

WEEKLY BULLETIN

2101 WILDWOOD AVENUE, COLUMBUS, GA 31906

**“Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.”
1 Corinthians 12:27**

Scripture reminds us that we are called to serve Christ, but not to serve Him alone. Together, we are His body, and each of us has a part in sharing His love. God has given us different gifts, talents, and abilities, and when we offer them in service to others, He uses them to accomplish far more than any of us could do alone.

St. Paul for All Day, which began in 2016, has become a beloved tradition and a joyful expression of who we are as a church. In just two weeks, on Sunday, October 25, our church family will once come together as the hands and feet of Christ as we go out to serve others and touch lives throughout our community.

There's a place for everyone! All ages—children, parents, grandparents, great-grandparents—can serve side by side, sharing the joy of helping others while making memories together. Age-appropriate service activities will be available at the church for children who are too young to participate. Childcare will be provided for our youngest members. Whether you prefer hands-on physical work or a quieter seated mission project, a meaningful place has been prepared for you to be part of this day. All you have to do is say, “Here I am, Lord. Send me.”

Most activities will begin immediately following the 11:00 service. Lunch, St. Paul for All T-shirts, and supplies will be provided. Wear comfortable clothes and shoes to church, along with the T-shirt you'll receive; come to worship, pick up your pre-packed lunch, and head out to serve!

Don't Delay! Online Sign-Ups are **happening now!** Visit the church website, stpaulcolumbus.com/events, to explore the teams and choose the opportunity that best fits your gifts and interests, as well as speaks to your heart. Space is limited, and once a team is filled, its openings are gone.

Find your place. Answer the call. Be part of St. Paul for All Day 2026!

Questions? Want more information? Please contact the church office at 706-327-7419, or email Tammy Reynolds at TJReynolds3@gmail.com.

In His love and service together,

Tammy Reynolds

Tammy Reynolds
Missions Committee Chairperson

Traditional Worship

8:30 A.M.

Illges Chapel (M250)

Rev. John Fugh, Jr.

Like No One Else: A Three-Week Study in Matthew

Matthew 7:28–29

Modern Worship

9:00 A.M.

Fellowship Hall (M220)

Rev. Dr. Shane Green

It Runs in the Family

Genesis 37:1-11, 17b-36

Traditional Worship

11:00 A.M.

Sanctuary (M260)

Rev. Dr. Shane Green

It Runs in the Family

Genesis 37:1-11, 17b-36

Broadcast Live at 11:00

at stpaulcolumbus.live



EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Wednesday Night Supper for October 14: We'll have **Fried and Rotisserie Chicken, Mac-n-Cheese, Black-Eyed Peas, Cabbage, Cornbread**, and the **Soup (Roasted Red Pepper with Gouda)** and **Salad Bar**. There will be **Cherry Pie** and **Cookies** for dessert. The kids' menu will be the same. Our program continues the *Whisper* series by Mark Batterson, with Rev. Meghan Gross as our speaker. Please join us! Online reservations can be made at stpaulcolumbus.com/supper.

Thank you, St. Paul, for another **successful Blood Drive**. Because of you, the Red Cross has 23 more usable blood units to help save up to 69 lives in the Valley area! Plan for the next opportunity to give blood on December 6, 2026.

We will have a formal ceremony of dedication for the **Music Suite** today, 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 our 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.

All **Sunday Small Group Leaders** are invited to a 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 Group Leaders, please RSVP to Meghan Gross by October 11th in order to ensure your boxed lunch for this celebration. Email meghan@stpaulcolumbus.com.

Join us next Sunday, October 18, 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. 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! 🐾

The **Men's Bible Study** begins October 22 at 6:30 a.m. in room M232. If you are interested in getting plugged into one or more studies, please contact grace@stpaulcolumbus.com.



Clean out those closets for fall! We are donating children's clothes for ages 5-18 as part of our **St. Paul for All Day!** These will be given to the **Sara Spano Clothing Bank** for our local children. You may bring donations to Sunday Small Groups or to the office.

