



WILLIAMSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

COMMUNION SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

PRAYER FOR PREPARATION

Holy God, you alone are worthy of honor and praise. Open our eyes to see the world as you see it. Give us the wisdom to witness your presence in all people. Transform us in love, grow us in our faith, call us to love with a full heart and to share your promises with all people. Amen.

THE GATHERING

PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. John E. Morgan

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Faith Shartzter

PRELUDE

I Love To Tell the Story

arr. Diemer

MINUTE FOR MISSION: Open Door Concert Series

Norman Elton

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Leader: "Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.'

All: So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them,

Leader: 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it;

All: and have dominion over the fish of the sea

Leader: and over the birds of the air

All: and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.'"

(The Call to Worship continues on the next page.)

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.

Leader As those who bear the likeness and blessing of God,
All: as mortals charged with holy purpose, let us worship the One who summons us to life.

***HYMN 409**

God Is Here!

ABBOT'S LEIGH

1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an

of - fer praise and prayer, may we find in
life - long need of grace; here are ta - ble,
Shep - herd's flock and fold; here as bread and
age of change and doubt keep us faith - ful

full - er mea - sure what it is in Christ we share.
font, and pul - pit; here the cross has cen - tral place.
wine are tak - en, Christ sus - tains us as of old.
to the gos - pel; help us work your pur - pose out.

Commissioned for the dedication of a renovated worship space in Austin, Texas, this text is one of the few to devote attention to how customary church features facilitate worship. The tune was composed in wartime Britain to replace a Haydn tune tainted by Nazi associations.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: Trusting in the power of God not only to fashion the world, but to mend and refashion our hearts, let us say how it is with us.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

Holy God, like children long indulged, we are quick to presume your pardon, your sanction of the way we live. We turn away from neighbors in need, sharing fragments that remain only after our cravings have been met. Merciful Maker, you created us for better use; remake us now. Where we are distorted, re-center and reshape us, bring us low and raise us up. Then fire our hearts until we shine with your glory and find our place in your purpose.

A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER

***KYRIE**

Lord, Have Mercy

Schubert

Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy;

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - - cy.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Hear the sound of love poured out: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation; everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new. Sisters and brothers, in the name of the Christ I declare that your story is known, your sin is forgiven, your life is made new. Let us live as those reborn.

*GLORIA

Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI (Creatorex)

Glo - ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly
Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er
shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time, with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are: "Glo - ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men." The score consists of three systems of staves, each with a vocal line and a basso continuo line.

**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

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Faith Shartzter

Holy and merciful God, we have come to hear your word. Help us to bear it. Break down in us all that resists your will and plant in us a willingness to turn, for we would live; we would be your disciples. By your Spirit, come to us, now, in ancient texts, in everyday visions, in the need of our neighbor; we pray in the name of Jesus, our light. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Philemon 1:1-21

Faith Shartzter

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

PSALM 139:1-6, 13-18 (responsive)

Leader: LORD, you have searched me and known me.

All: You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

Leader: You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

All: Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely.

Leader: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

All: You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

Leader: For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

All: I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

Leader: My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

All: Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.

Leader: How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

**All: I try to count them -- they are more than the sand; I come to the end --
I am still with you.**

SECOND LESSON: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"A Time to Connect"

Rev. Pam Hrcir

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 761

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

BEECHER

1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,
2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,
4 So God grant us for to - mor-row ways to or - der hu - man life

we re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
let us fol - low, nev - er fal-tering, rec - on - cil - ing folk on earth.
help us bear each oth - er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.
that sur-round each per - son's sor-row with a calm that con-quests strife.

May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,
Men and wom-en, rich - er, poor - er, all God's peo-ple, young and old,
Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care,
Make us part-ners in our liv - ing, our com-pas-sion to in - crease,

e - qual part-ners in our car-ing to ful - fill God's cho-sen end.
blend-ing hu-man skills to - geth-er gra-cious gifts from God un - fold.
bring new power and strength for ac-tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.
mes - sen-gers of faith, thus giv-ing hope and con - fi - dence and peace.

This hymn is a celebration of mutuality and diversity as well as a challenge to the Christian community to live out a ministry of reconciliation and inclusion. This 20th-century text is set to a 19th-century tune named for the noted pastor and preacher Henry Ward Beecher.

TEXT: Jane Parker Huber, 1981

MUSIC: John Zundel, 1870

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BEECHER

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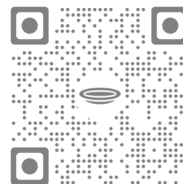
(alternate tune: EBENEZER)

***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.

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'll Fly Away

arr. Craig Courtney

Bev Whitley and Norman Elton, piano

Some glad morning when this life is o'er,
I'll fly away;
To a home on God's celestial shore,
I'll fly away.

