



WILLIAMSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

RALLY DAY

SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

PRAYER FOR PREPARATION

God of love, you show your people how to be truly rich in faith, through the gifts you give when least hoped for or expected. Come to your people today with words of both judgment and mercy, that we may be fed from the bread of life. We pray this in your holy triune name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, Mother of us all. Amen.

THE GATHERING

PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

PASTORAL GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Rebecca Elton

PRELUDE

Praise To The Lord, The Almighty!

arr. Wold

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Leader: Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion—

All: a mountain that cannot be moved, a mountain that abides forever.

Leader: As the mountains surround Jerusalem,

All: the Lord surrounds the people, from this time on and forevermore.

*HYMN 610

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: Many people brought their greatest needs to Jesus, certain that he would help them.

With that same confidence, let us confess our failings and seek forgiveness.

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Bold type face congregation participates in word or song.

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing 610

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my
 2 The name of Je - sus charms our fears, and
 3 Christ speaks, and lis - tening to his voice new
 4 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -
 5 To God all glo - ry, praise, and love be

dear Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my
 bids our sor - rows cease, sings mu - sic in the
 life the dead re - ceive; the mourn - ful wak - en
 sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the
 now and ev - er given by saints be - low and

God and King, the tri - umphs of God's grace!
 sin - ner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.
 to re - joice; the poor in heart be - lieve.
 earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.
 saints a - bove, the church in earth and heaven.

SPANISH

1 *Mil voces para celebrar
 a mi Libertador,
 las glorias de su majestad,
 los triunfos de su amor.*

KOREAN

1 만 입이 내게 있으면
 그 입 다 가지고
 내 구주 주신 은총을
 늘 찬송 하겠네

This text comes from an eighteen-stanza hymn the author wrote to mark the first anniversary of his life-changing conversion experience. It is now customarily the first hymn in Methodist hymnals worldwide. This tune, adapted from a German composer, is the usual North American setting.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Almighty and compassionate God, every day, in our desire to attain our wants, avoid discomfort, and shun those we do not know or love, we show ourselves to be unworthy of your gifts of life. Of this we are sorely aware, and we ask your power to renew us in body and spirit, that we will be able, through your help, to walk in the way you intend for us. Forgive us and lead us, in Jesus' name. Amen.

A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER

*KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy

Schubert

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

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. The key signature is D major (two sharps). The vocal line is in the treble clef, and the piano accompaniment is in the bass clef. The first system shows the vocal line starting with a half note 'Lord,' followed by a quarter note 'have', a half note 'mer', and a quarter note 'cy;'. The piano accompaniment provides a harmonic foundation with chords and moving lines. The second system continues the vocal line with 'Christ, have mer - cy;' and then 'Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.' The piano accompaniment continues to support the vocal melody.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Just as Jesus made the deaf to hear and the mute to speak, our merciful God lifts our burdens from us, removes the failures of our past, and turns us to new life. You are forgiven. Walk in peace.

*GLORIA

Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI (Creatorex)

The musical score is written for a two-part setting in 4/4 time, featuring a treble and bass staff. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with the bass staff providing harmonic support through chords and single notes. The lyrics are: 'Glo - ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men.'

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Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er

shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

(11:00) At this time any and all children through the 5th grade
are invited to come forward for Sharing Faith with Children.

(11:00) SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

Jim Kirkpatrick

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Holy God, whose Spirit comes to us in moments of both strength and weakness, come now into our midst that we might be able to hear your Word in fullness and in truth.

FIRST LESSON: *Luke 10:25-38*

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

PSALM 146 (responsive)

Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

All: I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Leader: Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

All: When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.

Leader: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God,

All: who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever;

Leader: who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free;

All: the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

Leader: The LORD watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

All: The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD!

SECOND LESSON: Isaiah 35:1-7 • The Message Bible

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"It's Time to Flourish!"

Pastor Pam Hrcncir

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN 409**

God Is Here!

ABBOT'S LEIGH

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: CONFESSION OF 1967, 9.15** (unison)

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. We ascribe to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals his love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful people. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of his love.

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.

