

# The St. Paul United Methodist Church Bulletin

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## **Sunday Morning Worship**

8:30 a.m. – Illges Chapel/M250

9:00 a.m. – Contemporary Worship Center/M270

10:55 a.m. – Sanctuary/M260

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## **PRAY FOR OUR NATION AND OUR LEADERS**

One of my favorite Advent hymns is “*Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*.” Though written hundreds of years ago, I think Charles Wesley accurately summed up the human condition in the first verse:

*Come, Thou long expected Jesus,  
Born to set Thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us,  
Let us find our rest in Thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation,  
Hope of all the earth Thou art;  
Dear desire of every nation,  
Joy of every longing heart.*

How often and difficult is the struggle with *fear* and *sin*? How often do we practice denial by pretending they have no hold on our lives? There is comfort in knowing that in Christ there is freedom, rest, and assurance. Over the next few weeks, I urge you to consider the hope of God's love in Jesus Christ. Ponder the message of Christmas and the fulfillment that stems from a longing heart put at rest.

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**PARKING REMINDERS:** *Columbus High School graciously allows St. Paul to utilize their back parking lot during our building project. Please consider parking there on Sunday mornings so that the spaces closest to the church can be used by visitors and those less able to walk long distances. At the same time, please be mindful of our neighbors when parking on the street by not blocking any driveways or fire hydrants. Please reserve all handicapped spaces for those with the proper tags/decals.*

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# CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

## First Sunday of Advent – White

December 2, 2018

## Holy Communion Sunday

The Church Gathers for Worship

*(Please take this moment to silence your mobile devices.)*

The Parish Concerns & Announcements

The Choral Call to Worship: *“Prepare the Way of the Lord”*

The Chiming of the Hour

The Flame Comes to the Altar

The Preludes:

**(8:30)** *“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”* ..... Robert Lau

**(10:55)** *“The Father’s Rose”* ..... M. Hayes

Piano – Mrs. Anne Walton      Organ – Mr. Wayne Martz

\*The Hymn of Celebration: *“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”* ..... No. 196

\*The Minister: *“Let Us Unite in the Historic Confession of the Christian Church”*

***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 Lighting of the Advent Wreath:

**(8:30)** ..... Rick & Shelley Hill Family

**(9:00)** ..... Jim & Sarah Rumph Family

**(10:55)** ..... Robbie & Frances Raybon Family

**Congregational Response: *O come, O come Emanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.***

The Pastoral Prayer with The Lord’s Prayer ..... The Rev. John Fugh, Jr.

***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 Minister: *“Let Us Worship God with His Tithes and Our Offerings”*

The Offertory Prayer

The Offertories:

**(8:30)** *“Savior of the Nations, Come”* ..... Paul Kickstat

**(10:55)** *“People, Look East”* ..... A. Fedak

\*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 Lessons:

**(All Services)** Isaiah 9:2-7 and Micah 5:2-5 ..... Pew Bible, pages 555 and 756-757

Minister: The Word of God for the People of God.

**Congregational Response: Thanks be to God.**

\*The Passing of the Peace  
Minister: The Peace of Christ be with you.  
**Congregational Response: And also with you.**

The Registration of Attendance

\*The Welcome to St. Paul and Recognition of our Guests  
*(Please take this time to greet those around you.)*

**(8:30)** The Word in Song: *"Comfort Ye My People"* ..... G. F. Handel

**(10:55)** The Children's Moment..... The Rev. Dr. P. Shane Green  
*(Immediately following the Children's Moment, children ages K4- 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to go to Children's Church in the CWC; children 3 and younger are taken to the nursery by parents.)*

The Sermons:

**(8:30 & 10:55)** *"It Is Too Dark"* ..... The Rev. Dr. P. Shane Green  
**(9:00)** *"It Is Too Dark"* ..... The Rev. John Fugh, Jr.

(All Services) The Service of Holy Communion.....No. 12  
*(Remember the less fortunate through our Altar Fund. Be generous in your communion offering)*

\*The Call to Christian Discipleship  
*(If you made a decision today or if you would like to unite with St. Paul, come forward on the last verse of our hymn of consecration.)*

\*The Hymn of Consecration: *"Hail to the Anointed"* ..... No. 203

\*The Flame Goes Before Us into the World

\*The Choral Benediction and Amen: *"Truro, hymn 213, verse 4"*

\*The Postludes:

**(8:30)** *"Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"* ..... Paul Manz  
**(10:55)** *"From Heaven Came the Angels Bright"* ..... J. S. Bach

\*The Church Returns to His World to Serve Him

***\*Those who are able please stand.***

**Organists:** Mrs. Sue Dietrich and Mr. Wayne Martz

**Soloist:** Mr. Cy Dietrich

**Live Stream the 9:00 and 10:55 AM Services at [LIVE.SPUMCCOLUMBUS.COM](http://LIVE.SPUMCCOLUMBUS.COM) or on our Mobile App**

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**THE FLOWERS ON THE SANCTUARY ALTAR TODAY** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Courtney Lane Farmer** by her family.



