



WILLIAMSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
EASTER TIDE • APRIL 20 TO JUNE 8
4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER • MAY 11, 2025

PRAYER FOR PREPARATION

Almighty God, to whom all honor belongs, you have gathered a people from every tribe and language to praise your name eternally. Join our song with all of heaven as we worship you this day in the glorious light of Christ. Amen.

THE GATHERING
PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Lissa Long

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Tom Bozek

MINUTE FOR MISSION: Summer Meals for Kids

Debbie Muse

PRELUDE The King of Love My Shepherd Is

arr. Cundick

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Leader: Alleluia, Christ is risen!

All: The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!

Leader: Blessing and honor is yours, O God.

All: Glory to God forever. Alleluia!

***HYMN 327**

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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

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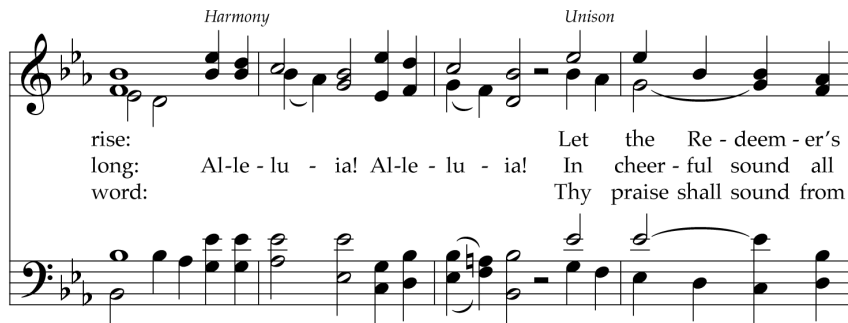
(Psalm 117)

Unison



1 From all that dwell be-low the skies let the Cre - a - tor's praise a -
 2 In ev - ery land be - gin the song; to ev - ery land the strains be -
 3 E - ter - nal are thy mer - cies, Lord; e - ter - nal truth at - tends thy

Harmony *Unison*



rise: Let the Re - deem - er's
 long: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! In cheer - ful sound all
 word: Thy praise shall sound from



name be sung through ev - ery land, in ev - ery tongue.
 voic - es raise and fill the world with joy - ful praise.
 shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set no more.

Harmony



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

Unison



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

*CALL TO CONFESSION

God is present to guide our journey and eager to forgive us when we go astray; therefore, in humility and faith, let us confess our sins against God and neighbor.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Holy God, we confess that we have strayed from your paths of right relationship and peace, and we have dishonored you, ourselves, and your creation; we repent of these hurtful ways. Forgive us, we pray, as we learn to forgive others, and guide our feet into the way of peace. Amen.

A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER

*KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy

LAND OF REST



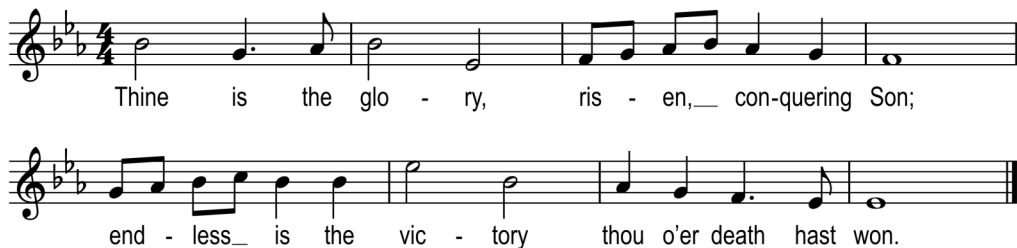
*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: God's mercy overflows as a healing spring to cleanse us of our offenses; therefore, know that you are forgiven and receive new life in Christ.

*GLORIA

Thine Is the Glory

JUDAS MACCABEUS



**At this time any and all children through the 5th grade
are invited to come forward for Sharing Faith with Children.**

(11:00) SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

Melody Dillon

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Tom Bozek

Shepherd of Souls, you call us to an abundant feast at the table of your word; open our hearts to feed on your goodness, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we might dwell evermore deeply in you. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Acts 9:36-43

Tom Bozek

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

PSALM 23 (unison)

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff—
they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long.

