



WILLIAMSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 14, 2024

PRAYER FOR PREPARATION

Eternal God, from the foundation of the world, you have set a plumb line to measure our lives so that we may live in truth. By the power of your Holy Spirit, strengthen our hands for building justice and making peace through the righteousness of Christ. Amen.

THE GATHERING
PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

PASTORAL GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Beth Keating

PRELUDE

Simple Gifts

arr. Elliott

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Leader: God has accomplished all things through Christ,

All: so that we might live as God's own children.

Leader: Let us give thanks to God

All: and live for the praise of God's glory.

***HYMN 327**

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Leader: Jesus loves us with steadfast tenderness; therefore, let us confess our sins to God.

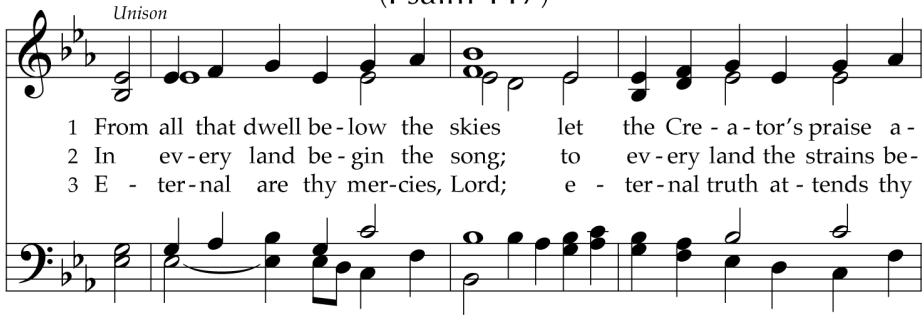
***Please rise in body or spirit.**

Bold type face congregation participates in word or song.

327 From All That Dwell Below the Skies

(Psalm 117)

Unison



1 From all that dwell be-low the skies let the Cre - a - tor's praise a -
 2 In ev - ery land be - gin the song; to ev - ery land the strains be -
 3 E - ter - nal are thy mer - cies, Lord; e - ter - nal truth at - tends thy

Harmony *Unison*



rise: Let the Re - deem - er's
 long: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! In cheer - ful sound all
 word: Thy praise shall sound from



name be sung through ev - ery land, in ev - ery tongue.
 voic - es raise and fill the world with joy - ful praise.
 shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set no more.

Harmony



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

Because Psalm 117 contains only two verses, Watts's paraphrase had only two stanzas. Most later hymnals have created or borrowed additional stanzas, like the one included here, to enlarge the hymn. Perhaps the best solution is found by adding Alleluias, as this tune invites.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**

Holy God, you call us to be your beloved children and to care for one another, yet we fail to love others and ourselves. Helpless and ashamed, we turn our hearts to you. Forgive us, and then tenderly teach us to stand strong and courageous in the fullness of your love, by the grace and mercy of Christ. Amen.

A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER

***KYRIE**

Lord, Have Mercy

Weaver



***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Leader: Sisters and brothers, God forgives us and strengthens us for love; therefore be at peace.

***GLORIA**

Glory Be to the Father

Weaver



**(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

Norman Elton

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Loving God, your Word brings peace to all who turn to you. Send your Holy Spirit to dwell among us that we might praise Christ's glory. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: *Ephesians 1:3-10*

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

DEUTERONOMY 6:4-9 (unison)

⁴“Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. ⁵You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. ⁷Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. ⁸Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, ⁹and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

SECOND LESSON: *Psalms 85:8-13*

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

SERMON

“The Lord Will Give What is Good”

Pastor John E. Morgan

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN**

Show Us, O Lord, Your Steadfast Love

O WALY WALY

1 Show us, O Lord, your steadfast love,
2 Mer - cy and truth at last have met;
3 Lord, you will grant pros - per - i - ty;
and let your sav - ing grace be near;
jus - tice and peace are rec - on - ciled.
our land will yield its full in - crease.
when we re - turn with o - pen hearts,
Truth has a - ris - en from the earth;
Jus - tice shall go be - fore your face;
the Lord speaks peace and we will hear.
just - tice looked down from heaven and smiled.
the path - way for your feet is peace.

