



# WILLIAMSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### FEBRUARY 9, 2025

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## PRAYER FOR PREPARATION

Holy One, earth and heaven reverberate with your glory, and humans and angels alike sing your praises. Open our minds to your breathtaking work in the world, as you call us to spread the good news of Jesus Christ, our mentor and savior, in whose name we pray. Amen.

## THE GATHERING

### PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

#### PASTORAL GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Laura Hild

#### PRELUDE

Grazioso  
Joyful Ringers

Arnold B. Sherman

#### CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Leader: In the sanctuary, God, the Holy One, whose glory fills the whole earth, calls us.  
Beside the sea, along ordinary paths, in our daily work, God calls us.

**All: We respond with our whole heart, singing God's praise and giving thanks.**

Leader: We have come from different backgrounds on various roads to get here.

**All: But we are all here seeking an experience of the holy.**

Leader: Listen for the promise of God's steadfast love and God's faithfulness.

**All: We are listening for God's call in our lives.**

#### \*HYMN 1

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*

NICAEA

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\*Please rise in body or spirit. The people's responses are in **bold type**.

## \*CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: Let us turn to the most holy One and confess our sin, confident in God's faithful and steadfast love for us.

## \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of the universe and Creator of all that is, we admit that we fail to be honest about our lives and in the politics of life. Sometimes we are deceitful; other times we judge ourselves harshly and feel unworthy of your call on our lives. Touch us with your grace and dispel our fear, that we may arise with renewed spirits to serve you, our true Sovereign. Amen.

## A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER

### \*KYRIE

Be Still and Know

Anonymous



Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that  
I am God. Be still and know\_ that I am God.

### \*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: In the temple, Isaiah heard these words: "Your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." God's grace toward us has not been in vain! This is the good news we have received: in Christ's death and resurrection, we have been saved. Thanks be to God!

### \*GLORIA

Alleluia!

CELTIC ALLELUIA



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

# 1 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

*Descant*

4 Ho - ly,

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore thee,  
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark - ness hide thee,  
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

ho - ly,

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.  
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,  
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.

Much of the imagery of this hymn comes from Revelation 4:2–11, which its author, an Anglican bishop, knew as a reading appointed for Trinity Sunday. The tune, written specifically for this text, reinforces the Trinitarian theme by strong dependence on the D-major triad.

TEXT: Reginald Heber, 1827, alt.;

Korean trans. The Christian Literature Society of Korea; Spanish trans. Juan B. Cabrera

MUSIC: John Bacchus Dykes, 1861; desc. David McKinley Williams, 1948

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THE TRIUNE GOD

ho - ly,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!

The first system of the musical score consists of three staves. The top staff is a vocal line in G major (one sharp) with a melodic line for the word 'ho - ly'. The middle staff is a piano accompaniment in G major, featuring chords and moving lines. The bottom staff is a bass line in G major, providing harmonic support with chords and a melodic line.

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
 who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
 per - fect in power, in love and pu - ri - ty.  
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

The second system of the musical score also consists of three staves. The top staff is a vocal line in G major with a melodic line for the phrase 'God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty'. The middle staff is a piano accompaniment in G major, and the bottom staff is a bass line in G major, both providing harmonic support for the vocal line.

# THE WORD

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

God of Exodus and Resurrection, we are grateful for the gift of Scripture. By the power of the Holy Spirit, enliven your Word, that we might know the good news and share it with others. For the sake of Christ we ask it. Amen.

## FIRST LESSON: *Isaiah 6:1-8*

Laura Hild

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

## PSALM 138 (responsive)

Leader: I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;

**All: I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.**

Leader: On the day I called, you answered me; you increased my strength of soul.

**All: All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD, for they have heard the words of your mouth.**

Leader: They shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD.

