

## WILLIAMSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 3RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST JUNE 9, 2024

## PRAYER FOR PREPARATION

God of days, we praise your name, for your grace sustains us. We wait for you, Lord, for your word strengthens us. Our outer nature is wasting away day by day, but our inner nature is being renewed by your daily bread. Grant us the eyes to see what cannot be seen and to gaze on what is eternal. Amen.

# THE GATHERING PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

#### PASTORAL GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH** 

Ron DeChirico

PRELUDE Voluntary Alcock

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsive)

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord with your whole heart.

All: On the day I called, you answered me. Leader: God's steadfast love endures forever.

All: Thanks be to God!

\*HYMN 370 This Is My Father's World TERRA BEATA

#### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: Let us confess our sins, for God has already forgiven us and is calling us to return to the

Lord.

Bold type face congregation participates in word or song.

<sup>\*</sup>Please rise in body or spirit.



When pastor of a Presbyterian church in Lockport, New York, the author of this text referred to his morning walks as "going out to see my Father's world." The tune created for these words is based on an English melody the composer learned from his mother when he was a boy.

#### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, have mercy on us, for we have failed to be faithful to you, though you have been faithful to us. You show us your wisdom, but we prefer to go our own way. Our broken relationships with you and one another have created poverty in us and our neighbors. In your mercy, reconcile us to you and one another for the work of justice, peace, and love, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer. Amen.

#### A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER



#### \*Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Friends do not lose heart. When we call, God hears us; when we confess, God forgives us. We believe and so we proclaim: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.



(9:30) At this time any and all children through the 5th grade are invited to come forward for Sharing Faith with Children.

## THE WORD

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Holy God, let your Spirit now move in us, to turn us away from the temporary and move us to your eternal love made visible in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 3:8-15

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

#### PSALM 138 (unison)

1 give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;

<sup>2</sup>I bow down toward your holy temple

and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness;

for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

<sup>3</sup>On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.

<sup>4</sup>All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth.

<sup>5</sup>They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.

<sup>6</sup>For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly:

but the haughty he perceives from far away.

<sup>7</sup>Though I walk in the midst of trouble,

you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;

you stretch out your hand,

and your right hand delivers me.

8The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me;

your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.

Do not forsake the work of your hands.

**SECOND LESSON:** 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

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

**SERMON** Roundtable Pulpit Series More Than Meets the Eye: "Seeing Beyond Suffering"

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*Hymn 829

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

**OLIVET** 

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

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### 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.

OFFERING TALK Copper Perry

#### **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 ANTHEM** 

Come, Thou Fount

arr. Craig Courtney

Come, thou fount of every blessing, Tune my heart to sing thy grace; Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.

(Anthem continues on the next page.)

Teach me some melodious sonnet Sung by flaming tongues above; Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, Mount of thy redeeming love.

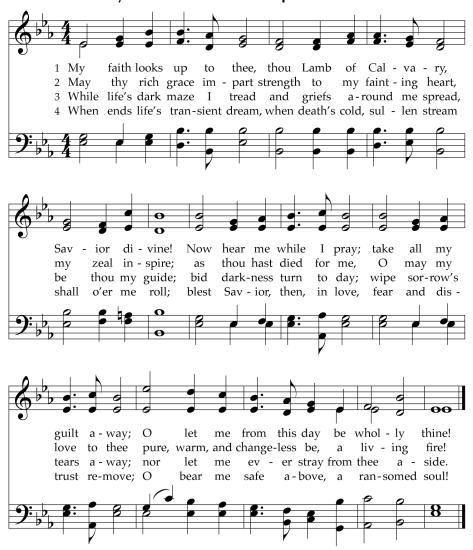
Here I raise my Ebenezer,
Hither by thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be! Let thy goodness, like a fetter, Bind my wandering heart to thee: Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love; Here's my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for thy courts above.



#### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

# My Faith Looks Up to Thee 829



Originally a poem of private reflection, this text was offered to the composer when he asked the author if he had written anything that could be set to music for a new hymn and tune collection. This was the first tune written for these words and has proved the most enduring.

