

WILLIAMSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 21st Sunday After Pentecost Communion Sunday • November 2, 2025

PRAYER FOR PREPARATION

O God whose love endures forever, who waits patiently for the world to turn toward righteousness, teach us how to endure, and guide us into the steadfastness of faith. Even as you seek us, show us how to seek for you and for your righteousness, so that justice, long delayed, might prevail; through Jesus Christ, our advocate, and our just Judge, we pray. Amen.

THE GATHERING PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

PASTORAL GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH Hank Vernon

MINUTE FOR MISSION: Roadmap to Aging Ministry

Faith Shartzer

PRELUDE Gratitude Alex Guebert

Joyful Ringers

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Leader: Let all who are faithful offer prayers to God.

All: In times of distress, we will not be overwhelmed.

Leader: You are our hiding place, O Lord;

All: you preserve us from trouble and surround us with glad cries of deliverance.

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.



This text comes from an eighteen-stanza hymn the author wrote to mark the first anniversary of his life-changing conversion experience. It is now customarily the first hymn in Methodist hymnals worldwide. This tune, adapted from a German composer, is the usual North American setting.

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las glorias de su majestad, los triunfos de su amor.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: Even at our most faithful, we stand in need of grace. Because of God's unfailing love, mercy is promised, even before we speak the truth. In humility, with confidence, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

You are righteous, O God, and your law is truth. Yet we struggle to be faithful and daily fail to live lives of justice and mercy. Forgive us again, O God; keep covenant with us, as you have promised, and soothe our aching souls, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER



*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Because we have been buried with Christ we are raised to new life in him. Forgiven and freed, live lives worthy to your call, and by the power of the Holy Spirit seek to do good.



(11:00) 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

Atticus Gore

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Hank Vernon

By your Spirit, O God, let us hear your word, that we may know your truth and follow you with new resolve to work and wait for the coming reign of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

Hank Vernon

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

PSALM 119:137-144 (responsive)

Leader: You are righteous, O LORD, and your judgments are right.

All: You have appointed your decrees in righteousness and in all faithfulness.

Leader: My zeal consumes me because my foes forget your words.

All: Your promise is well tried, and your servant loves it.

Leader: I am small and despised, yet I do not forget your precepts.

All: Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and your law is the truth. Leader: Trouble and anguish have come upon me, but your commandments are my delight.

All: Your decrees are righteous forever; give me understanding that I may live.

SECOND LESSON: Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

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Thanks be to God!

SERMON "Keep Watch" Pastor Pam Hrncir

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS



*Or "Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator."

Written as a meditation on Lamentations 3:22–23, this text is one of the few hymns among the 1200 poems by this Methodist writer and pastor that has gained much currency. The tune that appears here was composed especially for these words, and the pairing has proved enduring.



*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: FROM THE CONFESSION OF 1967 (Unison)

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. We ascribe to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals his love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful people. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of his love.

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

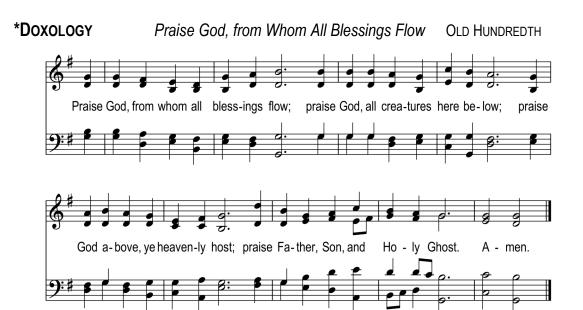
O God, Beyond All Praising

arr. Richard Proulx

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay; For we can only wonder at every gift you send, At blessings without number and mercies without end: We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word, We honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

The flower of earthly splendor in time must surely die, Its fragile bloom surrender to you the Lord most high; But hidden from all nature the eternal seed is sown - Though small in mortal stature, to heaven's garden grown: For Christ the Man from heaven from death has set us free, And we through him are given the final victory!

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring, That we who know your favor may serve you as our king; And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill, We'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still: To marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways, And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.