**All: For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly, but the haughty he perceives from far away.**

Leader: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

**All: The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.**

## SECOND LESSON: *I Corinthians 15:1-11*

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

## SERMON

*"The Gospel"*

Pastor Pam Hrcir

# RESPONDING TO THE WORD

## \*HYMN 649

*Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

AMAZING GRACE

# 649 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that  
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I  
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his  
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
 grace my fears re - lieved. How pre - cious did that  
 have al - read - y come. 'Tis grace has brought me  
 word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and  
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found, was blind, but now I see.  
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

## CHOCTAW

*Shilombish holitopa ma!  
 Ishmiminti pulla cha  
 hatak ilbusha pia ha  
 is pi yukpalashke.*

## CREEK

*Po ya fek cha he thlat ah tet  
 ah non ah cha pa kas  
 cha fee kee o funnan la kus  
 um e ha ta la yus.*

## NAVAHO

*Nizhónítgo joobá diits' a'  
 yisdáshúítinigíí,  
 lah yóóiyá, k'ad  
 shénáhoosdzin,  
 doo eesh'íí da ní'ée.*

As was his custom, the author wrote this hymn to accompany his sermon on 1 Chronicles 17:16–17, preached on January 1, 1773; he called it “Faith’s Review and Expectation.” Much of its current popularity comes from this now-familiar tune, an association that began in 1835.

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: COLOSSIANS 1:15-20** (unison)

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God,  
the firstborn of all creation;  
for in him all things in heaven and earth were created,  
things visible and invisible,  
whether thrones or dominions  
or rulers or powers—  
all things have been created through him and for him.

He himself is before all things,  
and in him all things hold together.

He is the head of the body, the church;  
he is the beginning,  
the first-born from the dead,  
so that he might come to have first place in everything.

For in him all the fullness of God  
was pleased to dwell,  
and through him God was pleased  
to reconcile to himself all things,  
by making peace through the blood of his cross.

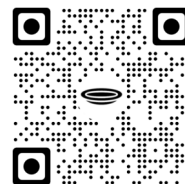
**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER** (Unison)

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](http://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

## We Walk by Faith Chancel Choir and Joyful Ringers

arr. Ben Legett

We walk by faith and not by sight;  
No gracious words we hear  
Of him who spoke as none e'er spoke;  
But we believe him near.

We may not touch his hands and side,  
Nor follow where he trod;  
But in his promise we rejoice,  
And cry, "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;  
And may our faith abound,  
To call on you when you are near,  
And seek where you are found:

That, when our life of faith is done,  
In realms of clearer light  
We may behold you are you are,  
With full and endless sight.

## \*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

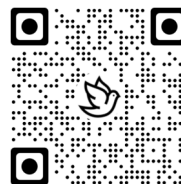


# GOING OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

## \*INVITATION AND THE LORD'S DAY GREETING

We are glad you are worshipping 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](http://mywpc.org/friendship) or scan the QR code at the right to access the online friendship register.



## \*HYMN 485

*We Know That Christ is Raised*

ENGELBERG

## \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

*Variations on Nettleton*

Undine Smith Moore

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 postlude is by Undine Smith Moore (1904-1989), whose musical compositions earned her the nickname, "Dean of Black Women Composers". Moore was born in Jarratt, Virginia and studied music at Fisk University, the Juilliard School, and Columbia University's Teachers College. She served as supervisor of music at the public schools in Goldsboro, North Carolina before moving to Virginia State College (now Virginia State University) in Petersburg where she served as instructor, pianist, and organist until her retirement in 1976. Much of her music, especially her many choral arrangements, drew inspiration from black spirituals and folk music. The tune *Nettleton* is most often featured in our worship with the text, *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*.

### 🌀 THE CHANCEL FLOWERS 🌀

The Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God and sending God's love and peace to all on Valentine's Day and remembering Alvin Anderson's birthday this month by Betsy Anderson.

# We Know That Christ Is Raised 485

Capo 3: (D) (Asus) (A) (A/G) (D/F#)  
 F Csus C C/B<sup>b</sup> F/A

1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.  
 2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.  
 3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.  
 4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows

(D) (A) (D) (E7) (A)  
 F C F G7 C

Em - braced by death he broke its fear - ful hold,  
 Re - born we share with him an Eas - ter life  
 The Spir - it's pow - er shakes the church of God.  
 as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.

