



WILLIAMSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 21, 2024

PRAYER FOR PREPARATION

Holy One, we want to be the sheep of your pasture. Care for us, feed us, and lead us, we pray. Once we are strengthened by your presence, raise us up to be shepherds ourselves who tend to those who fear and dismay so that our lives may reflect our Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE GATHERING

PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

PASTORAL GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Ford Moseley

PRELUDE

Improvisation on Psalm 23

Diemer

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Leader: Christ says, come away to a deserted place and rest a while.

People: God calls us to quiet and rest,

Leader: even as we continue to minister to those in need.

People: And to learn many things at the feet of the Good Shepherd.

*HYMN 187

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

BRADBURY

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: Even our best intentions go awry when we are not at one with God's purpose. Our gracious God, journeys with us and provides us with unending mercy, patience, and kindness so that when we repent, we find ourselves forgiven. Let us confess our sins.

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Bold type face congregation participates in word or song.

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us 187



1 Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten-der care.
2 We are yours: in love be - friend us; be the guard-ian of our way.
3 You have prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin-ful though we be;
4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor; ear - ly let us do your will.



In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us; for our use your fold pre-pare.
Keep your flock: from sin de - fend us; seek us when we go a-stray.
you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free.
Bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us: we are yours.
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear your chil - dren when we pray.
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have loved us; love us still.



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This unattributed hymn, like many that are now meaningful to adults, was written for children and develops shepherd imagery from Psalm 23 and John 10:1-18. The tune, composed for these words, was originally named for the text but has come to be known by the composer's name.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Eternal God, your steadfast love endures forever. We confess that we act as if we are in control as if you will bless whatever we do. If we think of others at all, it is with an eye toward their usefulness to us. If we consider your creation, it is to ponder what benefits us. We have failed to show your love or to do justice in obedience to you. We have no right to be called your children. Have mercy on us, God of grace. Forgive our sins, we humbly pray. Equip us to do your will, giving you glory, honor, and praise together with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER

*KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy

Weaver



*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Our Lord Jesus gives us rest and peace. Our Master's touch heals us, and is our salvation. In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Amen.

*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

Laura Bechtler

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

May the reading of your Word draw near to you those of us once far off. May the hearing of your Word break down the dividing walls between us, for Jesus Christ, your living Word, is our peace. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: *Jeremiah 23:1-6*

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

PSALM 89:20, 28-37 (responsive)

Leader: I have found my servant David;
with my holy oil I have anointed him;

**People: Forever I will keep my steadfast love for him,
and my covenant with him will stand firm.**

Leader: I will establish his line forever
and his throne as long as the heavens endure.

**People: If his children forsake my law
and do not walk according to my ordinances,**

Leader: if they violate my statutes
and do not keep my commandments,

**People: then I will punish their transgression with the rod
and their iniquity with scourges,**

Leader: but I will not remove from him my steadfast love
or be false to my faithfulness.

**People: I will not violate my covenant
or alter the word that went forth from my lips.**

Leader: Once and for all I have sworn by my holiness;
I will not lie to David.

**People: His line shall continue forever,
and his throne endure before me like the sun.**

Leader: It shall be established forever like the moon,
an enduring witness in the skies."

SECOND LESSON: *Mark 6:30-34*

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"Rest A While"

Pastor John E. Morgan

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN 182**

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

KINGSFOLD

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

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

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.

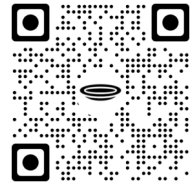
OFFERING TALK

Joe Avellar

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

The Lord Is My Shepherd

Howard Goodall

The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters.

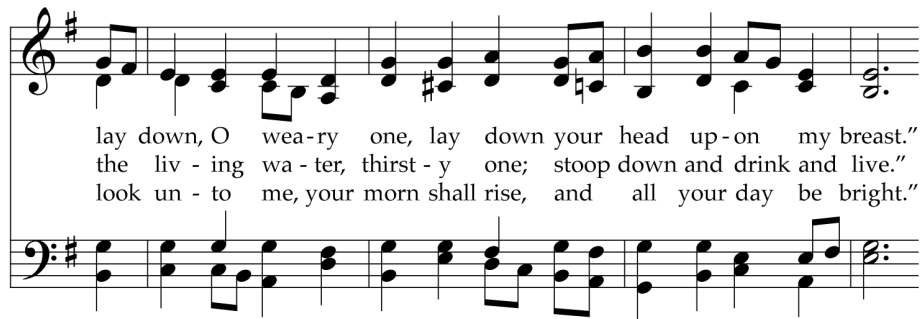
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:
For you are with me, you will comfort me.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