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

There Is a Balm in Gilead Becky McKinley, soloist

arr. Charles McKinley

Refrain:

There is a balm in Gilead To make the wounded whole; There is a balm in Gilead To heal the sin-sick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged, And think my work's in vain, But then the Holy Spirit Revives my soul again.

Don't ever feel discouraged, For Jesus is your friend, And if you lack for knowledge, He'll not refuse to lend. (Refrain)

If you cannot preach like Peter, If you cannot pray like Paul, You can tell the love of Jesus And say, "He died for all." (Refrain)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

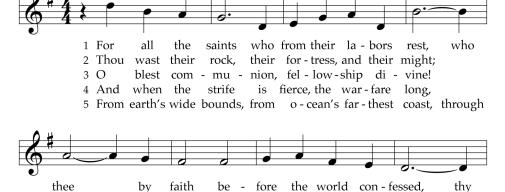
GOING OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

*Invitation and The Lord's Day Greeting

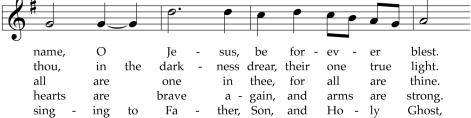
We are glad you are worshiping with us today. If you are joining us online, please remember to 'sign' our online friendship register:

- 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.





thou, Lord, their in the well-fought fight; cap tain We fee - bly strug gle; they in glo - ry shine; yet steals the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, and on gates of pearl streams in the count - less





The broad and sweeping tune with which this hymn is so closely identified was created to be sung during a reverent but dramatic procession at the beginning of an All Saints' Day service, an enacted representation of the enduring "fellowship divine" celebrated by this text.



*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE For All the Saints arr. Weaver

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 Chancel Flowers are given today to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ross Payne and in gratitude for the wonderful staff at WPC by Sylvia Payne and Family.

> THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY ◆

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

Joyful Ringers directed by Chris Bechtler

WPC Chancel Choir

GRFFTFRS

9:30am Cheryl Roettger, Molly Lawrence 11:00am Laura Osman, Elizabeth Padgett

USHERS

9:30am Matthew Underwood, Pat Underwood, Rebecca Caprio

11:00am Maxine Cunningham, Patty Yewcic, Kirk Lovenbury, Rebecca Caprio

LITURGIST

Hank Vernon

SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

Atticus Gore

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOST

Jim Carey, Chris Trowbridge, Dale Trowbridge

*WILLIAMSBURG LANDING USHERS AND COMMUNION SERVERS

Dick Sahlen, Ric Cheston, Linda Eichhorn

*WINDSOR MEADE USHER

Peter Moriarty and Ray Whitney

*WINDSOR MEADE COMMUNION SERVERS

Martha and Ward Burian

AUDIO AND VIDEO TECHNICIANS: Matt Slack 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), Megan Davis (28), Len Shartzer (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 Hrncir, 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 Hrncir, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care Program Staff: Melody Dillon, Director of Children Youth, and Family Ministries, Caroline Johnston, Director of Colligate 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!

≫ 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, November 2 – Saturday, November 8 Pastor Pam • phrncir@mywpc.org • 757-508-4668

Please pray for:

• Robin Midlam (Cheyenne, WY), sister of Jodie Davis; 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, affected by the recent government shut down, 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 ←

