



WILLIAMSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
FAMILY WORSHIP SUNDAY
BLESSING OF THE STUFFED ANIMALS
OCTOBER 19, 2025

PRAYER FOR PREPARATION

O God who writes on our hearts, you have never abandoned us. In amazing and persistent grace, you have kept covenant with us. We thank you for loving us even when we have not loved you. We long to behold the day of your appearing, even as we stand now in view of your kingdom, promised and made present in Christ Jesus, in whose name we wait and pray. Amen .

THE GATHERING PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. John E. Morgan

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Jean Felts

MINUTE FOR MISSION: Open Door Concert Series

Norman Elton

MINUTE FOR MISSION: Stewardship: A Time to Connect

Mary Margaret Evans

(9:30) NEW MEMBER WELCOME

Rev. Pam Hrcir

PRELUDE

Simple Gifts

arr. Elliott

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.

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Leader: No matter how far from God we seem to be,
we do not lose heart:

All: For the days are surely coming, says the Lord.

Leader: No matter how many obstacles we face in life,
in the church,
we do not lose heart:

All: For the days are surely coming, says the Lord.

Leader: No matter how hard it is to continually pray and
work for justice,
we do not lose heart:

**All: For the days are surely coming, says the Lord,
when I will forgive and restore my people;
when I will equip them for every good work;
and when I will grant justice,
for I hear their cries day and night.**

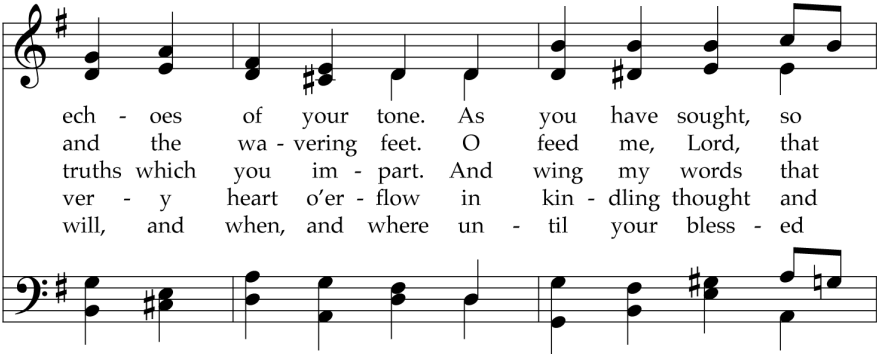
*HYMN 722

Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

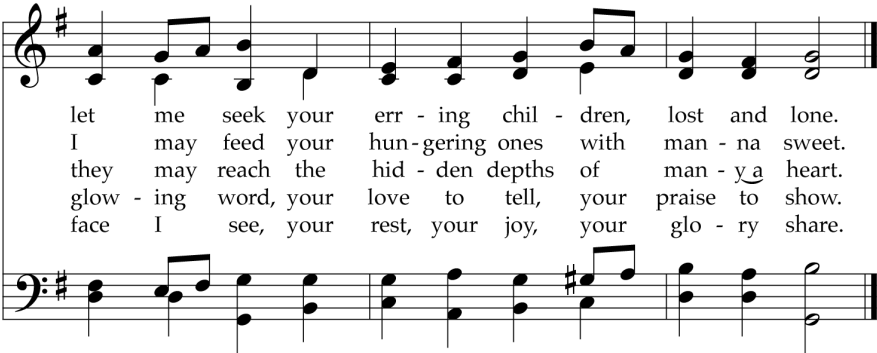
CANONBURY



1 Lord, speak to me that I may speak in liv - ing
2 O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wan - dering
3 O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the pre - cious
4 O fill me with your full - ness, Lord, un - til my
5 O use me, Lord, use e - ven me, just as you



ech - oes of your tone. As you have sought, so
and the wa - vering feet. O feed me, Lord, that
truths which you im - part. And wing my words that
ver - y heart o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and
will, and when, and where un - til your bless - ed



let me seek your err - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.
I may feed your hun - gery ones with man - na sweet.
they may reach the hid - den depths of man - ya heart.
glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.
face I see, your rest, your joy, your glo - ry share.

