



The Season of ORDINARY TIME

WILLIAMSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST COMMUNION SUNDAY • AUGUST 3, 2025

PRAYER FOR PREPARATION

Extravagant God, you offer riches that no earthly pleasures can match. You pour out mercy and cover us with love. You show us true justice and offer us peace. Bathe us in the light of Christ, illumine us with your Holy Spirit, and enable us to live only for you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

THE GATHERING PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. John E. Morgan

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Kathy Young

PRELUDE

Adagio from Symphony V

Widor

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Leader: Sisters and brothers, we have been raised with Christ to new life, freed from every fear, and granted every grace.

All: **With songs of praise, let us worship God.**

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



Our sanctuary is equipped with a T-coil hearing loop. Look for the blue sticker on the pews.

*HYMN 716

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

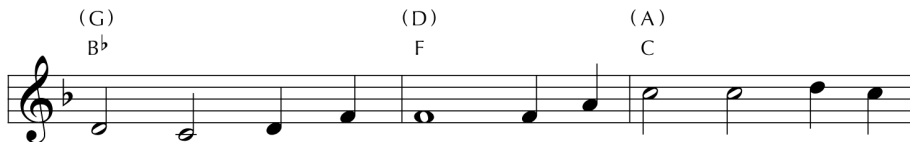
BEACH SPRING



1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and
2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of
3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your



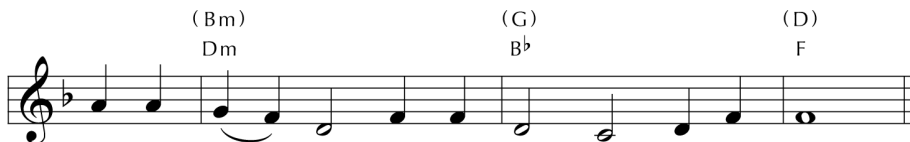
end - less store, na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly
Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es
grace con - ferred: ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to



cross, grave's shat - tered door: gift - ed by you, we turn
joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly
spread the gos - pel word. O - pen wide our hands in



to you, of - fer - ing up our - selves in praise; thank - ful song shall
la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone. Born with tal - ents,
shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing, teach - ing,



rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.
make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text on stewardship was one of about 450 submissions in a search for such hymns conducted by the Hymn Society of America in 1961. These words are well grounded by their musical setting, an early American shape note tune named for a Baptist church in Harris County, Georgia.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: Already assured that forgiveness is ours in Jesus Christ, let us lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, that we might receive mercy and amend our lives.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Holy God, you lavish us with good gifts, yet we persist in seeking after that which robs us of abundant life. We hold fast to our anxieties and give in to our greed; we desire the very things that harm us. Forgive us, purify us, and sustain us by the strength of your Holy Spirit, we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER

*KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy

Weaver



*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: If God is for us, who is against us? In Jesus Christ you have been set free. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

*GLORIA

Glory Be to the Father

Weaver



**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)

Kathy Young

God, we trust that you have our best interests at heart. As we hear the reading of your Word, remind us that we have been raised with Christ, and inspire us to seek the things that are above, through the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

Kathy Young

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

PSALM 85 (responsive)

Leader: Lord, you were favorable to your land;
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

**All: You forgave the iniquity of your people;
you pardoned all their sin.**

Leader: You withdrew all your wrath;
you turned from your hot anger.

**All: Restore us again, O God of our salvation,
and put away your indignation toward us.**

Leader: Will you be angry with us forever?
Will you prolong your anger to all generations?

**All: Will you not revive us again,
so that your people may rejoice in you?**

Leader: Show us your steadfast love, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation.

**All: Let me hear what God the Lord will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people,
to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.**

Leader: Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.

**All: Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.**

Leader: Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down from the sky.

**All: The Lord will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.**

Leader: Righteousness will go before him
and will make a path for his steps.

SECOND LESSON: Colossians 3:1-11

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

SERMON

"New Clothes"

Rev. John E. Morgan

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN 485**

We Know That Christ Is Raised

ENGELBERG



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^b 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!

