Us Sing Unto The Lord*
by D. Moore

The Hymn of Celebration.....*O Worship the King* (#73)

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 Sacrament of Infant Baptism.....Madden Elizabeth Peek (see insert)

The Pastoral Prayer with the Lord's Prayer.....Rev. Dr. Green

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.

Sunday School Testimony.....Mr. Stevie Lorentz

The Leader: Let Us Worship God with His Tithes and Our Offerings.
The Offertory Prayer.....Rev. Meghan Gross
The Offertory.....*I Stand at the Threshold (Arioso)*, by J.S. Bach
organist, Adley Scott
The Doxology.....(#95)
The Scripture Lesson.....Acts 1:6-11

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 Sermon.....Mrs. Donna Hightower

(Immediately after the Children’s Sermon, 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.....*Ave Verum Corpus*, by W.A. Mozart

<i>Latin Text:</i>	<i>English Text:</i>
<i>Ave verum corpus natum</i>	<i>Hail, true Body,</i>
<i>de Maria Virgine;</i>	<i>born of the Virgin Mary,</i>
<i>vere passum immolatum</i>	<i>Who has truly suffered,</i>
<i>in cruce pro homine,</i>	<i>was sacrificed on the cross for mortals,</i>
<i>cuius latus perforatum</i>	<i>Whose side was pierced,</i>
<i>unda fluxit sanguine;</i>	<i>whence flowed water and blood:</i>
<i>esto nobis praegustatum</i>	<i>Be for us a foretaste (of heaven)</i>
<i>in mortis examine.</i>	<i>during our final examining.</i>

The Sermon.....*Ascended, Seated, Coming Again*, Rev. John Fugh, Jr.
The Hymn of Consecration.....*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* (#400)
The Cross and Flame Go Before Us into the World
The Benediction and Choral Response.....*The Lord Bless You and Keep You*
by Hal H. Hopson; Chancel Choir and Bell Choir
The Postlude.....*Movement No. 1 from Piano Sonata No. 11, K. 331*
by W.A. Mozart; pianist, Dr. John Finley
The Church Returns to His World to Serve Him

ST. PAUL MUSIC UPDATES

We are so excited to be using our newly renovated **Music Suite!** We will have a formal ceremony of dedication and recognition on **Sunday, October 11**, immediately following the 11:00 a.m. service. We hope that you will join us for this historic event!

St. Paul will showcase a **Fall Music Concert on Wednesday, October 14** at 7:00 p.m. after Wednesday Night Supper. This presentation will include Children's and Chancel Choir, special guests, plus the Bell Choir. This event is free, open to the public, and seating will be open from 6:30-7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

ST. PAUL FALL CONCERT



October 14, 2026
7:00pm-8:00 p.m.
Sanctuary



Please join us for a free evening of fellowship and music featuring our St. Paul Chancel Choir, Bell Choir, Children's Choir, and special guest musicians from across our Columbus community. Please join us in our sanctuary, with seating available from 6:30pm-7:00pm for our audience members.

We welcome our 2026/2027 **St. Paul Music Scholars** in our services today. These students from Columbus State University's Schwob School of Music will be part of our music program across the year. We're excited to have them share their talent and join in fellowship with our congregation as part of our music ministry here at St. Paul. We will get to know each music scholar across the next few weeks in our Sunday bulletin. Please join in welcoming them as you meet them across all the upcoming events this fall.

ST. PAUL SUNDAY SCHOOLS/SMALL GROUPS

St. Paul Sunday School Classes (Adult)

WESLEY / MILLER-WILSON CLASS - 10:00 a.m. in room M232

This class includes members in the 70+ age group. Teachers rotate with lecture/discussion format. They support several ministries and are engaged in St. Paul for All and enjoy socials at a member's house once or twice a year.

- Leaders: Joe Morrow and Rebecca Westerman
- Teachers: Betty Hipps & Carolyn Poole, Mary Sue Polleys & Rebecca Westerman, Gil McBride, Chris Johnson

WILDWOOD CLASS - 10:00 a.m. in room M150

The Wildwood class members are in the 65+ age group. Different members volunteer to rotate lessons. In this class, you will learn more about the Bible and Christ's teachings.

- Leader: John Springer
- Teachers: John Springer, Sherry Evans, Mary Lu Lampton, Betty Roberts, Tommy Bridges, Gil McBride
- Zoom: Yes

BRIDGES CLASS - 10:00 a.m. in room M235

Members are in the 30+ age group. Discussion topics range from books of the Bible, awareness of church history, marriage, and children. This group also meets outside of the church walls for fellowship and service opportunities.

- Leader: Erin Murphy
- Teachers: Rotating Class Members

SEEKERS CLASS - 10:00 a.m. in room M234

The Seekers is a class of members in the 55+ age group. This class uses a variety of studies, which cover topics from books of the Bible, to people in the Bible to awareness of church history and current challenges facing Christians today. This class includes a video component that may come from RightNow Media or DVD.

- Leaders/Teachers: George Flowers and Mary Lou Jarrell
- Zoom: Yes

THE NEW LIFE CLASS - 10:00 a.m. in room Y102

This class is for the 45+ age group. Individuals and couples are welcome. Studies are very informal in nature and very discussion-oriented.

- Leader/Teacher: Brent Wright

THE FOUNDRY - 10:00 a.m. in room Y101

This class is for ages 18 to 35. Topics will explore what it means to follow Christ in everyday life, such as in dating, financial management, and careers.

- Leader: Drew Bowles and Connor Green
- Teachers: Drew Bowles, Connor Green, Mark Ellis

ST. PAUL SUNDAY SCHOOLS/SMALL GROUPS

September is Sunday School Sign Up month! St. Paul believes in the transformation that comes from Sunday School involvement, and we are more than happy to help you plug into a good fit. Please contact our church office for further assistance, or see the Sunday School insert in your bulletin.

We challenge you to invite a friend to your Sunday School class between now and October 18th for a chance for your class to win a special trophy rubber chicken!

All Sunday School leaders are invited to our Sunday School Leaders Celebration on October 18th, following the 11:00 service in the Wesley/Miller-Wilson classroom. It will be a great time to celebrate together how God is at work in our groups and to provide any support to our leaders. Sunday School Leaders, please RSVP to Meghan Gross by October 11th in order to ensure your boxed lunch for this celebration. Email meghan@stpaulcolumbus.com.

St. Paul Sunday School Classes (Children)

Grade level Sunday School classes are available and engage students in a purposeful curriculum that goes through the Bible over the course of a year.

- 4K and 5K Class - 10:00 a.m. in room M152
- 1st and 2nd Grade Class - 10:00 a.m. in room M130
- 3rd Grade Class - 10:00 a.m. in room Y204
- 4th and 5th Grade Class - 10:00 a.m. in room Y202
- 6th Grade Class (Confirmation) - 10:00 a.m. in room Y203

Leaders: Donna Hightower, Roy Hightower, Lauren Coleman

St. Paul Sunday School Classes (Youth)

These classes meet for an hour to walk through a parable or story of the Bible.

- Boys 7th to 12th Grade Class - 10:00 a.m. in room Y106
- Girls 7th to 12th Grade Class - 10:00 a.m. in room Y104 (Lounge)

Leader: Laura Marvets

Teachers: Laura Marvets, Merritt Pryor

