

*Pentecost  
Sunday*



**WILLIAMSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
CONFIRMATION SUNDAY  
DAY OF PENTECOST • JUNE 8, 2025**

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## PRAYER FOR PREPARATION

Holy God, like a rushing wind your Spirit moved upon the first disciples on the day of Pentecost, and like a purifying fire your Spirit seared their hearts and minds with the message of salvation. Send your Spirit upon your church in this time and place, stir up our courage, and rouse us for prophetic witness, that we may join with them to proclaim to the world your mighty deeds of power in Jesus Christ. Amen.

## THE GATHERING PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Pastor John E. Morgan

**CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

Dave McLain

**PRELUDE**

A Grand Celebration  
Joyful Ringers

Derek Hakes

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsive)

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit!

**All: Grant us your peace.**

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit!

**All: Give us your power.**

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit!

**All: Grace us with your presence. Let us worship God.**

\*HYMN 280

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

EBENEZER

1 Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us; come with  
 2 We would raise our al - le - lu - ias for the  
 3 Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us; give us

Pen - te - cos - tal power; give the church a  
 grace of yes - ter - years; for to - mor - row's  
 words of fire and flame. Help our fee - ble

strong - er vi - sion; help us face each cru - cial hour.  
 un - known path - way, hear, O Lord, our hum - ble prayers.  
 lips to praise you, glo - ri - fy your ho - ly name.

Built up - on a firm foun - da - tion, Je - sus Christ, the  
 In the church - 's pil - grim jour - ney you have led us  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, Three in One: what

This 20th-century text was written by a Presbyterian layperson and poet, who in her later years became interested in writing hymns for the seasons of the church year and prepared a collection of them for her congregation. It pairs effectively with this sturdy Welsh tune.

## \*CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: God has promised that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be set free from the power of sin. Therefore, let us call upon the Lord, confessing our sins.

## \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of new creation, we confess that we have failed to trust your bountiful goodness. By the power of the Holy Spirit you brought forth the earth and its creatures in abundance. Yet, we hoard earth's resources and refuse to share your gifts. We dishonor your generosity by withholding our charity to those in need. We betray your kindness by dealing harshly with our enemies. We disregard your compassion by severely judging the sins of others. Forgive us. By the power of your Spirit renew our hearts and free us from sins that we may enjoy the fullness of your blessing upon all creation. Amen.

## A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER

### \*KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy

LAND OF REST



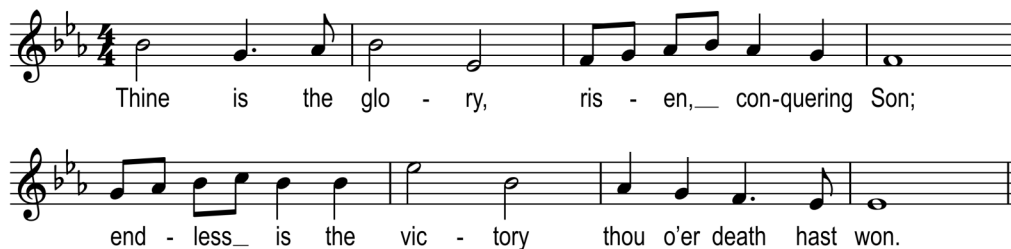
### \*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Sisters and brothers, God offers forgiveness of our sins and the grace of repentance. Accept God's grace, and be restored to abundant life.

### \*GLORIA

Thine Is the Glory

JUDAS MACCABEUS



## (9:30) SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

Jim Kirkpatrick

# THE WORD

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** (unison)

