



*Easter tide*

**WILLIAMSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER • MAY 5, 2024  
COMMUNION SUNDAY  
CLASS OF 2024 SENIOR RECOGNITION**

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**PRAYER FOR PREPARATION**

Loving God, help us to love others as Christ has loved us. Bring us into the spiritual joy of living our lives as your friend, and teach us to abide in your love, that we may show that love to the world. Amen.

**THE GATHERING  
PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD**

**PASTORAL GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

Bill Riffer

**MINUTE FOR MISSION: New Staff Position**

Faith Shartzter

**PRELUDE**

Prayer  
Westminster Ringers

Arnold B. Sherman

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsive)

Leader: Sing to our God a new song.

**All: God has done marvelous things!**

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord!

**All: Break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**

Leader: Let the sea roar and all that fills it.

**All: Let the world and its people sing together for joy!**

**\*HYMN 465**

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

CONVERSE

**Hymn is on the next page.**

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\*Please rise in body or spirit.  
Bold type face congregation participates in word or song.

## \*CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: We have been called to follow Christ by obeying his one commandment: that we love one another as he has loved us. Let us confess how we have fallen short of that love.

## \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Loving God, we have not loved you or each other with our whole hearts. Forgive us, we pray, and lead us toward wholeness, that we may be filled with your joy. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER

## \*KYRIE

LAND OF REST

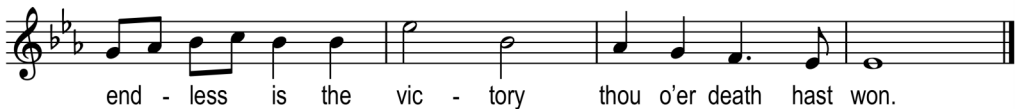
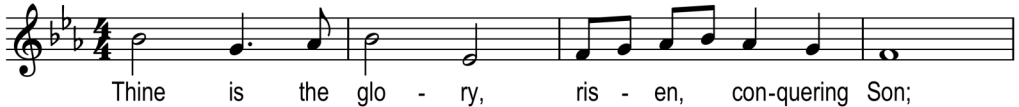


## \*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Christ loves us so much that he laid down his life for us and calls us his friends. If we can forgive our friends, how much more does Christ forgive us!

## GLORIA

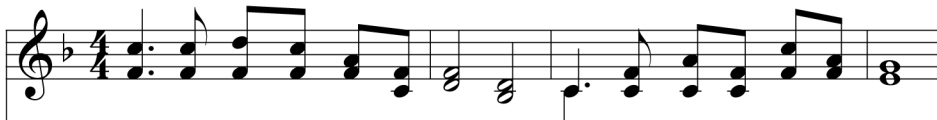
THINE IS THE GLORY



**(11:00) At this time any and all children through the 5th grade are invited to come forward for Sharing Faith with Children.**

## 465 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

죄짐맡은 우리구주



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
 2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta-tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where?  
 3 Are we weak and heav-y lad - en, cum-bere'd with a load of care?



What a priv-i-lege to car - ry ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!  
 We should nev - er be dis-cour-aged; take it to the Lord in prayer!  
 Pre - cious Sav-ior, still our ref - uge; take it to the Lord in prayer!



O what peace we of - ten for - feit; O what need-less pain we bear,  
 Can we find a friend so faith-ful who will all our sor-rows share?  
 Do thy friends de-spise, for-sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!  
 Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak-ness; take it to the Lord in prayer!  
 In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a so-lace there.



This text was written by an Irish-born immigrant to Canada to comfort his mother in Ireland when she was going through a time of special sorrow. The role of prayer as a source of strength and consolation is underscored by its repeated use as a rhyme word in all three stanzas.

## **(9:30) CLASS OF 2024 SENIOR RECOGNITION**

### **High School Graduates:**

Grant Brenegan  
Audrey Davis  
Morgan Davis  
Ben Green  
Rowan Lowekamp  
Cate McLain  
Scarlet Miller  
Ava Sakamura

### **UKirk W&M Graduates:**

Nathan Bobitt  
Sofia Hernandez  
Carolyn Koerner  
Joseph Lorber  
Christian Oh  
Amanda Reed  
Leecy Silk  
Bethany Werner

## **(11:00) SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN**

Pastor John E. Morgan

# THE WORD

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** (unison)

**Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, O God, in the reading of your Word, that we would hear what you have to say to us today. May your Holy Spirit be poured out upon us; through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### **FIRST LESSON:** *1 John 5:1-6*

This is the Word of the Lord!  
**Thanks be to God!**

### **PSALM 98** (responsive)

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song,  
for he has done marvelous things.  
His right hand and his holy arm  
have gotten him victory.

