

# WILLIAMSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST DEDICATION SUNDAY OCTOBER 27, 2024

# PRAYER FOR PREPARATION

God of power and mercy, you gather your people with the love of a parent for a child. You hear our cries in the night and in the day; you answer with healing and hope. Gather us into your strength and feed us with your wisdom. Amen.

# THE GATHERING PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

#### PASTORAL GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH** 

**Tommy Michaels** 

Prelude

Rondo Passacaglia Westminster Ringers Dobrinski

# **CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsive)

Leader: The Lord has filled our mouths with laughter

and our tongues with shouts of joy.

All: The Lord has done great things for us,

and we are glad indeed.

\*Hymn 37

Let All Things Now Living

ASH GROVE

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

#### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: In spite of our best efforts to live faithfully, we fall short of what God intends for us. Because God has already promised to be merciful, we dare to tell the truth about our lives. In humility and trust, let us confess our sin.

# \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

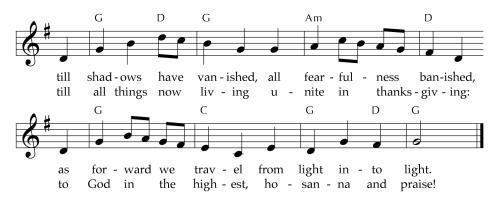
Generous God, you have given us so much. Give us one more thing. Give us thankful hearts because we know our hearts can be hard and cold. We often hold on when we should let go. We are clutching when we should be spending, hoarding when we could be generous, doubting when we should lean on faith. We are fearful instead of trusting in your everlasting care. Open our hands and our hearts to the bounty of your love, which cares for the flowers of the fields, the birds in the air, each child who toddles, every parent who worries, every adult who struggles. Loving God, you have given us so much. Give us again the assurance of your love and care, and fill us with grateful hearts and open hands. Amen.

#### A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER





Written for an easy-to-sing folk melody familiar in England as well as Wales, this 20th-century North American text bears many resemblances to both Psalm 148 and the traditional canticle *Benedicite, omnia opera Domini* (Bless the Lord, all you works of the Lord).



## \*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Hear the promise of the Lord: Those who love me, I will deliver. When you call me, I will answer. I will rescue you from danger and show you my salvation. Believe this good news: 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)

Almighty God, speak your Word to us, and guide our feet, that we might be hearers and doers of your word. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 31:7-9 Tommy Michael

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

# PSALM 126 (unison)

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion. we were like those who dream. Then our mouth was filled with laughter and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them." The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced. Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb. May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy. Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

**SECOND LESSON:** 1 Timothy 6:17-19

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Pastor John E. Morgan

**SERMON** "A Time to Flourish"

# RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*Hymn 708

We Give Thee But Thine Own

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

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!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

# 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 <u>mywpc.org/offering</u> 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.

# LITANY OF STEWARDSHIP

Leader: Now there are various gifts, but the same Spirit.

All: With grateful hearts, we dedicate, not only these intentions of giving, but the gifts of ourselves, acknowledging that all that we are and all that we have are gifts

from God.

Leader: There are varieties of service, but the same Lord.

All: Stirred by the Spirit, we dedicate ourselves to the work of Christ's church in this place, recognizing and honoring among us the array of services necessary to meet a hurting and needy world.

(Litany continues on the next page.)

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# We Give Thanks unto You

Your Love Is Never Ending (Psalm 136)



A recurring refrain ends each verse of Psalm 136, so the stanzas of this paraphrase follow that pattern. This feature strongly suggests that this psalm was used in worship, with the narrative of God's mighty deeds sung by a cantor and the congregation responding with the refrain.

Leader: There are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.

All: With renewed conviction, we commit to seek out and be receptive to new and fresh opportunities to make known God's message of reconciliation in this community and beyond.

May God's Spirit work within us and among us to strengthen our bonds with one another, as we endeavor to serve the Lord with gratitude and enthusiasm.

At this time you are invited to come forward and place your pledge card in the basket as an act of worship and dedication. If you pledged online or already turned in your card, you may still come forward and touch the basket as your dedication.

