

# WILLIAMSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 21st Sunday After Pentecost October 13, 2024

# PRAYER FOR PREPARATION

Listening God, hear your church today as we bring our joys and our concerns, our thanksgivings and our demands. Fill us with the assurance that you truly hear our words and thoughts, our songs and our tears. In the name of the one who always shows us the way, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# THE GATHERING PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

#### PASTORAL GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Harley Stewart

MINUTE FOR MISSION: Stewardship

Summer Kirkpatrick

**PRELUDE** 

We Will Rejoice Carol Choir and Junior Choir Ruth Elaine Schram

We will rejoice, we will rejoice, We will rejoice and be glad. We will rejoice, we will rejoice, We will rejoice and be glad.

No matter what goes wrong, The Lord with give you a song; Rejoice and be glad!

We will rejoice and be glad.

We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad. We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad.

(Prelude continues on the next page.)

<sup>\*</sup>Please rise in body or spirit.
Bold type face congregation participates in word or song.

So if you're feeling down, God's song can turn you around; Rejoice and be glad! We will rejoice and be glad.

So lift your voice, rejoice, rejoice! Rejoice and be glad! We will rejoice and be glad.

## **CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsive)

Leader: For those who have not been welcomed before.

All: You are welcomed by Christ here.
Leader: For those who have been turned away,
All: Christ is opening the door for you.
Leader: For those who have been forgotten,

All: God cannot forget you, for God made you. Leader: Come, join together in worship of our God.

All: You are God's beloved. We welcome each other in the name of Christ.

\*Hymn 687

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

St. Anne

#### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: We have a great high priest who can sympathize with our weakness: Jesus, God's Son, our Savior. Therefore, with confidence, let us confess our sin.

# \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of justice and mercy, we confess that we put ourselves first and trust in things that will not last. We desire the evil and scorn the good; we gather up power and wealth and push aside the needy in our way. O Lord, be gracious to us in spite of our great sin. Teach us to love your justice and share in your mercy. Help us to seek the treasure of heavenly life with you; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

#### A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER

# 687 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past



- 5 Time, like an ever rolling stream, bears all our years away; they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.
- 6 Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, be thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home.

Many people sing this hymn unaware that it paraphrases Psalm 90, partly because this text speaks so immediately to the human condition. Since the middle of the 19th century, it has usually been joined to this tune named for the London parish where the composer was organist.



#### \*Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: We have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens: Jesus, God's Son, our Savior. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.



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

# THE WORD

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Reveal to us your Word, O God, living and active in our world by the power of your Holy Spirit. Let your Word pierce our hearts and open our minds, dividing good from evil, truth from falsehood, life from death; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Hebrews 4:12-16

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

**PSALM 90:12-17** (responsive)

Leader: So teach us to count our days

that we may gain a wise heart.

All: Turn, O Lord! How long?

Have compassion on your servants!

Leader: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,

so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

All: Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us

and as many years as we have seen evil.

Leader: Let your work be manifest to your servants

and your glorious power to their children.

All: Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us

and prosper for us the work of our hands-

O prosper the work of our hands!

SECOND LESSON: Mark 10:17-31

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON "Receive 100 Fold"

Pastor John E. Morgan

# RESPONDING TO THE WORD



# \*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**

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**

My Hope Is Built

arr. Tom Trenney

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness comes to hide his face, I rest on his unchanging grace: In every high and stormy gale, My anchor holds within the veil.

(Offertory continues on the next page.)

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand; All other ground is sinking sand.

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found, Dressed in his righteousness alone, Faultless to stand before the throne. On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand; All other ground is sinking sand.

Christ is the rock! On Christ, the solid rock, I stand, Not on that sinking sand.



#### \*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 <a href="may">mywpc.org/friendship</a> or scan the QR code at the right to access the online friendship register.



\*HYMN 697

Take My Life and Let It Be

HENDON

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Postlude Fantasia Krebs

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 ◆

This morning's organ music features Johann Krebs, a German composer who lived from 1713-1780. Like his father, Krebs was a pupil of J. S. Bach. His performance technique rivaled those of his teacher, and his compositions were equally well-regarded. Unfortunately he rose to prominence as the Baroque era was waning. He was unable to find employment that matched his musical prowess. He never held a royal court composer or major cathedral post, nor was he commissioned to write music for compensation.

#### > THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ◆

The Chancel Flowers are given today to the glory of God and in honor of her mother, Nannette Hall, 91 years young by Kathryn Hall.



- 5 Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne, it shall be thy royal throne.
- 6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store; take myself and I will be ever, only, all for thee, ever, only, all for thee.