**All: The Lord has made known his victory;  
he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.**

Leader: He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness  
to the house of Israel.  
All the ends of the earth have seen  
the victory of our God.

**All: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;  
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**

(Psalm continues on the next page.)

Leader: Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,  
with the lyre and the sound of melody.

**All: With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.**

Leader: Let the sea roar and all that fills it,  
the world and those who live in it.

**All: Let the floods clap their hands;  
let the hills sing together for joy  
at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming  
to judge the earth.**

Leader: He will judge the world with righteousness  
and the peoples with equity.

## SECOND LESSON: *John 15:9-17*

This is the Word of the Lord!  
**Thanks be to God!**

## SERMON

*"Called Friends"*

Rev. John E. Morgan

# RESPONDING TO THE WORD

## \*HYMN 693

*Though I May Speak*  
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GIFT OF LOVE

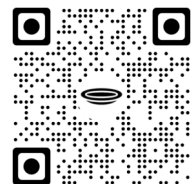
## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: FROM A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH (unison)

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

## OFFERING

Thank you for your continued faithful stewardship to WPC. May our offerings continue to help us be the light for our neighbors and our siblings in Christ all over the world. Offering envelopes can be found inside the friendship register book. We invite you to make your offering or pledge payment in one of the following ways:

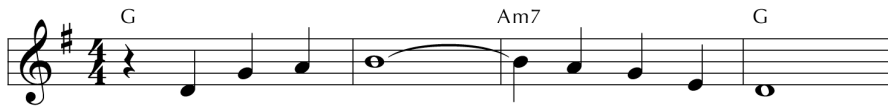
- Place your offering into the plates as you exit the sanctuary
- Visit [mywpc.org/offering](http://mywpc.org/offering) or scan the QR code at the right to give online
- Mail your offering to the church office at 215 Richmond Road, Williamsburg, VA 23185.



## Though I May Speak

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## The Gift of Love



1 Though I may speak with brav - est fire,  
 2 Though I may give all I pos - sess,  
 3 Come, Spir - it, come, our hearts con - trol;



and have the gift to all in - spire,  
 and striv - ing so my love pro - fess,  
 our spir - its long to be made whole.



and have not love, my words are vain,  
 but not be given by love with - in,  
 Let in - ward love guide ev - ery deed;



as sound - ing brass, and hope - less gain.  
 the prof - it soon turns strange - ly thin.  
 by this we wor - ship, and are freed.

As paraphrases of 1 Corinthians 13:1, 3 the first two stanzas here are in the first person singular, yet they lead into a plural prayer for the gift of such love, for it thrives in community. These words are especially poignant with this adaptation of an English folk melody.

**OFFERTORY**

*I Am a Wayfaring Stranger*

Raney/Sherman

Westminster Ringers

**\*DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise God above, ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

# SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Williamsburg Presbyterian Church welcomes all who believe in Jesus Christ to share the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper with us today. We receive the elements by means of intinction, taking a piece of bread and dipping it into the cup. For those who desire an individual serving, regular or gluten free, they will be on a table in front of the baptismal font and on the small tables located in the balcony. If you are seated on the main floor of the sanctuary, you are invited to come forward to the chancel area by way of the center aisle and return to your pews by the side aisle. If you are sitting in the balcony, an usher will guide you to the sacrament. If you are unable to come forward easily, please signal to one of the ushers or elders so the communion elements can be brought to your seat.

## INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

### PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor: Eternal God...

### THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

**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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## SHARING OF THE MEAL

### COMMUNION ANTHEM

*Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

Traditional

*Refrain*

Just a clos-er walk with thee, grant it, Je-sus, is my plea,\_\_\_  
dai - ly walk-ing close to thee:\_\_\_ let it be, dear Lord, let it be.



## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

Empower us by your Spirit, O God, to be Christ's presence in the world even as Jesus was God-with-us. Give us courage to speak his truth, to seek his justice, and to love with his love. Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

# GOING OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

## \*INVITATION AND THE LORD'S DAY GREETING

We are glad you are worshiping with us today. If you are joining us online, please remember to 'sign' our online friendship register:

- Click on the *Welcome to WPC!* Click here to sign the Friendship Register banner at the top of the website page
- Visit [mywpc.org/friendship](http://mywpc.org/friendship) or scan the QR code at the right to access the online friendship register.



## \*HYMN 317

*In Christ There Is No East or West*  
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## \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

São Paulo  
Westminster Ringers

Elizabeth Peters

The service of worship concludes after the postlude. The music can be enjoyed or used as an opportunity for prayer. You may remain seated; if you wish to depart, please do so quietly and without disturbing those who choose to stay.

## ✧ THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ✧

The flowers are given today to the glory of God and in memory of their mothers, Twilia and Geneva, and all mothers in our church community  
by Linda and Jim Hay.

## 317 In Christ There Is No East or West

1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no  
 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their high com -  
 3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what - e'er your  
 4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet

south or north, but one great fel - low -  
 mu - nion find; his ser - vice is the  
 race may be. All chil - dren of the  
 south and north. All Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.  
 gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.  
 liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.  
 one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

This setting expands and enhances the thematic inclusiveness of an early 20th-century text by adapting the melody of a traditional spiritual to carry these words. This 1940 pairing marked the first use of African American musical material in a mainline North American hymnal.

✧ THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY ✧

**PASTOR**

John E. Morgan, Pastor/Head of Staff  
Pam Hrcir, Associate Pastor

**MUSIC MINISTRY**

Christopher Bechtler, Director of Music  
Norman Elton, Organist and Assistant Director of Music  
Westminster Ringers directed by Norman Elton:

Anna Gillespie  
Carolyn Koerner (*graduating with Masters in Accounting*)  
Celia Kerr  
Chloe Williams  
Eleanor Grant  
Elena Owellen  
Eliza Manasas  
Erin Althouse  
Junie Park  
Katie Railsback  
Katrina Cabral  
Olivia Hege  
William Cabral

**GREETER**

9:30am Cyndi Young  
11:00am Laura Osman

**USHERS**

9:30am Tony Annoni, Karen Annoni, Shanna Due, David Littell  
11:00am Bob Bolstad, Kathryn Hall, Kirk Lovenbury

**LITURGIST**

Bill Riffer

**SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN**

John Morgan

**SERVING COMMUNION**

Elders and Deacons of WPC

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOST**

Sue Rennagel, Edda Maciorowski, Sarah Houghland

**\*WILLIAMSBURG LANDING USHERS**

Dick Sahlen and Harold Herring

**\*WINDSOR MEADE USHER**

Paul Hotinger

**AUDIO AND VIDEO TECHNICIANS:** Mike Squire and John Schoenberger

\*Satellite campuses

## ☞ SUPPORT FOR OUR MEMBERS ☞

- **In need of one-on-one prayer? Please look for a Stephen Minister in the Fellowship Hall or the church foyer after the morning services. They will find a private place to talk and pray with you. Just look for the blue Stephen Ministry name tags.**
- **Monthly grief support group** meets the first Wednesday of the month at 10am in room 220 on the second level. During this meeting we check in with one another and occasionally watch videos about a specific grief topic. All are welcome to attend.

## ☞ PRAYER CONCERNS, JOYS, & TOUCH NOTES ☞

To share a joy or concern, please visit [www.mywpc.org](http://www.mywpc.org), select GET CARE on the menu bar, then PRAYER REQUEST from the drop-down menu. Complete the form and click SEND REQUEST on the bottom of the form. Per your instructions, your request will be shared with our pastors, prayer chain or will be included in the worship bulletin. If the internet is not available to you, please call the church office (757) 229-4235 with your request. The Prayer Chain Coordinator is: Jo Ann Youhas ([handbellringer2@gmail.com](mailto:handbellringer2@gmail.com)). Please notify Jo Ann when you would like to remove your name from the prayer chain.