PASTORS & STAFF

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KIDMIN MOMENTS

David and Abigail

When David asked Nabal, a rich farmer, for food for his men, Nabal was mean and refused to help! This made David very angry. Nabal's brave and kind wife, Abigail, knew David planned to fight back. Abigail quickly packed up lots of delicious food on a donkey and brought it to David herself. She met David along the way, stopped him from making a big mistake out of anger, and brought peace between them. Her story teaches us how wonderful and important it is to be a peacemaker who helps others choose kindness over anger!

Join us for an **Acolyte Consecration** for remaining Acolytes on October 18 during the 11:00 a.m. service.

Candy donations are needed for **Trunk or Treat!** Please bring bags to the main office. Then, get your best Chili recipes ready! Come for a night of fall fun on Wednesday, October 28 for a Chili Cookoff, Supper, Costume Parade, and Candy Crawl! Contact Grace Bailey at grace@stpaulcolumbus.com to join the Cookoff!

Our next **Club 45** is two weeks away- October 18, noon- 2 p.m. We'll have lunch and play games on the quad. Please send a change of play clothes if your child is coming straight from church. The cost for lunch is \$10. Friends are welcome! Please let Donna know if your child will be attending, and if friends are joining the fun! donna@stpaulcolumbus.com.

SPY MINISTRY

There will be **no SNY** this Sunday as our schools are on Fall Break! Enjoy the extra family time and a little break in the middle of a busy season.

Mark your calendars for October 25! That's **St. Paul For All Day**, our big church-wide mission day. We'll spend the day serving our community and caring for our church campus together. Be sure to sign up at stpaulcolumbus.com/events! We'd love to see our SPY students and families there!

Save the Date: **Youth Ski Trip** scheduled for January 1-4, 2027. More information to come, but mark this on your calendars! We will be going back to Ghent!

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Our first Second Sunday Lunch will take place at **Mix Market** today, Sunday, October 11th, at 12:30 p.m. Please join us for this after-church fellowship and remember to bring money for lunch.

Email meghan@stpaulcolumbus.com for all YA info!

Sunday, October 11

8:30 AM Traditional Worship
(M250)

9:00 AM Modern Worship
(M220)

9:30 AM Weekly Communion
(M250)

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)

12:00 PM Music Suite Dedication
(Music Suite)

12:30 PM Young Adults Second
Sunday Lunch, Mix Market

2:00 PM Spring Harbor Worship
(Off Campus)

Monday, October 12

1:30 PM Staff Meeting (Library)

Tuesday, October 13

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, October 14

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

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 Family Night Supper
(M220)

6:30 PM Children's Choir (M235)

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

7:00 PM Fall Concert (M260)

**Today's Sunday School Lesson for
Preschool and Elementary
Children**
David and Abigail (1 Samuel 25:1-42)
**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:

- **Do you know someone who is a peacemaker? What makes that person a peacemaker?**
- **Why did Abigail decide to take the gifts to David?**
- **Which characters in the story reacted in anger? What different ways could they have acted?**
- **What would you have to change in your life to become a peacemaker?**

Prayer:

**Thank you, God, for the
peacemakers in our lives. Help us
to speak peace to each other. In
Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

SERVING THIS WEEK

- (8:30) Acolytes:
Scarlett Bross and TBD
- (11:00) Acolytes:
Dawson Laney & TBD
- Cross Bearer: William
Park
- Acolyte Helper:
Katherine Coffman

ALTAR GUILD

- Delivery: Mimi Copelan and
Susan Middlebrooks

USHERS

- (8:30) Ken Crumpler and
Stan Copelan
- (11:00) Jeff Hudson (lead),
Jay Pease, Adam Pease,
Parker Swift, Tommy
Watkins, Bobby Baker

Hiring for Part-Time: Kitchen
Please contact Philip Badcock
at 706-327-7419.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Dr. Davis Ronald Watson, Sr.**, by his wife, Janice Watson, in celebration of their October 15th wedding anniversary.

Our Christian love and heartfelt sympathy is extended to Donna and David Quam and Donna's family in the loss of her mother, **Nanette Dunn Wadsworth**, on October 3, 2026.

