

WEEKLY BULLETIN

2101 WILDWOOD AVENUE, COLUMBUS, GA 31906

For the past several weeks, we have been slowing down over words many of us have known for most of our lives. The Apostles' Creed has given us a way to name the God Christians have confessed across generations: Father Almighty, Jesus Christ His only Son and our Lord, the One who came for us and for our salvation, who rose, ascended, reigns, and will come again.

The Creed is certainly a statement about God. It reminds us of the essential truths at the center of Christian faith and of the faith we share with believers across time and tradition. But as we have listened more carefully to these familiar words, another truth has emerged. What we confess about God inevitably says something about us.

To confess God as Father Almighty asks us to trust Him even when His power and His fatherly care are difficult to reconcile. To call Jesus "our Lord" acknowledges that our lives belong to Him. To confess that He came for us and for our salvation reminds us of both the depth of our need and the extraordinary love God has shown us. To confess that Christ is ascended and reigning reminds us that even when the story feels unfinished, the future has not slipped from His hands.

This Sunday we come to the closing words of the Creed: the Holy Spirit, the church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Once again, these words will tell us something about the God we confess. And once again, they may tell us something about ourselves.

It is fitting that we will also come to the Lord's Table. Communion gathers much of what we have been confessing into one visible act. We remember Christ's saving work, receive His grace in the present, gather as one body, and look toward the day when His Kingdom will be fully revealed. We come to the Table as people who belong to the God we confess—and whose lives are still being shaped by the truth of Who He is.

Rev. John Fugh, Jr.



White is used on **Communion Sunday** as a symbol of Christ's purity, holiness, resurrection, and new life. October 4 is also **World Communion Sunday**. As Christians, we gather at the Lord's Table to remember Christ's sacrifice and celebrate the grace and new life we receive through Him. Today, as we worship, let white remind us that Christ is risen and His grace is offered to all.

Traditional Worship

8:30 A.M.

Illges Chapel (M250)

Mrs. Laura Marvets

Your Faith Is Personal But Not Private, So Share It

Psalm 46:10, 1 Peter 3:15,

John 15:4

Modern Worship

9:00 A.M.

Fellowship Hall (M220)

Rev. John Fugh, Jr.

The Holy Spirit and the Life Everlasting

John 14:15-27; Romans 8:11

Traditional Worship

11:00 A.M.

Sanctuary (M260)

Rev. John Fugh, Jr.

The Holy Spirit and the Life Everlasting

John 14:15-27; Romans 8:11

Broadcast Live at 11:00

at stpaulcolumbus.live

Save the Date!



OCT. 25, 2026

**ST. PAUL CHURCH
COLUMBUS, GEORGIA**

Be the Body!

1 CORINTHIANS 12:27

EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Wednesday Night Supper is October 7! We'll have **Pot Roast, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Carrots, Corn Bread,** and the **Soup (Vegetable) and Salad Bar.** There will be various **Desserts** and **Cookies.** The kids' menu will be **Grilled Cheese** and **French Fries.** Our program continues the *Whisper* series by Mark Batterson, with Rev. John Fugh, Jr. as our speaker. Please join us! Online reservations can be made at stpaulcolumbus.com/supper.

Give Blood. Give Life. **Our American Red Cross Blood Drive is today, October 4,** from 8:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Blood is a gift that truly gives life, providing hope and help to people facing serious injuries, surgeries, cancer treatments, illness, and emergencies. As we seek to be faithful givers in all the ways we are able, consider giving the gift of blood today. Every donation can make a difference in the life of another. Walk-ins are welcome.

Join us this afternoon, 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! 🐾



CLOTHING DRIVE

in conjunction with

St. Paul for All Day

Between now and
Sunday, October 25th,
we're collecting new and gently used items
to be sorted by one of our
St. Paul for All mission teams on SP4A Day.
All donations to benefit the
Sarah Spano School Clothing Bank.