This hymn of consecration radiates from the repeated word "take," resulting in a remarkably full survey of a person's attributes and possessions and giving weight to the "all" at the end. The composer of the tune was influential in the renewal of Reformed hymnody in French.

#### >> THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY ◆ ↑

#### **PASTOR**

John E. Morgan, Pastor/Head of Staff

Pam Hrncir. Associate Pastor

#### **MUSIC MINISTRY**

Christopher Bechtler, Director of Music

Norman Elton, Organist and Assistant Director of Music

Carol Choir and Junior Choir directed by Rebecca Elton

WPC Chancel Choir

#### GREETERS

9:30am Bill Riffer

11:00am Wray and Jan Russell

#### **USHERS**

9:30am Lynn Newcomer, Tony Annoni, John VanAken, David Littell

11:00am Bob Bolstad, Ruth Cobb, Pat Murray, Rick Murray

#### LITURGIST

Harley Stewart

#### SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

Laura Bechtler

#### **COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOST**

Jim Carey, Cherie Wodarski

#### \*WILLIAMSBURG LANDING USHERS

Ric Cheston, Linda Eichhorn

#### \*WINDSOR MEADE USHER

Paul Hotinger and Ray Whitney

AUDIO AND VIDEO TECHNICIANS: Mike Squire and John Schoenberger

<sup>\*</sup>Satellite campuses

#### **≫ WPC Elders, Deacons & Staff ⋖**

#### SESSION: CLASSES OF 2025, 2026, 2027

Moderator: John E. Morgan Clerk of Session: Diane Schwarz

Administration: Faith Shartzer\* (25), Sarah Houghland (25), Margie Newcomer (26), Larry Pulley (26)

Christian Education: Sallie McLain\* (25), Kelly Kirkpatrick (26), JD Due\* (26), Kathryn Hall (27)

Christian Outreach: \* Jim Winthrop\* (25), Joseph Kinard (27)

Communications: Ellen Peters (27)

Facilities: Dale Trowbridge\* (25), Jerry Howell (26), Ric Cheston (27)

Resources: Elaine McBeth (25), Jay Eaton (26), Marc Moyers (27)

Worship: Becky Mckinley\* (27)

#### **ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE:**

Al Thomas\* (25), Jim Austin (26), Joseph Kinard (26), Hank Vernon (25)

#### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE: CLASS OF 2024-25**

Moderator: Jerry Howell\*, Ric Cheston\*\*, Roban Graham, Ellen D'Orsogna, Jay Hardy, Dave McLain,

Bev Whitley

\*Moderator \*\*Second Chair

#### BOARD OF DEACONS: CLASSES OF 2025, 2026, 2027

Moderator: Copper Perry (25) Vice-Moderator: Eric Beckhusen (26)

Pastoral Advisor: Pam Hrncir, Associate Pastor

Secretary: Jo Ann Youhas (25)

#### **CARE TEAMS**

Care Connections: Harold Herring (25), Jennifer LaDow (26), Suzanne Stuart (27)

Grief: Copper Perry (25), Bev Whitley (27)

Brookdale and Other Asst. Living: Robin Sabo (26)

Patriot's Colony: Sue Rennagel (25)

Williamsburg Landing: Doris Gilfillan(26), Carolyn Lodzieski (26)

Windsor Meade: Happy Simmons (25), Martha Burian (26)

#### **MINISTRY TEAMS**

Celebrations and Concerns: Sarah Horner (25), Laura Osman (27)

Christian Fellowship: Happy Simmons (25), Sue Rennagel (25), Sarah Dulaney (25), Jim Carey (27)

Flower Sharing: Laura Bechtler (25): Leigh Sutherland (26), Carol Thomas (26)

New Member: Deborah Rockafellow (25), Eric Beckhusen (26), Rodney Lawrence (27)

Memorial Receptions: Rebecca Caprio (26), Jo Ann Youhas (25), Karen Lauritzen (27), Julia Smith (27)

Memorial Services: Ford Mosely (27), Jack Lassiter (27), Kathy Chambers (27), Dave Littell (25)

#### **STAFF**

Pastoral Staff: John E. Morgan, Pastor/Head of Staff; Pam Hrncir, Covenant Pastor for Congregational Care Program Staff: Melody Dillon, Director of Children and Family Ministries; Adrian Williams, Director of Youth, Campus, and Adult Ministries

Music Staff: Chris Bechtler, Director of Music; Norman Elton, Organist, Assistant Director of Music;

Rebecca Elton, Carol Choir Director

**Administrative Staff:** Stephen Foster, Director of Finance and Administration; Vanessa Gamble, Church Secretary; Martha Reier, Administrative Assistant; Sherry Volk, Director of Communications; Barbara Walker, Accounting Assistant

Facility Staff: Elbert Fleming, Facility Manager; Hugh Jamerson, Sexton

Audio Booth: John Schoenberger, Technician

#### >> CHILDREN'S STATEMENT ◆

**Children are welcome at WPC!** We have Sunday School for all ages at 9:30am and a nursery for children ages 3 and below during both services. We also have children's worship bags and sensory objects available to be borrowed while in the building. Please ask an usher if you need assistance in locating anything.