**THE FAMILY OF CHRIST AT ST. PAUL** extends our Christian love and sympathy to:

\* **Carson Tanner, Hallie Tanner, and family** in the death of their father, **Michael Roy Tanner**, November 15, 2018.

\* **Jay Marvets and family** in the death of his grandmother, **Adriana Gatto Marvets**, November 19, 2018.

If you are interested in joining St. Paul UMC or would like to learn more about our church, please contact Rev. John Fugh, Jr. in the Church Office at (706)327-7419 extension 205 or email [john@stpaulunitedmethodist.com](mailto:john@stpaulunitedmethodist.com).

We are here for you! If you or a loved one is in the hospital, has a baby, has a death in the family, etc., please inform the Church Office at (706)327-7419, so that we can minister to you/them effectively. In the event of a crisis, please call the **URGENT PASTORAL CARE RESPONSE LINE** (706)478-5533.

# CALENDAR & STEWARDSHIP

## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

### HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2:

- 7:30 a.m. Praise Band Rehearsal (CWC/M270)
- 8:30 a.m. Early Worship (Chapel/M250)
- 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship (CWC/M270)  
(live.spumccolumbus.com)
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages!
- 10:55 a.m. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary/M260)  
(live.spumccolumbus.com)
- 2:00 p.m. Spring Harbor Worship Service  
(Spring Harbor Skilled Care)
- 3:00 p.m. Cub Scouts (Activity Room/M131)
- 3:30 p.m. Boy Scouts (New Covenant/M230)
- 4:00 p.m. Middle School Girls' Study (Fugh's Home)
- 5:00 p.m. Carol Choir Rehearsal (K – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade)  
(CWC/M270)
- 5:30 p.m. Snack Supper for Youth & Children's  
Activity Participants (FH/M220)
- 6:00 p.m. SPY Activities (various rooms)
- 6:00 p.m. Covenant Choir Rehearsal (2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade)  
(CWC/M270)

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 3:

- 1:30 p.m. St. Paul Staff Meeting (Library/M207)

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4:

- 6:45 a.m. Middle School Girls' Bible Study  
(Chick Fil A Manchester Expressway)
- 9:45 a.m. Tuesday Women's Group  
(Miller-Wilson Room/M232)  
(live.spumccolumbus.com)
- 11:00 a.m. Grace Study (Comerstone/M234)
- 4:00 p.m. Spring Harbor Devotional (Spring Harbor)
- 6:00 p.m. Taco Tuesday (Bowden's Home)
- 7:00 p.m. Middle School Boys' Study (Jones' Home)

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5:

- 6:45 a.m. High School Girls' Study (Midtown Coffee)
- 5:00 p.m. Combined Children's Choirs  
(CWC/M270)
- 5:00 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study (Miller-Wilson/M232)
- 6:00 p.m. Family Night Supper (FH/M220)
- 6:30 p.m. FNS Program: Children's Christmas  
Presentation (CWC/M270)
- 6:30 p.m. SPY Fellowship (Forum/M241)
- 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6:

- 6:45 a.m. High School Girls' Study (Midtown Coffee)
- 9:30 a.m. Preschool Moms' Bible Study  
(Comerstone/M234)
- 11:30 a.m. Preschool Christmas Program  
(Fellowship Hall/M220)
- 6:30 p.m. REAL of St. Paul (Fellowship Hall/M220)
- 6:30 p.m. Supper Clubs Christmas Gathering  
(Miller-Wilson/M232)

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7:

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Friday Morning Study  
(Miller-Wilson Room/M232)

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8:

- 9:30 a.m. Prime Timers to Colquitt, GA
- 12:00 p.m. High School Boys' Study (Fugh's Home)

## HONORARIUMS

General Fund in honor of **JACK HOFER STONE, JR. IN CELEBRATION OF HIS BAPTISM** by Kay & Crow Gudger.

## MEMORIALS

Capital Building Fund in memory of **MICHAEL "MIKE" TANNER** by Larry & Ginger Harper.