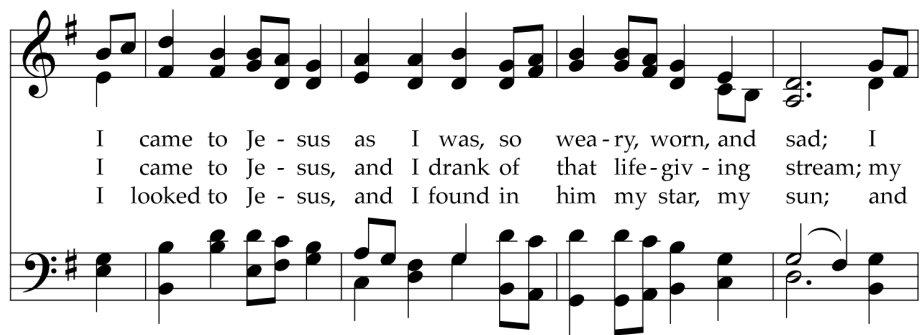
182 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say




1 I heard the voice of Je-sus say, "Come un-to me and rest;
 2 I heard the voice of Je-sus say, "Be-hold, I free-ly give
 3 I heard the voice of Je-sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea-ry one, lay down your head up-on my breast."
 the liv-ing wa-ter, thirst-y one; stoop down and drink and live."
 look un-to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je-sus as I was, so wea-ry, worn, and sad; I
 I came to Je-sus, and I drank of that life-giv-ing stream; my
 I looked to Je-sus, and I found in him my star, my sun; and

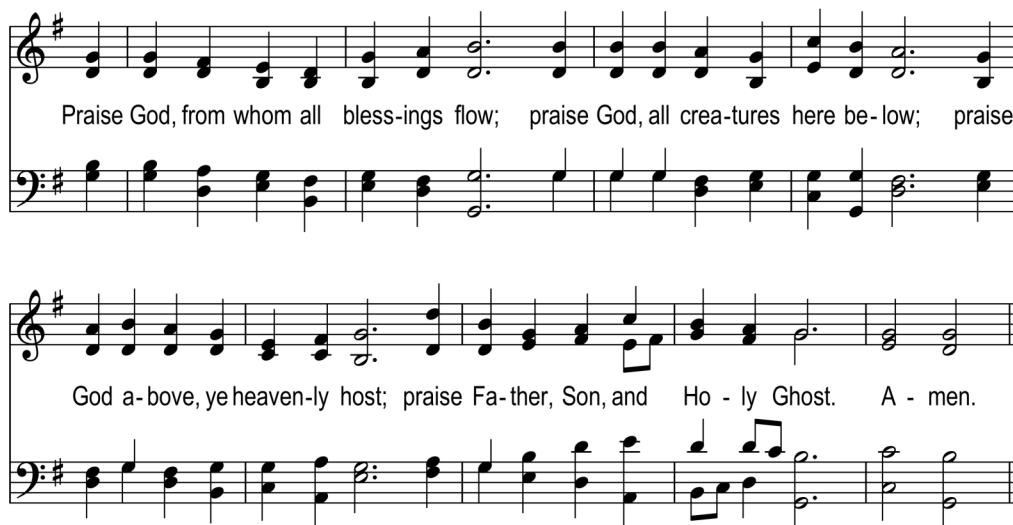


found in him a rest-ing place, and he has made me glad.
 thirst was quenched, my soul re-vived, and now I live in him.
 in that light of life I'll walk till trav-el-ing days are done.

Each stanza here pairs an invitation from Jesus with a response from the narrator. These three invitations recall how Jesus welcomed those who were heavy laden (Matthew 11:28), offered living water (John 4:10-14), and identified himself as the light of the world (John 8:12, 9:5).