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

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments. we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

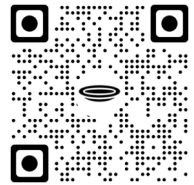
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

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

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, Christians, Join to Sing

arr. Carlton Young

Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!

Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!

Let all with heart and voice

Before his throne rejoice

Praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high; Alleluia! Amen!

Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!

He is our guide and friend;

To us he'll condescend,

His love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen

Please join with the choir in singing the final verse.

Praise yet the Lord a - gain; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

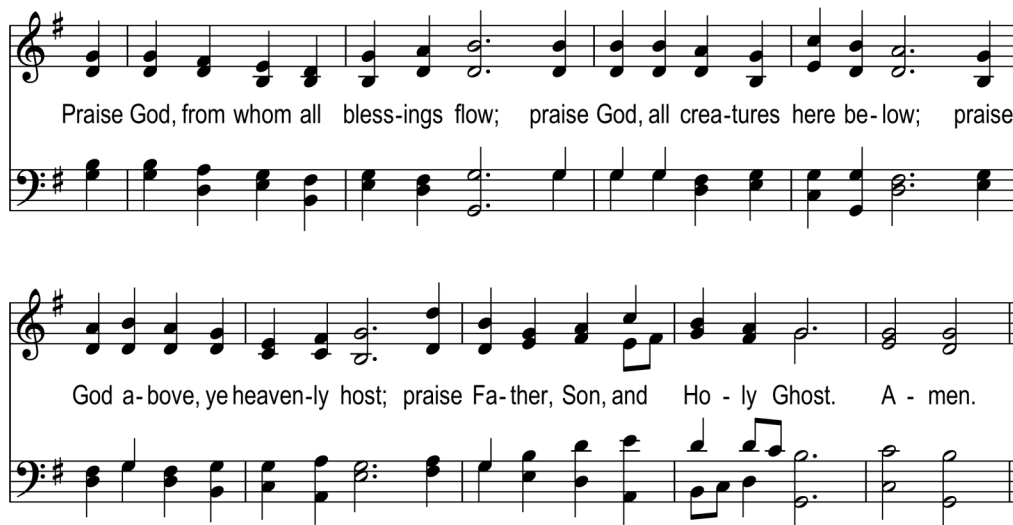
Life shall not end the strain; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

On heav - en's bliss - ful shore his good - ness we'll a - dore

Sing - ing for - ev - er more Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

DOXOLOGYPraise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD HUNDREDTH



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

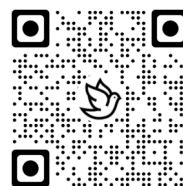
***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

GOING OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

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

We are glad you are 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 649***Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

AMAZING GRACE

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION*POSTLUDE**

Now Thank We All Our God

Bach/Fox

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.

649 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved. How pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come. 'Tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found, was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

CHOCTAW

*Shilombish holitopa ma!
 Ishmminti pulla cha
 hatak ilbusha pia ha
 is pi yukpalashke.*

CREEK

*Po ya fek cha he thlat ah tet
 ah non ah cha pa kas
 cha fee kee o funnan la kus
 um e ha ta la yus.*

NAVAHO

*Nizhónítigo joobá diits' a'
 yisdáshítínigítí,
 lah yóóiiyá, k'ad
 shénáhoosdzin,
 doo eesh'íí da nít'ée.*

As was his custom, the author wrote this hymn to accompany his sermon on 1 Chronicles 17:16–17, preached on January 1, 1773; he called it “Faith’s Review and Expectation.” Much of its current popularity comes from this now-familiar tune, an association that began in 1835.

TEXT: Stanzas 1–4, John Newton, 1772; stanza 5, *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790; Navaho, Albert Tsosie

MUSIC: *Columbian Harmony*, 1829; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1910, alt.

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AMAZING GRACE

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❧ NOTES ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC ❧

Our offertory anthem is “Come, Christians, Join to Sing,” which is what we’d like to say to everyone—come, join and sing “loud praise to Christ our King” with us! Whether you’re in the congregation or watching online, we hope you’ll sing the last verse of this familiar hymn with the choir today.

