

WILLIAMSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY OCTOBER 5, 2025

PRAYER FOR PREPARATION

Faithful God, we give you thanks that nothing can separate us from your love. Receive us as beloved children so that we may enter your presence this day and abide with you forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GATHERING PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. John E. Morgan

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Len Shartzer

MINUTE FOR MISSION: Stewardship: A Time to Connect

Pete Osman

PRELUDE

Capriccio on Bread of the World in Mercy Broken

James Biery

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Leader: When I look at your heavens

I will tell your glory:

People: O Lord our God,

how majestic is your name!

Leader: In the great congregation

I will sing your praise:

People: O Lord our God,

how majestic is your name!

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.



Written for the confirmation of the author's son, this text of self-dedication also voices our recurring individual need to recommit ourselves in less formal ways. The familiar shape note tune enhances a sense of finding our place among God's people from all times and places.

TEXT: Fred Kaan, 1976
MUSIC: American folk melody; harm. Charles H. Webb, 1988
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Music Harm. © 1989 The United Methodist Publishing House (admin. The Copyright Company)

LAND OF REST

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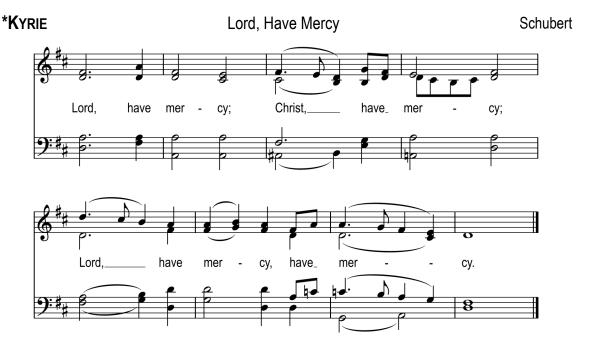
*CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: We have an advocate on high: Jesus Christ, who stooped down to save us from our sin but rose in honor and glory to reign forever. Therefore, let us seek God's grace.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Loving God, you created us to live in relationship with you, to love and serve one another, and to care for all your creatures. Yet, in the hardness of our hearts, we dismiss your commandments and seek to go our separate ways. Lord, have mercy on us. Redeem, restore, and re-create us, for the sake of Christ our Savior. Amen.

A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER



*Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Friends in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*GLORIA

Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI (Greatorex)

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

Melody Dillon

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Len Shartzer

Lord God, as you spoke long ago through the voices of each generation, speak to us here, speak to us now, through the power of your Spirit and the promise of your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Lamentations 3:19-26

Len Shartzer

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

PSALM 37:1-9 (unison)

Do not fret because of the wicked: do not be envious of wrongdoers. for they will soon fade like the grass and wither like the green herb. Trust in the Lord and do good: live in the land and enjoy security. Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act. He will make your vindication shine like the light and the justice of your cause like the noonday. Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him; do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices. Refrain from anger and forsake wrath. Do not fret-it leads only to evil. For the wicked shall be cut off. but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land.

SECOND LESSON: Luke 17:5-10

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"Mustard Seed Faith"

Rev. John E. Morgan

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 817 We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight DUNLAP'S CREEK 1 We walk by faith and sight; with not by 2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and when our 4 And life of faith is done, in G D G Bm Α **A**7 D O gra - cious words Christ, who spoke O draw near, as fol - low where you trod; but in your prom ise faith may our a bound to call on you when realms of clear light be - hold er may we you F#m G D Bm Α e'er spoke: "My with here." peace be you none cry, "My Lord God!" joice and and we

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The opening line here is essentially a quotation of 2 Corinthians 5:7, but that affirmation is fleshed out by references to the appearance of the risen Christ to Thomas (John 20:19–29). The shape note tune, named for a stream in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, adds resolution to the words.

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED (unison)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. 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

Let Us Come

Karen Marrolli (b. 1975)

Let us come to the table of God, For the banquet is spread: Cup of Life, Living Bread. Let us come to the table of God.

Let us feast on the love of our God: Cup of Hope, Bread of Heaven, Peace restored, healing given, Let us feast on the love of our God.

Let us go to the people of God, Granting love, granting grace, In every time and place. Let us go to the people of God.

Let us go to the people of God. Let us feast on the love of our God. Let us come to the table of God.



*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

Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen

David Cherwien

Rise, O church, like Christ arisen, from this meal of love and grace; May we through such love envision whose we are, and whose our praise. Alleluia, alleluia; God the wonder of our days.

Rise, transformed, and choose to follow after Christ, though wounded, whole; Broken, shared, our lives are hallowed to release and to console.

Alleluia, alleluia;

Christ, our present, past, and goal.