Dave McLain

**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:** Genesis 11:1-9

Dave McLain

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

**PSALM 104:24-34, 35B** (responsive)

**Leader:** O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

**All:** **There is the sea, great and wide; creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great.**

**Leader:** There go the ships and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

**All:** **These all look to you to give them their food in due season;**

**Leader:** when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

**All:** **When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.**

**Leader:** When you send forth your spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground.

**All:** **May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works--**

**Leader:** who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke.

**All:** **I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.**

**Leader:** May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the LORD.

**All:** **Bless the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD!**

**SECOND LESSON:** Acts 2:1-21

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

**SERMON**

*"Amazed, Astonished, and Perplexed"*

Pastor Pam Hrnclir

# RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*HYMN 289

On Pentecost They Gathered

MUNICH

1 On Pen - te - cost they gath - ered quite ear - ly in the day,  
2 The peo - ple all a - round them were star - tled and a - mazed  
3 God pours the Ho - ly Spir - it on all who would be - lieve,  
4 O Spir - it, sent from heav - en on that day long a - go,

a band of Christ's dis - ci - ples, to wor - ship, sing, and pray.  
to un - der - stand their lan - guage, as Christ the Lord they praised.  
on wom - en, men, and chil - dren who would God's grace re - ceive.  
re - kin - dle faith a - mong us in all life's ebb and flow.

A might - y wind came blow - ing, filled all the swirl - ing air,  
What u - ni - ver - sal mes - sage, what great good news was here?  
That Spir - it knows no lim - it, be - stow - ing life and power.  
O give us ears to lis - ten and tongues a - flame with praise,

and tongues of fire a - glow - ing in - spired each per - son there.  
That Christ, once dead, is ris - en to van - quish all our fear.  
The church, formed and re - form - ing, re - sponds in ev - ery hour.  
so folk of ev - ery na - tion glad songs of joy shall raise.

This narrative and interpretive text was written to fill what the author perceived as an unfortunate gap in available hymns concerning the Holy Spirit in general and Pentecost in particular. The setting of a 17th-century German tune is from Mendelssohn's oratorio *Elijah*.

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

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.

## **(11:00) CONFIRMATION: A REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISMAL COVENANT**

### **PRESENTATION OF CONFIRMANDS**

Karen Lee, Confirmation Teacher

Melody Dillon, Director of Children and Family Ministries

Karen Lee: These confirmands are presented by the Session for the confirmation and reaffirmation of the baptism covenant into which they are baptized:

*Lucy Roessler and Abby Waggoner. Eleanor Chen* comes to be baptized today.

They now have chosen to profess publicly their faith and take on new responsibilities in their lives, the Church, and God's mission throughout the world.

Melody Dillon: We rejoice in your desire to declare your faith publicly and to share with us in our common ministry. Through this community and the people who make up the body of Christ, you shall seek and find God's purpose for you and for all creation as you discover the spirit of God in and around you. You will be nurtured at the table of our Lord and are called to witness to the Good News of new life brought by and shown through Jesus Christ. We recognize the image of God in you, as it is in all people, and welcome you with joy into this church.

### **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

Pastor: Now, as you publicly declare your faith, I ask you to reject sin, to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, and to confess the faith of the church, the faith into which you are baptized. Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

**Confirmands: I do.**

Pastor: Who is your Lord and Savior?

**Confirmands: Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.**

Pastor: Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love?

**Confirmands: I will.**

Pastor: Will you be a faithful member of this congregation and share in its worship and ministry, and so fulfill your calling to be a disciple of Jesus Christ?

**Confirmands: I will.**

## **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

*Eleanor Chen*

## **PRESENTATION OF STOLES**

Family members present stoles to Confirmands, symbolizing their place in the priesthood of all believers.

## **WELCOME TO THE CHURCH**

Karen Lee: Let us pray. Ever living God, guard these your servants with your protecting hand, and let your Holy Spirit be with them forever. Lead them to know and obey you so they may serve you in this life and know that you are with them forever.

**All: Amen**

Pastor: By publicly professing their faith, these young people have expressed their intention to continue in the covenant God made with them in their baptism. Let us welcome them as they join with us in the worship and mission of the church.

