



WILLIAMSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

PRAYER FOR PREPARATION

Loving God, giver of all good gifts, you have created us for life together, and in Christ you have revealed to us that the true riches of faith are good works, generosity, and a desire to serve. Strengthen us this day to pursue all righteousness, godliness, and love with perseverance and gentleness, that we may take hold of the life that is really life, and dwell with you eternally. Amen.

THE GATHERING

PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. John E. Morgan

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Nancy Hammond

PRELUDE

O Worship The King
Westminster Ringers

arr. Dobrinski

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Leader: We will praise you, Lord, as we gather before you with varied thoughts and purposes.

All: Some of us are impatient, and we seek immediate results to our prayers.

Leader: Some of us are doubtful, and we seek further proof of your spiritual power.

All: Some of us are too busy, and we fail to take time to listen for you to speak to us.

Leader: Some of us are disobedient, and we fail to follow in the way of discipleship.

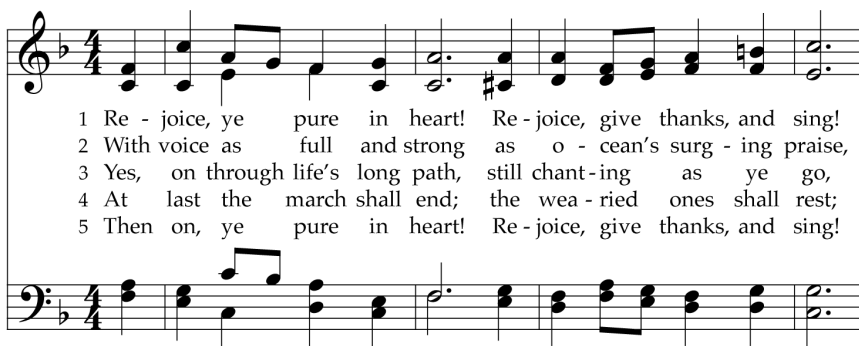
All: With all our varied backgrounds, we come into your presence; unite us in our worship and in a common sense of devotion to you.

Leader: Let us worship God.

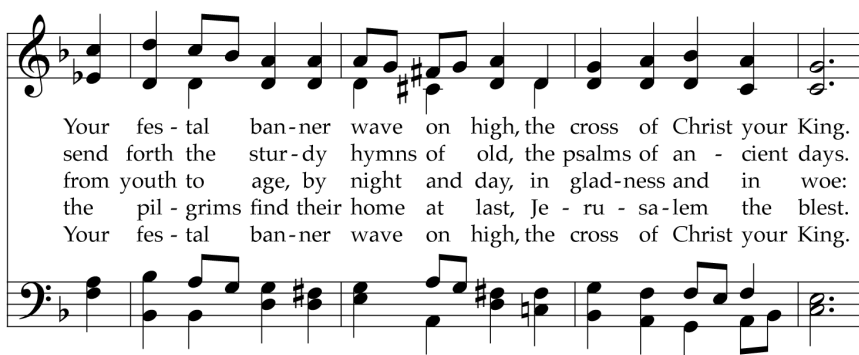
Please rise in body or spirit. The people's responses are in **bold type**.



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



1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!
 2 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,
 3 Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as ye go,
 4 At last the march shall end; the wea - ried ones shall rest;
 5 Then on, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!



Your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
 send forth the stur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.
 from youth to age, by night and day, in glad - ness and in woe:
 the pil - grims find their home at last, Je - ru - sa - lem the blest.
 Your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.

Refrain



Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!
 Re - joice! Re - joice!

These stanzas are drawn from a much longer hymn created for the processional at an English choir festival in 1865. The original text lacked the refrain that gives the hymn so much of its energy and interest. That feature was added by the composer of this tune in 1883.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: If we call out in need, the Lord will answer. Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor, trusting in the Lord who sets prisoners free.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

We have sinned, O God, hoarding what we have, grasping for more, and ignoring those who hunger and thirst. We stay with our own kind; we are complacent in the face of systems that oppress. Forgive us; purify us; remake us, that we might love as you love. Amen.