Refrain:

I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away.
When I die, hallelujah, by and by,
I'll fly away.

When the shadows of this life have gone,
I'll fly away;
Like a bird from prison bars has flown,
I'll fly away. (Refrain)

(Anthem continues on the next page.)

Just a few more weary days and then,
I'll fly away;
To a land where joys shall never end,
I'll fly away. (Refrain)

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in the key of D major (one sharp). The melody is in the Treble clef, and the bass line is in the Bass clef. The lyrics are written below the staves.

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**

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

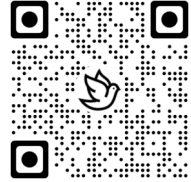
Loving God, we thank you for gathering us at your table, for feeding us with your love, and for making us one body in Christ. By your Spirit, make us bold in love, generous in sharing, and faithful in justice. Let our lives be a living communion— a witness to your grace in this community and in all the world. Through Jesus Christ our 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 296

Go in Grace and Make Disciples

WONDRIOUS LIGHT

Capo 3: (D) (A) (G) (A) (D) (A)

F C B^b C F C

1 Go in grace and make dis - ci - ples. Bap - tize in God's
 2 Go and fol - low Christ's ex - am - ple, not to van - quish,
 3 Go in Pen - te - cos - tal spir - it, man - y tongues and

(Em7) (A) (D) (G) (D) (G)
 Gm7 C F B^b F B^b

ho - ly name. Tell of death and res - ur - rec - tion; Eas - ter's
 but to heal. Mend the wounds of sin's di - vi - sions. Ser - vant
 man - y gifts. Feed the hearts of hun - gry peo - ple. Spread the

(D) (Em) (A7) (D) (A) (D) (A) (D)
 F Gm C7 F C F C F

vic - tory now pro - claim. Christ's com - mis - sion sends us forth
 love to all re - veal. Roles and ranks shall be re - versed;
 gos - pel that up - lifts. Till the day of Christ's re - turn,

(B) (Em) (B) (E) (A) (D)
 D Gm D G C F

to the na - tions of the earth. Go in grace and
 jus - tice flow for all who thirst. Go and fol - low
 as dis - ci - ples, teach and learn. Go in Pen - te -

(G) (D) (G) (Em) (D) (A7) (D)
 B^b F B^b Gm F C7 F

make dis - ci - ples, mid - wives for the world's re - birth.
 Christ's ex - am - ple. Forge a world of last made first.
 cos - tal spir - it: let God's flame of wit - ness burn.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text based on Jesus' Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20) emphasizes that engaging in mission according to the model of Christ's life and ministry inspires service rather than conquest. The gospel message is a gift of life and hope made known in healing, justice, and peace.

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

How Firm a Foundation

Phillips

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 ❧

Albert E. Brumley came up with the idea for "I'll Fly Away" while picking cotton on his father's farm in Oklahoma. He was humming an old song that had a line "If I had the wings of an angel, over these prison walls I would fly," and it dawned on him that that would be a good story for a gospel song. The lyric "Like a bird from prison bars has flown" comes directly from that idea.

Brumley (1905–1977) wrote over 800 gospel and other songs and was inducted into the Country Song Writers Hall of Fame in 1970. "I'll Fly Away" has been called the world's most recorded Gospel song, and it has been sung by artists from the 1940s to today.

❧ THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ❧

The flowers are given today to the glory of God and
in memory of her husband, Richard John Eichhorn
by Linda Eichhorn.

⌘ 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

Bev Whitley, piano

LITURGIST

Faith Shartzter

GREETER

9:30am Cheryl Roettger, Liz Favre

11:00am Cheryl Roettger, Dick Hubbard

USHERS

9:30am Matthew Underwood, Pat Underwood, John VanAken, Anne Nicastro

11:00am Bob Bolstad, Nancy Moseley, Kelly Kirkpatrick, Rebecca Caprio

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

Jane Snyder, Laura Osman, Pete Osman

***WILLIAMSBURG LANDING USHERS AND COMMUNION SERVERS**

Dick Sahlen, Ric Cheston, Linda Eichhorn

***WINDSOR MEADE USHER**

Ray Whitney and Peter Moriarty

***WINDSOR MEADE COMMUNION SERVERS**

Karen and Tony Annoni

AUDIO AND VIDEO TECHNICIANS: Roy Knox and John Schoenberger

*Satellite campuses

☞ WPC Elders, Deacons & Staff ☞

*Moderator

**Second Chair

SESSION: CLASSES OF 2026, 2027, 2028

Moderator: John E. Morgan Clerk of Session: Diane Schwarz

Administration: Larry Pulley* (26), Margie Newcomer (26), Pat Murray (28)

