

WILLIAMSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
EASTER TIDE • APRIL 20 TO JUNE 8
COMMUNION SUNDAY
7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER • JUNE 1, 2025

PRAYER FOR PREPARATION

O God, who opens our prison doors and releases us from our faults, keep us near to you in the hours of each day that by the power of the prayer Jesus prays for us and the light of your Word we might drink of your living water, know true joy, and serve you to the end of time. Amen.

THE GATHERING PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor John E. Morgan

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Ford Moseley

PRELUDE

That Easter Day with Joy was Bright

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CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Leader: The Spirit and the bride say, "Come."

All: Let everyone who is thirsty come.

Leader: Let everyone who hears say, "Come."

All: Let everyone who is thirsty come.

Leader: Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

All: Let everyone who is thirsty come.

Leader: Come to the tree of life, the Alpha and the Omega.

All: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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



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.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: Trusting in the promise of grace, let us tell the whole truth about ourselves and beg God's mercy for the renewal and amendment of our lives.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, you call us to your everlasting springs to be drenched and reformed, but we fail to heed you. We do not turn with love to our neighbors, to ourselves, or to you. Forgive us for our failings, shield us from our due, and guide us into unity with all for the sake of the whole world. Amen.

A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER



*Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: In the compassion of the God who prays for us, with us, and in us, you are forgiven, for the sake of the one who was sent to show us the face of love and who died and rose, one with the Father and with us.



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)

Ford Moseley

Holy God, whose voice is heard in the thunder and in the silence, speak to us now, by the power of your Spirit, that we may hear your word for us today. In Jesus' name we ask it. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

Ford Moseley

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

PSALM 97 (unison)

Leader: The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice;

let the many coastlands be glad!

All: Clouds and thick darkness are all around him;

righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.

Leader: Fire goes before him

and consumes his adversaries on every side.

All: His lightnings light up the world;

the earth sees and trembles.

Leader: The mountains melt like wax before the Lord,

before the Lord of all the earth.

All: The heavens proclaim his righteousness,

and all the peoples behold his glory.

Leader: All servants of images are put to shame,

those who make their boast in worthless idols;

all gods bow down before him.

All: Zion hears and is glad,

and the towns of Judah rejoice

because of your judgments, O God.

Leader: For you, O Lord, are most high over all the earth;

you are exalted far above all gods.

All: You who love the Lord, hate evil;

he guards the lives of his faithful;

he rescues them from the hand of the wicked.

Leader: Light dawns for the righteous

and joy for the upright in heart.

All: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous,

and give thanks to his holy name!

SECOND LESSON: Acts 16:13-34

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON "Profits and Paul" Pastor John E. Morgan

RESPONDING TO THE WORD



*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed (unison)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING

Thank you for your continued faithful stewardship to WPC. May our offerings continue to help us be the light for our neighbors and our siblings in Christ all over the world. Offering envelopes can be found inside the friendship register book. We invite you to make your offering or pledge payment in one of the following ways:



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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

I Can Do All Things

Mark Burrows

Carol Choir and Junior Choir directed by Rebecca Elton

Refrain:

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me,

Christ who strengthens me.

Christ who strengthens me.

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me,

I can do all things.

I can clap, I can run,

I can laugh in the sun.

I can stomp, I can shout,

I can spread God's love about. (Refrain)

I can jump, I can play,

I can cheer, I can pray.

I can dance, I can sing,

I can do most anything. (Refrain)

(Anthem continues on the next page.)



*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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 For the Bread Which You Have Broken arr. Howard Helvey

For the bread which you have broken, For the wine which you have poured, For the words which you have spoken, Now we give our thanks, O Lord. By this pledge that you do love us, By your gift of peace restored, By your call to heaven above us, Hallow all our lives, O Lord.

With our sainted ones in glory
Seated at the heavenly board,
May the church that's waiting for you
Keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.
In your service, Lord, defend us.
In our hearts keep watch and ward;
In the world where you have sent us,
Let your kingdom come, O Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

God of grace, your Son Jesus Christ left us this holy meal of bread and wine in which we share his body and blood. May we who have celebrated this sign of his great love show in our lives the fruits of his redemption; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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 <u>mywpc.org/friendship</u> or scan the QR code at the right to access the online friendship register.



*HYMN 772 Live into Hope Truro



*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Live into Hope arr. Wold

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 flowers are given today to the glory of God and in loving memory of Chase and Conor Piper by Don Piper.

>> THOSE SERVING THIS MORNING ◆

PASTOR

John E. Morgan, Pastor, Head of Staff

Pam Hrncir, Associate Pastor

MUSIC MINISTRY

Christopher Bechtler, Director of Music

Norman Elton, Organist and Assistant Director of Music

Carol Choir and Junior Choir directed by Rebecca Elton

WPC Chancel Choir

PROGRAM STAFF AND SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

Melody Dillon, Director of Children and Family Ministries

LITURGIST

Ford Moseley

GREETER

9:30am Bill Riffer, Liz Favre

11:00am Tom Moul, Elizabeth Padgett

USHERS

9:30am Matthew Underwood, Pat Underwood, David Littell, Nick Nicastro

11:00am Jim Austin, Jean Scott, Megan Davis, Kelly Kirkpatrick

*WILLIAMSBURG LANDING USHERS

Dick Sahlen, Ric Cheston, Robin Sabo

*WINDSOR MEADE USHER

Peter Moriarty

*WINDSOR MEADE COMMUNION SERVERS

Marian Dawson and Peter Moriarty

AUDIO AND VIDEO TECHNICIANS: Matt Slack 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 our 9:30am service. 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, June 1 – Saturday, June 7 • Pastor Pam • phrncir@mywpc.org • 757-508-4668

Upcoming Memorial Services and Receptions in our sanctuary and Stevenson Hall:

- WPC member Romy Hollerith: Memorial Service for Romy will be held at 2:00pm, Monday, June 16, 2025.
- WPC member Bob Siclari: Memorial Service for Bob will be held at 11:00am, Friday, June 20, 2025.

