

WILLIAMSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER NOVEMBER 3, 2024

PRAYER FOR PREPARATION

O God, we thank you for gathering us together. Open our hearts and minds to hear and understand your commandments. Through your Holy Spirit renew in us a desire to follow you in heart, mind, and soul, that we may love you and lift up your name. In Christ we pray. Amen.

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THE GATHERING PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

PASTORAL GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH Hank Vernon

PRELUDE Lord, I Want to Be a Christian arr. Belfield

MINUTE FOR MISSION: What's Your Next Move?

Diane Schwarz

Designing Your Roadmap to Aging.

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Leader: Hear, O people: The Lord is our God,

All: the Lord alone.

Leader: We shall love the Lord with all our heart, soul, and might.

All: We will keep these words in our hearts.

Let us worship God!

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Bold type face congregation participates in word or song.

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For All the Saints



- 1 For all the saints who from their la-bors rest, who
- 2 Thou wast their rock, their for-tress, and their might;
- 3 O blest com mu nion, fel low-ship di vine!
- 4 And when the strife is fierce, the war-fare long,
- 5 From earth's wide bounds, from o-cean's far-thest coast, through



The broad and sweeping tune with which this hymn is so closely identified was created to be sung during a reverent but dramatic procession at the beginning of an All Saints' Day service, an enacted representation of the enduring "fellowship divine" celebrated by this text.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: Jesus, our great high priest, calls us to confess our sins, to receive forgiveness, and to be renewed for lives of freedom and joy.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Holy God, giver of all good things, we have failed to live in thanksgiving for Earth, for our families, for neighbors, and for strangers, for the air we breathe, the water we drink, and the soil that grows our food. Forgive us for sins against you, your creation, and our neighbors, through disobedience to your will in word and deed. Teach us to love the way of blamelessness and to be happy in your steadfast love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER



*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: For the sake of Jesus Christ who died and rose for us, God forgives us all our sin. Through the power of the Holy Trinity alive in our midst, God's mercy turns us toward what is good and just so that we may love God and love our neighbor. Amen.



(11:00) SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

Melody Dillon

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Through your Word, O God, let your Holy Spirit open our insight, remove our ignorance, kindle our zeal, and bind us to you, in Jesus' name. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Deuteronomy 6:1-9 Hank Vernon

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: Mark 12:28-34

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON "Lead the Way" Pastor Pam Hrncir

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 63 The Lord Is God AZMON

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: FROM THE CONFESSION OF 1967, SECTIONS 9:31-33 (Unison)

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as God's reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares God's labor of healing the enmities which separate people from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to his call. The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church 's mission.

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.





This hymn paraphrases the *Shema* (Deuteronomy 6:4–9), an ancient and central affirmation of Jewish monotheistic faith that observant Jews still recite twice a day. Jesus knew it well and called it the first and great commandment (Matthew 22:38/Mark 12:28–29/Luke 10:26–28).

TEXT: David Gambrell, 2011 MUSIC: Carl Gotthelf Gläser, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1839 Text © 2011 David Gambrell (admin. Presbyterian Publishing Corp.) Even if the mountains were to fall into the sea, Waters were to surge upon the earth, Hope still lives in a most holy place, A place that shall not move, for I am here.

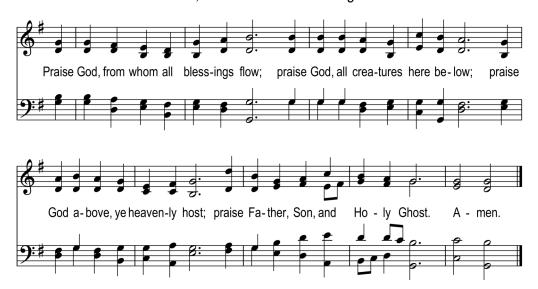
Refrain:

Be still and know that I am your God. Be still and know, and you'll find rest, A refuge for your soul. Be still and know.