The arranger of this anthem, Carlton “Sam” Young, was a major figure in congregational and choral singing in the church for over seventy years. He was the editor of both the 1966 and 1989 revisions of the Methodist hymnal, and he is credited on ten of the hymns in our current hymnal. He also published dozens of choral anthems and taught on the faculties of several seminaries and universities.

❧ THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ❧

The flowers are given today to the glory of God and in loving memory of Richard John Eichhorn by Linda Eichhorn and Richard’s children, Rich, Ron, and Dawn Eichhorn.

❧ 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

GREETER

9:30am Cheryl Roettger 11:00am Rebecca Caprio

USHERS

9:30am Debby Philp Eric Beckhusen, Matt Underwood, Margie Newcomer, Pat Underwood,
Fred Whitley

11:00am Bob Bolstad, Kathryn Hall, Nancy Rose, Kirk Lovenbury

LITURGIST

Beth Keating

SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

Norman Elton

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOST

Sue Rennagel, Robin Sabo and Kathleen Ritter

***WILLIAMSBURG LANDING USHERS**

Dottie Teubner

***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, July 14 – Saturday, July 20

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

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

- The family of WPC member, Carroll Creech, who died on Friday, June 28, 2024. A Memorial Service will be held in our sanctuary at 1pm on Friday, July 19, 2024 followed by a reception in Stevenson Hall.

Please pray for:

- Sam Bowlin, Wolf Koenig, 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.

❧ ANNOUNCEMENTS ❧

- Adrian Williams is on the CROSS mission trip with youth from WPC.
- **FISH Food Collection:** Our next FISH collection will be **Sunday, July 21**. FISH currently needs *pasta; canned chicken, tuna, and beef stew; hot and cold cereals; peanut butter; jelly; boxed macaroni and cheese; apple sauce; canned fruit, soup, and vegetables; shampoo; and laundry detergent*. We also welcome donations of hotel toiletries. Please place your donations in or near the red shopping cart located by the rear entrance.
- **WANTED:** Expertise mounting/installing large screen smart TVs, integrating them into a network (WPC), and verifying reliable connectivity with other a/v devices in Stevenson Hall including laptops and tablets. Want to know more about this short-term project? Let's talk. Contact Communications Ministry at communications@mywpc.org.
- **The WPC Book Club will gather for an informal "book chat" on Monday, July 22, at 2pm in the WPC Library.** We will talk about books we're reading (or have read in the past) and see where the conversation leads us!
- **The WPC Book Club and the Earth Care Committee join together for the August book discussion.** In case you want to get started reading, the WPC Book Club has selected their book for a joint meeting with the Earth Care Committee on Monday, August 12, 2024, at 7pm (**please note evening time**) in Room 220 (and on Zoom) to discuss *The Hidden Life of Trees*, by Peter Wohlleben.

***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, JULY 14

CROSS Mission Trip

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 9:30am worship service through Labor Day Weekend! The nursery will not be open during the 11:00am service.

MONDAY, JULY 15

CROSS Mission Trip

1:00pm

Caregiver Support Group / Rm 123

TUESDAY, JULY 16

CROSS Mission Trip

12:00pm

In-person Staff Meeting / Stevenson Hall

2:00pm

From His Hand Motel Meals Prep / Kitchen

5:30pm

Resources Ministry Meeting / Zoom

7:00pm

AA Williamsburg Big Book Study / LL009 and LL049

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17

CROSS Mission Trip

THURSDAY, JULY 18

CROSS Mission Trip

9:00am

Sanctuary Cleaning

7:00pm

Christian Outreach Ministry / LL010

FRIDAY, JULY 19

CROSS Mission Trip

1:00pm

Carroll Creech's Memorial Service and Reception / Sanctuary and Stevenson Hall

SATURDAY, JULY 20

☞ **NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP** ☞

July 21, 2024 • 9th Sunday after Pentecost

The sermon "*Rest A While*" will be based on Mark 6:30-34, 53-56.