(Am) (D) (G) (Em) (Bm)  
 Cm F B<sup>b</sup> Gm Dm

and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.  
 as liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ.  
 Bap - tized we live with God the Three in One.  
 The u - ni - verse, re - stored and whole, will sing:

1-3 4  
 (Em) (D) (Asus) (A) (Em) (D)  
 Gm F Csus C Gm F

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

Beginning with an allusion to Romans 6:9, this exuberant baptismal hymn unfolds the implications of our incorporation into Christ's new life, making us "a new creation" (2 Corinthians 5:17). The text was written to fit this expansive tune by a distinguished British composer.

☞ **THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY** ☞

**PASTOR**

John E. Morgan, Pastor/Head of Staff

Pam Hrnccir, Associate Pastor

**MUSIC MINISTRY**

Christopher Bechtler, Director of Music

Norman Elton, Organist and Assistant Director of Music

WPC Chancel Choir

Joyful Ringers directed by Chris Bechtler

**GREETERS**

9:30am Doris and George Gilfillan

11:00am Bruce Powell, Rebecca Caprio

**USHERS**

9:30am Matthew Underwood, Pat Underwood, Cathy Cheney, Larry Cheney

11:00am Gene D'Orsogna, Ellen D'Orsogna, Ric Cheston, Donna Powell

**LITURGIST**

Laura Hild

**SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN**

Melody Dillon

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOST**

Jim Carey, Kate Jones, Sarah Houghland

**\*WILLIAMSBURG LANDING USHERS**

Jerry and Martha Jean Howell

**\*WINDSOR MEADE USHER**

Ray Whitney

**AUDIO AND VIDEO TECHNICIANS:** Roy Knox and John Schoenberger

\*Satellite campuses

## ☞ 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](http://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](mailto: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. During the week, please call the church office.**

**Sunday, February 2 – Saturday, February 8 • Pastor Pam • [phrncir@mywpc.org](mailto:phrncir@mywpc.org) • 757-508-4668**

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

- The family of WPC member Niels Sherman Favre, husband of Elizabeth L. Favre, who went home to be with our Lord on Tuesday, January 21, 2025. **A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, February 15, 2025 at 11am in our sanctuary followed by a reception in Stevenson Hall.**
- The family of WPC member Alice Smith, wife of WPC member John Smith, who went home to be with our Lord on Saturday, February 1, 2025. **A Memorial Service will be held on Thursday, February 27, 2025 at 11am in our sanctuary followed by a reception in Stevenson Hall.**

**Please pray for:**

Denny Yeignst, Bob Siclari, Carol Sorensen, Wolf Koenig, Nell Stowe, Carole McNeel

**Please pray for those:**

- Recovering from various surgeries, who are homebound, who have family and friend concerns, affected by the recent airplane tragedies, affected by the fires in California, still affected by Hurricanes Helene and Milton, attending and serving in the school systems, serving our country in the military services and their families, serving our country in leadership roles, affected by the possibility of job loss, homelessness and hunger, affected by the wars in Gaza, Israel, Sudan, and Ukraine.

## ☞ ANNOUNCEMENTS ☞

- **ADD A BLOSSOM TO THE FLOURISH TREE!** For the month of February, our Flourish Tree theme will be "*Where Do You See God's Love?*" We invite you to take a pink heart (available in the welcome lobby) and write down where you see God's love at work around you and in your life, at WPC or in the world. **We want to hear from all ages.** Then glue it to the Flourish Tree on the wall to make our tree bloom!
- **Sign-Ups for Coffee Fellowship Hosts, Ushers, and Greeters Today! Have you been looking for an opportunity to get involved in the Sunday morning action at WPC?** Please stop by the tables in Stevenson Hall between services today through February 16 to learn more and sign up to host Coffee Fellowship, Usher, or Greet during the months of February, March, and April. Coffee Fellowship Deacons and Usher Coordinators will be available to answer your questions. No previous experience necessary and all ages are welcome!