Rise, remember well the future God has called us to receive; Present by God's loving nurture, Spirited then let us live. Alleluia, alleluia; Spirit, grace by whom we live.

Service be our true vocation; Courage be our daily breath; Mercy be our destination From this day and unto death. Alleluia, alleluia; Rise, O Church, a living faith.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people around the world. Now send us forth in the power of the Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of 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 <u>mywpc.org/friendship</u> or scan the QR code at the right to access the online friendship register.





With minimal revision this text brings together six of the eight four-line stanzas in an 18th-century hymn written for children and originally headed "Praise for Creation and Providence." The anonymous German tune provides a fitting sense of breadth and wonder.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Festive Postlude in C Major

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The service of worship concludes after the postlude. The music can be enjoyed or used as an opportunity for prayer. You may remain seated; if you wish to depart, please do so quietly and without disturbing those who choose to stay.

≫ WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY ≪

We celebrate World Communion Sunday today with breads baked by members of our WPC Family. Covering the communion table is an indigo cloth from India donated by *Sue and Denny Yeingst*. The breads represent family heritage or family favorites and have been baked by *Nancy Hubbard, Karen Lauritzen, Laura Osman, Shirley Randolph and Mike Savidis*. We are missing the breads *Jan Merritt* made for this Sunday since we began this tradition. Thank you for making this Sunday even more meaningful for our WPC Family.

>> NOTES ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC ◆

Today we celebrate World Communion Sunday, and our anthems are both about the Lord's Supper. "Let Us Come" invites us to the table to feast, find peace, and share the love of God. Its folk-like melody welcomes all to the banquet. "Let Us Come" is an original work by Karen Marrolli, a composer and church musician based in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

"Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen" celebrates Christ's resurrection and calls the church to embody that transformative, renewed spirit. The first three stanzas are addressed to the three persons of the Trinity—God, Christ, and Spirit—and the last verse is a prayer for service, courage, and mercy as we rise from worship and go out into the world. The text for this hymn was written by Susan Palo Cherwien, a hymnwriter and author and wife of arranger David Cherwien.

>> THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ◆

The flowers are given today to the glory of God and in memory of long time WPC member Robert Cropp by his wife, Gloria Cropp and their sons, Jeffery, Gregory, David, Kevin and Brian.

THOSE SERVING THIS MORNING ≪

PASTOR

John E. Morgan, Pastor, Head of Staff

Pam Hrncir, Associate Pastor

MUSIC MINISTRY

Christopher Bechtler, Director of Music

Norman Elton, Organist and Assistant Director of Music

LITURGIST

Len Shartzer

GREETER

9:30am Walter Schmid, Liz Favre

11:00am Denise Dwight Smith, Maxine Cunningham

USHERS

9:30am Penny Marshburn, Carolyn Lodzieski, David Littell, Rebecca Caprio

11:00am Bob Bolstad, Jean Scott, Harley Stewart, Sarah Houghland

*WILLIAMSBURG LANDING USHERS

Jim Marshburn, Ric Cheston, Linda Eichhorn

*WINDSOR MEADE USHER

Ray Whitney and Peter Moriarty

*WINDSOR MEADE COMMUNION SERVERS

Happy and Ralph Simmons

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.

- •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, October 5 – Saturday, October 11 Pastor John • jmorgan@mywpc.org • 757-903-7800

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

- The family of WPC member, Rita Wright, who went home to be with our Lord and Savior, Tuesday, September 18, 2025. *Arrangements are pending*.
- Lynn Koenig, Dave Rosy and Reina Koenig on the death of their father and grandfather, Wolf Koenig, who went home to be with our Lord and Savior, Tuesday, September 23. A Memorial Service will be held at a 11:00am on Saturday, November 15, 2025 in our sanctuary. A reception will follow in Stevenson Hall.
- The family of Jan Merritt, who went home to be with our Lord and Savior, Tuesday, September 23, 2025. A Memorial Service will be held at 11:00am on Saturday, January 17, 2026 in our sanctuary. A reception will follow in Stevenson Hall.
- Joanne Curtis on the death of her husband, Ronald "Ron" Curtis, who went home to be with our Lord and Savior, Sunday, September 28. A Memorial Service will be held at 3:00pm on Friday, October 10, 2025 in our sanctuary. A reception will follow in Stevenson Hall.