The way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to The Church, to God, and to one another. Let them know, and let us show them, that they are at home in this house of worship. Parents, feel free to sit near the front where children can see, explain the parts of the service to them, and invite them to learn by watching and copying. And relax, God put the wiggle in children, so don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome!

#### **≫ 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, October 13 - Saturday, October 19

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

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

• The families of WPC who have lost beloved family members or friends recently.

#### Please pray for our sick and shut-in:

• Michelle, daughter of Ellen and Gene D'Orsogna, Denny Yeignst, Bob Siclari, Carol Sorensen, George Harris, Lee Beach, Clara Crumbly, Wolf Koenig, Nell Stowe, Doris Gilfillan, Carole McNeel

#### Please pray for those:

• Recovering from various surgeries and our sick and shut-ins who are at home or facility bound, who have family and friend concerns, affected by Hurricanes Helene and Milton, attending and serving in the school systems, serving our country in the military services and their families, affected by the wars in Gaza, Israel, Sudan, Lebanon and Ukraine.

#### **➢ ANNOUNCEMENTS ←**

- Sunday Morning Parking at Williamsburg Baptist Church Notice: It has been brought to our attention WPC members are parking in the WBC parking lot on Sunday morning. This is creating a parking issue for members and people who rent parking spaces from the church. Please do not park in their parking lot at any time but especially on Sunday mornings unless we have been given permission to do so. Also, they are in the process of grinding stumps and getting ready to replant in an area of the parking lot and they do not want to be responsible for any potential damages to vehicles.
- Long time members Lewis and Winnie Bryant moved to Lexington Kentucky four years ago. Lewis and Winnie's health is declining, and their daughter Becky is trying to track down their Williamsburg friends. If you know the Bryants, could you please let Vanessa or Pastor Pam know.
- WPC Trunk or Treat: Sunday, October 27, 4-5:30pm. Join us for our annual Community Trunk or Treat! There will be signup sheets in the Welcome Center and online for those who would like to host a decorated trunk, with prizes for the best trunk. This is a free event, and all are welcome to attend...no signup needed! Kids will trick or treat from trunk to trunk in the big parking lot behind the church. If you plan to host a trunk, please arrive at 3:30pm to setup. Not hosting a truck? You can still participate by donating bags of candy. There is a bin in the Welcome Center for donations. Questions? Contact Melody Dillon\*
- Dining Together: We are a BIG church! We cherish the wonderful things a large congregation makes possible, including many opportunities to work together in SMALL groups. So, why not just have some fun getting to know other members of WPC through great conversations over lunch or dinner together this fall and winter. Our Dining Together groups will be organized in October and kick off with a potluck dinner at the church on Sunday, November 3. Singles and couples are encouraged to participate. In the past, diners often rotated hosting in each other's homes, but more recently, choosing favorite restaurants to share together has become a popular option. Please sign up before Monday, October 21 and indicate your preferences. Sign ups in the fellowship hall, the back entrance and in the welcome center. We hope to see you there.
- Presbyterian Food Week of Action/FISH Food Collection: The Presbyterian Hunger Program supports the national "Food Week of Action" (October 13-20), which seeks to bring attention to protecting the land and people in our food systems, such as those neighbors in our area who are food insecure. As a PC (USA) Hunger Action Congregation, WPC supports this effort and to observe the event urges the congregation to make an extra effort to make October's FISH donation an especially bountiful one.

**Our next FISH collection will be Sunday, October 20.** 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; diapers (size 4 and 5), and laundry detergent. Please place your donations in or near the red shopping cart located by the rear entrance. The Outreach Committee thanks you for your generous participation.