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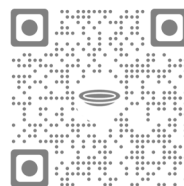
Beginning with an allusion to Romans 6:9, this exuberant baptismal hymn unfolds the implications of our incorporation into Christ's new life, making us "a new creation" (2 Corinthians 5:17). The text was written to fit this expansive tune by a distinguished British composer.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: FROM A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH (unison)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. 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

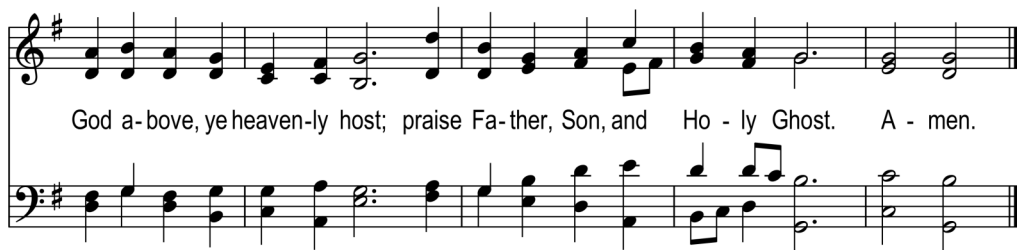
For the Beauty of the Earth
Summer Handbell Ensemble

arr. Patricia Cota

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH



*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

Let Us Break Bread Together
Summer Handbell Ensemble

arr. Jason Krug

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

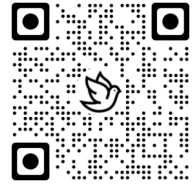
Holy Spirit, you have filled us with your life. Christ our Savior, you have embraced us in your love. God our Creator, you have fed us with your grace. Now send us out into your beloved world to share your life, your love, your grace with all. Blessing and honor and glory to you, holy, holy, holy Lord. 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 mywpc.org/friendship or scan the QR code at the right to access the online friendship register.



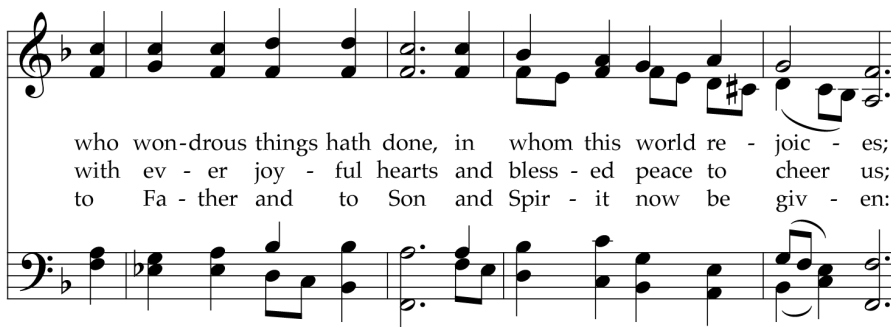
***HYMN 643**

Now Thank We All Our God

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT



1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voice,
 2 O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
 3 All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,



who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;
 with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
 to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:



who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
 and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed,
 the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,



with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
 the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

Although this hymn is often used on large and festive occasions, its first two stanzas had much humbler beginnings: they originated as a family table prayer during the Thirty Years' War (1618–1648). These words have been associated with this tune since the mid-17th century.

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Nimrod from Enigma Variations

Elgar

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 ❧

A pipe organ is a collection of instruments known as *stops*. Much like their orchestral cousins, organ stops are grouped into families. Last week, we highlighted organ music featuring the flute stops of the instrument. We continue today with those pipes that imitate the sound of strings. While an organ pipe will never sound exactly like a violin, they can be lush and rich.

The string family of stops are important in French organ music, from which today's prelude is drawn. French composers popularized the idea an "organ symphony" derived of multiple movements. This is the fourth movement of Widor's (1844-1937) fifth organ symphony. It is followed by his famous *Toccata*.

This morning's postlude is by the English composer Edward Elgar (1857-1934). It is part of a larger orchestral work, the Enigma Variations, consisting of individual musical sketches referring to Elgar's friends. It begins with the lush harmonies of the string family, grows to a mighty apex, and fades away.

❧ THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ❧

The flowers are given today to the glory of God and in loving memory of
her mother, Rebecca Stethan, by Martha and Jerry Howell.

⌘ THOSE SERVING THIS MORNING ⌘

PASTOR

John E. Morgan, Pastor, Head of Staff

MUSIC MINISTRY

Christopher Bechtler, Director of Music

Norman Elton, Organist and Assistant Director of Music

WPC Chancel Choir

Summer Handbell Ensemble under the direction of Christopher Bechtler

PROGRAM STAFF

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

SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

Laura Bechtler

LITURGIST

Kathy Young

GREETER

9:30am Cheryl Roettger

11:00am John Spiegel, Jay Hardy

USHERS

9:30am David Littell, Rebecca Caprio

11:00am Jackie Spiegel, Jean Scott, Rebecca Caprio

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

Jane Snyder, Phillip Jones, Robin Sabo

***WILLIAMSBURG LANDING USHERS**

Dick Sahlen, Ric Cheston, Linda Eichhorn

***WINDSOR MEADE USHER**

Ray Whitney and Peter Moriarty

***Windsor Meade Communion Servers**

Liz and Jack Snell

AUDIO AND VIDEO TECHNICIANS: Roy Knox 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!

