



# WILLIAMSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## 14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### MUSIC FOR TWO • AUGUST 25, 2024

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## PRAYER FOR PREPARATION

God our strength, you have brought us into your holy place through Christ, who has the words of eternal life. As you made us alive by his flesh and blood, cause us to boldly witness to the gospel, welcome the stranger, and pursue peace, standing through the struggles of our times.

## THE GATHERING

### PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

#### PASTORAL GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Boyd Knowles

#### PRELUDE

Allegro from Sonata in F  
Thomas Schneider, bassoon

arr. Raney

#### CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Leader: We are the living expression of the joy of the Lord. We must radiate joy to others.

**All: We are the living expression of God's peace. We must radiate peace to others.**

Leader: We are the living expression of Christ-Wisdom. We must radiate wisdom to others.

**All: The blessings that God expresses through us return to us multiplied a thousand-fold.**

#### \*HYMN 2

*Come, Thou Almighty King*

ITALIAN HYMN

#### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: Let us confess our sins to the One whose eyes are open day and night to heed our cry and our prayer.

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\*Please rise in body or spirit.

**Bold type face congregation participates in word or song.**

# 2 Come, Thou Almighty King

1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy  
 2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, mer - ci - ful,  
 3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred  
 4 To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal

name to sing; help us to praise:  
 might - y Lord, our prayer at - tend.  
 wit - ness bear in this glad hour.  
 prais - es be, hence ev - er - more!

Fa - ther, all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic - to - ri - ous,  
 Come, and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy word suc - cess;  
 Thou who al - might - y art, now rule in ev - ery heart,  
 Thy sov - ereign maj - es - ty may we in glo - ry see,

come, and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.  
 Spir - it of ho - li - ness, on us de - scend.  
 and ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of power.  
 and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

The author of this Trinitarian text is unknown, but this hymn has proved popular since the middle of the 18th century, partly because of its effective use of biblical metaphors, but also because of the strength of this tune, which was composed especially for these words.

## \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

O God, you have called us to follow, but we have hung back, full of excuses, and fearful to take the step away from so much we enjoy. We are caught up in familiar habits, jobs we can perform with confidence, friendships that no longer take an effort. To follow you is to venture into the new and unknown, and we value our comfort and security. You must understand. It has always been this way. Yet we sense the tug of adventure also, and we feel the warmth of your love, and we would follow. Draw us to you we pray, for our sakes and for your own. Amen.

## A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER

### \*KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy

Weaver



### \*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: The Christ who taught us how to forgive continues to forgive us -- not once, but over and over again. The mercy of the Lord is everlasting. Friends, believe the Good News of the gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

### \*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**

Jim Kirkpatrick

**(11:00) SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Rev. John E. Morgan

Baptism of Keegan Michael Loren Crockett  
Son of Jennifer Nicole and Emmett Clinton Crockett

Sung Response by Choir and Congregation:

**Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

## THE WORD

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** (unison)

**Almighty God, through the reading of holy Scripture, feed us with your living Word and reveal to us the way of everlasting life. Amen.**

**FIRST LESSON:** *Joshua 24:1-2a.14-18*

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

**PSALM 84** (responsive)

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place,  
O Lord of hosts!

**All: My soul longs, indeed it faints,  
for the courts of the Lord;  
my heart and my flesh sing for joy  
to the living God.**

Leader: Even the sparrow finds a home  
and the swallow a nest for herself,  
where she may lay her young,  
at your altars, O Lord of hosts,  
my King and my God.

**All: Happy are those who live in your house,  
ever singing your praise.**

(Psalm continues on the next page.)

Leader: Happy are those whose strength is in you,  
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

**All: As they go through the valley of Baca,  
they make it a place of springs;  
the early rain also covers it with pools.**

Leader: They go from strength to strength;  
the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

**All: O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer;  
give ear, O God of Jacob!**

Leader: Behold our shield, O God;  
look on the face of your anointed.

**All: For a day in your courts is better  
than a thousand elsewhere.  
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God  
than live in the tents of wickedness.**

Leader: For the Lord God is a sun and shield;  
he bestows favor and honor.  
No good thing does the Lord withhold  
from those who walk uprightly.

