



WILLIAMSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JUNE 16, 2024

PRAYER FOR PREPARATION

God of all wisdom, and of profound mystery: We are grateful for the signs and intimations you scatter in our world like so many seeds. By your grace, may they take root in our hearts and grow: that, one day, in the fullness of time, we may not only be welcomed into your eternal realm, but may recognize it as home. Amen.

THE GATHERING
PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

PASTORAL GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

JD Due

(9:30) WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

(11:00) COMMISSIONING OF STEPHEN LEADERS: Ann Schulte and Toby Lane

MINUTE FOR MISSION: New Staff Position Update

Faith Shartzter

PRELUDE

Children of the Heavenly Father

arr. Hobby

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Leader: In times of trouble and distress, God is always present with us.

All: When we call out, God hears us.

Leader: The name of the Lord brings comfort to heavy hearts.

All: In God's name alone do we put our trust.

(Call to Worship continues on the next page.)

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Bold type face congregation participates in word or song.

Leader: The Lord will help those who seek God.

All: God will answer the prayers of the people.

Leader: Some take pride in their might and accomplishments.

All: We will boast in God alone.

Leader: We rise and stand on the righteousness of God.

All: Let us worship God who is faithful, merciful, and just!

***HYMN 451**

Open My Eyes, That I May See

OPEN MY EYES

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Leader: It is in our confession where we realize our desire for God and our hope for God's mercy. It is in admitting the truth of our lives that we take the first step toward wholeness and healing. So let us make our confession to the Lord.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

Merciful Friend and Savior, we confess that, while your love and grace free us to live as new creations, we too often cling to and are weighed down by the old. We hold on to grudges and hurts rather than forgive; we justify our envy and greed rather than embrace self-sacrifice and the common good; we turn a blind eye and a deaf ear to the needs of the world rather than accept "the least of these" as our neighbor. For those times when we have been angry instead of kind, self-absorbed instead of thoughtful, fearful instead of bold, we ask your forgiveness. Renew in us a heart of pure devotion and outrageous delight in serving you and your purposes in this world. Amen.

A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER

***KYRIE**

Lord, Have Mercy

Weaver



Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Leader: The love of Christ urges us to live for him who died and was raised for us. Thanks be to God! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Amen.

Open My Eyes, That I May See 451



1 O-pen my eyes, that I may see glimps-es of truth thou hast for me.
2 O-pen my ears, that I may hear voic-es of truth thou send-est clear.
3 O-pen my mouth, and let me bear glad-ly the warm truth ev-ery-where.



Place in my hands the won-der-ful key that shall un-clasp and
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev-ery-thing false will
O - pen my heart, and let me pre-pare love with thy chil-dren



set me free. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy
dis - ap-pear. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy
thus to share. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy



will to see. O-pen my eyes; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di-vine!
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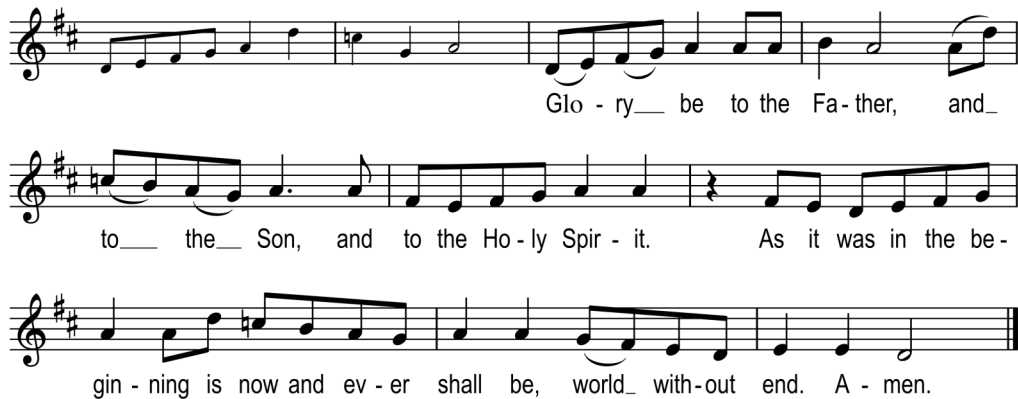


The first woman to publish a collection of her own anthems, this author/composer has created in this hymn a sung prayer for illumination. It not only asks God to help us understand Scripture but also prays for the strength and courage to make God's love known to others.

*GLORIA

Glory Be to the Father

Weaver



Glo - ry__ be to the Fa - ther, and__
to__ the__ Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it. As it was in the be -
gin - ning is now and ev - er shall be, world_ with - out end. A - men.

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

(9:30) SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

Laura Bechtler

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Holy Spirit, by your mysterious power speak to us your truth and show us your wisdom, that we may know you more deeply and serve you more faithfully, for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: *1 Samuel 16:4-13*

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

PSALM 20 (responsive)

Leader: The Lord answer you in the day of trouble!
The name of the God of Jacob protect you!