SECOND LESSON: John 10:22-30

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

SERMON

"Loving the Sheep"

Rev. Dr. Lissa Long

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN 182**

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

KINGSFOLD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: FROM THE CONFESSION OF 1967: 9:32** (unison)
(inclusive language text)

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong.

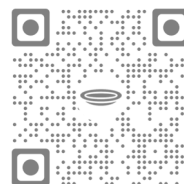
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

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:

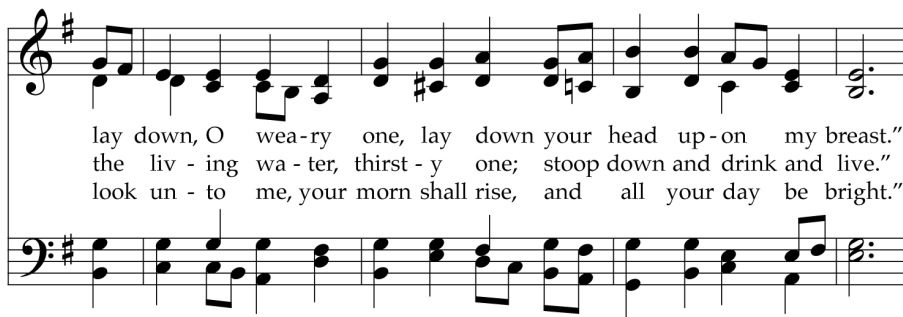
- Place your offering into the plates as you exit the sanctuary
- Visit mywpc.org/offering or scan the QR code at the right to give online
- Mail your offering to the church office at 215 Richmond Road, Williamsburg, VA 23185.



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1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."

I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad; I
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream; my
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun; and



found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.
thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
in that light of life I'll walk till trav - eling days are done."

Each stanza here pairs an invitation from Jesus with a response from the narrator. These three invitations recall how Jesus welcomed those who were heavy laden (Matthew 11:28), offered living water (John 4:10-14), and identified himself as the light of the world (John 8:12, 9:5).

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

arr. Dan Forrest

The King of love my shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
And he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow
My ransomed soul he leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow,
With food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love he sought me,
And on his shoulder gently laid,
And home, rejoicing, brought me.

And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good shepherd, may I sing thy praise
Within thy house forever.

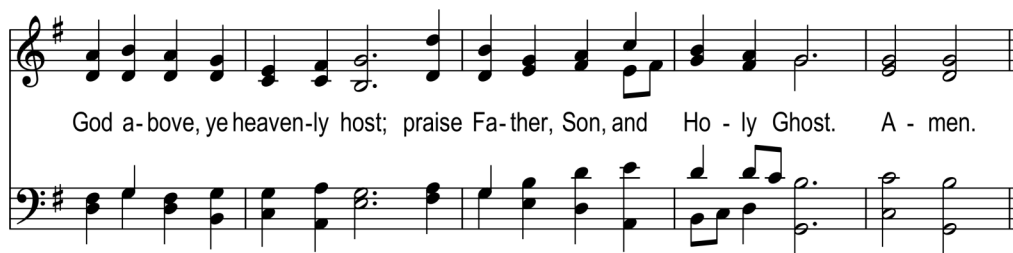
*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise God, all crea-tures here be-low; praise



God a-bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

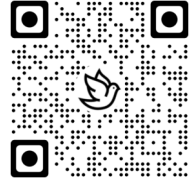
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GOING OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

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

We are glad you are worshiping with us today. If you are joining us online, please remember to 'sign' our online friendship register:

- Click on the *Welcome to WPC!* Click here to sign the Friendship Register banner at the top of the website page
- Visit mywpc.org/friendship or scan the QR code at the right to access the online friendship register.



