



WILLIAMSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

PRAYER FOR PREPARATION

Gentle Jesus, you call us to live in your name with honor and respect, fully known to you and precious in your sight. Draw us near to you each day as you teach us how to feed on your gifts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THE GATHERING

PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

PASTORAL GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Nancy Moseley

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS: Stop Hunger Now
ODCS: National Chamber Winds

Jim Kirkpatrick, Outreach
Fritz Ober

PRELUDE

Voluntary

Robert J. Powell

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Leader: Happy are the people

**All: who do not follow the advice of the wicked
or take the path that they follow,
or sit in the seat of people who make fun of others.**

Leader: Their delight is in the law of the Lord,

All: and they meditate on God's law day and night.

Leader: The Lord watches over the way of the righteous,

All: but the way of the wicked will perish.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Leader: Recognizing that we are easily swayed by the wrong advice and that we have strayed from the ways of the Lord, let us confess our sins to God, with hope of finding love and mercy.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

God of wisdom, forgive our foolishness. We desire what we do not need and corrupt our relationships with envy. You urge us to gentleness, but we stir up conflict. Give us your grace, that we may harvest righteousness and peace, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Teacher, we pray. Amen.

A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER

***KYRIE**

Lord, Have Mercy

Schubert

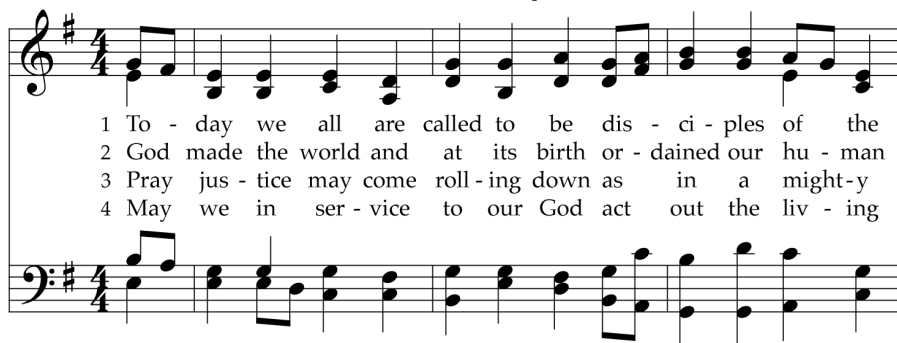
Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy;

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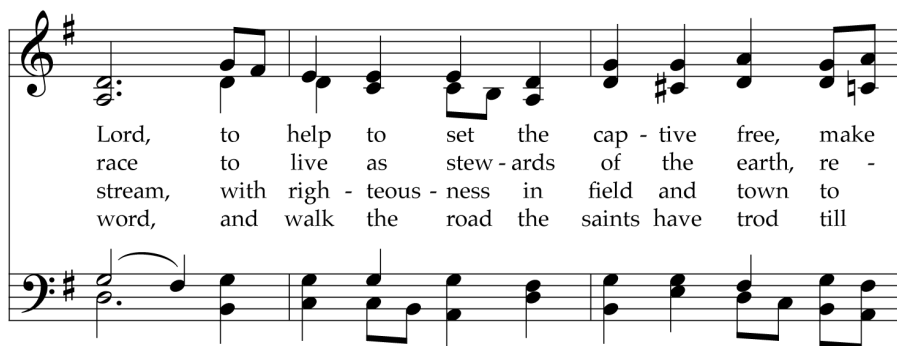
***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Leader: The God who loves and sustains you hears your plea. The Lord desires for you a welcome into the blessed community of freedom and light. Friends, in Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

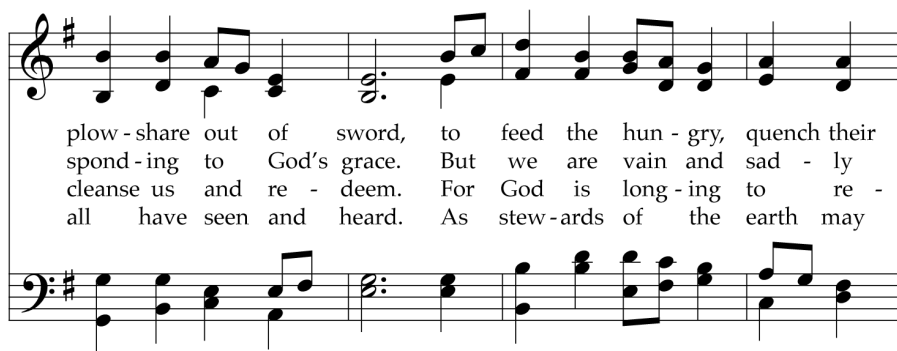
757 Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples



1 To - day we all are called to be dis - ci - ples of the
 2 God made the world and at its birth or - dained our hu - man
 3 Pray jus - tice may come roll - ing down as in a might - y
 4 May we in ser - vice to our God act out the liv - ing



Lord, to help to set the cap - tive free, make
 race to live as stew - ards of the earth, re -
 stream, with righ - teous - ness in field and town to
 word, and walk the road the saints have trod till



plow - share out of sword, to feed the hun - gry, quench their
 spond - ing to God's grace. But we are vain and sad - ly
 cleanse us and re - deem. For God is long - ing to re -
 all have seen and heard. As stew - ards of the earth may

This text placing stewardship in the context of faithful witness was written by a retired Presbyterian minister to be part of the 1986 stewardship campaign titled "Called to Be Disciples." The tune name recalls the Sussex village where the arranger first heard the melody.