**All: O Lord of hosts,  
happy is everyone who trusts in you.**

## **SECOND LESSON: *Ephesians 6:10-20***

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

**SERMON** Sermon Series: *The Epistle to the Ephesians*  
*"Spiritual Armor"*

Pastor John E. Morgan

## **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**\*HYMN 450**

*Be Thou My Vision*

SLANE

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

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.**

## 450

## Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D) (G) (D/F#) (A7) (D)  
 Eb Ab Eb/G Bb7 Eb

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;  
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;  
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) (D) (G) (A)  
 Bb Eb Ab Bb

naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;  
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) (D) (F#m7) (G) (A)  
 Ab Eb Gm7 Ab Bb

thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;  
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) (D/F#) (G) (D)  
 Cm Eb/G Ab Eb

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.  
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.

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

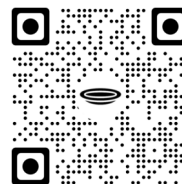
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

## OFFERING TALK

JD Due

## 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](http://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

Largo from Sonata in F  
Thomas Schneider, bassoon

Devienne

## \*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD HUNDRETH

Musical notation for the first line of the Doxology. It consists of a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a bass clef staff. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise God, all crea-tures here be-low; praise".

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise God, all crea-tures here be-low; praise

Musical notation for the second line of the Doxology. It consists of a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a bass clef staff. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "God a-bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men."

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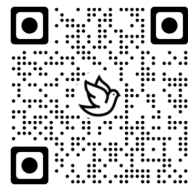
## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

# 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](http://mywpc.org/friendship) or scan the QR code at the right to access the online friendship register.



## \*HYMN 269

*Lead On, O King Eternal*

LANCASHIRE

## \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

*Allegretto from Sonata in F*  
Thomas Schneider, bassoon

Devienne

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.

## 🌀 NOTES ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC 🌀

We conclude our summer music series, Music for Two, with bassoonist Thomas Schneider. After earning degrees from the Oberlin Conservatory and the University of Maryland, and appearing at festivals and orchestras across the country, Thomas joined the Richmond Symphony in the principal bassoon chair.

François Devienne (1759-1803) was a French composer, flutist, and bassoonist. He wrote approximately 300 instrumental works, focusing on wind instruments. This morning's selections are drawn from one his six bassoon sonatas. The sonata consists of three movements, each referred by its tempo marking. In addition to being a charming piece, this sonata highlights the voice of an instrument not often featured in a solo capacity.

## 🌀 THE CHANCEL FLOWERS 🌀

The Chancel Flowers are given today to the glory of God and in loving memory of their daughter and son, Jill & Cory Riffer. "Twins together again."  
by Cecelia & Bill Riffer.



# 269 Lead On, O King Eternal!

1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal! The day of march has come;  
 2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,  
 3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears,

hence-forth in fields of con - quest your tents shall be our home.  
 and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;  
 for glad-ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er your face ap - pears;

Through days of prep - a - ra - tion your grace has made us strong,  
 for not with swords' loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir - ring drums;  
 your cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light.

and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.  
 with deeds of love and mer - cy the heaven-ly king-dom comes.  
 The crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might!

Not everything that looks like a battle ends up being one. This text, written for a seminary graduation, works well with its martial tune in the first stanza; but later stanzas turn from such imagery and focus on "deeds of love and mercy" and courage for life's journey.

☞ **THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY** ☞

**PASTOR**

John E. Morgan, Pastor/Head of Staff

Pam Hrnccir, Covenant Pastor for Congregational Care

**MUSIC MINISTRY**

Christopher Bechtler, Director of Music

Norman Elton, Organist and Assistant Director of Music

**GUEST MUSICIAN**

Thomas Schneider, bassoon

**GREETERS**

9:30am Harley Stewart

11:00am Maxine Cunningham, Jan Russell

**USHERS**

9:30am Matt Underwood, Penny Coley, Pat Underwood, Jenn LaDow

11:00am Rebecca Caprio, Penny Coley, Megan Davis, Kirk Lovenbury

**LITURGIST**

Boyd Knowles

**SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN**

Jim Kirkpatrick

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOST**

Sarah Dulaney, Julia Smith, Jack Lassiter

**\*WILLIAMSBURG LANDING USHERS**

Nick and Anne Nicaastro

**\*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](http://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](mailto: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, August 25 – Saturday, August 31**