WE ARE COLLECTING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS

IN ALL SIZES

to fit children ages 5 through 18:

♥ New or gently used school uniform shirts (red, white, or navy collared polo shirts, no logos)	♥ New or gently used pajamas and nightgowns
♥ New or gently used school uniform pants and shorts (khaki or navy)	♥ New or gently used coats, jackets, hats, and gloves
♥ New or gently used tops, jeans, pants, and shorts	♥ New or gently used shoes
	♥ New underpants and crew neck undershirts
	♥ New athletic socks

📍 COLLECTION BOX LOCATED
JUST OUTSIDE THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.

St. Paul for All Day

❓ **Questions?**
Email Tammy Reynolds at
TJReynolds3@gmail.com

PASTORS & STAFF

Rev. Dr. Shane Green
Senior Minister

Rev. John Fugh, Jr.
Associate Minister

Rev. Meghan Gross
Associate Minister

Philip Badcock
Church Administrator

Grace Bailey
Director of Christian
Education

Lauren Coleman
Administrative Assistant

Dr. Bruce Getz
Broadcast Operations
Manager

Donna Hightower
Director of Children's
Ministry

Roy Hightower
Assistant to Director of
Children's Ministry

Theresa Holzknecht
Communications
Director

Catherine Hutchings
Receptionist

Shannon Land
Executive Administrative
Assistant

Laura Marvets
Director of Youth
Ministry

Dr. Joshua May
Interim Director of Music

Cindy Shavers
Financial Records &
Administration

KIDMIN MOMENTS

David and Jonathan

King Saul had a son named Jonathan who became best friends with David, even though he knew that God had chosen David to be the next king instead of him. When King Saul became angry and tried to hurt David, Jonathan stayed loyal and helped his friend escape safely. Jonathan also stayed by his father's side, showing how much he cared about both his family and his best friend. This story shows us what it means to be a true, loyal friend who protects and cares for others!

Candy donations are needed for **Trunk or Treat!** Please bring bags to the main office. Then, come for a night of fall fun on Wednesday, October 28 for a Chili Cookoff, Supper, Costume Parade, and Candy Crawl!



The Confirmation Class Visits Shearith Israel. Thank you to Rabbi Glusman!

SPY MINISTRY

SNY This Sunday! We're continuing our Prayer Series this Sunday as we explore different ways to pray and how we can grow a deeper, more consistent prayer life. We are keeping it practical and continuing to give you new ways to connect with God through prayer! Next week: No SNY — all of our schools are on Fall Break! Tonight: MS at 5:00 p.m. | Snack Supper at 6:00 p.m. | HS at 6:30 p.m.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Our first Second Sunday Lunch will take place at **Mix Market** next 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 4

Communion Sunday

8:00 AM Red Cross Blood Drive (Y210)

8:30 AM Traditional Worship (M250)

9:00 AM Modern Worship (M220)

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)

4:00 PM Blessing of the Animals (Quad)

5:00 PM Middle School SNY (Y210)

6:00 PM SNY Snack Supper (M220)

6:30 PM High School SNY (Y210)

Monday, October 5

1:30 PM Staff Meeting (Library)

Tuesday, October 6

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 7

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

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

11:00 Preschool Advisory Meeting

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)

**Today's Children's Small Groups
Lesson for Preschool and
Elementary Children
David and Jonathan (1 Samuel
18:1-5; 20:1-42)
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 have a best friend?
What do you like about your
friend?**
- **Why do you think Jonathan
didn't leave with David?**
- **Do best friends or families
always agree?**
- **What should you do when
you disagree with your friend
or someone in your family?**

Prayer:

**Dear God, thank you for the gift
of friends and family. Help us to
show them we love them. In
Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

SERVING THIS WEEK

- (8:30) Acolytes: Ann Coleman and Harper Rumph
- (11:00) Acolytes: Mary Elyce Klinger and Riggs Kirven
- Cross Bearer: Reiner Klinger
- Acolyte Helper: Tabetha Getz

ALTAR GUILD

- Delivery: Lynn Pugh and Beth Thomas

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 on the Sanctuary Altar are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of ***Sophia Reynen and David Thayer***, and in loving memory of their grandparents ***Morris Wynn, Patricia Wynn, Ann Thayer, Linda Moore, David Moore and William Reynen***.