**If you are in need of a pastor after hours or on the weekend with an emergency request, please contact the Pastor-on-Call listed below for this week. To reach a Pastor during the week, please call the church office.**

### **Sunday, May 5 – Saturday, May 11**

Pastor Pam Hrcir • [phrcir@mywpc.org](mailto:phrcir@mywpc.org) • 757-508-4668

**The WPC Family extends its deepest Christian sympathy and prayers to:**

- The family of WPC member, George Steinhauer, who died on Sunday, April 21, 2024, in St. Paul MN. Arrangements pending.

**Please pray for:**

- Submitted by Elder Jerry Howell: Doris Gilfillan, who is suffering from a severe illness that requires transfusions and chemotherapy. She is very weak and should not be bombarded with telephone messages or visits, but prayers for her courage, strength and recover are welcome.
- Sharon Brown was diagnosed with melanoma cancer.
- Tom Cobb, Carole McNeel, Ellie Thuermer, Stephen Custer.
- Those who have recently lost loved ones, those recovering from various surgeries and our sick and shut-ins who are at home or facility bound.
- Those serving our country in the military services and their families.
- Those affected by the wars in Gaza, Israel and Ukraine.

## ≈ ANNOUNCEMENTS ≈

- **You are invited to an estate planning “lunch and learn” on TODAY, Sunday, May 5 in Stevenson Hall, brought to you by WPC’s Legacy Giving team.** This is a great opportunity to learn about the current practices and laws surrounding estate planning, and get an update on the Legacy Giving initiative at WPC. A light lunch will be provided.

Our guest speaker will be attorney Trey Parker, Managing Principal of the Williamsburg Office of Carrell, Blanton, Ferris & Associates, PLC. Trey has been assisting clients with their estate planning needs for over a decade and has extensive experience in preparing basic and complex estate planning documents, including Wills, Powers of Attorney, Advance Medical Directives, Revocable Trusts, Irrevocable Trusts, and more.

- **New Member Orientation Luncheon June 9, immediately after the 11am worship service.** If the Holy Spirit is nudging you to become part of this church community, please reach out to Pastor Pam (phrncir@mywpc.org) or the church office (757-229-4235).
- **Our WPC Ladies Golf Group is eager to start the 2024 season!** If you missed our Fall event and would like to be included on our list for a 9-Hole play day (with lunch) sometime this summer, please contact Faith Shartzter\*.
- **WPC Kitchen Update:** The WPC Kitchen Committee is continuing our efforts to upgrade the kitchen to make it more efficient and serviceable for all the ministries that use the facility. We are thankful to all who supported our efforts in the 2023 Presbyterian Women Local Mission Project that provided us with resources for much needed upgrades. These include a new food warmer that is already in place as well as other planned improvements: new faucets in the sink area, new ceiling tiles, washable wall coverings and additional storage space. We look forward to sharing updates as our plans proceed. Thank you for your support. *The WPC Kitchen Committee*
- **Youth Chaperone Needed:** As you heard a couple of weeks ago, the summer trips are life changing for our youth. We want you to be a part of this experience. We are looking for a female chaperone for the CROSS mission trip to Charlotte from July 14-19. Contact "A" for more information!
- **VBS Camp Firelight will be open this June! It is time to register!** Plans for Camp Firelight: A Summer Camp Adventure with God are underway! Our exciting week will take place during the week of June 24-28, 2024, from 9am to noon. Registration is OPEN! Please go to [www.mywpc.org/vbs](http://www.mywpc.org/vbs) to register your children (ages 3 through rising 5th grade), or as a volunteer (youth OR adult). If you are looking for a way to get to know the children and the youth of WPC, this is it! And they would love to get to know you, too! There is a place for everyone at VBS! If you have any questions, please contact “A” Williams (awilliams@mywpc.org).
- **Summer Meals for Kids Food Drive** - On Saturday, May 18, 10:AM - 12:00 PM, WPC Christian Outreach volunteers will conduct a food drive in the back parking lot of WPC in support of the Summer Meals for Kids program. All you need to do is drive up and volunteers will accept your donations.  
Desired items for the drive include *drinks and snacks, e.g., bottled water, juice boxes, individual servings of chips, fruit cups, fruit snacks, raisins, granola bars, Rice Krispie treats, pretzels, cheese crackers, cookies, etc.* Please avoid products with nuts or peanut butter.  
The Christian Outreach Committee urges you to consider participating in this drive. If we all work together, we can help to provide lunches for 300 children who, during the school year, receive free or subsidized school lunches. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Winthrop\*.