Pastor Pam • [phrncir@mywpc.org](mailto:phrncir@mywpc.org) • 757-508-4668

### **Please pray for:**

- Clara Crumbly, 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 🌀

- **Our popular summer series, Music for Two, concludes today** featuring Norman Elton on organ and Thomas Scheider from the Richmond Symphony on Bassoon.
- **The Campus Ministry:** Team members *Nancy Hammond, Jim Austin, Patty and Terry Hancock, Kim Silver, Jane Snyder, Denny and Sue Yeingst* would like you to remember that students are arriving at William and Mary throughout the next few weeks. We would like every member of our congregation to take time to greet them when you see them at our services or sit close to you on a Sunday morning. A friendly greeting and a little conversation helps make everyone feel welcome. Stop by the Campus Ministry table between services to hear about opportunities for you to support the Campus Ministry. Visit our website to learn more about what the Campus Ministry is offering this coming year. Be sure to follow the Campus and Student Ministry Team's activities and requests in our weekly bulletin and on line in the weekly Looking Ahead email.
- **Learn more about WPC's theological geography! On August 27, Tuesday morning at 9:30am, WPC member and Colonial Williamsburg volunteer Hans Schwartz will describe the work at the First Baptist Church excavation project and the Bray School restoration.** Both sites are on the African American Heritage Trail. Please join the "Thriving Congregation" team for this presentation at 105 South Nassau Street, (between Francis Street and the Duke of Gloucester.) Free two-hour parking is available in the adjacent lot on Francis Street; in case of rain, we'll meet inside a nearby building.
- **September 15: WPC Family Afternoons: Painting! Join us for this month's WPC Family activity.** Lunch will be provided along with various painting activities for all ages. All food, materials, and instructions are provided. This event is open to all! Sign-ups are encouraged, but not required. Watch future WPC publications on how to sign-up for this event!
- **Volunteers Needed to Help at Grove Christian Outreach Center on United Way 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.** There are indoor jobs (food pantry distribution and organizing work spaces) and outdoor jobs (pressure washing, painting, weeding, trimming and yard cleanup). If you can help us in this worthwhile endeavor, please contact Tom Moul\* and let him know if you would like to work inside or outside. Thanks for volunteering!
- **A new opportunity to show off your WPC "Spirit!"** New WPC car magnets are now available! Each magnet is 6" in diameter and the logo is full color. Please note that this is not a fundraiser for any ministry or group. **If you would like to purchase a car magnet for \$4, please reach out to Jodie Davis\* who is able to take Venmo, CashApp, Zelle, etc. or stop by the Church Office to pay with check or cash.**

\*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/](http://mywpc.org/news/) or on the church calendar.

## ☞ THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF EVENTS ☞

### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 25 •**

*Blessing of the Backpacks at both services.*

- 9:30am** In-person Worship / Sanctuary; Live-Stream Worship; visit [mywpc.org](http://mywpc.org) to access  
10:00am UKirk Doughnut Table / WPC Courtyard  
10:30am Fellowship Coffee Hour / Stevenson Hall  
**11:00am** In-person Worship / Sanctuary; Broadcast on FM93.5 The Burg and AM740 or [wmbgradio.com](http://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, AUGUST 26**

- 1:00pm Caregiver Support Group / Rm 123

### **TUESDAY, AUGUST 27**

- 9:30am Historic First Baptist and Bray School Presentation: Thriving Congregation Team Fieldtrip / Meet at 105 Nassau Street (between Francis Street and the Duke of Gloucester)  
1:00pm Staff Meeting / Zoom  
6:30pm ARC Event / Stevenson Hall  
7:00pm AA Williamsburg Big Book Study / LL009 and LL049

### **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28**

- 7:30am Men's Bible & Bacon Study / Stevenson Hall  
9:30am Presbyterian Women's Coordinating Team Meeting / Room 220  
5:30pm Info Session and Kickoff Dinner for All of UKirk Ministries / Stevenson Hall, UKirk Rm, LL011

### **THURSDAY, AUGUST 29**

- 9:00am Sanctuary Cleaning  
7:00pm Deacon Meeting / Rm 220  
7:30pm Westminster Ringers Rehearsal

### **FRIDAY, AUGUST 30**

### **SATURDAY, AUGUST 31**

## ☞ NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP ☞

### **September 1, 2024 • 15th Sunday after Pentecost**

**Celebration of the Lord's Supper will be served at all worship services.**

Pastor John's sermon "Every Perfect Gift From Above" will be based on James 1:17-27..