

WILLIAMSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 5TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST JULY 13, 2025

PRAYER FOR PREPARATION

Holy God, you call us to live out your justice and righteousness. Help us to walk in your footsteps, so that we never lose our way. Enable us to live and love in the way that you have taught us, so that we can act in grace, even with those who we consider our enemies. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

THE GATHERING PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Pam Hrncir

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE

Giga for Organ

Cooman

Dick Lee

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Leader: Love the Lord your God,

All: with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind!

Leader: Love your neighbor as yourself,

All: with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all

your mind! Do this and you will live!

Leader: Let us worship God!

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

 $[\]mathcal{N}$ Our sanctuary is equipped with a T-coil hearing loop. Look for the blue sticker on the pews.



This text was the winner in a hymn competition sponsored by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Bicentennial Committee for the 1988–1989 observance, which had the theme "Celebrate the Journey." The late 18th-century tune (first used with Psalm 148) is appropriately celebratory.

TEXT: Brian Dill, 1988 MUSIC: John Darwall, 1770 Text © 1989 Brian Dill DARWALL'S 148TH 6.6.6.6.8.8

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: The psalmist asks a question: How long? How long will we live unjustly and show partiality, instead of loving as God has loved us? Trusting in that love, let us confess our transgressions to the Lord.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Holy God, we are your sons and daughters, descendants of the God most high, yet, we do not behave to honor you and our actions belittle the love you have for us. We do not defend the weak or those without fathers or mothers. We do not uphold the poor or the oppressed. We do not commit to efforts to rescue the weak and the needy; we sometimes deliver them into solitude and neglect. Rise up to judge us, O God. We prefer your merciful justice, than living with guilt and fear. Straighten our path, so that we can be guided as a mother or a father guides beloved children. Amen.

A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER



*Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: The triune God's unconditional love does not seek appearances or conditions, but loves in such a way, that we are restored to health and to wholeness. Thanks be to God! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!



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

(9:30) SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

(11:00) SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism of Olivia Faye Lawrence Herbert, daughter of Mary Lawrence Bennett Herbert and Seth Michael Herbert.

Sung Response by Choir and Congregation:

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Holy God, this is the time when we quiet our hearts and our minds, to pay attention to really pay attention— to what you have to say to us today. Fill us with your Word, and give us understanding by your Holy Spirit, that having heard your Word, we may live lives worthy of you and please you in every way. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Amos 7:7

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

PSALM 25:1-10 (responsive)

Leader: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

- All: O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.
- Leader: Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.
- All: Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.
- Leader: Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.
- All: Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

(Psalm continues on the next page.)

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- Leader: Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!
- All: Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.
- Leader: He leads the humble in what is right and teaches the humble his way.
- All: All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

SECOND LESSON: Luke 10:25-37

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

SERMON

"Glorify God"

Rev. Pam Hrncir

RESPONDING TO THE WORD



Through its recurring phrase, "in my heart," this poignant African American spiritual expresses the desire that our professed faith will not be superficial or hypocritical but will permeate the very center of our being, so that we may truly be the people God calls us to be.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: WESTMINSTER CONFESSION (responsive) SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 1

Leader: What is the chief end of man?

All: Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.

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.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

My faith looks up to thee, O Lamb of Calvary, My Faith Looks Up to Thee

arr. Jeff Wächter

Savior divine! Now hear me while I pray, Take all my guilt away, O let me from this day Be wholly thine! May thy rich grace impart Strength to my fainting heart, My zeal inspire; As thou hast died for me, O may my love to thee Pure, warm, and changeless be, A living fire!

(Anthem continues on the next page.)

While life's dark maze I tread, And griefs around me spread, Be thou my guide; Bid darkness turn to day, Wipe sorrow's tears away; Nor let me ever stray From thee aside.



*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 <u>mywpc.org/friendship</u> or scan the QR code at the right to access the online friendship register.