Two great truths inform this text: first, that the testimony of experience is powerful and persuasive; and second, that no one should venture to minister on one's own strength rather than God's. The tune reflects a 19th-century practice of adapting piano pieces as hymn tunes.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: The new covenant God has made with Israel, and with us, begins in forgiveness. Though we continually break covenant with God, God remains faithful. We confess our sins to God, trusting that God will forgive us and remember our sins no more.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, we confess that we do not meditate on your commands and teachings all day long. We do not keep your word before us always and in all things. Instead, we turn away from your demanding truth and wander toward easier options. Forgive us, we pray, for pursuing our own desires rather than yours. Forgive us for growing weary in following you; for failing to pray and work tirelessly for justice; for losing hope in your power to transform the powers of this world. Tune our ears to the sound of your justice. Turn our hearts to your commandments and word of grace. Do not remember our sin but remember your mercy forever. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER

*KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy

Schubert

The musical score is written for a vocal soloist and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The first system consists of two staves. The vocal staff begins with a half note D4, followed by a half note E4, a half note F#4, and a half note G4. The piano accompaniment consists of a half note D4, a half note E4, a half note F#4, and a half note G4. The lyrics are "Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy;". The second system also consists of two staves. The vocal staff begins with a half note D4, followed by a half note E4, a half note F#4, and a half note G4. The piano accompaniment consists of a half note D4, a half note E4, a half note F#4, and a half note G4. The lyrics are "Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy."

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

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

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Grace flows like a river; mercy like a never-ending stream. Believe the good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven

*GLORIA

Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI (Creatorex)

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is primarily in the Treble clef, with the Bass clef providing harmonic support. 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 ends with a double bar line.

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.

(11:00am) At this time all who brought a stuffed animal or a photo of your pet,
please come forward.

(11:00) BLESSING OF THE STUFFED ANIMALS

Melody Dillon

Leader: Dear Lord, we thank you for the gift of animals. Whether they are big or small, furry or scaley, live or cuddly.

All: We thank you, Lord.

Leader: All animals are an essential part of your creation; providing love, fun, and enrichment for our lives.

All: We thank you, Lord.

Leader: Thank you for all the blessings that these beloved animals give to us.

All: We thank you, Lord.

Leader: On this special day, we pray a blessing for all of these special animals and pray that the people who hold them would feel the love of God every day. As we hug our animals, remind us that you are always with us.

All: We thank you, Lord. Amen.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison) Jean Felts

Holy God, by your Spirit breathe your word into us, so that we become proficient in the language of faith and equipped to proclaim the message we receive, for the sake of Jesus Christ, the Living Word. Amen.

(9:30) FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 31:27-34

Jean Felts

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

(9:30) PSALM 119:97-104 (unison)

Oh, how I love your law!

It is my meditation all day long.

Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies,
for it is always with me.

I have more understanding than all my teachers,
for your decrees are my meditation.

I understand more than the aged,
for I keep your precepts.

I hold back my feet from every evil way,
in order to keep your word.

I do not turn away from your ordinances,
for you have taught me.

How sweet are your words to my taste,
sweeter than honey to my mouth!

Through your precepts I get understanding;
therefore I hate every false way.

(11:00) FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 31:27-34

Libby and Lucy Roessler

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

(11:00) EMBODYING PSALM 119:97-104 WPC Children

SECOND LESSON: Luke 18:1-8

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Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Keep Praying”