Please pray for:

• Denny Yiengst, 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
natural disasters, affected by acts of gun violence, 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, experiencing homelessness and hunger, affected by the wars in Gaza, Israel,
Sudan, and Ukraine.

➢ ANNOUNCEMENTS ←

- Fraud Seminar scheduled for TODAY, Sunday, June 1, at 12:15pm. Join us for a 1-hour interactive seminar to learn about the latest false advertising and scams in Stevenson Hall.
- Pentecost is Sunday, June 8. Celebrate the church's birthday by wearing RED to worship!
- Nursery workers are needed! In order to keep our nursery open through the summer, we are in need of two adults to staff it every week. The nursery is only open from 9am-10:45am each week during the summer, so you will still be able to attend part of coffee fellowship and the 11am service.

Please visit this link to sign up for as many weeks as you are able: mywpc.org/summernursery. Thank you for providing the ministry of childcare for our young families! Contact Melody Dillon with questions.

- Summer Sign-Ups for Coffee Fellowship Hosts, Ushers, Greeters and Flower Sharing Volunteers TODAY in Stevenson Hall! Have you been looking for an opportunity to share your smile and meet new people on Sunday mornings? Please stop by the tables in Stevenson Hall between services today through June 1st to learn more and sign up to host Coffee Fellowship, Usher, or Greet during the months of June and July. Coffee Fellowship Deacons, Ushers, and Greeters 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 visiting mywpc.org/usher, mywpc.org/greeter, or mywpc.org/coffee to serve in any of these roles.
- Cookies are still needed for the Prison Ministry program June 48 at the Nottoway Correctional Center. FOUR Cookie Kits remain for the taking in the Welcome Center. Each kit has three Ziploc bags and instructions and cookies need to conform to those instructions. Please drop off at the WPC kitchen no later than Tuesday, June 3 please put them in the freezer and label your cookies "Kairos" or "Prison Ministry." Thank you for responding to this plea for cookies!
- The Squares Men's Monthly Bible Study: The Squares will consider a parable. Jesus' parable of The Prodigal Son has been referred to as "everyone's story." If so, then is this your story? Are you the son, the older brother or the father? Is the title of this parable really an appropriate title? There is much to consider when The Squares meet on Thursday, June 5, at 7:00pm in room 227, to consider "The Prodigal Son." For more information check with Jim Kirkpatrick or Chuck Timko.
- Community Connections Fellowship Breakfast on Saturday, June 7, 8:00am: Williamsburg is a community rich in history from so many perspectives. We have a chance to know more about our shared past by joining members of Williamsburg Presbyterian Church, the First Baptist Church and the Williamsburg Baptist Church on Saturday, June 7th, at 8amin Stevenson Hall for the Community Connections breakfast, fellowship and new insights into the Bray School.

We will hear two speakers. Oral historian Tonia Merideth will focus on the contemporary community of individuals whose early ancestors attended the Bray School. Genealogist Elizabeth Drembus will describe her ongoing search to trace the descendants of the Williamsburg Bray School. Sign up at mywpc.org/breakfast or the sign up sheet located in the back door lobby area. \$10 will be collected at the door to defray expenses.

• Housing Partnerships Service Opportunity: Saturday, June 7 from 9:00am-12pm (approximately), WPC members will augment our annual financial benevolence to Williamsburg Housing Partnerships (HP) by providing more "hands on" support. HP's mission is to repair or replace substandard housing in Williamsburg, James City County, and York County, and it has been doing so since 1985. Typically the work involves painting, yard work, or debris removal. No particular skills are required – just a willingness to help our neighbors have safe and comfortable housing. If you are interested in participating please sign up at https://www.mywpc.org/hp. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Winthrop* or Parker Slack*. The Christian Outreach Ministry thanks you for considering this opportunity.

- 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.
- 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. **To help feed hungry children this summer, register at mywpc.org/summer-meals.**

*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, JUNE 1

9:30am ONLY Nursery open during 9:30am worship service 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

12:15pm Roadmap to Aging: Avoiding Financial Fraud / Stevenson Hall

5:30pm Youth Group / CE Wing

MONDAY. JUNE 2

1:00pm Caregiver Support Group / Rm 222

2:00pm WPC Book Club / Rm 227

TUESDAY, JUNE 3

1:00pm In-person Staff Meeting / Stevenson Hall

7:00pm AA Williamsburg Big Book Study / LL009 and LL049
7:00pm Earth Care Committee Mtg / Zoom and the Library

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4

10:00am Finding Hope Grief Support Grp / Rm 227
 6:00pm Joyful Ringers Rehearsal / Bell Rm
 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Rm

THURSDAY, JUNE 5

9:00am Sanctuary Cleaning

7:00pm The Squares Men's Monthly Bible Study / Rm 227

FRIDAY, JUNE 6

10:30am Soul Feast Class / Rm 220

SATURDAY, JUNE 7

8:00am WPC Community Connections Fellowship Breakfast / Stevenson Hall

Guest Speakers: Oral historian Tonia Merideth and Genealogist Elizabeth Drembus

> NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP ◆

June 8, 2025 • Day of Pentecost and Confirmation Sunday

Celebrate the church's birthday by wearing **RED** to worship.

Pastor Pam Hrncir's sermon will be based on Acts 2:1-21.