This American gospel song became popular in England in the late 19th century, then returned to this country in the mid-20th century with the Billy Graham crusades. Its continuing popularity may well be due to the freedom from subjective considerations in its praise of God.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Canzona for Organ

Cooman

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 <</p>

Our organ music selections are based on late Renaissance / early Baroque musical forms. A *giga*, or gigue, is a lively dance inspired by the English *jig*. A *canzona* is a rhythmic selection often divided into smaller independent sections. This morning, we feature the work of Carson Cooman (b. 1982), who draws inspiration from these musical forms in his modern compositions.

\gg The Chancel Flowers \ll

The flowers are given today to the glory of God and in loving memory of her husband, Bradford Crane, by Anabel Crane.

➢ THOSE SERVING THIS MORNING <</p>

PASTOR

Pam Hrncir, Associate Pastor

MUSIC MINISTRY

Christopher Bechtler, Director of Music

Norman Elton, Organist and Assistant Director of Music

WPC Chancel Choir

PROGRAM STAFF

Melody Dillon, Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries

SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

Laura Bechtler

LITURGIST

Dick Lee

GREETER

9:30am Cheryl Roettger

11:00am Laura Osman, Harley Stewart

USHERS

9:30am Matthew Underwood, Karen Lauritzen, Pat Underwood, Rebecca Caprio

11:00am Bob Bolstad, Kathryn Hall, Rebecca Caprio, Nancy L. Miller

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

Dave McLain, Sallie McLain, Eric Beckhusen

*WILLIAMSBURG LANDING USHERS

Godwin & Sylvia Jones, Ellen Jones

*WINDSOR MEADE USHER

Ray Whitney and Peter Moriarty

AUDIO AND VIDEO TECHNICIANS: Dick Sahlen and John Schoenberger

*Satellite campuses

➢ CHILDREN'S STATEMENT ∞

Children are welcome at WPC! We have a nursery for children ages 3 and below during our 9:30am service. Also, during our 9:30am service we have Sharing Faith with Children. There are 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!



Did you know you can receive amplified sound in the Sanctuary with a t-loop enabled hearing aid? The "loop" signal is strongest in certain pews along the center aisle. Look for the blue symbol.

➢ SUPPORT FOR OUR MEMBERS ∞

- •In need of one-on-one prayer? Please look for a Stephen Minister in the Fellowship Hall or the church fover 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.
- •Caregivers Support Group Summer Schedule: During July and August, 2025, the Caregivers Support Group will meet on Mondays, July 14, July 28 and August 11, August 25 in room 222 at 1pm. The Caregiver Support Group will resume their weekly meetings on September 8, 2025.

➢ 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, July 13 – Saturday, July 19 • Pastor Pam • phrncir@mywpc.org • 757-508-4668

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

Matilda "T" Mclain. David McLain. III and family on the death of her husband and his father. WPC member David McLain, Jr., who went home to be with our Lord and Savior, Friday, July 4, 2025. A Memorial Service will be held at a later time.

Please pray for those:

•Families who have recently lost loved ones, recovering from various surgeries, who are homebound, who have family and friend concerns, affected by natural disasters, country in the military services and their families, serving our country in leadership roles, experiencing homelessness and hunger, affected by the wars in Gaza, Israel, Sudan, and Ukraine.

Announcement From The Church Office 🖘

Important Reminder: Bulletin & E-Newsletter Submissions

Church members are kindly asked **not to send items intended for the weekly bulletin or the e-newsletter to** *vgamble@mywpc.org* **or** *svolk@mywpc.org*.

At times, requests are sent to both personal emails **and** the publications address. When this happens, there is a strong possibility your request **will not be processed in a timely manner**.

To ensure your announcement is considered for publication, **please send all requests ONLY to**: publications@mywpc.org

Thank you for your cooperation and help in keeping our communications clear and consistent!

\gg Announcements \ll

- Pastor John E. Morgan is spending time with family.
- The Flourish Tree Awaits Your Pick! The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. Galatians 5:22-23.

Our Flourish Tree in the back lobby is ready for your vote. Which fruit of the Spirit speaks to you? Pick your favorite and post it on the tree!