God Is Here!


1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an

of - fer praise and prayer, may we find in
 life - long need of grace; here are ta - ble,
 Shep - herd's flock and fold; here as bread and
 age of change and doubt keep us faith - ful

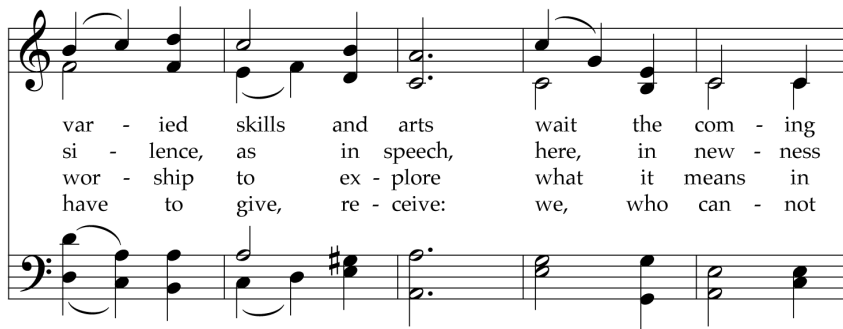
full - er mea - sure what it is in Christ we share.
font, and pul - pit; here the cross has cen - tral place.
wine are tak - en, Christ sus - tains us as of old.
to the gos - pel; help us work your pur - pose out.

Commissioned for the dedication of a renovated worship space in Austin, Texas, this text is one of the few to devote attention to how customary church features facilitate worship. The tune was composed in wartime Britain to replace a Haydn tune tainted by Nazi associations.

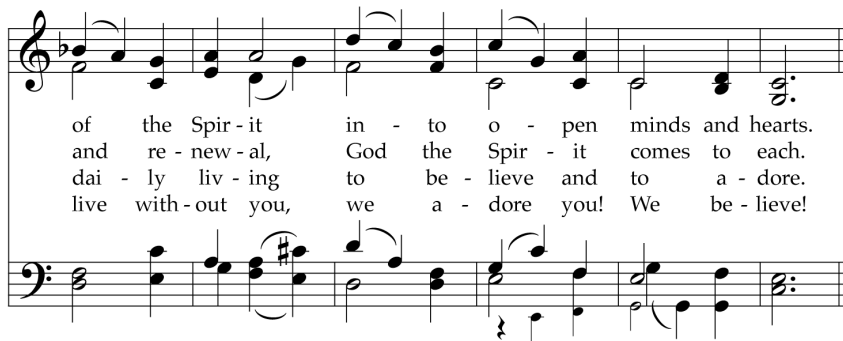
GATHERING



Here, as in the world a - round us, all our
 Here in hon - es - ty of preach - ing, here in
 Here the ser - vants of the Ser - vant seek in
 Here, in this day's ded - i - ca - tion, all we



var - ied skills and arts wait the com - ing
 si - lence, as in speech, here, in new - ness
 wor - ship to ex - plore what it means in
 have to give, re - ceive: we, who can - not

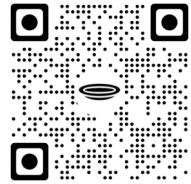


of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

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

Down by the Riverside
Marco Sardi, string bass

John Rutter (b. 1945)

I'm goin' to lay down my heavy load down by the riverside,
Down by the riverside, down by the riverside,
I'm goin' to lay down my heavy load down by the riverside,
I ain't gonna study war no more.

Refrain:

I ain't gonna study war no more, I ain't gonna study war no more,
I ain't gonna study war no more,
I ain't gonna study war no more, I ain't gonna study war no more,
I ain't gonna study war no more.

I'm goin' to lay down my sword and shield down by the riverside...
(Refrain)

I'm goin' to put on my trav'lin' shoes down by the riverside...
(Refrain)

I'm goin' to put on my long white robe down by the riverside...
(Refrain)

I'm goin' to put on my starry crown down by the riverside... (Glory, glory hallelujah)
(Refrain)

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.