**All: With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in him.**

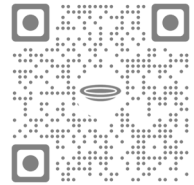
## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER** (unison)

**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

Come Down, O Love Divine    Ralph Vaughan Williams

arr. Todd Wilson

Come down, O Love divine,  
Seek thou this soul of mine,  
And visit it with thine own ardor glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near,  
Within my heart appear,  
And kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

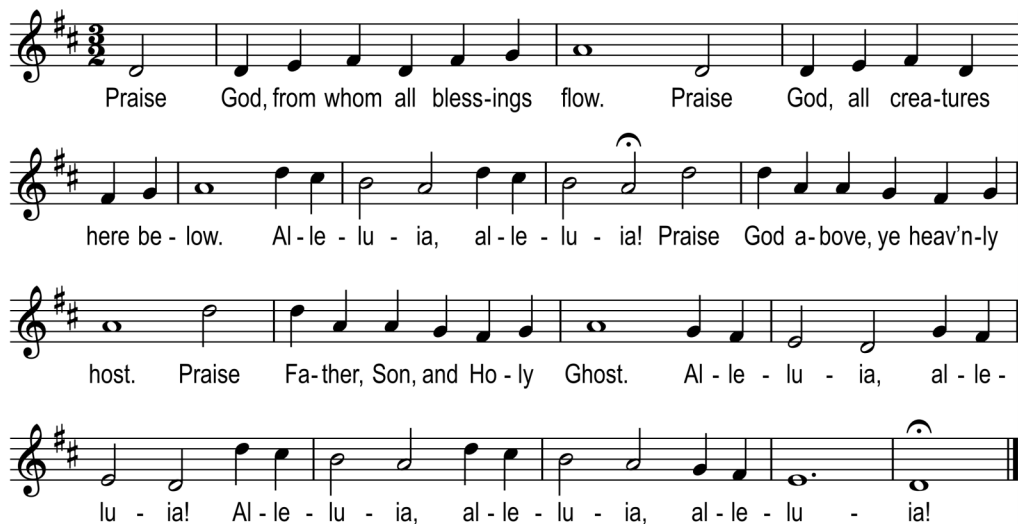
O let it freely burn,  
Till earthly passions turn  
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
And let thy glorious light  
Shine ever on my sight,  
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

And so the yearning strong  
With which the soul will long,  
Shall far outpass the power of human telling;  
For none can guess its grace,  
Till he become the place  
Wherein the Holy Spirit make its dwelling.



**\*DOXOLOGY***Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures  
here be - low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise God a - bove, ye heav'n - ly  
host. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

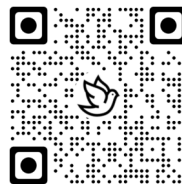
**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

## 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](http://mywpc.org/friendship) or scan the QR code at the right to access the online friendship register.



**\*HYMN 295****Go to the World!**

SINE NOMINE



1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.  
2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - ery place.  
3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;  
4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,

Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,  
Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.  
the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.  
for I am with you till the age shall end,

bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.  
Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.  
As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.  
when all the hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men!"

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Based on Christ's great commission (Matthew 28:19–20), this text was written for a Convocation of Emmanuel College in Toronto, the largest theological school of the United Church of Canada, a denomination formed by the union of Methodists, Congregationalists, and Presbyterians.

TEXT: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1985  
MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906  
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**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION****POSTLUDE****Toccata on 'Veni Creator Spiritus'**

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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 ❧

"Come Down, O Love Divine," our offertory anthem, focuses on the gift of the Holy Spirit. While we often celebrate this gift to the church, this text is from a personal perspective, and the Spirit's presence results in awed, humble acceptance. This musical setting evokes the mystery of this gift in the first stanza, with dense sonorities and fluttering, bird-like treble lines. After a grand interlude, the second and third verses are on firmer ground.

The anthem's arranger, Todd Wilson, is an organist based in Ohio, and the nephew of WPC member Don Darnton. He was featured on our Open Door Concert Series in 2019.

Our postlude is a setting of the Gregorian chant tune, Veni Creator Spiritus, found in our hymnal with the text

## ❧ THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ❧

The flowers are given today to the glory of God and in loving memory  
their parents, Lois and Joseph Loy and Cecelia and Ralph McGirk  
by Kay and Jim Loy.