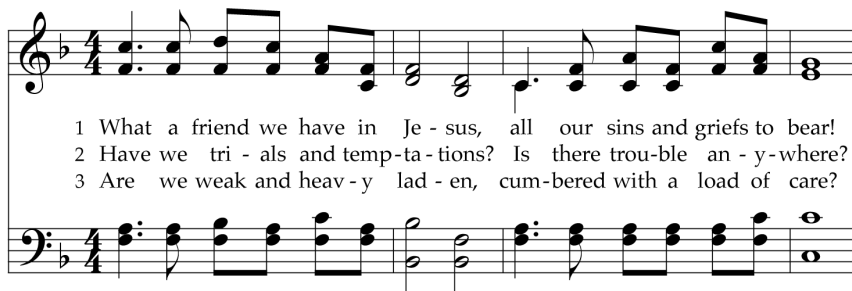
Rev. John E. Morgan

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 465

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

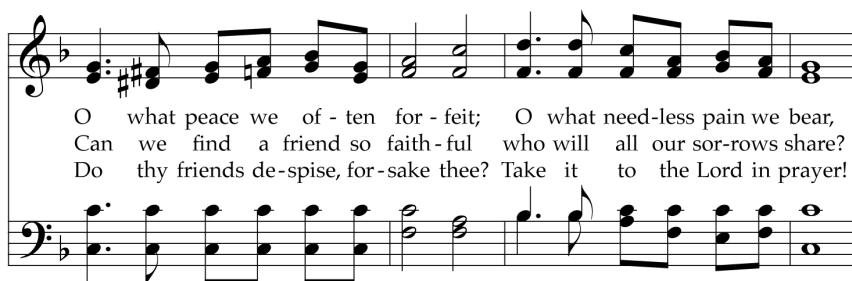
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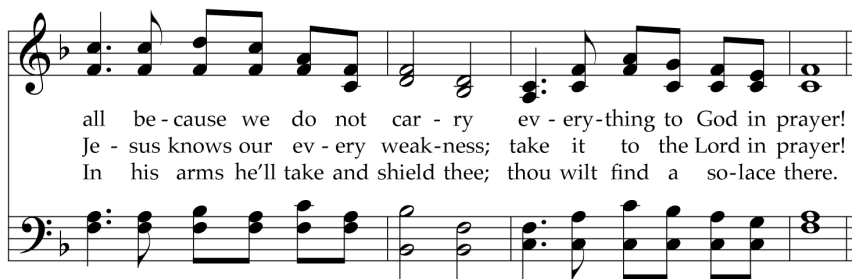
1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
 2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta - tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where?
 3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, cum-bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge; take it to the Lord in prayer!



O what peace we of - ten for - feit; O what need-less pain we bear,
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
 Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!
 Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak-ness; take it to the Lord in prayer!
 In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a so - lace there.

This text was written by an Irish-born immigrant to Canada to comfort his mother in Ireland when she was going through a time of special sorrow. The role of prayer as a source of strength and consolation is underscored by its repeated use as a rhyme word in all three stanzas.

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

We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

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

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

OFFERING

Thank you for your continued faithful stewardship to WPC. May our offerings continue to help us be the light for our neighbors and our siblings in Christ all over the world. Offering envelopes can be found inside the friendship register book. We invite you to make your offering or pledge payment in one of the following ways:

- Place your offering into the plates as you exit the sanctuary
- Visit mywpc.org/offering or scan the QR code at the right to give online
- Mail your offering to the church office at 215 Richmond Road, Williamsburg, VA 23185.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown

arr. David Mennicke

Come, O thou Traveler unknown,
Whom still I hold but cannot see!
My company before is gone,
And I am left alone with thee.
With thee all night I mean to stay,
And wrestle till the break of day.
With thee all night I mean to stay,
And wrestle till the break of day.

(Anthem continues on the next page.)

I need not tell thee who I am,
My misery and sin declare;
Thyself hast called me by my name,
Look on thy hands and read it there.
But who, I ask thee, who art thou?
Tell me thy name, and tell me now.
But who, I ask thee, who art thou?
Tell me thy name, and tell me now.

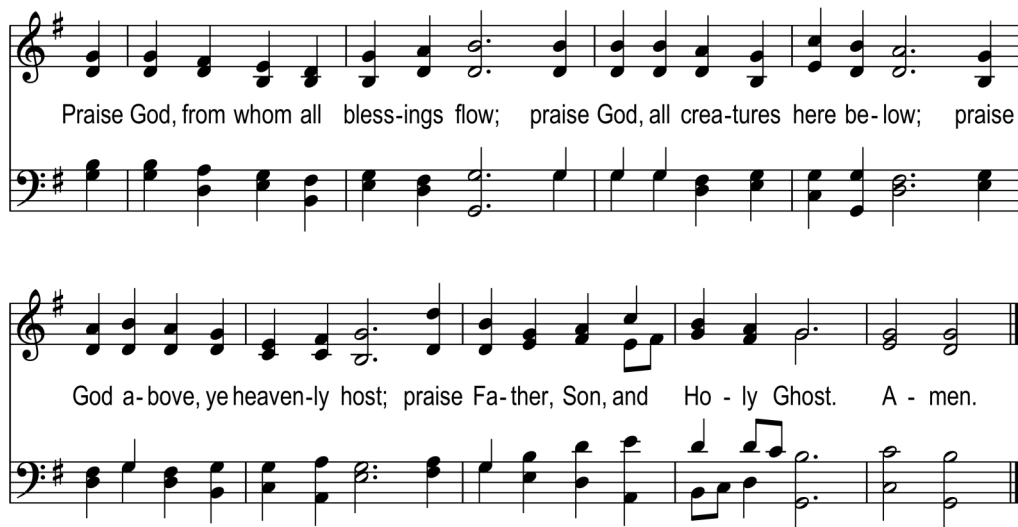
Yield to me now, for I am weak,
But confident in self-despair!
Speak to my heart, in blessing speak,
Be conquered by my instant prayer.
Speak, or thou never hence shalt move,
And tell me if thy name is Love.
Speak, or thou never hence shalt move,
And tell me if thy name is Love.