**All: May he send you help from the sanctuary,
and give you support from Zion.**

Leader: May he remember all your offerings,
and regard with favor your burnt sacrifices.

**All: May he grant you your heart's desire,
and fulfill all your plans.**

(Psalm continues on the next page.)

Leader: May we shout for joy over your victory,
and in the name of our God set up our banners.
May the Lord fulfill all your petitions.

**All: Now I know that the Lord will help his anointed;
he will answer him from his holy heaven
with mighty victories by his right hand.**

Leader: Some take pride in chariots, and some in horses,
but our pride is in the name of the Lord our God.

**All: They will collapse and fall,
but we shall rise and stand upright.**

Leader: Give victory to the king, O Lord;
answer us when we call.

SECOND LESSON: *2 Corinthians 5:5-10, 14-17*

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SERMON Roundtable Pulpit Series More Than Meets the Eye: Rev. John E. Morgan
"Not What You See But What You Believe"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN 817**

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

DUNLAP'S CREEK

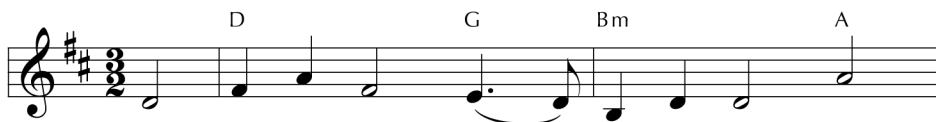
***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: FROM A DECLARATION OF FAITH** (unison)

We are certain that Jesus lives. He lives as God with us, touching all of human life with the presence of God. He lives as one of us with God. Because he shares our humanity and has bound us to himself in love, we have an advocate in the innermost life of God. We declare that Jesus is Lord. His resurrection is a decisive victory over the powers that deform and destroy human life.

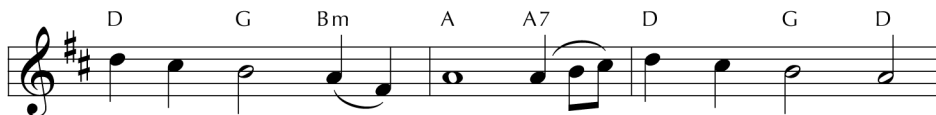
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

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.

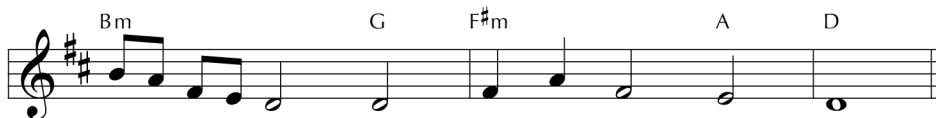
817 We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with
 2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
 4 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
 fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise
 may our faith a - bound to call on you when
 realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



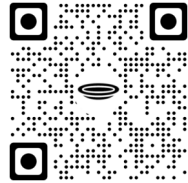
none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
 we re - joice and cry, "My Lord and God!"
 you are near and seek where you are found.
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.

The opening line here is essentially a quotation of 2 Corinthians 5:7, but that affirmation is fleshed out by references to the appearance of the risen Christ to Thomas (John 20:19–29). The shape note tune, named for a stream in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, adds resolution to the words.

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

I Heard the Voice of Jesus

arr. Russel Schulz-Widmar

Chancel choir and members of Genesis Ringers

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest;
and in your weariness lay down your head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one, stoop down and drink, and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light;
Look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my Star, my Sun;
And in that light of life I'll walk 'til traveling days are done.

DOXOLOGYPraise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

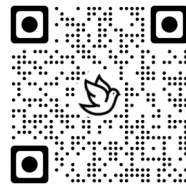
OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise God, all crea-tures here be-low; praise
 God a-bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION*GOING OUT TO BE THE CHURCH*****INVITATION AND THE LORD'S DAY GREETING**

We are glad you are worshipping 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 263***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

CORONATION

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION*POSTLUDE***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

arr. Fields

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.

263 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

Descant

4 O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall!

1 All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
 2 Ye cho - sen seed of Is - rael's race, ye ran - somed from the fall,
 3 Let ev - ery kin - dred, ev - ery tribe on this ter - res - trial ball
 4 O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall!

We'll join the song, and crown him Lord of all!

bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!
 hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
 to him all maj - es - ty as - crite, and crown him Lord of all!
 We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, and crown him Lord of all!

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 Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
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This 18th-century text celebrating the sovereignty of Christ has been through several expansions and contractions before reaching its present form. It is set here to the oldest American hymn tune in continuous use since first published in 1793, which was written for it.

☞ **THE CHANCEL FLOWERS** ☞

The flowers are given today to the glory of God by the Merritt family in memory of her and Dad/Pappa Earl's and Jan Merritt whose 72nd Wedding Anniversary is today.