DOXOLOGYPraise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD HUNDREDTH



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise
God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

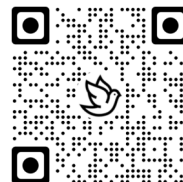
***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

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 361***O Christ, the Great Foundation*

AURELIA

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION*POSTLUDE***Improvisation on Psalm 117*

Diemer

Praise the Lord, all nations! Extol him, all peoples!

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.

O Christ, the Great Foundation 361



1 O Christ, the great foun-da-tion on which your peo-ple stand
 2 Bap-tized in one con-fes-sion, one church in all the earth,
 3 Where ty-rants' hold is tight-ened, where strong de-vour the weak,
 4 This is the mo-ment glo-rious when he who once was dead

to preach your true sal-va-tion in ev-ery age and land:
 we bear our Lord's im-pres-sion, the sign of sec-ond birth:
 where in-no-cents are fright-ened, the righ-teous fear to speak,
 shall lead his church vic-to-rious, their cham-pion and their head.

pour out your Ho-ly Spir-it to make us strong and pure,
 one ho-ly peo-ple gath-ered in love be-yond our own,
 there let your church a-wak-ing at-tack the powers of sin
 The Lord of all cre-a-tion his heaven-ly king-dom brings:

to keep the faith un-bro-ken as long as worlds en-dure.
 by grace we were in-vit-ed; by grace we make you known.
 and, all their ram-parts break-ing, with you the vic-tory win.
 the fi-nal con-sum-ma-tion, the glo-ry of all things.

The text was written by a leading Chinese educator, author, and editor who chaired the commission that prepared an important ecumenical Chinese hymnal, *Hymns of Universal Praise* (1936). This familiar tune invites comparison of these words with its usual text (see no. 321).

❧ NOTES ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC ❧

Our anthem is one of the choir's favorites, a setting of the twenty-third Psalm. Both our Old Testament and Gospel readings today refer to shepherds and sheep, which brought this anthem to mind. Composer Howard Goodall has written choral music, musicals, and music for television, and "The Lord Is My Shepherd" was the theme from the BBC's TV series *The Vicar of Dibley*.

❧ THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ❧

The flowers are given today to the glory of God and in loving memory of their parents,
Karl & Martha Rohr and Robert & Gladys Cunningham
by Maxine and Ken Cunningham.

❧ NARTHEX FLOWERS ❧

The flowers are in honor of Joyce Mahon's birthday this week, given by her children.

❧ 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 Bill Riffer

11:00am Dick Hubbard

USHERS

9:30am Penny Coley, Jim Winthrop, Tony Annoni, Karen Annoni, Rebecca Caprio

11:00am Bob Archibald, Nancy Archibald, Penny Coley, Rebecca Caprio

LITURGIST

Ford Moseley

SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

Laura Bechtler

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOST

Jim Carey, Julia Smith, Kathy Chambers

***WILLIAMSBURG LANDING USHERS**

Barbara Stirling and Bruce Minett

***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, July 21 – Saturday, July 27

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

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 ❧

- **Bulletin Announcements for Sunday, August 4, 2024:** Vanessa Gamble, Church Secretary, is out of the office, Monday, July 29 through Thursday, August 1. The worship bulletin for Sunday, August 4, 2024, will be prepared and printed early. **Please anticipate and submit any bulletin announcements you would like published in the August 4 bulletin by Tuesday, July 23, 2024.**
- **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.
- **Save the Date for Day of Caring:** WPC's Outreach Ministry is sponsoring a work day at the Grove Christian Outreach Center as part of the United Way Day of Caring on Friday, September 20. Please consider joining us to help our neighbors in need and put the date on your calendar.

***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 21

FISH Food Collection Sunday

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 22

1:00pm Caregiver Support Group / Rm 123
2:00pm WPC Book Club / Rm 220

TUESDAY, JULY 23

10:00am 138th Stated Meeting of Presbyterian of Eastern VA / Carver Memorial Presbyterian Church
6:00pm ARC Bingo / Stevenson Hall
7:00pm AA Williamsburg Big Book Study / LL009 and LL049

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24

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

THURSDAY, JULY 25

9:00am Sanctuary Cleaning

FRIDAY, JULY 26

SATURDAY, JULY 27

Montreat High School Youth Conference Begins

☞ NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP ☞

July 28, 2024 • 10th Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor John begins a series on the Epistle to the Ephesians.
The sermon "*May Christ Dwell in Your Hearts*" will be based on Ephesians 3:14-21.