***GLORIA**

Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI (Greatorex)

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.

(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

Melody Dillon

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

We pray for your great wisdom, O God, to come to your people and set us free. Help us hear what the Spirit is saying to the church this day. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: *Jeremiah 11:18-20*

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

PSALM 1 (responsive)

Leader: Happy are those
who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread,
or sit in the seat of scoffers;

**All: but their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on his law they meditate day and night.**

Leader: They are like trees
planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither.
In all that they do, they prosper.

**All: The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

Leader: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

**All: for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.**

SECOND LESSON: *James 3:13-18*

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

SERMON

"Wisdom From Above"

Pastor John E. Morgan

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 839

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine

ASSURANCE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: CONFESSION OF 1967 (unison)

God is Spirit, in and of himself infinite in being, glory, blessedness and perfection, all-sufficient, eternal, unchangeable, incomprehensible, everywhere present, almighty, knowing all things, most wise, most holy, most just, most merciful and gracious, longsuffering and abundant in goodness and truth.

839 Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

1 Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a
 2 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, vi - sions of
 3 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest; I in my

fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion,
 rap - ture now burst on my sight; an - gels de - scend - ing,
 Sav - ior am hap - py and blest, watch - ing and wait - ing,

pur - chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.
 bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.
 look - ing a - bove, filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

Refrain

This is my sto - ry; this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior

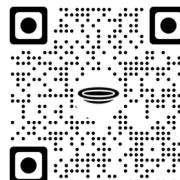
Sometimes this prolific 19th-century hymnwriter wrote texts for others to set, and sometimes she created words for tunes others had composed. This text was of the second kind, and the resulting close fit between words and music has made them both popular and inseparable.

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

Sometimes a Light Surprises

Craig Courtney (b. 1945)

Sometimes a light surprises
The Christian while she sings;
It is the Lord who rises
With healing in his wings:
When comforts are declining,
He grants the soul again
A season of clear shining,
To cheer it after rain.

In holy contemplation
We sweetly then pursue
The theme of God's salvation,
And find it ever new;
Set free from present sorrow,
We cheerfully can say,
"Let the unknown tomorrow
Bring with it what it may."

(Offertory continues on the next page.)

It can bring with it nothing
 But he will bear us through:
 Who gives the lilies clothing
 Will clothe his people too:
 Beneath the spreading heavens
 No creature but is fed;
 And he who feeds the ravens
 Will give his children bread.

Though vines nor fig-tree neither
 Their wanted fruit should bear,
 Though all the fields should wither,
 Nor flocks nor herds be there;
 Yet, God the same abiding,
 His praise shall tune my voice;
 For, while in him confiding,
 I cannot but rejoice.

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise 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.

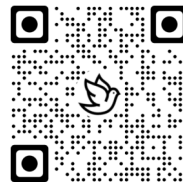
***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

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 432

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

REPTON

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

God Be in My Head

David Fawcett (b. 1964)

God be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be at mine end, and at my departing.

POSTLUDE

Fanfare

Kenneth Leighton

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.

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord 432

Capo 1: (D) (A) (Bm) (G) (D) (A)(D)
 E^b B^b Cm A^b E^b B^b E^b

1 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord, when once we heed your call
 2 But if, for-get - ful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear;
 3 We mar - vel how your saints be-came in hin-dranc-es more sure:
 4 In what you give us, Lord, to do, to - geth - er or a - lone,

(G) (Em) (A) (F^{#m}) (Bm) (G) (Em)
 A^b Fm B^b Gm Cm A^b Fm

to live ac-cord-ing to your word and dai - ly learn, re-freshed, re -
 if world-ly pres-sures fray the mind and love it - self can - not un -
 whose joy - ful vir - tues put to shame the ca-sual way we wear your
 in old rou-tines or ven-tures new, may we not cease to look to

(A7) (D) (A7)(B) (Em) (G)(A7) (D)
 B^{b7} E^b B^{b7} C Fm A^b B^{b7} E^b

stored, that you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.
 wind its tan-gled skein of care: our in-ward life re - pair.
 name, and by our faults ob - scure your power to cleanse and cure.
 you: the cross you hung up - on, all you en - deav-ored, done.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This reflection on Christian vocation was written to provide a new text for a pre-existing tune, and the poet has crafted his words so well that the two parts mesh smoothly. The tune is named for a noted British boarding school, whose music director was a friend of the composer.