## 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 <u>mywpc.org/friendship</u> or scan the QR code at the right to access the online friendship register.



\*HYMN 645

Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

MIT FREUDEN ZART

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Cornet Voluntary Walond

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 celebration of their 60th Wedding Anniversary by Kay and Jim Loy.

# 645 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above



The regal divine imagery here will not be new to most singers, but some may not expect the third stanza's image of God as mother. Yet it is part of God's self-description in Isaiah 66:13. This Bohemian Brethren tune resembles both Genevan psalm tunes and French folk songs.

#### >> THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY ◆

#### **PASTOR**

John E. Morgan, Pastor/Head of Staff

Pam Hrncir, Associate Pastor

#### MUSIC MINISTRY

Christopher Bechtler, Director of Music

Norman Elton, Organist and Assistant Director of Music

#### **GREETER**

9:30am Ann Schulte

11:00am Jackie and Gerry Ward

#### **USHERS**

9:30am Cyndi Young, Anne Nicastro, NIck Nicastro, Rebecca Caprio 11:00am Bob Bolstad, Kathryn Hall, Megan Davis, Kirk Lovenbury

#### **LITURGIST**

Ron DeChirico

#### SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

Jim Kirkpatrick

#### **COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOST**

Sarah Dulaney, Kelly and Jim Kirkpatrick

#### \*WILLIAMSBURG LANDING USHERS

Godwin and Sylvia Jones, Ellen Jones

#### \*WINDSOR MEADE USHER

Paul Hotinger

AUDIO AND VIDEO TECHNICIANS: Mike Squire and John Schoenberger

<sup>\*</sup>Satellite campuses

#### > WPC Elders & Deacons < €

SESSION: CLASSES OF 2025, 2026, 2027

Moderator: John E. Morgan Clerk of Session: Diane Schwarz

Administration: Faith Shartzer\* (25), Sarah Houghland (25), Margie Newcomer (26), Larry Pulley (26)

Christian Education: Sallie McLain\* (25), Kelly Kirkpatrick (26), JD Due\* (26), Kathryn Hall (27)

Christian Outreach: \* Jim Winthrop\* (25), Joseph Kinard (27)

Communications: Ellen Peters (27)

**Facilities**: Dale Trowbridge\* (25), Jerry Howell (26), Ric Cheston (27) **Resources**: Elaine McBeth (25), Jay Eaton (26), Marc Moyers (27)

Worship: Becky Mckinley\* (27)

**ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE:** 

Al Thomas\* (25), Jim Austin (26), Joseph Kinard (26), Hank Vernon (25)

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE: CLASS OF 2024-25** 

Moderator: Jerry Howell\*, Ric Cheston\*\*, Joann Andrews, Ellen D'Orsogna, Jay Hardy, Jerry Howell,

Dave McLain

\*Moderator \*\*Second Chair

BOARD OF DEACONS: CLASSES OF 2025, 2026, 2027

**Moderator:** Copper Perry (25) **Vice-Moderator:** Eric Beckhusen (26)

Pastoral Advisor: Pam Hrncir, Associate Pastor

Secretary: Jo Ann Youhas (25)

**CARE TEAMS** 

Care Connections: Harold Herring (25), Jennifer LaDow (26), Lee Saxton (26), Suzanne Stuart (27)

**Grief:** Copper Perry (25), Bev Whitley (27)

Brookdale and Other Asst. Living: Robin Sabo (26)

Patriot's Colony: Sue Rennagel (25)

Williamsburg Landing: Doris Gilfillan(26), Carolyn Lodzieski (26)

Windsor Meade: Happy Simmons (25), Martha Burian (26)

MINISTRY TEAMS

Celebrations and Concerns: Sarah Horner (25), Laura Osman (27)

Christian Fellowship: Happy Simmons (25), Sue Rennagel (25), Sarah Dulaney (25), Jim Carey (27)

Flower Sharing: Laura Bechtler (25): Leigh Sutherland (26), Carol Thomas (26)

New Member: Deborah Rockafellow (25), Eric Beckhusen (26), Rodney Lawrence (27)

Memorial Receptions: Rebecca Caprio (26), Jo Ann Youhas (25), Karen Lauritzen (27), Julia Smith (27)

Memorial Services: Ford Mosely (27), Jack Lassiter (27), Kathy Chambers (27), Dave Littell (25)

#### **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, June 9 - Saturday, June 15

Pastor Pam Hrncir • phrncir@mywpc.org • 757-508-4668

#### Please pray for:

- Nell Stowe, Doris Gilfillan, 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.

