



Easter tide

WILLIAMSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER • APRIL 28, 2024
ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

PRAYER FOR PREPARATION

Wondrous Vinegrower, you make all things new in water and Word, feeding your people with love, joy, and peace. Lead us today and every day to the font of new beginnings. Teach us to love what you have commanded and to prune what does not nourish your creation, in the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE GATHERING PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

PASTORAL GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Joe Avellar

MINUTE FOR MISSION: Legacy Giving

Sharon Jones

PRELUDE

With a Joyful Heart
Genesis Ringers

Susan E. Geschke

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Leader: God's love, strong and true,

**All: Beckons us to walk on with hope in each step,
Lures us home, to the place just right.**

Leader: God's love, everlasting and bold,

**All: Sustains us when fear closes in and worry overwhelms,
Surprises us with glimpses of wonder and bursts of joy.**

Leader: God's love, gentle yet persistent,

**All: Graces us with rest in the midst of busyness,
Hounds us to follow the good path.**

(Call to Worship continues on the next page.)

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Bold type face congregation participates in word or song.

Leader: God's love, abundant and uplifting,

**All: Dances around us like waves on the shore,
Dwells in us as a song steeped in praise.**

Leader: God's love, forever leading us to sing and pray, serve and praise.

***HYMN 485**

We Know That Christ Is Raised
Hymn is on the next page.

ENGELBERT

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Leader: Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess to God and to one another our failure to love our neighbor.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

God of mercy, we confess that we have not borne the fruit of the Spirit. We have not loved others as you have loved us. We have denied the promises of baptism and cut ourselves off from you. Forgive us, restore us, that we may abide in your love and live out your mercy, for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER

***KYRIE**

LAND OF REST



***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Leader: You have already been cleansed by the word that God has spoken to you. In baptism God claimed you and joined you to Christ, as branches to a vine. Believe the promise given to you: in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

We Know That Christ Is Raised 485

Capo 3: (D) (Asus) (A) (A/G) (D/F#)
 F Csus C C/B^b F/A

1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
 2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
 3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.
 4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows

(D) (A) (D) (E7) (A)
 F C F G7 C

Em - braced by death he broke its fear - ful hold,
 Re - born we share with him an Eas - ter life
 The Spir - it's pow - er shakes the church of God.
 as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.

(Am) (D) (G) (Em) (Bm)
 Cm F B^b Gm Dm

and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
 as liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ.
 Bap - tized we live with God the Three in One.
 The u - ni - verse, re - stored and whole, will sing:

1-3 4
 (Em) (D) (Asus) (A) (Em) (D)
 Gm F Csus C Gm F

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Beginning with an allusion to Romans 6:9, this exuberant baptismal hymn unfolds the implications of our incorporation into Christ's new life, making us "a new creation" (2 Corinthians 5:17). The text was written to fit this expansive tune by a distinguished British composer.

GLORIA

THINE IS THE GLORY

Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-quer-ing Son;
end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.

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

(9:30) INSTALLATION AND ORDINATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

(11:00) SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

Jim Kirkpatrick

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

**Come, Holy Spirit, that through your word we may be guided into the love of God for
all the world. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON: *John 15:1-8*

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

PSALM 22:25-31 (unison)

**From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.
The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek him shall praise the Lord.
May your hearts live forever!
All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the Lord,
and all the families of the nations
shall worship before him.
For dominion belongs to the Lord,
and he rules over the nations.**

(Psalm continues on the next page.)

To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,
and I shall live for him.

Posterity will serve him;
future generations will be told about the Lord
and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,
saying that he has done it.

SECOND LESSON: *I John 4:7-21*

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

SERMON

"Perfect Love Casts Out Fear"

Rev. John E. Morgan

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN 300**

We Are One in the Spirit
(Hymn is on the next page.)

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: FROM A DECLARATION OF FAITH** (unison)

We need constantly to search out God's way in Scripture, not expecting detailed directions for every decision, but relying on the Word to tell us who God is, to press God's present claim on us, and to assure us of God's grace and comfort. We are charged to pray for ourselves and others with gratitude, boldness, and persistence, confident that God hears and answers our prayers in ways best for us all. Life in God's presence issues in life for others, for if we do not love sisters and brothers whom we see, we cannot love God whom we do not see.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

We Are One in the Spirit 300

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

Capo 1: (Em) (Bm) (Em)
Fm Cm Fm

1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;
2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;
3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;
4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,

(Am) (Em)
B^bm Fm

we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,
we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,
we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,
and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,

(Am) (Em)
B^bm Fm

and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:
and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

Refrain (C) (Em)
D^b Fm

And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our

(Am) (Em) (Am) (Bm) (Em) (Am/E) (Em)
B^bm Fm B^bm Cm Fm B^bm/F Fm

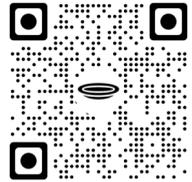
love; yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

A parish priest at St. Brendan's on the South Side of Chicago in the 1960s was very involved in the local Civil Rights movement and needed something for his youth choir to sing at ecumenical, interracial events. Finding nothing, he wrote this song in a single day.