The musical score is written for two staves, treble and bass clef, in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

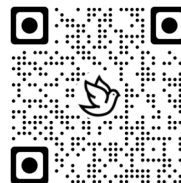
***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

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 611***Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

HYMN TO JOY

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION*POSTLUDE***What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

arr. Ore

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.

611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee; earth and heaven re-flect thy rays;
 3 Mor-tals, join the hap-py cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan.

Hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, o-pening to the sun a-bove.
 stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.
 Love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us, join-ing all in heav-en's plan.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a-way.
 Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash-ing sea,
 Ev-er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic-tors in the midst of strife.

Giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re-joice in thee.
 Joy-ful mu-sic leads us sun-ward in the tri-umph song of life.

This well-known melody was created to provide a choral setting for J. C. F. von Schiller's poem, "An die Freude" (To Joy), as the final movement of the composer's *Ninth Symphony*. The author, a prominent Presbyterian pastor and author, wrote the words with this tune in mind.

❧ NOTES ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC ❧

“Down by the Riverside” is a spiritual that dates back to before the American Civil War. The song refers to biblical imagery such as baptism (the white robe) and heaven (the starry crown), and the “riverside” is of course the River Jordan. The song is a popular New-Orleans-style jazz standard, and today’s arrangement reflects some of that history, particularly in the bass and piano parts.

The arranger, John Rutter, has published hundreds of choral compositions, including last week’s anthem, “For the Beauty of the Earth,” and many Christmas carols. Rutter was knighted by King Charles in June of this year.

❧ THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ❧

The Chancel Flowers are given today to the glory of God and in honor of our wonderful church staff by Mary Zimmerman.

☞ **THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY** ☞

PASTOR

Pam Hrcir, Covenant Pastor for Congregational Care

MUSIC MINISTRY

Christopher Bechtler, Director of Music

Norman Elton, Organist and Assistant Director of Music

WPC Chancel Choir

GUEST MUSICIAN

Marco Sardi, string bass

GREETERS

9:30am Cheryl Roettger

11:00am Harley Stewart, Bruce Powell

USHERS

9:30am Karen Lauritzen, John VanAken, Jenn LaDow, Rebecca Caprio

11:00am Bob Bolstad, Donna Powell, Megan Davis, Kirk Lovenbury

LITURGIST

Rebecca Elton

SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

Jim Kirkpatrick

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOST

Jim Carey, Sarah Smith, Sarah Houghland

***WILLIAMSBURG LANDING USHERS**

Sylvia & Godwin Jones, Ellen Jones

***WINDSOR MEADE USHER**

Paul Hotinger

AUDIO AND VIDEO TECHNICIANS: Dave McClain 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, September 8 – Saturday, September 14

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

Please pray for:

- Lee Beach, 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 🌀

- Pastor John Morgan will be away through Tuesday, September 10.
- **Sign-Ups for Coffee Hosts/Ushers/Greeters Begin Today!** Have you been looking for an opportunity to get involved in the Sunday morning action at WPC? Please stop by the tables in Stevenson Hall between services today through September 22nd to learn more and sign up to host Coffee Fellowship, Usher, or Greet during the months of September, October, or November. Usher Coordinators and Coffee Fellowship Deacons will be available to answer your questions. No previous experience necessary and all ages are welcome!

Feel free to sign up online for any Sunday in 2024 from the comfort of your home by going to <https://signup.com/go/iGCDndF> to sign up as a greeter/usher and to sign up for coffee fellowship go to <https://signup.com/go/yOsEWmj>

- **FISH Food Collection:** Our next FISH collection will be Sunday, September 15. FISH currently needs *1 lb. bags brown/white rice; pasta; spaghetti; cold cereals (especially kids cereals); peanut butter and jelly; boxed macaroni and cheese; canned fruit, soup, and vegetables; shampoo; toothpaste; 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.
- **SAVE THE DATE for Kitchen Orientation and Training. Attend one of two offered sessions: Thursday, September 19, 3:30pm or on Thursday, October 3, 3:30 pm.** Sign-ups begin in September. Our WPC Kitchen gets a lot of use and some changes have occurred recently. If you are a deacon or member volunteer who helps with events from coffee hour, memorial receptions, special event meals or any of the outreach programs providing food for the community, this is for you.