General Fund in memory of **DR. JOHN D. WATSON, PATRICIA GENTRY WYNN, LLOYD HALL** by Kay & Crow Gudger.

Ukraine Mission Fund in memory of **PATRICIA GENTRY WYNN** by Claudia S. Garrard.

## STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE

### USHERS:

- (8:30) Bruce Roberts, Stan Copelan
- (10:55) Joe Bridges (lead usher), Robert Hiers, Ben Miller, Brent Parker, Tracy Sayers, Philip Badcock

### COMMUNION STEWARDS:

Mary Boyd, Susan Middlebrooks

### ALTAR GUILD:

Donna Hand, Sally Tebeau

### FLOWER REARRANGING & DELIVERY:

Beth Thomas, Martha Cargill

### ACOLYTES:

- (8:30) Davis Rue, Alex Burgin
- (10:55) James Cornavaca, Rollins Sheffield  
Helper: Dori Jones

### CROSS BEARER: (10:55) Braden Hill

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH HELPERS:** Carly & Jake Gudger

**NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:** Abby & Landon Miller

**REGISTRATION COLLECTOR:** John Evans

### GREETERS:

- (8:30) Kay Gudger (Chapel/M250)
- (9:00) Jim & Amelia Lawlor (CWC/M270)
- (10:55) Linda Chamberlain, Julie Strupe  
(Sanctuary/M260)  
Larry & Ginger Harper (Chapel/M250)  
Huel White, Jr. (Sunday School Door)

### HOME DELIVERED MEALS VOLUNTEERS:

Mack Jenkins, III, Reggie Kelley, Sonny Middlebrooks, Jim McClurg, Elliott Kirven

### PRAYER GUILD:

Joanne Hudson, Faith Curran, Gayle Yarbrough, Louise O'Kelley

## Read & Recycle!!!

Don't forget to bring your used Christian publications to the Wesley Class to be recycled. We no longer need Sunday school quarterlies. Suggested reading material includes: **In Touch, Guidepost, Mornings with Jesus, Angels Magazine, The Upper Room, and The Word for You Today.** The books we collect are donated to the Columbus Prison, and we could never take too many. We invite you to participate in this ministry by simply recycling.

## Faith & Love Stewardship Report

Sunday School Attendance.....	210
A.M. Morning Worship .....	372
Budget Needs to Date .....	\$1,817,443
Receipts Last Week.....	\$17,049
Receipts to Date .....	\$1,419,993

## WHAT'S HAPPENING/[EVENTS.SPUMCCOLUMBUS.COM](http://EVENTS.SPUMCCOLUMBUS.COM)

### REAL WOMEN'S MINISTRY

On Thursday, the 6<sup>th</sup> of December, Mrs. Betty Roberts will lead us in making Christmas Wreaths out of fresh greenery. We will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall/M220. Refreshments will be served and a nursery provided upon request with reservation.

Please RSVP to [grace@stpaulunitedmethodist.com](mailto:grace@stpaulunitedmethodist.com).

### AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Give the "gift of life" at our next blood drive, Sunday, December 9, from 8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. You will have the opportunity to donate before or after Sunday school or your preferred morning worship service. Call the church office to schedule a time that is convenient for you. Thank you!

### POINSETTIAS FOR SALE

Poinsettias will be placed in the chapel and sanctuary during the month of December. You can purchase these plants in memory or honor of a loved one or special friend. We will print these gift acknowledgement inserts in the worship bulletins on Sunday, December 16 and 23. The cost is \$12 each with no max...buy as many as you want! Sign-up sheets are available in the worship bulletins during service, narthex, vestibule, and Church Office. Please make checks payable to the St. Paul Altar Guild, earmarked for Poinsettias.

*This is our last Family Night Supper for the year and our kitchen air system will be taken down on 12/7/18. Replacement work for this area should be completed around 2/4/19, and we are anticipating at this time we will re-start suppers on 2/6/19. Even though our food preparation area will be closed during this time period, we will have access to some warmers and our ice machine; therefore, we will be able to handle some previously scheduled catered events in our Fellowship Hall.*



**Wednesday, December 5, 2018**

**Dinner @ 6:00 p.m.**

**Program – Children's Christmas Presentation  
"MAKING ROOM FOR CHRISTMAS"**

**(Families are asked to bring the desserts to share at the Christmas Dinner)**

Part of our children's choir musical, "Making Room for Christmas" is a 'gently used' toy drive. All our children are being asked to bring a "gently used" toy to be brought to the manger. The toys brought will be donated to Damascus Way, and we invite any who come to the musical to also bring a gently used toy to contribute.