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 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.



OFFERTORY

Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal

arr. Alice Parker

Hark, I hear the harps eternal
Ringing on the farther shore,
As I hear those swollen waters,
With their deep and solemn roar.

Refrain:

Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
Hallelujah, praise the Lamb,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
Glory to the great I AM.

And my soul though stained with sorrow,
Fading as the light of day,
Passes swiftly o'er those waters
To the city far away. (Refrain)

Souls have crossed before me, saintly,
To that land of perfect rest;
And I hear them singing faintly
In the mansions of the blest. (Refrain)

DOXOLOGYPraise 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!

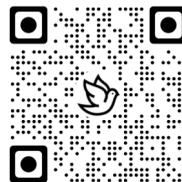
***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

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 or scan the QR code at the right to access the online friendship register.

***HYMN 366**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
Hymn is on the next page.

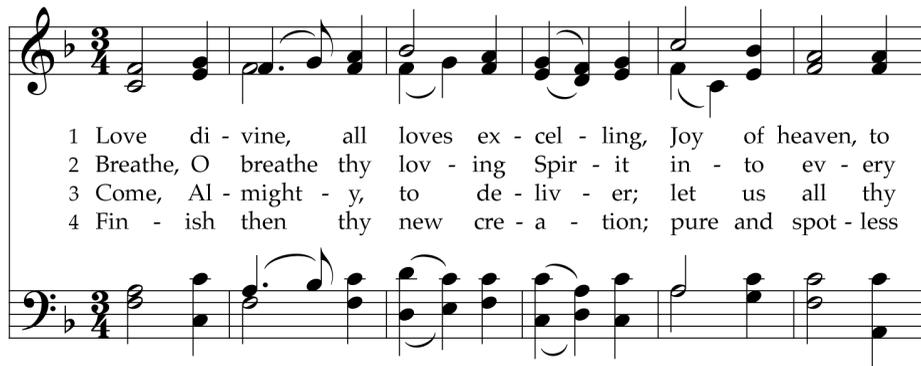
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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION*POSTLUDE***Tocatta on Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Lehenbauer

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.

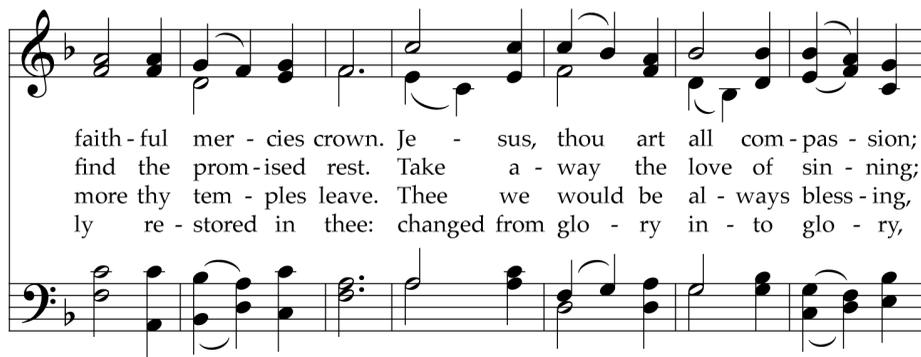
366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to
 2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

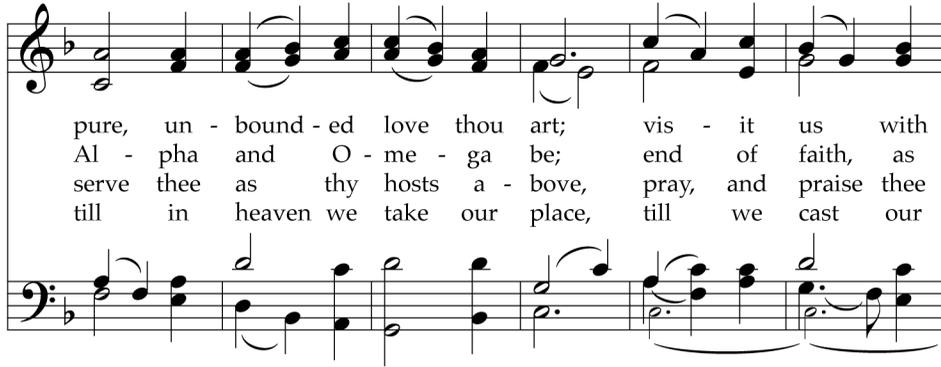


faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;
 find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

Hymn continues on the next page.