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending Zebulon Highben Chancel Choir, Joyful Ringers, Carol Choir, and Junior Choir

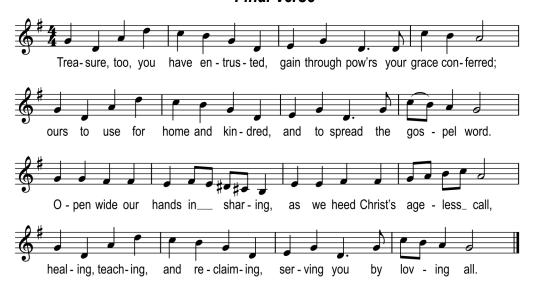
God, whose giving knows no ending, From your rick and endless store: Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, Costly cross, grave's shattered door, Gifted by you, we turn to you, Offering up ourselves in praise; Thankful song shall rise forever, Gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing
Toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
Now thank we all our God
With hearts and hands and voices,
All at peace and health and freedom,
Races joined, the church made one.
Who wondrous things has done,
In whom this world rejoices.

Now direct our daily labor, Lest we strive for self alone; Born with talents, make us servants Fit to answer at your throne.

Please join the choirs in singing the final verse which is on the next page.

# Final Verse





\*DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS AND PLEDGE CARDS

# 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 <u>mywpc.org/friendship</u> or scan the QR code at the right to access the online friendship register.



\*HYMN 39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness FAITHFULNESS

#### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Postlude

Danse Macabre Westminster Ringers

Saint-Saëns / arr. Keller

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.

## **Copyright Notices**

"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

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# Great Is Thy Faithfulness



\*Or "Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator."

Written as a meditation on Lamentations 3:22–23, this text is one of the few hymns among the 1200 poems by this Methodist writer and pastor that has gained much currency. The tune that appears here was composed especially for these words, and the pairing has proved enduring.



#### >> NOTES ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC ◆

Our prelude is a festive piece by Virginia composer Cynthia Dobrinski. It is based on two musical forms. A "rondo" is a piece of music that features a recurring theme, interspersed with creative variations. The "passacaglia" originated as a 17th century Spanish dance in triple meter featuring patterns of repeated notes. The two forms are often found together.

This morning's postlude is one of Camille Saint-Saëns's symphonic masterpieces. The music tells the story of the dead being called from their graves on Halloween. They dance and celebrate until the cock crows at dawn, at which point they return to their homes until the following year. The work has been featured widely since its composition 1874, most recently highlighted in the opening ceremonies of the 2024 Summer Olympics.

"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending" celebrates and thanks God for the many gifts that God gives us. The second half of the final stanza calls for us to share these gifts, "healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all." Two lines from the familiar hymn "Now Thank We All Our God," sung by our children's choirs, add to the message of gratitude.

As a conclusion to our formal stewardship season, the music ministry offers this anthem in thanks to God and to you, our congregation, for your support. We celebrate today with everyone involved in our music ministry—our children's choirs, handbell choirs, chancel choir, organ, and, in the final verse, our congregation.

## **THE CHANCEL FLOWERS** ◆

The Chancel Flowers are given today to the glory of God and in loving memory of his son, David Irwin Kale, his good friend, Jim Weaver and her father, John W. Hasty by Kelly and Wilford Kale.

#### > 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

Westminster Ringers directed by Norman Elton

Carol Choir and Junior Choir directed by Rebecca Elton

Joyful Ringers directed by Chris Bechtler

WPC Chancel Choir

#### **GRFFTFRS**

9:30am Bill Riffer

11:00am Gerry and Jackie Ward

#### USHERS

9:30am Matthew Underwood, Pat Underwood, Rebecca Caprio, Karen Lauritzen

11:00am Gene D'Orsogna, Ellen D'Orsogna, Tom Moul, Rebecca Caprio

#### YOUTH USHER

11:00am Jack Kirkpatrick

#### LITURGIST

**Tommy Michaels** 

#### SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

Megan Davis

## **COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOST**

Sarah Dulaney, Kelly Kirkpatrick, Jim Kirkpatrick

# \*WILLIAMSBURG LANDING USHERS

Dottie Teubner and Terry Backus

## \*WINDSOR MEADE USHER

Paul Hotinger and Ray Whitney

AUDIO AND VIDEO TECHNICIANS: Dick Sahlen 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:**