***HYMN 187**

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

BRADBURY

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune

Carter

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.

(Anthem continues on the next page.)

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us 187

1 Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten-der care.
 2 We are yours: in love be - friend us; be the guard-ian of our way.
 3 You have prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin-ful though we be;
 4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor; ear - ly let us do your will.

In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us; for our use your fold pre-pare.
 Keep your flock: from sin de - fend us; seek us when we go a-stray.
 you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free.
 Bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.

Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us: we are yours.
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear your chil - dren when we pray.
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have loved us; love us still.

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This unattributed hymn, like many that are now meaningful to adults, was written for children and develops shepherd imagery from Psalm 23 and John 10:1–18. The tune, composed for these words, was originally named for the text but has come to be known by the composer's name.

✧ THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ✧

The flowers are given today to the glory of God and as witnessed by the life of Frances LeBron, an exceptional mother, educator and friend by Charles St. Clair.

✧ THOSE SERVING THIS MORNING ✧

PASTOR

Pam Hrcir, Associate Pastor

GUEST PASTOR

Rev. Dr. Lissa Long

MUSIC MINISTRY

Christopher Bechtler, Director of Music

Norman Elton, Organist and Assistant Director of Music

WPC Chancel Choir

PROGRAM STAFF AND SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

Melody Dillon, Director of Children and Family Ministries

LITURGIST

Tom Bozek

GREETER

9:30am George and Doris Gilfillan

11:00am Rebecca Caprio

USHERS

9:30am Lynn Newcomer, John VanAken, David Littell, Rebecca Caprio

11:00am Ruth Cobb, Rebecca Caprio, Kirk Lovenbury, Kathryn Hall

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

Happy Simmons, Ralph Simmons, Dave McLain, III

***WILLIAMSBURG LANDING USHERS**

Dottie Teubner

***WINDSOR MEADE USHER**

Ray Whitney

AUDIO AND VIDEO TECHNICIANS: Dave McLain, III 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, 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. During the week, please call the church office.

Sunday, May 11 – Saturday, May 17 • Pastor Pam • phrncir@mywpc.org • 757-508-4668

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

- The family of WPC member Leigh Massengill, who went home to be with our Lord and Savior on Tuesday, May 6, 2025. A Memorial Service for Leigh will be held at 2:00pm. Wednesday, May 14, 2025 in our Sanctuary followed by a reception in Stevenson Hall.

Please pray for:

- Denny Yeignst, Bob Siclari, Nell Stowe, and families who have recently lost loved ones.

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 ❧

- Pastor John E. Morgan is on continuing education and preaching at Wells Memorial PC, Avalon, NJ. He will be out of the office through Tuesday, May 13.
- **Summer Meals for Kids Food Drive - On Saturday, May 17, 10:00am - 12:00pm, WPC Christian Outreach volunteers will conduct a Food Drive in the back parking lot of WPC in support of the Summer Meals for Kids program. All you need to do is drive up and volunteers will accept your donations.**
- **Our summer nursery hours will begin next week, May 18. Throughout the summer, we will only have the nursery open during the 9:30 service.** This is a great opportunity for us to engage in intergenerational worship, as we welcome children of all ages into the sanctuary!

On a related note, we are looking for volunteers for summer nursery! Please reach out to Melody Dillon or sign up online to help. Thank you!