- New Member Orientation Luncheon is scheduled for TODAY, Sunday, June 9, immediately after the 11am worship service. If the Holy Spirit is nudging you to become part of this church community, it's not too late to reach out to Pastor Pam (phrncir@mywpc.org) after the service.
- Need support with your WPC door access code? If you need a door code, have forgotten yours, or just need a refresher on how the system works, please reach out to Elbert Fleming, Facilities Manager (efleming@mywpc.org) or Martha Reier (757-229-4235 or mreier@mywpc.org) and they will be happy to help. We want to make sure the church building is accessible to you when you need it!
- On Sunday, June 23, the "Thriving Congregations" team invites church members to hear Williamsburg resident and distinguished community leader Robert (Bobby) Braxton share his experiences of developing the Williamsburg African American Heritage Trail. This is "theological geography" that will help us better understand our neighborhood. Bobby will also share experiences growing up and returning to Williamsburg. We will meet from 9:30-10:30am in Room L49.
- There's still time to register for VBS Camp Firelight: A Summer Camp Adventure with God which takes place the week of June 24-28, 2024, from 9am to noon. Please go to www.mywpc.org/vbs to register your children (ages 3 through rising 5th grade), or as a volunteer (youth OR adult). Questions, please contact "A" Williams (awilliams@mywpc.org).
- Summer Meals for Kids Returns: This year we are partnering with Williamsburg Community Chapel, Walnut Hills Baptist, and Williamsburg Baptist churches to prepare lunches for 300 children. The children are recipients of meals during the day when schools are in session; however, during the Summer months the school meals cease.
  - \* Volunteering is easy and fun! Please volunteer.
  - \* Lunches are prepared at the Meals on Wheels location (at WISC, 5700 Warhill Trail).
  - \* Our teams are responsible for Wednesdays, June 16 through August 21. We start at 8.30am and are finished by 11am.
  - \* 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 or in the Welcome Center. 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.

\*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, JUNE 9** 

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

Note: The nursery for our youngest set will be available during the 9:30 worship service from Memorial Day Weekend, May 26th, through Labor Day Weekend! The nursery will not be open during the 11:00am service.

#### **MONDAY, JUNE 10**

1:00pm Caregiver Support Group / Rm 123 7:00pm Hunger and Homeless / LL010

**TUESDAY, JUNE 11** 

1:00pm Staff Meeting / Zoom

1:30pm Kirk Krafters / Church Library

5:30pm Resources Ministry Meeting / Rm 255 6:00pm Stephen Ministry Meeting Training / Rm 220

7:00pm AA Williamsburg Big Book Study / LL009 and LL049

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12** 

7:30am Men's Bible and Bacon Study / Stevenson Hall

7:00pm Spring Roundtable Pulpit with Pastor John / Church Library

7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Rm

**THURSDAY, JUNE 13** 

9:00am Sanctuary Cleaning

7:00pm Deacon Meeting / Stevenson Hall

FRIDAY, JUNE 14 SATURDAY, JUNE 15

#### > NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP ◆

#### June 16, 2024 • 4th Sunday after Pentecost

The sermon, "Not What You See But What You Believe" is based on 2 Corinthians 5:5-10, 14-17. This is the final sermon in the

Spring Roundtable Pulpit Series with Pastor John: More Than Meets the Eye.

**Members of the Roundtable Pulpit are:** Ellen & Gene D'Orsogna, Linda Eaton, Kathryn Hall, Pete Hoyle, Ken Keating, Robin McGirk, Debby Philp, Joan Seamon, Mike Smith, Betsy Talbott, Hazel Whitney.