☞ **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 Cheryl Roettger

11:00am Bruce Powell, Susan White

USHERS

9:30am Matt Underwood, Harley Stewart, John VanAken, Margie Newcomer

11:00am Bob Bolstad, Donna Powell, Megan Davis, Louise Skidmore

LITURGIST

JD Due

SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

Laura Bechtler

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOST

Happy Simmons, Walter Schmid, Copper Perry

***WILLIAMSBURG LANDING USHERS**

Nick and Anne Nicastro

***WINDSOR MEADE USHER**

Paul Hotinger

AUDIO AND VIDEO TECHNICIANS: Dave McLain 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, June 16 – Saturday, June 22

Pastor John E. Morgan • jmorgan@mywpc.org • 757-903-7800

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.

✧ COMMISSIONING OF STEPHEN LEADERS ✧

At the 11:00am service, Ann Schulte and Toby Lane will be commissioned as Stephen Leaders. In addition to the 50 hours of training to be Stephen Ministers, Ann and Toby received an additional 25 hours of training through the Stephen Ministry Leader's Course. They bring their gifts for leadership, wisdom, and teaching to select and equip those who will be Stephen Ministers—lay Christian caregivers—in our congregation. Join us in thanking God that they have answered this call for ministry and in praying for them as they begin this important work! What is Stephen Ministry? Since 1975, Stephen Ministry has been training and equipping lay people to provide high-quality, one-to-one, Christ-centered care to people in the congregation and the community experiencing life difficulties.

Stephen Ministry is now global:

- More than **13,000** congregations have enrolled in Stephen Ministry.
- More than **75,000** pastors and lay leaders from those congregations have been equipped as Stephen Leaders.
- More than **600,000** laypeople have received Stephen Minister training.
- More than **1.5 million** people have had a Stephen Minister to walk with them, providing one-to-one Christian care during tough times.
- Do you or do you know someone who could benefit from a Stephen Minister? Please contact Pastor Pam (phrncir@mywpc.org) or one of our Stephen Leaders: *Allen Hogge, Becky McKinley, Ann Schulte, Toby Lane.*

✧ ANNOUNCEMENTS ✧

- Pastor Pam Hrncir is spending time with family.
- **Skateboards needed:** Our Vacation Bible School team is in need of 2 skateboards. If you have one we can borrow for a few days contact "A" Williams or drop it by the church office marked with your name.
- **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!
- **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 Begins Week of June 16.** We are partnering with Williamsburg Community Chapel, Walnut Hills Baptist and Williamsburg Baptist churches. The children are recipients of meals during the day when schools are in session; however, during the Summer months the school meals cease. **Good news**, the 8 slots for preparing lunches on Wednesdays have been filled. **SOS - STILL NEEDED:**

- * Cookies or brownies for our Wednesdays. Home baked ones are truly welcome. Please no nuts or peanut butter. 2 per zip loc bag. These can be put in the WPC freezer, marked SUMMER LUNCHES
- * Food donations (see list in Welcome Center) PLEASE check expiration date on food. The Health Dept checks periodically the dates and throws out expired food.
- * CASH DONATIONS are ALWAYS welcome. Make checks payable to Williamsburg Area Meals on Wheels (subject line- Summer Meals for Kids) P.O. Box 709, Williamsburg, VA 23187
- * Volunteers are also needed to be on a Substitution List.

Sign up for cookies in Welcome Center or go on-line. Contact Roban Graham* for more info.

***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 16

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 through Labor Day Weekend! The nursery will not be open during the 11:00am service.

MONDAY, JUNE 17

1:00pm Caregiver Support Group / Rm 123

TUESDAY, JUNE 18

11:30am Communications Ministry Meeting / Rm 220
1:00pm Staff Meeting / Zoom
7:00pm Administration Ministry Meeting / Zoom
7:00pm AA Williamsburg Big Book Study / LL009 and LL049

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

The Church Office is closed for the Juneteenth Holiday.

7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room

THURSDAY, JUNE 20

7:00pm Christian Outreach Ministry Meeting / LL010

FRIDAY, JUNE 21

9:00am Sanctuary Cleaning

SATURDAY, JUNE 22

☞ NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP ☞

June 23, 2024 • 5th Sunday after Pentecost

Dr. Jacqueline E. Lapsley, President of Union Presbyterian Seminary, Richmond, VA and Charlotte, NC., will preach at both worship services. Dr. Lapsley was called to the position in 2023 after serving at Princeton Theological Seminary for 25 years.

A noted Old Testament scholar, Dr. Lapsley earned her Ph.D. from Emory University, an M.Div. from Princeton Theological Seminary, an M.A. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and her A.B. from Smith College. She looks forward to visiting WPC!

Dr. Lapsley's sermon "*Weird Jesus*" will be based on Mark 1:9-15.