- **Letting the Cat Out of the Bag–The Presbyterian Women invite you to celebrate with us at the annual Birthday Luncheon on Wednesday, May 28!** Enjoy a delightful program about cats in art from Lisa Smith, a volunteer docent at CW and the Muscarelle Museum. Learn more and register at mywpc.org/pw-spring. **Signups begin today in Stevenson Hall and the back door lobby area.**
- **A thank you from the FISH Ministry:** After three years of delivering our monthly FISH donations, Toby Lane is stepping down; Bruce Graham has stepped up to take Toby's place. The Outreach Ministry thanks Toby for his dedicated service and Bruce for his willingness to serve.
- **Sunday, May 18 is our next FISH food collection day – regularly the third Sunday of every month.** FISH currently needs *spaghetti/ past boxed a; tomato products (diced, paste, sauce); cold cereals (especially kids cereals); peanut butter and jelly; macaroni and cheese; canned chicken, tuna, and beef stew; canned fruit and vegetables; canned soups; brownie mix; pancake mix and syrup; deodorant; shampoo; toothpaste; feminine hygiene products; 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
- **Summer Meals for Kids Returns: This program supporting hungry students in the Williamsburg/ James City County school system is in its 8th year of service.** Once again, this year we are partnering with Williamsburg Community Chapel, Walnut Hills Baptist, and Williamsburg Baptist churches to prepare lunches for 250 children who are hungry because they are the recipients of meals at school when schools are in session.
 - Volunteering is easy and fun! Please volunteer.
 - Lunches are prepared at the Meals on Wheels location (at WISC, 5700 Warhill Trail)
 - We start at 8:00am and are finished by 10:30am
 - Our teams are responsible for Wednesdays, June 18 - August 20
 - Contributions of home baked cookies for the lunches are also welcome and a great outlet for your baking talents!
 - Donate by making checks payable to Williamsburg Area Meals on Wheels (subject line- Summer Meals for Kids) P.O. Box 709, Williamsburg, VA 23187

Learn more and sign up at mywpc.org/summer-meals. This is a great opportunity to serve those in need. Remember, Jesus said when we help the least of these, we are doing HIS will. It is also a great way to meet fellow Christians and to have fun as you work. **Please go to the church website and sign up to volunteer to help feed hungry children this summer.**

- **Cookie Request: WPC members Michael Smith and C.W. Stacks will join 25 other men from churches throughout eastern Virginia for a Prison Ministry program June 4-8 at the Nottoway Correctional Center.** There, 36 inmates will spend four days learning about Jesus Christ and how He can change lives, even for those in prison. As part of this ministry, Michael and C.W. will distribute thousands of homemade cookies to all of the prison's inmates, and they need your help.

Your homemade cookies will tell the inmates that someone who doesn't know them cares enough to give them something — the time and effort it takes to bake cookies — without wanting something in return. Such selflessness is often a unique experience for the prisoners, and it can enable them to form trust. Most inmates in the prison system are takers, not givers. This brief experience of sharing something of value freely, often with those they do not like, can have a powerful effect.

Michael and C.W. each need to bring 100 dozen cookies, so they need cookies!

You will find Cookie Kits in the Welcome Center. Each kit has three Ziploc bags and instructions. Cookies need to conform to those instructions and be dropped off at the WPC kitchen no later than Tuesday, June 3. If you drop them off before June 3, please put them in the freezer and label your cookies "Kairos" or "Prison Ministry."

Desired items for the drive include drink and snacks, e.g., bottled water, 100% juice boxes, individual servings of chips, fruit cups and fruit snacks (no sugar added), raisins, granola bars, Rice Krispie treats, pretzels, cheese crackers, cookies, etc. Please avoid products with nuts or peanut butter.

The Christian Outreach Committee urges you to consider participating in this drive. If we all work together, we can help to provide lunches for 250 children who, during the school year, receive free or subsidized school lunches. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Winthrop.*