This text and this tune occur in almost all English-language hymnals (though not always together). The transforming power of love motivates the unending praise of the life to come, and this fine Welsh tune (whose name means “delightful”) gives us a foretaste of endless song.

CHRIST'S RETURN AND JUDGMENT



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

❧ NOTES ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC ❧

“Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal” is a setting of a hymn tune first published in *The Southern Harmony* in 1834. The singer of the hymn is approaching heaven, which is symbolized by a river, and hears the “harps eternal” on the “farther shore.” The singer hears “faintly” the praises of the saints that have gone before him, in the joyful chorus of repeated Hallelujahs.

Arranger Alice Parker was a towering figure in choral music. She arranged music for the Robert Shaw Chorale for over twenty years, wrote vocal music in every genre, and was a fierce advocate for church music and congregational singing. Alice passed away last December at the age of 98, and we're singing one of her most well-known anthems in part in tribute to her.

❧ THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ❧

The flowers are given today to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage yesterday of their grandson, Wade and his wife, Erin. Wishing them a lifetime of happiness
by Jackie and Gerry Ward.

☞ THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY ☞

PASTOR

John E. Morgan, Pastor/Head of Staff

MUSIC MINISTRY

Christopher Bechtler, Director of Music

Norman Elton, Organist and Assistant Director of Music

Genesis Ringers under the direction of Christopher Bechtler

GREETER

9:30am Bill Riffer

11:00am Cyndi Young

USHERS

9:30am Pat Underwood, Matthew Underwood, Rebecca Caprio

11:00am Gene D'Orsogna, Ruth Cobb, Nancy Rose, Rebecca Caprio

LITURGIST

Joe Avellar

SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

Jim Kirkpatrick

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOST

Nate Green, Sarah Smith, Karol Sibley

***WILLIAMSBURG LANDING USHERS**

Dick Sahlen

***WINDSOR MEADE USHER**

Paul Hotinger

AUDIO AND VIDEO TECHNICIANS: Matt Slack 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, 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). 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, April 28 – Saturday, May 4

Pastor John E. Morgan • jmorgan@mywpc.org • 757-908-7800

Touch Note:

- Thank you to my Pastors, Deacons, family and friends at Williamsburg Presbyterian Church. I received so many offers of rides, visits, flowers and cards as well as calls and visits during my recent hospital stay. I have been reminded how loving and special WPC is. God bless you all. ~*Joyce Mahon*

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

- WPC member, Jack Gilliland and family on the death of his wife WPC member, Dolores (Dee) A. Gilliland, who died on Monday, April 15, 2024. Arrangements pending.
- Joane Somers Bozek (Tom) whose mother, Harriet Proctor Somers, passed away on April 13, 2024, at the age of 101. A Celebration of Life Service will be held in Maynard, MA on May 10.
- Michael McBeth (Elaine), whose brother, David, died unexpectedly April 19 while serving with his church on a Habitat for Humanity work trip.

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 recovery are welcome.
- Sharon Brown, was diagnosed with melanoma cancer.
- Tom Cobb, Carole McNeel, Bob Siclari, 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 🌀

- **Pastor Pam will be on vacation April 23 - May 3.** For any pastoral care needs, please reach out to Pastor John or the Board of Deacons leadership team Copper Perry, Eric Beckhusen and Jo Ann Youhas.
- **Vanessa Gamble, Church Secretary, is on vacation April 29 - May 3.** During this time the Martha Reier, Administrative Assistant, will be available to assist you at the church Monday through Thursday, 9:00am - 2:00pm and Friday, 9:00am - 1:00pm. You may also contact her at mreier@mywpc.org.
- **We wish to thank Jodi Davis for her years of service as the Coordinator of Childcare, Family and Vacation Bible School.** Jodi has been an integral part of our staff, bringing warmth, compassion, and dedication to her work with our children. As Jodi transitions to new opportunities, we ask for your prayers and support for her journey ahead.
- **Usher, Greeter, and Coffee Fellowship Sign Ups in Stevenson Hall TODAY!** Have you been looking for an opportunity to get involved in the Sunday morning action at WPC? Please stop by the tables in Stevenson Hall today to learn more and sign up to host Coffee Fellowship, Usher, or Greet during the months of April, May, and June. No previous experience necessary and all ages are welcome! Feel free to sign up online for any Sunday in 2024 from the comfort of your home by going to: <https://signup.com/go/iGCDndF> for usher and greeters and <https://signup.com/go/yOsEWmJ> for coffee fellowship.
- **Presbyterian Women (PW) appreciates your generous support of last week's Local Mission Luncheon in support of FISH, Inc.** If you were unable to attend, it's not too late to help!