• Coffee Fellowship, Usher and Greeter Sign Ups Begin 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 July 27th to learn more and sign up to host Coffee Fellowship, Usher or Greet during the months of July, August, and September. 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 going to https://signup.com/go/ iGCDndF to serve as a greeter/usher and https://signup.com/go/yOsEWmJ to host coffee fellowship.

• Summer Meals for Kids Midway Food Drive: Saturday, July 19, 10:00am-12:00pm. WPC Christian Outreach volunteers will conduct a Food Drive in the back parking lot of WPC in support of the midway point for Summer Meals for Kids program. All you need to do is drive up and volunteers will accept your donations.

Desired items for this drive include *juice boxes and fruit cups*. Other items to purchase would be *bottled water, individual servings of chips, fruit snacks, raisins, granola bars, Rice Krispie treats, pretzels, cheese crackers, 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 continue to provide daily summer lunches for 250 children who, during the school year, receive free or subsidized school lunches. If you have any questions,

please contact Jim Winthrop*.

• Summer with the WPC Book Club: Mark your calendars and plan to join us. The WPC Book Club gathered for their first informal "book chats" on Monday, June 23. All are invited to join us on 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, 2025, at 7pm in Room 220 (and on Zoom). We will discuss the classic Beautiful Swimmers: Watermen, Crabs and the Chesapeake Bay, by William W. Warner.

- Preschool Dance and Play Fall Session Registration Now Open: Children ages 3–5 and their parents are invited to join us this fall for WPC's 10-week Preschool Dance and Play program! Experience fun, movement, and connection every Wednesday at 1:30pm, September 10– November 12. The program is taught by our Director of Children, Youth, and Families Ministries, Melody Dillon. Cost: \$95. Learn more and register at mywpc.org/danceandplay. Questions? Contact Melody at mdillon@mywpc.org.
- Help Support Events in Stevenson Hall: The Communications Ministry seeks volunteers to assist with A/V setup and provide tech support during events. Training included—learn to use the projector, mics, lighting, and more. This is a great way to support church ministries in action, as you are available! Contact Sherry Volk at svolk@mywpc.org to learn more.
- The Hunger and Homeless Team is hosting a fall work weekend at Habitat for Humanity's Eastern Shore site on October 9-11. 2025. Space is limited. Contact Chuck Timko* to sign up.
- Williamsburg Landing Satellite Church Ushers Needed: When we can't get to church, we can still worship God. When we can't get to church, we don't get to see and speak to friends. We don't have an opportunity to personally say "thank you!" to our Pastors, Choir Members, Music Directors, Ushers, Fellowship hosts, Greeters, those who make us feel good with a smile. At Williamsburg Landing, our church service is streamed every Sunday for Residents who have no way to attend our church in person. We need volunteers to serve as ushers at Williamsburg Landing. Ushers welcome all who attend the service, operate the computer to show the service on the big screen, hand out bulletins, and help all feel glad to worship God together. Please contact Linda Eichhorn* to volunteer.
- 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.

*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.

SUNDAY, JULY 13

- 9:30am ONLY Nursery open during 9:30am worship service
- In-person Worship / Sanctuary; Live-Stream Worship; visit mywpc.org to access 9:30am

In-person Worship / Sanctuary; Listen at FM93.5 The Burg and AM740 or wmbgradio.com 11:00am

MONDAY, JULY 14

- 1:00pm Caregiver Support Group / Rm 222
- 5:00pm Hunger and Homeless Mtg / LL010
- Christian Education Ministry Mtg / Rm 220 5:30pm

TUESDAY, JULY 15

- 2:00pm Safi Tutoring / Rm 255
- Christian Fellowship Committee / Rm 220 7:00pm
- 7:00pm AA Williamsburg Big Book Study / LL009 and LL049

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16

Summer Meals for Kids / Kitchen 8:00am

THURSDAY, JULY 17

- Sanctuary Cleaning 9:00am
- Safi Tutoring / Rm 255 5:00pm
- Christian Outreach Ministry Mtg / Rm LL010 5:00pm

FRIDAY, JULY 18

SATURDAY, JULY 19

Food Drive for Summer Meals for Kids / WPC Back parking lot 10:00am