- **Summer Meals for Kids Returns:** This program supporting hungry students in the Williamsburg/James City County school system is in its 7th year of service. This year we are partnering with Williamsburg Community Chapel, Walnut Hills Baptist, and Williamsburg Baptist churches to prepare lunches for 300 children who are hungry because they are the recipients of meals at school when schools are in session.
  - \* Volunteering is easy and fun! Please volunteer.
  - \* Lunches are prepared at the Meals on Wheels location (at WISC, 5700 Warhill Trail)
  - \* We start at 8.30am and are finished by 11am
  - \* **Our teams are responsible for Wednesdays, June 17 - August 23**
  - \* Contributions of home baked cookies for the lunches are also welcome and a great outlet for your baking talents!
  - \* Donate by making checks payable to Williamsburg Area Meals on Wheels (subject line- Summer Meals for Kids) P.O. Box 709, Williamsburg, VA 23187
- **Learn more and sign up at** [mywpc.org/volunteer](http://mywpc.org/volunteer). This is a great opportunity to serve those in need. Remember, Jesus said when we help the least of these, we are doing HIS will. It is also a great way to meet fellow Christians and to have fun as you work. Please go to the website and sign up for one or two Wednesdays this summer.
- **The WPC Book Club will meet on Monday, June 3, 2024, at 2 pm in Room 220 (and on Zoom) to discuss** *The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post*, by Allison Pataki.
- **Volunteers Needed: Please help as you can with streaming our church service to residents in Assisted Living at Williamsburg Landing.** You will need to arrive at the AL at 9:30am; the service for the residents begins at 10:00am, and finishes at 11:00am. A computer is provided to start the session (previously set by a Williamsburg Landing Chaplain). Prior to the service (Friday or Saturday) you will pick up bulletins from the workroom at church to give to AL residents for the service. Contact: Linda Eichhorn, 703-517-6448.

**\*Contact information can be found in our online directory.**

**You may also contact the church office at 757-229-4235.**

**More information about the events and announcements listed above can be found on our website at [mywpc.org/news/](http://mywpc.org/news/) or on the church calendar.**

☞ THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF EVENTS ☞

**SUNDAY, MAY 5 • COMMUNION SUNDAY**

9:30am In-person Worship / Sanctuary; Live-Stream Worship; visit [mywpc.org](http://mywpc.org) to access  
10:30am Fellowship Coffee Hour / Stevenson Hall  
11:00am In-person Worship / Sanctuary; Broadcast on FM93.5 The Burg and AM740 or [wmbgradio.com](http://wmbgradio.com)  
12:00pm Legacy Giving Lunch & Learn / Stevenson Hall  
5:30pm Youth Group / CE Wing

**MONDAY, MAY 6**

1:00pm Caregiver Support Group / Rm 123

**TUESDAY, MAY 7**

10:00am Adult Bible Study / Rm 220  
1:00pm Staff Meeting / In-person  
6:30pm ARC—Mariners Presentation / Stevenson Hall  
6:30pm Presbyterian Women's Circle 4 / Rm 220 and Zoom  
7:00pm Earth Care Committee Meeting / Zoom  
7:00pm AA Williamsburg Big Book Study / LL009 and LL049

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 8**

7:30am Men's Bible and Bacon Study / Stevenson Hall  
10:00am Presbyterian Women's Circle 14 / Rm 220  
6:00pm Genesis Ringers Rehearsal / Bell Rm  
7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Rm

**THURSDAY, MAY 9**

9:00am Sanctuary Cleaning  
10:00am Presbyterian Women's Circle 7 / Rm 220  
4:30pm Carol and Junior Choir Rehearsals / Children's Choir Rm  
5:00pm Worship Ministry Meeting / Rm 220  
7:00pm Deacon Meeting / Stevenson Hall

**FRIDAY, MAY 10**

12:00pm Organ Lessons / Sanctuary

**SATURDAY, MAY 11**

9:00am What's Next Gathering / Stevenson Hall

☞ NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP ☞

**May 12, 2024 • 7th Sunday of Easter • Mother's Day**

The sermon will be based on the Lectionary.

\*9:30am service is live-streamed on [mywpc.org](http://mywpc.org).

\*\*11:00am service is broadcast on FM93.5 The Burg and AM740