- **The WPC Book Club will meet on Monday, June 2, 2025, at 2pm in Room 220 (and on Zoom) to discuss *Where I Can't Follow*, by Ashley Blooms.** (The Book Club will not meet in May due to the Memorial Day holiday.)
- **Response to Hurricane Helene: A Mission Trip has been planned for May 15-18, 2025.** There is still a great need for help in recovery from Hurricane Helene, and now WPC members can do something. We are putting together a team of volunteers to travel to Montreat/Black Mountain N.C. on May 15-18 to help with the recovery. Our team will work with Black Mountain Presbyterian church possibly clearing downed trees; home repair and clearing away trash/debris. We will travel (church bus) there on Thursday, work Friday/Saturday, returning on Sunday following worship at Black Mountain Presbyterian; stay in the Glen Rock Inn, Montreat; all the while enjoying May in the mountains with friends.
Your only cost of this trip will be three meals at a local restaurant (to leave a little money in this economically damaged community) plus meals en route. Because of lodging the trip is limited to 20 participants. To sign up send an email to volunteer@mywpc.org or contact Jim Kirkpatrick*. For more information check with Jim, Matt Slack or Reid Kirkpatrick*.
- **Please join the Thriving Congregations Team for our first Community Connections Fellowship Breakfast on Saturday, June 7, 2025, at 8am in Stevenson Hall. This will be a time of fellowship, and new insights into the Bray School, a school for free and enslaved Black children that existed in Williamsburg from 1760-1774, one block away from WPC's current location.** Oral historian Tonia Merideth will focus on the contemporary community of individuals whose early ancestors attended the Bray School. Genealogist Elizabeth Drebus will describe her ongoing search to trace the descendants of the Williamsburg Bray School. Watch future WPC publications for more information.

- **Our next New Member Orientation Luncheon is scheduled for Sunday, June 8, 2025, immediately after the 11:00am 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, see Pastor Pam (phrncir@mywpc.org) after the service.
- **The Flourish Tree is ready to bloom!** Inspired by nature, please pick up a flower from the basket or from the friendship register pad and add it to the tree with your response to the question, *"Where is God blossoming in your life and in the world?"*
- **All children are invited to sign up for Camp Hanover!** Sleepaway camp options are available for rising 2nd–12th graders throughout the summer and you can register for whatever week works in your schedule. Groups are organized by age and each group gets to choose their own activities for the week. WPC is offering a \$200 scholarship for all campers with additional funding available. We know camp can be expensive and we are committed to making sure that every child that wants to can go to camp. Email Melody Dillon with questions or scholarship requests.

*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, MAY 11

- 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; Listen at FM93.5 The Burg and AM740 or wmbgradio.com
4:45pm Youth Choir Rehearsal / Choir Rm
5:30pm Youth Group / CE Wing

MONDAY, MAY 12

- 11:00am Wmsbg. Women's Chorus Spring Rehearsal / Sanctuary
1:00pm Caregiver Support Group / Rm 123
1:00pm Presbyterian Women's Circle 3-Miriam / Rm 220
5:00pm Hunger and Homeless Mtg / LL010
5:30pm Christian Education Ministry Mtg / Rm 220

TUESDAY, MAY 13

- 10:00am Adult Bible Study / Rm 220
5:00pm Wmsbg. Women's Chorus Spring Concert / Sanctuary
6:30pm Presbyterian Women's Circle 5—Eunice / Rm 222
7:00pm AA Williamsburg Big Book Study / LL009 and LL049

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

- 7:30am Bible and Bacon Study / Stevenson Hall
10:00am Presbyterian Women's Circle 14 / Rm 220
2:00pm Memorial Service and Reception for Lee Massengale / Sanctuary and Stevenson Hall
6:00pm Joyful Ringers Rehearsal / Bell Rm
7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Rm

THURSDAY, MAY 15

- Helene Mission Trip / NC
9:00am Sanctuary Cleaning
4:30pm Carol and Junior Choir Rehearsal / Youth Choir Rm
5:00pm Christian Outreach / Rm LL010

FRIDAY, MAY 16

- Helene Mission Trip / NC
COB Kirk Connection e-Newsletter Deadline
10:30am Soul Feast Class / Rm 220
6:00pm York River Symphony Orchestra Rehearsal / Sanctuary and Stevenson Hall

SATURDAY, MAY 17

- Helene Mission Trip / NC
10:00am Food Drive for Summer Meals for Kids / Back Parking Lot

∞ NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP ∞

May 18, 2025 • 5th Sunday of Easter

Pastor John E. Morgan's sermon, "Peter's New Diet" will be based on Acts 11:1-18