'Tis Love! 'Tis Love! Thou didst for me,
I hear thy whisper in my heart.
The morning breaks, the shadows flee,
Pure Universal Love thou art.
To me, to all, thy mercies move;
Thy nature and thy name is Love.
To me, to all, thy mercies move;
Thy nature and thy name is Love.

*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.

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in G 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 notes.

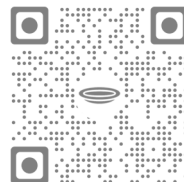
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GOING OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

*INVITATION AND THE LORD'S DAY GREETING

We are glad you are worshipping 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 645**

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

MIT FREUDEN ZART

1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all
 2 What God's al-might - y power has made God's gra - cious mer -
 3 The Lord is nev - er far a - way, but, through all grief
 4 Thus all my toil-some way a - long I sing a - loud

cre - a - tion, the God of power, the God of love,
 cy keep - ing; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade
 dis - tress - ing, an ev - er - pres - ent help and stay,
 thy prais - es, that all may hear the grate - ful song

the God of our sal - va - tion. With
 God's watch - ful eye ne'er sleep - eth. With -
 our peace and joy and bless - ing, as
 my voice un - wea - ried rais - es. Be

heal - ing balm my soul is filled, and ev - ery faith - less
 in the king - dom of God's might, lo! all is just and
 with a moth - er's ten - der hand God gent - ly leads the
 joy - ful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and bod - y,

The regal divine imagery here will not be new to most singers, but some may not expect the third stanza's image of God as mother. Yet it is part of God's self-description in Isaiah 66:13. This Bohemian Brethren tune resembles both Genevan psalm tunes and French folk songs.

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

arr. Ore

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 🌀

“Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown” is a hymn by Charles Wesley. It is based on the biblical story of Jacob wrestling all night with God, after which God blesses Jacob and gives him a new name, Israel. Wesley interprets this account as an analogy for Christian revelation and conversion. The music is a setting of a traditional Scottish tune.

🌀 THE CHANCEL FLOWERS 🌀

The flowers are given today to the glory of God and in loving memory of
her husband, Howard Teubner by Dottie Teubner.

∞ 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

LITURGIST

Jean Felts

BLESSING OF THE STUFFED ANIMALS

Melody Dillon

YOUTH READERS

Libby and Lucy Roessler

EMBODYING THE PSALM

WPC Children

GREETER

9:30am Bill Riffer, Molly Lawrence

11:00am Tom Moul, Elizabeth Padgett

USHERS

9:30am Matthew Underwood, Pat Underwood, Karen Lauritzen, Penny Marshburn

11:00am Ric Cheston, Ruth Cobb, Kelly Kirkpatrick, Rebecca Caprio

YOUTH USHERS

Quinn and Nora Jones

Audrey and Jacob Plum

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

Steve Young, Carolyn Lodzieski, Sarah Houghland

***WILLIAMSBURG LANDING USHERS**

Bill and Janice McGuire

***WINDSOR MEADE USHER**

Ray Whitney and Peter Moriarty

AUDIO AND VIDEO TECHNICIANS: Jim Marshburn 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: John E. Morgan, Pastor/Head of Staff; Pam Hrcir, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care

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

Caroline Johnston, Director of Colligate Ministries.

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

Rebecca Elton, Junior Carol Choir Director

Administrative: 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: 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!

✧ 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 222 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 19 – Saturday, October 25

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

Touch Note:

- My warmest thanks for the prayers, flowers and visits throughout my recent illness and surgeries. This support from my church family during a difficult time has meant more than I can say. -*Anabel Crane*

Please pray for:

- Robin Midlam (Cheyenne, WY), sister of Jodie Davis; Anabel Crane, Jerry 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 ∞