Joe Avellar will instruct us on some of the kitchen basics that we all need to remember. In addition, learn how to use the new warmer, make coffee, use the convection and gas oven, run the dishwasher, discover where items are stored, and answer any questions you may have.

For more information please call or email Karen Annoni*

- **Be a part of World Communion Sunday.** The Worship Ministry invites you to participate by baking bread that represents your heritage or that is a family favorite. The breads will be assembled into a centerpiece for October 6. If you have questions or want to volunteer to provide bread, please contact Ruth Cobb by **September 29**.
- **Fall Ice Cream Social:** Drop in to enjoy some ice cream with your favorite topping on **September 29, 2-4pm** in the small parking lot next to the playground. All are welcome!!
- **New Member Orientation Luncheon: October 13 immediately after 11am worship in Stevenson Hall.** Come and enjoy great food and great conversation with members and staff as you get to know the people and ministries of WPC. If the Spirit is leading you to become part of the WPC family, please reach out to Pastor Pam, Deacon Eric Beckhusen*, or the church office. We look forward to getting to know you better.

- **We look forward to an exciting fall for our Children and Family Ministries! Melody Dillon, Director of Children and Family Ministries, invites you to mark your calendars and register now for the following upcoming activities:**

- ⇒ The new Sunday School year began today. The nursery will also returned to its 9:30am to noon schedule on September 8.
- ⇒ Our Carol and Junior Choirs begin rehearsals on Thursday, September 12 at 4:30pm.
- ⇒ WPC Family Sunday Activity, happening on the third Sunday of each month, will begin on September 15,
- ⇒ Preschool Dance and Play begins Wednesday, September 18 at 1:30pm.

Learn more about all of these activities, and get a jump on registering, at mywpc.org/children.

- **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, from 8:30am to 2:30pm. 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!
- **Help Feed our UKirk Students!** We are looking for people or groups willing to help feed our UKirk Students on Tuesday Nights at 6:30pm. We have a group of around 15 students who would love to meet you, and share in a home cooked meal.

Can't be there or don't cook? Sign up to have food delivered or to give a gift card to a favorite restaurant. <https://mealtrain.com/oy3ggn>

***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, SEPTEMBER 8 • RALLY DAY

- 9:30am-12pm Nursery open during both worship services
9:30am Sunday School / Christian Education Wing
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
6:00pm Youth Group / Senior High Room

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

- 1:00pm Caregiver Support Group / Rm 123
6:30pm Williamsburg Choral Guild Rehearsal / Sanctuary
7:00pm Hunger and Homeless Meeting LL010

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

- 1:30pm Kirk Krafters / Library
6:30pm UKirk Dinner & Dialogue / UKirk Rm
5:00pm Hybrid Nominating Committee Meeting / Rm LL010 and Zoom
5:30pm Resources Ministry Meeting / Zoom
6:00pm Stephen Ministry Meeting/Training / Rm 220
6:30pm ARC - Mariners' Museum / Stevenson Hall
6:30pm PW Circle 5 - Eunice / Rm 222
6:30pm UKirk Dinner & Dialogue / UKirk Rm
7:00pm AA Williamsburg Big Book Study / LL009 and LL049

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

- 7:30am Men's Bible & Bacon Study
10am PW Circle 14 / Rm 220
6pm Genesis Ringers Rehearsal / Bell Rm
7:00pm Wednesday Wonders—Music & Art / LL012 UKirk
7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Rm

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

- 9:00am Sanctuary Cleaning
10:00am PW Circle 7 Elizabeth / Rm 220
4:30pm Carol and Junior Choir Rehearsal / Choir Rm
5:00pm Worship Ministry Meeting / LL010
7pm Deacon Meeting / Rm 220
7:30pm Westminster Ringers Rehearsal

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

⌘ NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP ⌘

September 15, 2024 • 17th Sunday after Pentecost • WPC Family Sunday

Pastor John's sermon, "Taming the Tongue" will be based on Isaiah James 3:1-12.