A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER

*KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy

Schubert

The musical score is written for voice and piano in D major (two sharps). It consists of two systems. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with a half note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a half note C5. The piano accompaniment consists of a steady eighth-note pattern in the right hand and a half-note pattern in the left hand. The second system continues the vocal line with a half note D5, followed by a quarter note E5, a quarter note F5, and a half note G5. The piano accompaniment continues with the same rhythmic pattern. The score ends with a double bar line.

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

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

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: The Lord welcomes all who return from the exile of greed and self-interest. Be at peace, for in Christ we find our way home again where all are forgiven, loved, and restored.

*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.

**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

Jim Kirkpatrick

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Nancy Hammond

Nurturing God, you give life to all things and long to satisfy the needs of your children in their desire for healing and wholeness. Send your Spirit upon us this day, that as we hear your word we may meet Jesus, the one in whom all our hungers are fed. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

Nancy Hammond

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

PSALM 119:166-176 (responsive)

Leader: Let my cry come before you, O Lord;
give me understanding according to your word.

**All: Let my supplication come before you;
deliver me according to your promise.**

Leader: My lips will pour forth praise,
because you teach me your statutes.

**All: My tongue will sing of your promise,
for all your commandments are right.**

Leader: Let your hand be ready to help me,
for I have chosen your precepts.

**All: I long for your salvation, O Lord,
and your law is my delight.**

Leader: Let me live that I may praise you,
and let your ordinances help me.

**All: I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek out your servant,
for I do not forget your commandments.**

SECOND LESSON: I Timothy 6:6-19

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

SERMON

"To Be Content"

Rev. John E. Morgan

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 630

Fairest Lord Jesus

CRUSADERS' HYMN

1 Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Rul - er of all
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair - er still the
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Rul - er of the

na - ture, O thou of God to earth come
 wood - lands, robed in the bloom - ing garb of
 moon - light, and all the twink - ling, star - ry
 na - tions, Son of God and Son of

down, thee will I cher - ish, thee will I
 spring. Je - sus is fair - er; Je - sus is
 host. Je - sus shines bright - er; Je - sus shines
 Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o -

hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
 pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
 pur - er, than all the an - gels heaven can boast.
 ra - tion, now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Franz Liszt used this melody for a "Crusaders' March" in an oratorio, but this hymn had nothing to do with the Crusades. No record of the German text exists before the middle of the 17th century or of the Silesian folk melody before the first half of the 19th century.

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

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

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

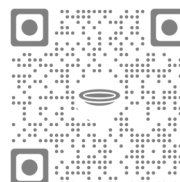
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING TALK: Global Mission

Nancy Archibald

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

It Is Well with My Soul

arr. John Ness Beck

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll—
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain:

It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

My sin—O the joy of this glorious thought—

My sin, not in part, but the whole,

Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! (Refrain)

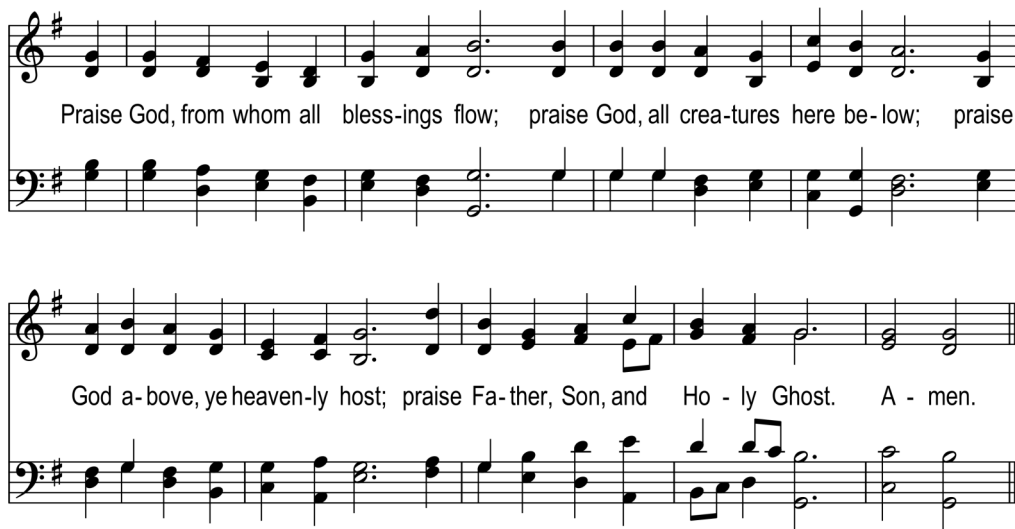
(Anthem continues on the next page.)