Monetary donations allow FISH to purchase most-needed items at the lowest cost. Donations made by checks to Williamsburg Presbyterian Church, with PW Local Mission in the Memo Line, or online, mywpc.org/fish by May 20, 2024.

Continue to support monthly FISH Food Drives every third Sunday. Pick up a FISH brochure and handy FISH Shopping List at the red grocery cart in the back lobby.

Keep FISH in mind for donations of new or gently used basic clothing, shoes, and housewares such as cookware, blankets, sheets and towels, dishes and kitchen items, and small appliances. Deliver items to FISH, Inc., 312 Second St., Williamsburg, 757-220-9379, fishwilliamsburg.org.
- **The Squares to examine a sermon gone wrong.** Jesus returns to his hometown and preaches a sermon in the synagogue (church) where he grew up. Everyone is pleased with his sermon and are excited to see their boy now grown up and becoming famous. THEN, all of a sudden, they get so angry at him that they try to kill him. What happened? How and why did he make his people so angry? It's a strange story. To understand just how strange then join The Squares **Thursday, May 2, 7:30-8:15 in room 227 or by Zoom** (go to mywpc.org)
- **Save the Date for Earth Care talk at the May Fellowship Breakfast sponsored by the Presbyterian Men.** WPC's Earth Care Team is joining with the Presbyterian Men to invite Dr. James Perry, VIMS Professor of Marine Science, Emeritus to give a talk entitled "*Introduction to Social and Environmental Justice*" at the May Fellowship Breakfast. **Women and men are invited to join us for fellowship, a delicious breakfast, and an enjoyable Earth Care talk Saturday, May 4, 8am.** If you are planning to attend, please register on the church website.

- **You are invited to an estate planning “lunch and learn” on 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.

Please register at mywpc.org/legacy or on the sign-up sheet provided in the Welcome Center.

- **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, contact Faith Shartzler*.
- **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.**
- **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).
- **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.
- **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 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).

***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/ or on the church calendar.

☞ THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF EVENTS ☞

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

- 9:30am In-person Worship / Sanctuary; Live-Stream Worship; visit 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
12:00pm Cohort Lunch Gathering / Stevenson Hall
3:00pm Carrying Steam Gathering / Rm 123
5:30pm Youth Group / CE Wing

MONDAY, APRIL 29

- 1:00pm Caregiver Support Group / Rm 123
7:00pm Williamsburg Choral Guild Rehearsal / Choir Rm

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

- 10:00am Adult Bible Study / Rm 220
1:00pm Staff Meeting / Zoom
1:00pm From His Hand Motel Meals Prep / Kitchen
7:00pm AA Williamsburg Big Book Study / LL009 and LL049

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

- 9:00am Feeding Faith College Breakfast Gathering / TBA
10:00am Monthly Grief Support Group / Rm 220
6:00pm Genesis Ringers Rehearsal / Bell Rm
7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Rm

THURSDAY, MAY 2

- 9:00am Sanctuary Cleaning
9:30am Presbyterian Women's Circle 1 / Stevenson Hall
4:30pm Carol and Junior Choir Rehearsals / Children's Choir Rm
7:30pm Westminster Ringers / Bell Rm
7:30pm The Squares Men's Bible Study / Rm 227

FRIDAY, MAY 3

- 12:00pm Organ Lessons / Sanctuary

SATURDAY, MAY 4

- 8:00am Fellowship Breakfast Sponsored by the Presbyterian Men / Stevenson Hall
Guest Speaker: Earth Talk with Dr. James Perry, VIMS Professor of Marine Science, Emeritus

☞ NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP ☞

May 5, 2024 • 6th Sunday of Easter

Celebration of the Lord's Supper will be served at all worship services.
The sermon, *Called Friends*, will be based on John 15:9-7.

*9:30am service is live-streamed on mywpc.org.

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