Christian Education: JD Due* (26), Kelly Kirkpatrick (26), Kathryn Hall (27), Megan Davis (28), Len Shartzter (28)

Christian Outreach: CW Stacks* (28), Joseph Kinard (27), Carolyn Morgan (28)

Communications: Ellen Peters* (27)

Facilities: Jerry Howell* (26), Ric Cheston (27), Greg Walton (28)

Resources: Marc Moyers* (27), Jay Eaton (26)

Worship: Becky Mckinley* (27)

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE:

Joseph Kinard* (26), Jim Austin (26), Martha Squire (27), Wray Russell (28) Mike Smith (28)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: CLASS OF 2025-26

Moderator: Ric Cheston, Kathy Chamber, Jim Kirkpatrick, Karen Lee, Carolyn Morgan, Nancy Moseley,
Jim Winthrop

BOARD OF DEACONS: CLASSES OF 2026, 2027, 2028

Moderator: Eric Beckhusen (26) Vice-Moderator: Julia Smith (27)

Pastoral Advisor: Pam Hrcir, Associate Pastor

Secretary: Robin Sabo (26)

CARE TEAMS

Care Connections: Jennifer LaDow** (26), Skip Perry (28), Patty Yewcic (28)

Brookdale and Other Asst. Living: Robin Sabo (26)

Patriot's Colony: Barbara Smith** (28)

Williamsburg Landing: Carolyn Lodzieski** (26)

Windsor Meade: Martha Burian** (26), Jack Snell (28)

MINISTRY TEAMS

Celebrations and Concerns: Laura Osman** (27), Barb Timko (28)

Christian Fellowship: Bev Whitley** (27), Dave McLain (26) Jim Carey** (27), Jane Snyder (28), Steve Young (28)

Flower Sharing: Leigh Sutherland** (26), Carol Thomas (26), Linda Stewart (28)

New Member: Eric Beckhusen** (26), Rodney Lawrence (27), Suzanne Stewart (27)

Memorial Receptions: Rebecca Caprio** (26), Karen Lauritzen (27), Julia Smith (27), Cheryl Roettger (28)

Memorial Services: Ford Moseley** (27), Jack Lassiter (27), Kathy Chambers (27), Bruce Graham (28)

STAFF

Pastoral Staff: John E. Morgan, Pastor/Head of Staff; Pam Hrcir, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care

Program Staff: Melody Dillon, Director of Children Youth, and Family Ministries

Music Staff: Chris Bechtler, Director of Music; Norman Elton, Organist, Assistant Director of Music;

Rebecca Elton, Junior Carol Choir Director

Administrative Staff: Stephen Foster, Director of Finance and Administration; Vanessa Gamble, Church Secretary;

Martha Reier, Administrative Assistant; Sherry Volk, Director of Communications; Barbara Walker, Accounting Assistant

Facility Staff: Elbert Fleming, Facility Manager; Hugh Jamerson, Sexton

Audio Booth: John Schoenberger, Technician

❧ 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. Sharing Faith with Children returns to our 11am 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!

❧ 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.
- **The monthly grief support group resumes meeting 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** will resume their weekly meetings on Mondays at 1:00pm in room 227 on the second level.

✧ 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, September 7 – Saturday, September 13
Pastor Pam • phrncir@mywpc.org • 757-508-4668

Please pray for:

- Terry Hancock, Nell Stowe, and families who have recently lost loved ones.