And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll:
The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend,
“Even so”—it is well with my soul! (Refrain)

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH



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.

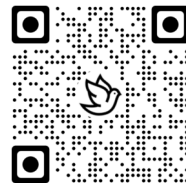
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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.



1 Fight the good fight with all thy might.
 2 Run the straight race through God's good grace;
 3 Cast care a - side; lean on thy guide.
 4 Faint not nor fear: God's arms are near.

Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right.
 lift up thine eyes, and seek Christ's face.
 God's bound-less mer - cy will pro - vide.
 God chang - eth not, and thou art dear.

Lay hold on life, and it shall be
 Life with its way be - fore us lies;
 Trust, and thy trust - ing soul shall prove
 On - ly be - lieve, and thou shalt see

thy joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.
 Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.
 Christ is its life, and Christ its love.
 that Christ is all in all to thee.

The opening phrase here (based on 1 Timothy 6:12) is not a military image but an athletic one, from a Greek verb meaning "struggle" or "grapple" or "wrestle." The sports context continues in later stanzas reflecting the experience of a runner (recalling Hebrews 12:1-2).

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Fanfare on *Duke Street*

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.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS

The flowers are given today to the glory of God and in memory of her husband, Phillip Trimble,
by Pat Trimble.

∞ THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ∞

The flowers are given today to the glory of God and in memory of their daughter, Jenifer,
by Joan and John Kohout.

∞ 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

Westminster Ringers under the direction of Norman Elton

LITURGIST

Nancy Hammond

GREETER

9:30am Harley Stewart, Shanna Due

11:00am Bruce Powell, Dick Hubbard

USHERS

9:30am Lynn Newcomer, John VanAken, Debby Philp, Rebecca Caprio

11:00am Kathryn Hall, Shanna Due, Donna Powell, Rebecca Caprio

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

Steve Young, Julia Smith, Sarah Houghland

***WILLIAMSBURG LANDING USHERS**

Linda Eichhorn

***WINDSOR MEADE USHER**

Ray Whitney and Peter Moriarty

AUDIO AND VIDEO TECHNICIANS: Matt Slack and John Schoenberger

*Satellite campuses

✧ CHILDREN'S STATEMENT ✧

Children are welcome at WPC! We have Sunday School for all ages at 9:30am and a nursery for children ages 3 and below during 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!

✧ YOUTH STATEMENT ✧

All youth in 6th-12th grade are invited to join us every Sunday evening for WPC Youth Group! We meet from 5:30-7:00pm and enjoy dinner, singing, and a variety of activities from Bible study to Gaga Ball.

High schoolers in 9th-12th grade are invited to join for a midweek Bible study on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:00pm. Please reach out to Melody Dillon with any questions.

✧ FAMILY STATEMENT ✧

Every 3rd Sunday is WPC Family Sunday! During Sunday School, families are invited to gather upstairs in Room 227 for coffee, breakfast treats, and informal conversation and community building. Then, during the 11:00am service, all kids in preschool-5th grade are invited to sit together and help lead the congregation in Embodying the Psalm.

✧ 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 28 – Saturday, October 4
Pastor Pam • phrncir@mywpc.org • 757-508-4668

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

- WPC members Beth (Jack) Murray and family of the death of her cousin, WPC member Jane Wornom Petty, who went home to be with our Lord and Savior, Monday, July 14, 2025 in Northampton, MA.
- WPC members Rosy and Dave Koenig on the death of their father, Wolf Koenig, who went home to be with our Lord and Savior, Tuesday, September 23. A Memorial Service will be held at a later date.