Please pray for:

 Robin Midlam (Cheyenne, WY), sister of Jodie Davis, began a 3-month chemotherapy regimen for breast cancer on October 1; Anabel Crane recovering from a heart value replacement, 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, serving 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 ←

- 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.
- An Opportunity to Connect! Hang out with the other parents of WPC during Youth Group on 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.
- We are delighted to invite you to join the Kirk Krafters, a welcoming group dedicated to creativity, friendship, and sharing our crafting passions together. Whether you knit, crochet, do needlepoint, you are welcome. We meet the second Tuesday of each month at 1:30pm in the Church Library. The first meeting is on October 14. Please feel free to bring along your current project or just come to meet others and see what inspires you.
- Join us for the annual Presbyterian Women's Fall Luncheon and Thank Offering, Grace in Motion: Movement As Worship for All Ages, on Wednesday, October 22, 2025, 11 am in Stevenson Hall. Melody Dillon, Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries, will share ways that dance and movement can be a powerful form of worship and prayer for people of all ages. The annual Thank Offering will be collected and it is one of Presbyterian Women's two offerings for the church year. Received in the fall each year, it gives women a tangible way to express their gratitude for the special blessings in their lives. Please register by Sunday, October 19. A suggested donation of \$8 will be collected at the door to cover the cost of the lunch.
- Join us for our Fall Festival featuring Trunk or Treat, Sunday, October 26, 4:30pm-6:30pm. This year we are collaborating with Williamsburg Baptist for a giant Trunk or Treat Fall Festival spanning two parking lots with not only trunk or treating, but also an inflatable obstacle course, pumpkin decorating, a hot cocoa bar, and more! Save the date now and plan to invite friends for this super fun event! Signup at mywpc.org/trunk to sponsor trunks. Watch for an invitation to provide treats for the event.
- Save the Date for the Potluck Kick-off Dinner for all participants of Dining Together 2025-26: Sunday, November 2, 2025 in Stevenson Hall. We will gather for appetizers at 5:30pm followed with dinner at 6:00pm. Watch future WPC publications for opportunities to signup by Monday, October 20, 2025. Questions? Contact Sudie Watkins*, Nancy Archibald* or Kay Allen*.
- 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

- **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.
- Volunteers needed: The Harbor Day Shelter at the Williamsburg House of Mercy is looking for volunteers to help create a safe, supportive space for neighbors experiencing housing instability. Volunteer hours are 9:30am-1:30pm, Monday through Friday. In this collaborative role, you'll serve meals, welcome guests, and help connect them with essential resources—while also receiving training in CPR and de-escalation skills to strengthen your ability to serve with confidence. Together, we make a lasting impact through dignity and hope.

Contact: Caitlyn Martens, Volunteer and Program Coordinator caitlyn@williamsburghouseofmercy.org

≫ SUNDAY SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER ≪

Last month in PreK-5th grade Sunday School, the children learned all about the story of Creation! They heard the story every week while also creating clay creatures in art, doing an experiment about water in science, playing a game of "days of creation tag" in Bible games, and wondering in Godly Play. The story of the month for October is Noah's Ark!

≫ WPC YOUTH IN SEPTEMBER ≪

Last month, the WPC Youth engaged in Biblical discussion and Godly community every Sunday morning and evening. A new Wednesday night Bible study for high schoolers also started! In addition, many of the WPC Youth participated in Rise Against Hunger on Saturday, September 27. During October, WPC Youth will begin planning for Youth Sunday, which will be taking place this year on November 16.

*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, OCTOBER 5 • STEWARDSHIP KICKOFF

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

12:00pm New Member Orientation Luncheon / Stevenson Hall

12:00pm UKirk Sponsored Luncheon for All Parents and College Students / LL049

5:30pm WPC Youth Group / Stevenson Hall

MONDAY. OCTOBER 6

1:00pm Caregiver Support Grp / Rm 227 5:30pm Christian Education Ministry / Rm

6:30pm Williamsburg Choral Guild Rehearsal / Sanctuary

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7

10:00am Tuesday Bible Study / Rm 222
 1:00pm In-person Staff Mtg / Stevenson Hall
 3:00pm Capital Reserve Investment Horizons

6:30pm UKirk Dinner & Dialogue / UKirk Rm Lower Level 7:00pm Roundtable Pulpit with Pastor John / Library

7:00pm Earth Care Committee / Zoom

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8

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
7:00pm High School Youth Bible Study / Rm 227
7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Rm

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9

9:00am Sanctuary Cleaning

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

7:00pm Deacon Monthly Mtg / Rm 220

7:30pm Westminster Ringers Rehearsal / Bell Rm

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

3:00pm Memorial Service and Reception for WPC member Ronald "Ron" Curtis / Sanctuary and

Stevenson Hall

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

10:00am WPC Fall Town Hall Meeting / Stevenson Hall

≫ NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP ≪

October 12, 2025 • 18th Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor John's sermon, "Gratitude," will be based on Luke 17:12-19.