Our Christian love and heartfelt sympathy is extended to Shannon Land and her family in the loss of her brother, ***Mark Dwayne Davis***, on September 25, 2026.

Our Christian love and heartfelt sympathy is extended to Allison Coleman and her family in the loss of her mother, ***Patricia Wood Albright***, on September 28, 2026.

The Rosebud in the Chancel is in honor of the September 23, 2026 birth of ***Ann Hollis Hamric***, daughter of Shannon and Andrew Hamric, granddaughter of Joy and Todd Bohn and Beth and Todd Hamric, and sister of Eliza. May the Lord bless this little one with love and fill her life with happiness and peace.

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

General Fund

In memory of ***Billy Langley***

- by Kristi and Cham Watkins

Preschool Fund

In memory of ***Berry Henderson***

- by Sharon Bunn and Carol Henderson

Wildwood Class

In memory of ***Jack Collins***

- by Betsy Flournoy

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

We have our final class of our Parenting Seminars Today! Join us at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Amy Buchanan and Erin Harkey continue this series with today's topic, "Repairing After Conflict." We will explore how parents can reconnect with their children after difficult moments, rebuild trust, and turn conflict into an opportunity for growth.

St. Paul Church Bulletin published weekly, except Christmas and New Year's (U.S.P.S. No. 516560)
Published weekly by St. Paul Church, 2101 Wildwood Ave., Columbus, Georgia 31906. Periodicals postage paid at Columbus, Georgia 31908.
POSTMASTER: Send address changes to St. Paul Church, 2101 Wildwood Ave., Columbus, GA 31906.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

October 4, 2026
11:00 a.m. Traditional Service

The Chiming of the Hour

The Welcome & Announcements Rev. Dr. Shane Green

The Prelude.....*Song Without Words, Op. 19 No. 1*, by Felix Mendelssohn
pianist, Allen Yueh

The Cross and Flame Come to the Altar

The Choral Call to Worship.....*O Worship the Lord*
by Robert McCutchan

The Hymn of Celebration.....*Come, Christians, Join to Sing* (#158)

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 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.

The Leader: Let Us Worship God with His Tithes and Our Offerings.
The Offertory Prayer.....Rev. Dr. Green
The Offertory Anthem.....*Sing Forth, Rejoice*
by John Amner, arr. Hal Hopson; organist, Adleyn Scott

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.....John 14:15-27; Romans 8:11
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 Sermon.....*The Holy Spirit and the Life Everlasting*, Rev. John Fugh, Jr.
The Sacrament of Holy Communion.....(#12)
The Hymn of Consecration.....*The Gift of Love* (#408)
The Cross and Flame Go Before Us into the World
The Benediction and Choral Response.....*May the Grace of Christ our Savior*
by John Stainer
The Postlude.....*Partita No. 1, III. Corrente, BWV 825*
by J. S. Bach; pianist, Allen Yueh
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

**THIS LIST IS AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE AT:
STPAULCOLUMBUS.COM/MINISTRIES**

ST. PAUL SUNDAY SMALL GROUPS

We are continuing the Sunday Small Group Sign-Up competition! Invite members to return to these small groups or invite new friends! St. Paul believes in the transformation that comes from Small Group/Sunday School involvement, and we are more than happy to help get others plugged into a good fit. Please contact our church office if you need advisement or assistance: 706-327-7419.

We challenge you to invite a friend to your Sunday Small Group between now and October 18th for a chance to win a special trophy rubber chicken! So far, the Wesley/Miller-Wilson and 4th/5th Grade groups are tied!

All Sunday Small Group leaders are invited to our Sunday Leaders Celebration on October 18th, following the 11:00 service in the Wesley/Miller-Wilson classroom. It will be a great time to celebrate 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.

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

**THIS LIST IS AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE AT:
STPAULCOLUMBUS.COM/MINISTRIES**