When nations roar and kingdoms fall, Still you shall not fear. My strength and hope will keep you on your way; Wars shall cease and the shields melt with fire; Listen, then, for you will hear my voice. (Refrain)

Keep your mind on things above and not on earthly things; You're hidden with me in the safest place. Your old self has dies and is risen again; Your death shall be what brings you to new life. (Refrain)

-Psalm 46



SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Williamsburg Presbyterian Church welcomes all who believe in Jesus Christ to share the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper with us today. We receive the elements by means of intinction, taking a piece of bread and dipping it into the cup. For those who desire an individual serving, regular or gluten free, they will be on a table in front of the baptismal font and on the small tables located in the balcony. If you are seated on the main floor of the sanctuary, you are invited to come forward to the chancel area by way of the center aisle and return to your pews by the side aisle. If you are sitting in the balcony, an usher will guide you to the sacrament. If you are unable to come forward easily, please signal to one of the ushers or elders so the communion elements can be brought to your seat.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **People:** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: Eternal God...

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE MEAL

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

Faithful God, you have adopted us as your children, made us members of the body of Christ and chosen us as inheritors of your kingdom. We thank you that at your table, you renew your promises within us, empower us by your Spirit to witness and to serve, and send us out as disciples of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE For All the Saints arr. Weber

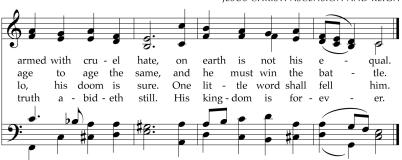
The service of worship concludes after the postlude. The music can be enjoyed or used as an opportunity for prayer. You may remain seated; if you wish to depart, please do so quietly and without disturbing those who choose to stay.

> THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ◆

The Chancel Flowers are given today to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ross Payne, a member of this church for four decades, by Sylvia Payne and her children.



Long before Isaac Watts began to Christianize the Psalms, Martin Luther had already done so when he created the text and tune for this, his most famous hymn, which is based on Psalm 46. Luther encouraged metrical versions of psalms as well as chanted psalms and new hymns.



>> 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

WPC Chancel Choir

GREETERS

9:30am Cheryl Roettger

11:00am Gerry and Jackie Ward

USHERS

9:30am Matthew Underwood, Pat Underwood, Penny Coley, David Littell

11:00am Ford Moseley, Nancy Moseley, Penny Coley, Rebecca Caprio

LITURGIST

Hank Vernon

SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

Melody Dillon

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOST

Jim Carey

*WILLIAMSBURG LANDING USHERS

Dick Sahlen, Harold Herring, Linda Eichhorn

*WINDSOR MEADE USHER

Paul Hotinger and Ray Whitney

AUDIO AND VIDEO TECHNICIANS: Jim Marshburn and John Schoenberger

^{*}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, November 3 - Saturday, November 9

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

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

- The families of WPC who have lost beloved family members or friends recently.
- Vanessa Gamble, who is recovering from an accident.