## ⌘ THOSE SERVING THIS MORNING ⌘

### **PASTOR**

John E. Morgan, Pastor, Head of Staff

Pam Hrcir, Associate Pastor

### **MUSIC MINISTRY**

Christopher Bechtler, Director of Music

Norman Elton, Organist and Assistant Director of Music

Joyful Ringers handbell choir directed by Chris Bechtler

WPC Chancel Choir

### **PROGRAM STAFF**

Melody Dillon, Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries

### **CONFIRMATION TEACHER**

Karen Lee

### **SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN**

Jim Kirkpatrick

### **LITURGIST**

Dave McLain

### **GREETER**

9:30am Gerry and Jackie Ward

11:00am Karen Annoni, Susan White

### **USHERS**

9:30am Matthew Underwood, Pat Underwood, Tony Annoni, Rebecca Caprio

11:00am Bob Bolstad, Nancy Moseley, Maxine Cunningham, Sarah Houghland

### **COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS**

Skip Perry, Carolyn Lodzieski, Jim Carey

### **\*WILLIAMSBURG LANDING USHERS**

Dottie Teubner and Linda Eichhorn

### **\*WINDSOR MEADE USHER**

Peter Moriarty

**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 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 227 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.
- Care Giver Support Group is held every Monday at 1pm in room 222.

## ✧ 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.**

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**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:**

- Bond Carter, 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 ❧

- **Summer with the WPC Book Club: Mark your calendars and plan to join us.** The WPC Book Club will gather for their informal "book chats" on Monday, June 23, and Monday, July 28, at 2pm in room 220. Bring your favorite book (or whatever you're currently reading) and enjoy a free-wheeling conversation!

In August we will hold a joint evening meeting with the Earth Care Committee on Monday, August 18, 2024, at 7 pm in Room 220 (and on Zoom). We will discuss the classic *Beautiful Swimmers: Watermen, Crabs and the Chesapeake Bay*, by William W. Warner.

- **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](http://mywpc.org/summernursery). Thank you for providing the ministry of childcare for our young families! Contact Melody Dillon with questions.

- **Christian Outreach Ministry "Offering of Letters:"** Thanks to all who participated in this year's Offering of Letters campaign urging our elected leaders to support anti-hunger programs. This year's effort sought congressional support for child nutrition programs in the U.S. and abroad. As a reminder for all who participated, please ensure that you notified Jim Winthrop of your participation so he can accurately report WPC's effort to the Bread for the World (BFW) organization.

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

☞ **THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF EVENTS** ☞

**SUNDAY, JUNE 8**

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

**9:30am** In-person Worship / Sanctuary; Live-Stream Worship; visit [mywpc.org](http://mywpc.org) to access

**11:00am** In-person Worship / Sanctuary; Listen at FM93.5 The Burg and AM740 or [wmbgradio.com](http://wmbgradio.com)

**12:00pm** New Member Orientation Luncheon / Stevenson Hall

**MONDAY, JUNE 9**

**1:00pm** Caregiver Support Group / Rm 222

**3:00pm** Colonial Triangle Herb Society of Virginia 25th Anniversary Celebration / Stevenson Hall

**TUESDAY, JUNE 10**

**10:00am** Colonial Triangle Herb Society of Virginia 25th Anniversary Celebration / Stevenson Hall

**1:00pm** Staff Meeting / Zoom

**2:00pm** Stewardship Committee Meeting / Rm 220

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

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11**

**7:30am** Men's Bible and Bacon Study / Stevenson Hall

**7:30pm** Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Rm

**THURSDAY, JUNE 12**

**9:00am** Sanctuary Cleaning

**5:00pm** Worship Ministry Meeting / Rm LL010

**7:00pm** Deacon Ministry Meeting / Rm 220

**FRIDAY, JUNE 13**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 14**

**10:00am** What's Next? Workshop / Stevenson Hall

☞ **NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP** ☞

**June 15, 2025 • Trinity Sunday**

Pastor John E. Morgan's sermon, "*Called to Repentance*" will be based on 2 Samuel 11:26-12:10.