• Bake Cookies and Send God's Love to Prison: On Thursday, October 31 WPC will be participating in a Prison Ministry weekend at Nottoway Correctional Center in Burkeville, Virginia. As part of this weekend ministry, thousands of homemade cookies are given out to the residents in Nottoway prison and for that we need your help. Your homemade cookies tell the residents that someone who doesn't even know them still cares enough to give them something without wanting something in return. We started out needing 33 volunteers to make three dozen cookies each and now after a great response we now only need 19 volunteers to bake! You can pick up instructions and Ziploc bags for the cookies in the Welcome Center at WPC. Questions? Contact CW Stacks or Joe Avellar.

You also are invited to attend the Kairos Weekend Closing Ceremony on November 3 at 12:30pm at the prison. Anyone male or female over 18 years of age can attend. If you would like to participate, you will need to complete a background check form no later than October 17. Contact CW Stacks or Joe Avellar for a copy of the background check form and Department of Correction rules for visitors.

• 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. Scan the QR code to the right to access the shifts and registration for the Rise Against Hunger event. 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. Any questions, please contact CW Stacks\* or Joe Avellar\*



- Fluvanna Correctional Center for Women: The Presbyterian Women of WPC are inviting the congregation to join them in a prison ministry sponsored by Grace Inside to provide inmates with a gift of personal items at Christmas. This ministry means so much to the inmates. It sends the message that even though they have made a mistake, people still care about them God still cares about them. The items are limited to: one toothbrush in its original container, 6.0 oz of toothpaste, 2.6 oz stick deodorant, 15 oz body lotion, and 18 oz of shampoo. Amounts cannot be exceeded. The Presbyterian Women are happy to purchase items if you wish to give a cash donation instead. Each gift costs about \$7.25. All items or cash in an envelope should be placed in the box marked "Fluvanna" in the Welcome Center through October. Questions may be directed to Pat Underwood\*
- 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

- Attention All WPC Staff and Kitchen Event Volunteers: Food Storage in the Kitchen Refrigerator and
  Freezer. Please remember to label any food left in the refrigerator or freezer with your name and the date.
  Labels and a pen are attached to the refrigerator for your use. Too much food is left inside and the Kitchen
  Committee has no idea who it belongs to or how long it has been stored. In the future, If items are not
  labeled we will be making a concerted effort to discard food each week. Thank you from the WPC Kitchen
  Committee.
- WPC Choir Member and incoming Affiliate Member, Anastasia Blanchet, recently made a career move and relocated to Williamsburg for a position as a tailor with Colonial Williamsburg. Anastasia left a tight knit family NY and has no family here in VA. She has secured permanent housing and is looking for a roommate. If you know of someone looking for a place to live with a roommate, please have them contact Anastasia. Her contact information can be found in the ShelbyNeXt membership records.
- Cleaning of the sanctuary takes place weekly Thursday morning by the Church Sexton. Lately coffee cups, plastic cups, food wrapping and lots of crumbs are left in the sanctuary. Please remember there is no eating and drinking in the sanctuary during worship services. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

\*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, OCTOBER 13**

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

12:00pm New Member Luncheon / Stevenson Hall
1:00pm WPC Youth Pumpkin Trip to the Pumpkin Patch
4:00pm Williamsburg Choral Guild Fall Concert / Sanctuary

#### **MONDAY, OCTOBER 14**

1:00pm Caregiver Support Group / Rm 123

5:30pm Christian Education Ministry Meeting / Rm 220 7:00pm Hunger and Homeless Meeting / LL010

#### **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15**

10:00am Adult Bible Study—Christian Believer: Knowing God with Heart and Mind / Rm 220

11:45am Communications Ministry Meeting / Rm 220

1:00pm Staff Meeting / Zoom 6:00pm ARC Event / Stevenson

6:30pm UKirk Dinner & Dialogue /UKirk Rm 7:00pm Christian Fellowship Committee / RM 220

7:00pm AA Williamsburg Big Book Study / LL009 and LL049

#### **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16**

1:30pm Preschool Dance & Play / Rm 123 and Rm 125 5:00pm Nominating Committee Meeting / Rm 220 6:00pm Joyful Ringers Rehearsal / Bell Rm

7:00pm Wednesday Wonders—Favorite Foods / LL012 UKirk

7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Rm

#### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17

9:00am Sanctuary Cleaning

4:30pm Carol and Junior Choir Rehearsal / Choir Rm
5:00pm Christian Outreach Ministry Meeting / LL010
7:00pm Gym Guyz ARC Event / Stevenson Hall
7:30pm Westminster Ringers Rehearsal / Bell Rm

#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18

#### **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19**

#### > NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP \$

October 20, 2024 • 22nd Sunday after Pentecost
WPC Family Worship Sunday followed by WPC Family Afternoon at 12pm

Pastor John's sermon "Become a Servant" will be based on Mark 10:35-45.