Hank Vernon\* (25), Jim Austin (26), Joseph Kinard (26), Martha Squires (27), Al Thomas\* (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 27 - Saturday, November 2

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 ←**

- WPC Trunk or Treat: THIS AFTERNOON Sunday, October 27, 4-5:30pm. Join us for our annual Community Trunk or Treat! 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.
- If you haven't done so, please consider volunteering for or sponsoring our <u>RISE AGAINST HUNGER</u> event to be held on Saturday afternoon, November 2. We still need volunteers for the second shift from 1:30pm to 3:30pm. You can sign-up to volunteer at the table near the Church Office, on-line with a note to <u>volunteer@mywpc.org</u> or via the link <u>www.mywpc.org/rah</u>. We still need to raise \$15,642; donations are accepted via the envelopes at the sign-up table, online via the registration website, or mail a check payable to the Williamsburg Presbyterian Church, designated for 2024 RISE AGAINST HUNGER event. If you have any questions about the event, please contact Gary Davis or Jim Kirkpatrick.
- Was God ever sorry? For sure. To explore this concept The Squares (a men's group) will consider a time when God was so sorry that He destroyed the world with life giving water. Was that a good or bad thing? To answer this perplexing question The Squares will use the story of Noah by meeting on Thursday evening, November 7 at 7:30 in room 227 or via Zoom to struggle with this question.
- What's Your Next Move? "Designing Your Own Roadmap to Aging": Please join us on November 10 after the 11am worship service for WPC's inaugural event to help us flourish physically, mentally, and spiritually through the later years of life. We will gain wisdom from a personal story about the choices we make (or don't make) and from our speaker, Dr. Christine Jensen. Dr. Jenson is the Director of Health Services Research at the Martha W. Goodson Center of Riverside Health (formerly the Riverside Center for Excellence in Aging and Lifelong Health). She will give us an overview of aging expectations, realities, and the many resources available in Williamsburg for the opportunity to live our best life. Lunch will be served, and there is no charge. Please sign up in the back lobby or online at <a href="mayurecorg/roadmaptoaging">myyurecorg/roadmaptoaging</a>.
- 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. <a href="https://mealtrain.com/oy3qgn">https://mealtrain.com/oy3qgn</a>

- 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.
- 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 <</p>

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27 • COMMUNION SUNDAY

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

11:00am In-person Worship / Sanctuary; Broadcast on FM93.5 The Burg and AM740 or wmbgradio.com

4:00pm Trunk or Treat / Back Parking Lot

#### **MONDAY, OCTOBER 28**

Kirk Connections Submission Deadline

1:00pm Caregiver Support Group / Rm 123

2:00pm WPC Book Club / Rm 220

6:30pm Williamsburg Choral Guild Rehearsal / Sanctuary

#### **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29**

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

1:00pm Staff Meeting / Zoom

2:00pm From His Hand Motel Meals Prep / Kitchen

3:00pm Endowment Committee / Rm 220 6:30pm UKirk Dinner & Dialogue /UKirk Rm

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

#### **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30**

1:30pm Preschool Dance & Play / Rm 123 and Rm 125

6:00pm Joyful Ringers Rehearsal / Bell Rm

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

7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Rm

#### **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31**

9:00am Sanctuary Cleaning

4:30pm Carol and Junior Choir Rehearsal / Choir Rm
5:00pm Nominating Committee Meeting / Rm 220
7:30pm Westminster Ringers Rehearsal / Bell Rm

#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

9:00am Grief and Loss Memorial Building / Rm 220

11:00am Rise Against Hunger / Stevenson Hall and Sanctuary

> NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP ◆

November 1, 2024 • 24th Sunday after Pentecost Communion Sunday

Pastor Pam's sermon will be based on Mark 12:28-34.