Please make or cancel reservations on the form below, on our website at [events.spumccolumbus.com](http://events.spumccolumbus.com), call the Church Office (706)327-7419, or use our mobile app by noon Tuesday.

**Adult & Kids Menu:** Waldorf salad, baked ham, turkey & dressing, corn pudding, mixed greens, sweet potato soufflé, field peas, cornbread, dinner rolls, assorted desserts, tea, and coffee.

**Family Supper Reservations – December 5, 2018**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ (Adults - \$7.00 \_\_\_\_ ) (3 yrs. – 3rd grade - \$4.00 \_\_\_\_)

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES/EVENTS.SPUMCCOLUMBUS.COM

### PRESCHOOL UPDATES

Joy to the World – We are learning about Christmas around the world! For preschool info, please contact Nan Konze, Preschool Director, email [nan@stpaulunitedmethodist.com](mailto:nan@stpaulunitedmethodist.com) or call (706)327-7452. *“If you think our hands are full, you should see our hearts.”*

### SPY (ST. PAUL YOUTH) UPDATES

Hello youth! This Sunday, show up at 5:30 pm with your dollar for snack supper and we'll be finishing up at 7:30 pm. Can't wait!!! It's going to be SO FUN! FYI: Ski Trip Sign Ups are now open. Visit our St. Paul website ([events.spumccolumbus.com](http://events.spumccolumbus.com)) and search keyword: **Ski** to locate the registration page! Have a great holiday week!!

*Text @stpaulyo to 81010 to find out what we are doing each week!*

## OUTREACH MINISTRY UPDATES

### ROSE HILL SAFEHOUSE UPDATES

- Our Thanksgiving dinner at the Rose Hill SafeHouse for the homeless was a huge success because of you! Your generous donations of desserts and your willingness to serve nearly 200 folks in our community deserves a round of applause!!!
- We will have our annual Christmas dinner for the homeless on Tuesday, December 18. Please contact Joe Morrow at (706)332-9314 or email [themorrowco@mchsi.com](mailto:themorrowco@mchsi.com). Please be reminded that we still need your help collecting new or gently used winter coats, jackets, sweaters, hats, and gloves for the homeless and less fortunate members of our community. The collection locations for these items can be found on the upper and lower levels, marked “Rose Hill”.

## Holiday Schedule

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2018

- 10:55 a.m. – Lessons & Carols Christmas Cantata in the Sanctuary ([live.spumccolumbus.com](http://live.spumccolumbus.com))

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2018

- 9:00 a.m. – Contemporary Worship in the Contemporary Worship Center ([live.spumccolumbus.com](http://live.spumccolumbus.com))
- 10:00 a.m. – Light Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall
- 10:55 a.m. – Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary ([live.spumccolumbus.com](http://live.spumccolumbus.com))

### CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP, MONDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2018

- 4 p.m. – Worship with Communion in the Sanctuary (Nursery provided) ([live.spumccolumbus.com](http://live.spumccolumbus.com))
- 6 p.m. – Worship with Communion in the Sanctuary (Nursery provided)
- 7 p.m. – Contemporary Worship in the Contemporary Worship Center ([live.spumccolumbus.com](http://live.spumccolumbus.com)) (Nursery provided)

If you plan to turn in a pledge card for 2019, please do so as soon as possible. You also have the option to give online! Simply go to [give.spumccolumbus.com](http://give.spumccolumbus.com) and follow the instructions. **End of the year donations for 2018 must be dated and in the Church Office by 2:00 p.m., Monday, December 31, or postmarked by December 31, 2018, to be applied to your 2018 giving.** If you need assistance or if you'd like offering envelopes for 2019 printed with your name, please contact the Finance Office at (706)327-7419 extension 204 or email [cindys@stpaulunitedmethodist.com](mailto:cindys@stpaulunitedmethodist.com).

***\*\*\*Don't forget to turn in your “Willingness to Serve in 2019” Faith & Love form, found in the back of the church pews, around the church or online at our website – [spumccolumbus.com](http://spumccolumbus.com). Questions??? Contact Mary Lou Jarrell at [marylou@stpaulunitedmethodist.com](mailto:marylou@stpaulunitedmethodist.com).***

***\*\*\*The Church Office will close at 12 noon on Wednesday, December 12, for the Staff Christmas Party, off campus.***

***\*\*\*We will not mail bulletins for the Sundays of December 23 and December 30, 2018.***