The Rosebud in the Chancel is in honor of the September 17, 2026 birth of **Charlotte Wade Lingo (Lottie)**, daughter of Rie and Drew Lingo. May the Lord bless this little one with love and fill her life with happiness and peace.

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

Building Fund

In memory of **Pat Albright**

- by Kristi and Cham Watkins

Wynnton Neighborhood Network

In memory of **Pat Albright**

In honor of **Sophie and David Thayer**

- both by Alice Douglas

We're continuing to grow **Sunday Small Groups** and create new opportunities to connect through Small Group Sign-Ups! St. Paul believes in the transformation that comes from Sunday school involvement. We are 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 Small Groups** class between now and next Sunday, October 18th for a chance for your class to win a special trophy rubber chicken!

The Altar Guild is in need of volunteers. We are planning our Advent season, and looking for volunteers of all skills and interests. Please contact Liz Lampton if you are interested in supporting our work during the holidays: lizwasden@gmail.com.

This Sunday, October 11, we use green as our liturgical color. **Green is the color of growth, life, and spiritual maturity**, reminding us that our faith is meant to grow—not only during special seasons of the church year, but throughout the ordinary rhythms of life. As we gather for worship, may the color green remind us that God is continually at work in us, helping us grow deeper in faith.

All Saints' Day is Sunday, November 1.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

October 11, 2026
11:00 a.m. Traditional Service

The Chiming of the Hour

The Welcome & Announcements Rev. John Fugh, Jr.

The Prelude.....*Deep River*, Traditional Spiritual, arr. Calvin Taylor
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 Donald Moore

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

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.....Frances Clark Gunby (see insert)

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

The Leader: Let Us Worship God with His Tithes and Our Offerings.	
The Offertory Prayer	Rev. Dr. Green
The Offertory <i>This Little Light of Mine</i> ,	Traditional Spiritual, arr. Calvin Harris pianist, Cher Liu
The Doxology	
<i>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.</i>	
The Scripture Lesson	Genesis 37:1-11, 17b-36
Leader: <i>The Word of God for the People of God.</i>	
Congregational Response: <i>Thanks be to God.</i>	
The Passing of the Peace	
Leader: <i>The Peace of Christ be with you.</i>	
Congregational Response: <i>And also with you.</i>	
The Welcome and Registration of Attendance	
The Children’s Sermon	Mrs. Donna Hightower
<i>(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.)</i>	
The Anthem	<i>I’d Rather Have Jesus</i> , by Tom Fettke pianist, Cher Liu; violinist, Samuel Vaillancourt
The Sermon	<i>It Runs in the Family</i> , Rev. Dr. Green
The Hymn of Consecration <i>O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing</i> (#57)	
The Cross and Flame Go Before Us into the World	
The Benediction and Choral Response	<i>The Grace of Our Lord Jesus</i> by Christian Gregor
The Postlude	<i>The Call of the Trumpets</i> , by Henry Purcell pianist, Cher Liu
The Church Returns to His World to Serve Him	

ST. PAUL SUNDAY SMALL GROUPS

St. Paul Sunday School Classes/Small Groups (Adult)

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

This group includes members in the 70+ age group. Teachers rotate with a 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 - 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 group, you will learn more about the Bible and Christ's teachings.

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

BRIDGES - 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, to children and parenting. This group also meets outside of the church walls for fellowship and service opportunities.

- Leader: Erin Murphy
- Teachers: Rotating Class Members

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

The Seekers are members in the 55+ age group. This group uses a variety of studies on books and people of the Bible, plus awareness of church history and current challenges facing Christians today. This class includes a video component that may come from RightNow Media.

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

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

This group is for the 45+ age group. Individuals and couples are welcome. Studies are very informal in nature and 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 dating, financial management, and careers.

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

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St. Paul Sunday Small Groups (Children)

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

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

Leaders: Donna Hightower, Roy Hightower, Lauren Coleman

St. Paul Sunday Small Groups (Youth)

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

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

Leader: Laura Marvets

Teachers: Laura Marvets, Merritt Pryor

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