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 ❧

- **The Open Door Concert Series welcomes Grammy-nominated vocal quartet Kings Return TODAY Sunday, September 7.** The group exploded in popularity, growing from their gospel roots to R&B, jazz, and classical a capella music. Join us as we kick off our seventh season of engaging the Williamsburg community with high quality concerts, free of charge. **Doors open at 3:30 PM, concert begins at 4:00 PM with a reception following.** This concert is presented in partnership with the Williamsburg Community Foundation. Details at mywpc.org/concerts.
- **Thanking God for Pastor John's 40 Years of Ministry! Join us on Sunday, September 14, immediately after the 11:00am worship service in Stevenson Hall, as we celebrate Pastor John's faithful service to God and God's people over the past 40 years.** As part of our celebration, we will take a collection to make a donation to FISH in Pastor John's honor. Pastor John faithfully volunteers with FISH the first Wednesday of the month. A basket will also be available for cards and personal notes of thanks. Come share in this joyful occasion as we give thanks to God for Pastor John's ministry among us!
- **The first Kids Connect Day Camp of the year is on Friday, October 3!** When our public school teachers have scheduled work days, all kids in Kindergarten-5th grade are invited to spend the day at WPC playing games, doing crafts, learning a Bible story, doing a service project, and much more. For this first Kids Connect of the year, there will even be a special visitor from the Virginia Zoo! Registration can be found at mywpc.org/children or by emailing Melody Dillon at mdillon@mywpc.org. There is a suggested donation of \$15 per child (or \$40 per family).
- **Be a part of World Communion Sunday.** The Worship Ministry invites you to participate by baking bread that represents your heritage or that is a family favorite. The breads will be assembled into a centerpiece for October 5. **If you have questions or want to volunteer to provide bread, please contact Ruth Cobb* by September 29.**
- **Prayer Chain: Have you ever thought that you wanted to get more involved with the church but felt that you just didn't have the time? Joining the prayer chain is the perfect solution.** The process is simple: You will receive an e-mail every week listing the names of people who need prayers. You pray for those people as often and for as long as the Lord directs. That's it. **There is only one request.** The names of the persons on the prayer chain are to be kept confidential, shared by you with God. If this is something you'd like to do, please send an e-mail to Jo Ann Youhas* with your name, phone number, and e-mail address and she will add your name to the distribution list. We welcome you into this important ministry of our church. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Jo Ann Youhas* Thank you.
- **Register now for the WPC Ice Cream Social: Sunday, September 21, 2pm. Ice cream is for everyone!** Drop in for yummy scoops of ice cream (including a non-dairy sorbet) with toppings, and enjoy time in fellowship with old friends and new acquaintances. We will be set up with tents and seating in the small parking lot next to the playground at the rear of the building. There is no charge for the event, but please register by Thursday, September 18, so we can plan for all. See mywpc.org/calendar or sign up in the back Welcome Lobby. Contact Bev Whitley* with any questions.

- **It's not too late to register for the Fall Roundtable Pulpit!** The Roundtable Pulpit is a 5-week group that meets with Pastor John to discuss the upcoming Sunday's scripture and help shape the sermon. No special qualifications are needed—just a willingness to engage and explore the text together. **The group meets Tuesdays, September 9, 16, 23, 30 & October 7, 7:00–8:30pm in the Church Library.** Together, the group explores the scripture for the coming Sunday, offering perspectives that help shape the sermon preached by Rev. Morgan. PC members and non-members are welcome. Past participants are encouraged to join again! To register or learn more, email Pastor John, jmorgan@mywpc.org.
- **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 8:30pm. to 2:30pm. Please contact Tom Moul* and let him know if you would like to work inside or outside and your t-shirt size. Thanks for volunteering!
- **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.
- **The WPC Book Club will meet on Monday, September 23, 2025, at 2 pm in Room 220 (and on Zoom) to discuss The Covenant of Water, by Abraham Verghese.**
- **Rise Against Hunger – Sign Up Today!** Join us for WPC's annual meal-packaging event on **Saturday, September 27 in Stevenson Hall.** Our 2025 goals are big: **55,000 meals packaged** (bringing WPC's lifetime total to 600,000!) and **\$10,000 raised** to cover costs. This intergenerational event is a WPC favorite. Sign up for a two-hour shift or make a donation at mywpc.org/rah. Questions? Contact Wray Russell*.

⤿ ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE ⤿

Vanessa Gamble, our Church Secretary, will be away from Monday, September 1 through Friday, September 12, 2025. If you need assistance, please reach out to Martha Reier (mreier@mywpc.org) or contact the Church Office.

Sherry Volk, our Director of Communications will be away from Monday, September 8 through Sunday, September 14.

*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, SEPTEMBER 7

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

4:00pm Open Door Concert 24-25 Season Begins • Kings Return / Sanctuary

5:30pm Youth Group / Stevenson Hall

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

1:00pm Caregiver Support Grp / Rm 227

5:30pm Hunger and Homeless Ministry Mtg / LL010

5:30pm Christian Education Ministry / Rm

6:30pm Williamsburg Choral Guild Rehearsal / Sanctuary

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

1:00pm Staff Mtg / Zoom

5:30pm Resources Ministry Mtg / Rm 220

6:30pm Presbyterian Women's Circle 5-Eunice / Rm 222

6:30pm UKirk Dinner & Dialogue / UKirk Rm Lower Level

7:00pm Roundtable Pulpit with Pastor John / Library

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

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

10:00am Presbyterian Women's Circle 14 / Cynthia McGraw

6:00pm Joyful Ringers Rehearsal / Bell Rm

7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Rm

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

9:00am Sanctuary Cleaning

4:30pm Carol Choir and Junior Choir Rehearsal / Choir Rm

5:00pm Children's Usher Training / LL049

7:00pm Deacon Monthly Mtg / Rm 220

7:30pm Westminster Ringers Rehearsal / Bell Ring

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

9:00am United Way Day of Caring

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

☞ NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP ☞

September 14, 2025 • 14th Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor John's sermon, "*Redeeming Regret*," will be based on I Timothy 1:12-17.