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

- **Guatemala Trip 2025:** A team from WPC will be going to Guatemala July 9-15. We would love to add you to the team. For more information all are invited to a meeting **Monday, February 10 5pm** in the church library or contact Bill Vardeman\* or Nancy Archibald after February 5.\* for details.
- **Sunday, February 16, is a FISH food collection day – regularly the third Sunday of every month.** With the support of the Presbyterian Women, we set a donation record last year, as we donated 419 bags of groceries and supplies. Let's keep it up in 2025!

FISH currently needs *spaghetti/ pasta; cold cereals (especially kids cereals); hot cereals; peanut butter and jelly; boxed macaroni and cheese; canned chicken, tuna, and beef stew; canned soups; canned vegetables; pancake mix and syrup; shampoo; toothpaste; diapers (size 4, 5, 6), and laundry detergent (42oz).* 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.

- **WPC Book Club:** Everyone is invited to read and then meet on **Monday, February 24, 2025, at 2 pm** in Room 220 (and on Zoom) to discuss *James*, by Percival Everett.
- **All youth (6th-12th grade) are invited to our lock-in!** We will begin on **Friday night, February 28 at 6:00pm and pickup will be the following morning at 9am.** We will eat pizza, play games, and even go ice skating at the Liberty Ice Pavilion at Merchant Square! Please RSVP online at [mywpc.org/lockin](http://mywpc.org/lockin) or tell Melody and Cory that you'll be there.
- **The Fellowship Class invites you to join us on Sunday mornings for our winter study of the Minor Prophets.** We'll have a lively discussion of what God's word to the Israelites means for us as Christians in the 21st century. **We meet in Room L009, and Bibles are provided! Join us at 9:30am each Sunday morning.**
- **Our next New Member Orientation Luncheon is scheduled for Sunday, February 23, immediately after the 11:00 a.m. worship service.** 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 Holy Spirit is nudging you to become a part of this church community, reach out to Pastor Pam ([phrncir@mywpc.org](mailto:phrncir@mywpc.org)) after the service.

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/](http://mywpc.org/news/) or on the church calendar.

∞ THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF EVENTS ∞

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9**

- 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](http://mywpc.org) to access  
11:00am In-person Worship / Sanctuary; Broadcast on FM93.5 The Burg and AM740 or [wmbgradio.com](http://wmbgradio.com)  
6:00pm UKirk Super Bowl Sunday / UKirk Rm

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10**

- 1:00pm Caregiver Support Group / Rm 123  
5:00pm Hunger and Homeless Ministry Mtg / LL010  
5:30pm Christian Education Ministry Mtg / Rm 220  
6:30pm Williamsburg Choral Guild Rehearsal / Sanctuary

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11**

- 10:00am Adult Bible Study—Christian Believer: Knowing God with Heart and Mind / Rm 220  
1:00pm Staff Meeting / Zoom  
2:00pm Stewardship Committee Mtg / Rm 220  
5:30pm Resources Ministry Mtg / Stevenson Hall  
6:30pm UKirk Dinner & Dialogue / UKirk Rm LL012 and LL011  
7:00pm Presbyterian Women's Circle 5 / Rm 222  
7:00pm Earth Care Committee / Library and Zoom  
7:00pm AA Williamsburg Big Book Study / LL009 and LL049

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12**

- 7:30am Men's Bible & Bacon Study / Stevenson Hall  
10:00am Presbyterian Circle 14—Rm 220  
6:00pm Joyful Ringers Rehearsal / Bell Room  
7:00pm Christian Fellowship Ministry / Room 220  
7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13**

- 9:00am Sanctuary Cleaning  
10:00am Presbyterian Women's Circle 7 / Rm 220  
4:30pm Carol and Junior Choir Rehearsal / Choir Rm  
5:00pm Worship Ministry Mtg / Rm 220  
5:30pm King's Kids Worship Dance / LL049  
6:00pm ARC W&M Literacy Program / Stevenson Hall  
7:00pm Deacon Mtg / Rm 220  
7:30pm Westminster Ringers / Bell Rm

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15**

- 11:00am Memorial Service and Reception for Niels Favre / Sanctuary and Stevenson Hall

∞ NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP ∞

**February 16, 2025 • 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Campus Ministry Sunday**

Our college students will be leading the worship service.

We look forward to you joining us in worship as we support our students.