☞ **THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY** ☞

PASTOR

John E. Morgan, Pastor/Head of Staff

MUSIC MINISTRY

Christopher Bechtler, Director of Music

WPC Chancel Choir

GUEST ORGANIST

Sarah Bland

GREETERS

9:30am Cheryl Roettger

11:00am Laura Osman, Elizabeth Padgett

USHERS

9:30am Matthew Underwood, Pat Underwood, David Littell, Rebecca Caprio

11:00am Ruth Cobb, Megan Davis, Kathryn Hall, Rebecca Caprio

LITURGIST

Nancy Moseley

SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

Melody Dillon

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOST

Happy and Ralph Simmons

***WILLIAMSBURG LANDING USHERS**

Jerry and Martha Jean Howell

***WINDSOR MEADE USHER**

Paul Hotinger and Ray Whitney

AUDIO AND VIDEO TECHNICIANS: Dick Sahlen 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 22 – Saturday, September 28

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

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

- The family of WPC member, Fred B. Satterwhite, who died on Sunday, September 1, 2024 at TerraBella of Newton, NC. No services are scheduled at this time.
- The families of WPC who have lost beloved family members or friends recently.

Please pray for:

- Lee Beach, Clara Crumbly, Wolf Koenig, Nell Stowe, Doris Gilfillan, Carole McNeel
- 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 🌀

- Norman Elton, Organist and Assistant Director of Music, is spending time with family; Pastor Pam Hrcir attending Continuing Education.
- **Sign-Ups for Coffee Hosts/Ushers/Greeters:** 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 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>

- **The Open Door Concert Series is excited to kick off its 2024-2025 season with the *National Chamber Winds*.** Since its founding in 2017, the National Chamber Winds have risen to become a premier wind ensemble in the capital region. Their unique instrumentation, including flutes, oboes, clarinets, horns, bassoons, and double bass, affords the opportunity to perform a vast array of repertoire. This program, entitled Mozart in the Garden, pairs major compositions by the contemporary Jonathan Dove and classical W. A. Mozart. **This free concert starts at 4:00pm TODAY, Sunday, September 22. Doors open at 3:30pm. Invite a friend to join you!**
- **Fall Ice Cream Social: September 29, 2:00-4:00pm in the small parking lot next to the playground.** Drop in to enjoy some ice cream with your favorite topping and a relaxing afternoon with WPC church family members! **Please sign up in the Welcome Center or online at mywpc.org/calendar so we can plan for you.** All are welcome! Contact Bev Whitley or the church office with any questions.
- **October 13 has become available to provide flowers to enhance our worship experience.** Contact Ruth Cobb* if you are interested.
- **SAVE THE DATE for Kitchen Orientation and Training Final Date: Thursday, October 3, 3:30 pm.** 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. Signup in the Welcome Center for the October training date.
- **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.**

- **Sign up Now for the First KidsConnect Day Camp of the School Year: Friday, October 4, 9am-4pm.** When our public school teachers have scheduled work days, the students have one-day student holidays. On these days throughout the school year, WPC provides a loving, safe, fun and meaningful day for our school-age children , Kindergarten through 5th Grade.

The following dates have been set for KidsConnect Day Camp: **October 4, 2024, November 4, 2024, January 27, 2025, March 3, 2025; 9am - 4pm.** The cost is \$15/camper per session, with a \$40 maximum per family, to be collected at the door. Register below for any or all days. Registration for all sessions is now open online and space is limited.

- **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.
- **HOLD THE DATE: Saturday, November 2, 2024, is the date for our RISE AGAINST HUNGER event.** Mark your calendars so everyone can participate in the event to help eradicate World Hunger. This year we plan to package 45,000 meals at a cost of \$18,500. Look for the RISE AGAINST HUNGER notifications regarding shifts and how to sign up. Also, be sure to “opt in” to the RAH group in ShelbyNext. You can also reach out with questions or concerns by sending a note to volunteer@mywpc.org
- **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/oy3qgn>

***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 22

- 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
4:00pm ODCS: National Chamber Winds • Mozart in the Garden / Sanctuary • *Doors open at 3:30pm*
5:30pm Youth Group / Senior High Room

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

- 1:00pm Caregiver Support Group / Rm 123
2:00pm WPC Book Club / Rm 220
6:30pm Williamsburg Choral Guild Rehearsal / Sanctuary

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

- 10:00am Adult Bible Study—Christian Believer: Knowing God with Heart and Mind / Rm 220
1:00pm Staff Meeting / Zoom
2:00pm Resources Ministry Retreat / Stevenson Hall
6:30pm UKirk Dinner & Dialogue / UKirk Rm
7:00pm AA Williamsburg Big Book Study / LL009 and LL049

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

- 7:30am Men's Bible & Bacon Study / Stevenson Hall
9:30am Presbyterian Women's Coordinating Team / Rm 220
6:00pm Joyful Ringers Rehearsal / Bell Rm
7:00pm Wednesday Wonders—Life Skills / LL012 UKirk
7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Rm

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

- 9:00am Sanctuary Cleaning
4:30pm Carol and Junior Choir Rehearsal / Choir Rm
7:00pm ARC Event-W&M Literacy Program / Stevenson Hall
7:00pm Session Meeting / Rm 220
7:30pm Westminster Ringers Rehearsal

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

☞ NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP ☞

September 29, 2024 • 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor John's sermon "Give a Cup of Water" will be based on Mark 9:38-41, 50.