∞ T-LOOP ENABLED ∞



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 pictured here.

∞ 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.
- **August monthly grief support group: Due to Pastor Pam's vacation schedule, the August meeting will be held the** meets the **second** Wednesday of the month, **August 13** 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.

Pastor-on-Call

Sunday, August 3 – Saturday, August 9

Pastor John • jmorgan@mywpc.org • 757-903-7800

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

- WPC member George Gilfillan, husband of WPC member Doris Gilfillan, who went home to be with our Lord and Savior, Saturday, July 26, 2025. A Memorial Service will be held at Williamsburg Presbyterian Church, Saturday, August 23, 2025 at 11:00am followed by a reception in Stevenson Hall. Doris will be interred in our columbarium.
- WPC members Larry, Rachel and Evan Pulley, family of WPC member Penny Pulley, who went home to be with our Lord and Savior, Monday, July 28, 2025. A Memorial Service will be held at Williamsburg Presbyterian Church, Friday, August 15, 2025 at 2:00pm followed by a reception in Stevenson Hall.

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.

🌀 ANNOUNCEMENTS 🌀

- Pam Hrnair, Associate Pastor, is spending time with family.
- **The monthly Grief support group will meet August 13 at 10am and not on August 6. Pastor Pam is on vacation.**
- **THANK YOU!!** What an incredible showing for Meals on Wheels Summer Meals for Kids program. With your generosity, we filled the van Saturday, July 19. All of these donations will feed the approximately 250 children served lunches each weekday throughout the summer right here in Williamsburg and James City County. We appreciate the kindness and generosity of all those who brought items directly to our food drive, and to all those who brought items throughout the collection. *We couldn't do it without your help!*
- **WPC Book Club: Mark your calendars and plan to join us. 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.
- **Backpack Blessing: It's time to go back to school and we want to send you off with prayers and blessings!** All students (PreK-grad school!) and teachers are invited to join us for the **annual Blessing of the Backpacks at both 9:30am and 11:00am on August 24.** You are encouraged to bring your school bag or backpack for a blessing and a special backpack tag. Then stick around for the Back-To-School Bash at 12:30am to celebrate a great summer and get excited for the school year!
- **Back-To-School Bash: Join us on August 24 for a community Back-To-School Bash from 12:30-2:30!** We will have a bounce house, games, popcorn, snow cones, and more! This event is taking place in collaboration with Williamsburg Baptist Church next door. This is a great opportunity to bring friends and neighbors. The annual Blessing of the Backpacks will take place at the 9:30am and 11:00am services prior to the Back-To-School Bash. Contact Melody Dillon (mdillon@mywpc.org) with questions or to volunteer.
- **SAVE THE DATE: Rise Against Hunger. Saturday, September 27, 2025, 11am-3:30pm. Learn more at mywpc.org/rah.**
- **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.
- **Our next New Member Orientation Luncheon is scheduled for Sunday, October 5, 2025, 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 (phrnair@mywpc.org) after the service.

- **Volunteers Needed to Help at Grove Christian Outreach Center on United Way Day of Caring:** WPC's Outreach Ministry is sponsoring a work day at the Grove Christian Outreach Center as part of the United Way Day of Caring on Friday, September 12 from 8:30 to 2:30. There are indoor jobs (shopping with neighbors, organizing the clothing closet, and painting) and outdoor jobs (pressure washing, weeding, trimming and yard cleanup). If you can help us in this worthwhile endeavor, please contact Tom Moul* and let him know if you would like to work inside or outside. Thanks for volunteering!
- **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.

*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 ☞

COMMUNION SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

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

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 4

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5

1:00pm Staff Meeting / Zoom

2:00pm From His Hands Motel Ministry Meal Prep / Kitchen

2:00pm Safi Tutoring / Rm 255

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

7:00pm Earth Care Committee Meeting / Library and Zoom

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6

8:00am Summer Meals for Kids / Kitchen

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7

9:00am Sanctuary Cleaning

5:00pm Safi Tutoring / Rm 255

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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8

SATURDAY, AUGUST

☞ NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP ☞

August 10, 2025 • 9th Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor John's sermon, "*Homeland*," will be based on Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16.