- Stephen Foster, Director of Finance, is spending time with family through November 3, 2025.
- **The Open Door Concert Series welcomes organist Dorothy Papadakos, an internationally renowned organ improviser, imagining music on the spot.** She is especially celebrated for taking this talent to recreate a favorite organ genre of yesteryear: accompanying silent film screenings. For this performance, join us for a showing of the 1929 classic *Phantom of the Opera*, accompanied by organ music conceived in front of your very eyes. It's a treat not to be missed! **The free concert begins at 4:00 on Sunday, October 19. Invite a friend!**
- **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. **Please register TODAY by Sunday, October 19. A suggested donation of \$8 will be collected at the door to cover the cost of the lunch.**
- **Guatemala Update - Join us Sunday, October 26 after the 11am service in Stevenson Hall. The Global Missions team will host a light lunch and report, with photos, on their July trip to Chajul.** Come learn some of the ways your pledges are making the world a better place for Christians in our sister churches. Everyone is welcome, no sign-up required.
- **It's not too late to sign up for Dining Together!** Our Dining Together groups will be organized in soon and kick off with a potluck dinner at the church on Sunday, November 2. Singles and couples are encouraged to participate. In the past, diners often rotated hosting in each other's homes, but more recently, choosing favorite restaurants to share together has become a popular option. **Please signup before Tuesday, October 21 and indicate your preferences.** You can sign up **TODAY** in the Fellowship Hall or the back entrance. **You can also complete the insert included in today's bulletin and place it in the manilla envelope in the Welcome Center.**

Save the Date Now for the Potluck Kick-off Dinner for all participants: Sunday, November 2, 2025 in Stevenson Hall. We will gather for appetizers at 5:30pm followed with dinner at 6:00pm. Questions? Contact Sudie Watkins*, Nancy Archibald* or Kay Allen*.

- **Participate in National Rx Takeback Day: Saturday, October 25, 2025.** Got expired or unused prescription medications? Don't flush them! Flushing drugs down the drain can contaminate our waterways and harm aquatic life.

The WPC Earth Care team encourages a safer, eco-friendly alternative: take advantage of DEA National Prescription Takeback Day on Saturday, October 25, from 10 am to 2 pm. Drop off your medications at the James City County Law Enforcement Center, 4600 Opportunity Way.

Accepted: prescription tablets and capsules. Not accepted: IV solutions, liquids, needles, or over-the-counter medications. Can't make it that day? You can safely dispose of medications year-round at the following locations: Sentara Hospital; CVS Pharmacy, 7529 Richmond Rd (near Croaker Rd); The Prescription Shoppe, 5223 Monticello Ave; Walgreens Pharmacy, 1309 Richmond Rd at Lafayette. **Join the WPC Earth Care team in our mission to Protect and Preserve Living Waters—so all life may flourish!**

- **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! **Sign up at mywpc.org/trunk to sponsor trunks. Also, all church members are asked to donate candy to be passed out to the children. Candy is being collected in the bin in the welcome center.**
- **The Roadmap to Aging ministry presents “Healthy Habits for Your Brain and Body,” a lunchtime seminar featuring guest speaker Douglas Panto, the Community Programs Manager for the Southeastern Virginia Chapter of the Alzheimer’s Association.** The seminar will take place on **Sunday, November 16, immediately following the 11 am worship service, in Stevenson Hall.** Optional box lunches can be pre-ordered for \$10 each (to be collected at the door). Sign up in the welcome lobby, or online at mywpc.org/roadmap2aging.
- **Global Missions is planning the next trip to Chajul, Guatemala soon.** The trip dates are March 7-March 14, 2026. Anyone interested, or have questions and would like more information are encouraged to contact Bill Vardeman*
- **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! Sign Up Genius or reach out to Melody Dillon (mdillon@mywpc.org) 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

***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 19

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 / RM 220

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20

1:00pm Caregiver Support Grp / Rm 222

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21

10:00am Tuesday Bible Study / Rm 222

11:30am Communications Ministry Mtg / Stevenson Hall

1:00pm Staff Mtg / Zoom

1:30pm Kirk Krafters / Church Library

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

6:00pm Stephen Ministry Mtg / Rm 220

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

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

7:00pm Christian Fellowship Committee / Rm 220

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22

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

11:00am Presbyterian Women's Fall Luncheon / Stevenson Hall

6:00pm Joyful Ringers Rehearsal / Bell Rm

7:00pm High School Bible Study / Rm 222

7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Rm

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23

9:00am Sanctuary Cleaning

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

7:00pm Session Mtg / Rm 220

7:30pm Westminster Ringers Rehearsal / Bell Rm

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

7:00pm Williamsburg Choral Guild / Sanctuary

∞ NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP ∞

October 26, 2025 • 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor John's sermon, "*A Time to Connect*," will be based on John 15:1-17.