Please continue to pray for:

- Terry Hancock, 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, 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 ∞

- **An Opportunity to Connect! Hang out with the other parents of WPC during Youth Group this Sunday from drop-off to pick-up (5:30pm-7:00pm).** Chairs are available, but feel free to bring your own. We sit outside when it's nice and inside when it's not. No agenda, just people who are interested in getting together while our youth are together.
- **It's not too late to join 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 (phrncir@mywpc.org) after the service.
- **Help feed the WPC Youth Group!** One of the highlights of our Sunday evening youth group is the meal enjoyed by all! You are invited to sign up to provide a meal for approximately 15 people on Sunday evening at 5:15pm. Homecooked meals are always a highlight, but restaurant takeout or providing a gift card is amazing as well. The best part is that we would love for you to join us during dinner and get to know the amazing WPC Youth a little better! You can sign up at this Sign Up Genius or reach out to Melody Dillon with questions or help signing up at mywpc.org/youthdinner
- **Fall 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 to learn more and sign up to host Coffee Fellowship, Usher or Greet during the months of September, October, and November. 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.
- **KAIROS Love Cookie Guidelines:** We need cookies and lots of them! WPC going into Greenville Correctional Center for KAIROS 87 from October 1st to October 5th. You can serve in this ministry by simply baking cookies! The WPC team is asked to bring a minimum of 200 dozen homemade cookies for distribution over the weekend. **Please leave your cookies in the WPC kitchen by Tuesday, September 30 by close of business.**

Love Cookie Kits are available in the Welcome Center. Kits for making 3 dozen include 3-quart freezer bags, special instructions and directions for baking cookies. Take as many as you feel you can bake! Thank you so very much for your help. May God continue to bless you richly.
- **The Squares Men's Evening Bible Study:** Faced with extinction, the tribes of Israel ceased quarreling among themselves and united in a single kingdom under Saul. We often find ourselves in a similar situation. THE SQUARES will use 1 Samuel 8:4-22 to consider the tried-and-true decisions, or to seek trusting in the unknown. Join this men's group on Thursday, October 2 at 7pm in room 227. For more information check with Chuck Timko* or Jim Kirkpatrick*.

- **Last call for baked bread! 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.**
- **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).**
- **Fall Town Hall Meeting, Saturday, October 11, 10am to noon in Stevenson Hall.** Join us for the Fall Town Hall! First, you will hear a few important updates from the Session about the life of our church. There will be a time to discuss your ideas about the mission and purpose of WPC now and in the future.
- **WPC Book Club:** Join the group on Monday, October 27, 2025, at 2 pm in Room 220 (and on Zoom) to discuss *Fractured Frame*, by WPC member Robert Archibald. We will welcome Bob to our discussion.

*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 28

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

5:30pm WPC Youth Group / Stevenson Hall

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

1:00pm Caregiver Support Grp / Rm 227

6:30pm Williamsburg Choral Guild Rehearsal / Sanctuary

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

10:00am Tuesday Bible Study / Rm 222

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

7:00pm Roundtable Pulpit with Pastor John / Library

7:00pm Earth Care Committee / Zoom

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1

6:00pm Joyful Ringers Rehearsal / Bell Rm

7:00pm High School Youth Bible Study / Rm 227

7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Rm

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2

9:00am Sanctuary Cleaning

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

7:00pm The Squares Men's Evening Bible Study / Rm 225

7:30pm Westminster Ringers Rehearsal / Bell Rm

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3

9:00am Kids Connect Day Camp / Through the church

3:00pm Bi Monthly Motel Meal Preparation and Packing / Kitchen and Stevenson Hall

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

∞ NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP ∞

October 5, 2025 • 17th Sunday after Pentecost • World Communion Sunday

Celebration of the Lord's Supper will be served at all worship services

Pastor John's sermon, "*Mustard Seed Faith*," will be based on Luke 17:5-10.