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,

➢ ANNOUNCEMENTS ←

- On November 5 we will be offering a space and time for prayer, rest, and peace of mind in the sanctuary
 here at WPC. The space will be open from 10am-6pm with prayer stations, suggested meditations, a
 labyrinth, and open space. We ask that the space be reserved for prayerful activities and for those seeking
 peace on a busy and often stress-filled day. With that in mind, we ask that all refrain from wearing clothing
 supporting any particular candidate if at all possible. We hope you will stop by and spend some time either
 before or after you cast your votes.
- Please consider serving as an usher at Williamsburg Landing. Our church service is streamed to
 those who cannot get to church in person. We welcome your help and the residents of Assisted Living are
 grateful for the opportunity to worship together. Need for service is usually one Sunday every 3
 months. Please contact Linda Eichhorn*. Thank you!
- 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.
- Next Sunday, November 10, at the 11:00 worship service, we will observe Kirkin' of the Tartan, with the support of the St. Andrews Society of Williamsburg. Since its founding in 1968, the Society has celebrated the Kirkin' of the Tartan. The kirkin' is a tradition brought to life by Rev. Dr. Peter Marshall in 1941 when he was pastor of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington, D.C. It has become a revered tradition observed by many religious denominations worldwide. Wear your family tartanor a favorite plaid—and join in the special celebration!
- 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 mywpc.org/roadmaptoaging.
- 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. https://mealtrain.com/oy3qgn
 - Can't be there or don't cook? Sign up to have food delivered or to give a gift card to a favorite restaurant.
- Join us for our All-Church Annual Mac and Cheese Cookoff on Friday, November 15! Whether you
 make a classic family recipe or something more experimental, we want to try your favorite Mac and
 Cheese! Contestants will be judged by an esteemed panel and are asked to pre-register. Non-contestants
 are welcome and do not need to register. Learn more and register online at mywpc.org/macaroni or at the
 church during coffee fellowship or in the Welcome Center.
- Children's Ministry is GROWING and needs your help. Your wisdom, experience, and knowledge are such a blessing to our families. Prayerfully consider sharing your gifts to support our nursery and Sunday School. The only qualification needed for these roles is a heart for children! During the school holidays, our college students who work in the nursery and Sunday School are enjoying a well-deserved break. Therefore, we need your help in the nursery and Sunday School from Dec 1 Jan 22. Let's continue to support our children and families by sharing God's love. Please contact Melody Dillon with questions and to volunteer.

- Our next Third Sunday Family Afternoon event is November 17: Faith at Home. As we navigate through
 the everyday tasks of grocery pickups, carpools, never-ending emails, and finding the bin that holds the next
 size of clothes for the kid that grew 3 inches overnight, it can be challenging to remain grounded in the tenets
 of our faith. We will meet at noon in Stevenson Hall, followed by a session with guest speaker Elizabeth
 Christie. The event is open to all and will also be available via Zoom! Learn more and sign up at mywpc.org/faith@home.
- The WPC Book Club will meet on Monday, November 25, at 2 pm in Room 220 (and on Zoom) to discuss Table for Two, by Amor Towles. Contact Ellen Peters* with any guestions.
- Attention All WPC Staff & 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 belong 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 the sanctuary takes place weekly-Thursday mornings 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. 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, NOVEMBER 3 • 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

5:30pm Dining Together Potluck Gathering

5:30pm PYF Youth Fellowship

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4

9:00am Kids Connect Day Camp

1:00pm Caregiver Support Group / Rm 123

6:30pm Williamsburg Choral Guild Rehearsal / Sanctuary

TUESDAY. NOVEMBER 5

9:00am Peace & Thanksgiving Open House/Sanctuary

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

10:00am PW Coordinating Team / Rm 255

1:00pm Staff Meeting-In-Person / Stevenson Hall 2:00pm Stewardship Committee Meeting / Rm 220 6:30pm UKirk Dinner & Dialogue /UKirk Rm

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

7:00pm The Arc-Literacy / Stevenson Hall

7:00pm Earth Care Committee Meeting / Library & Online

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

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

6:00pm Joyful Ringers Rehearsal / Bell Room

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

7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7

9:00am Sanctuary Cleaning

9:30am Presbyterian Women Circle 1 / Stevenson Hall 4:30pm Carol and Junior Choir Rehearsal / Choir Rm

7:30pm The Squares / Rm 227

7:30pm Westminster Ringers Rehearsal / Bell Room

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

9:00am Grief and Loss Memorial Building / Rm 220 9:00am Session Retreat / Stonehouse Presbyterian

➢ NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP
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November 10, 2024 • 25th Sunday after Pentecost Kirkin' o' the Tartans (11:00)

Pastor John's sermon, "God Gives Sleep to the Beloved" will be based on Psalm 127.