- The WPC and WBC Trunk or Treat Fall Festival was on Sunday, October 26 and it was a massive success! Both parking lots were absolutely buzzing with excitement and fun. We estimate that approximately 350 people attended the event! The CE Children & Family committee would like to say a huge THANK YOU to everyone who helped, donated, and attended. Thank you for helping to make this one of the most successful Trunk or Treats that any of us can remember!
- The Squares: Most of us have been baptized, but how many have been consecrated? What is consecration? Isn't that just a church thing? The Squares will use the story of Jesus being consecrated in Luke 2: 21-35 to consider these, more than you think, significant questions. You are welcomed to join this men's group on Thursday, November 6, at 7:00 in room 227. For more information contact either Chuck Timko* or Jim Kirkpatrick*.
- Save the Date: Monday, November 10, 2025, 5:30pm! Discover the Zero Waste Lifestyle with Jana Flores of the Fill Happy Store located at 5251 John Tyler Hwy, #52, Williamsburg, VA. Have you been frustrated about the fact that almost everything you buy is in or wrapped with plastic? Much of it is not recyclable and ends up in the ocean and landfills. The WPC Earth Care ministry invites you to join us for an inspiring discussion on living a zero-waste lifestyle with Janna, the owner of Fill Happy—a unique store dedicated to providing bulk sustainable products for your home, all without any plastic containers.
 - Don't miss this opportunity to learn practical tips and discover how minor changes can make a significant impact on our planet. Whether you are new to zero waste or looking to deepen your commitment, Janna's insights, and experiences from running Fill Happy will leave you motivated to see how you can practice a more sustainable lifestyle. **Please sign up at mywpc.org/fill-happy no later than November 7.**
- 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. Sign up in the welcome lobby, or online at mywpc.org/roadmap2aging.
- All WPC Families and UKirk students are invited to gather on Tuesday, November 18 for
 a "Happy Un-Birthday Service Project Party!" Starting at 5pm, children and students will
 participate in a service project to pack birthday boxes for Grove Christian Outreach Center.
 These boxes will help families experiencing food insecurity to celebrate and will include
 everything a family would need to recognize a special birthday. Once the boxes are packed,
 everyone is welcome to stay for dinner. RSVPs are required so we can ensure that we have
 enough for everyone. Please sign up here: mywpc.org/unbirthday

- WPC will be collecting NEW and ALMOST NEW winter coats in early NOVEMBER to
 distribute to our neighbors in need. Please consider purchasing a coat, or donating a
 very gently used one. Teen and children's sizes are especially helpful, as they outgrow their
 clothing more often, but ALL sizes are wanted! A donation bin will be located in Stevenson Hall
 from Saturday November 1 Monday November 10. Brought to you by the Hunger and
 Homeless team. Contact Barb Timko* if you have questions.
- 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*
- **WPC Book Club:** Join the group on Monday, November 24, 2025, at 2 pm in Room 220 (and on Zoom) to discuss *How to Age Disgracefully*, by Clare Pooley.

*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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL IN OCTOBER ≪

This month in PreK-5th grade Sunday School, the children learned all about the story of Noah's Ark! They heard the story every week while also building rainbow sculptures in art, doing an experiment about rain in science, playing a game of "Bible Sailing" in Bible games, and wondering in Godly Play. The story of the month for November is Jonah and the Whale.

≫ WPC YOUTH IN OCTOBER ≪

This month, the WPC Youth engaged in Biblical discussion and Godly community every Sunday morning and evening. Many parents of youth have also enjoyed gathering on Sunday evenings to enjoy community while the youth gather upstairs. The Wednesday night Bible study for high schoolers is thriving and Sunday evenings have been full of enthusiastic planning for Youth Sunday. Make sure you come to church on November 16th, the WPC Youth are planning a service that you do not want to miss!

>> THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF EVENTS <> €

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2 • COMMUNION SUNDAY

9:30am-12pm Nursery open during both worship services
9:30am Sunday School / Christian Education Wing

9:30am In-person Worship / Sanctuary; Live-Stream Worship; visit mywpc.org to access

11:00am In-person Worship / Sanctuary; Broadcast on FM93.5 The Burg and AM740 or wmbgradio.com

5:30pm Dining Together Kickoff Potluck / Stevenson Hall

5:30pm WPC Youth Group / Rm 220

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3

9:00am Kids Connect Day Camp / Throughout WPC

1:00pm Caregiver Support Group / Rm 222 2:00pm Stephen Ministry Mtg / Rm LL010 5:30pm Christian Education Ministry Mtg /

6:30pm Williamsburg Choral Guild Rehearsal / Sanctuary

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

10:00am Tuesday Adult Bible Study / Rm 220 1:00p In-person Staff Mtg / Stevenson Hall 6:30pm UKirk Dinner & Dialogue /UKirk Rm

7:00pm Earth Care Committee / Church Library and Zoom 7:00pm AA Williamsburg Big Book Study / LL009 and LL049

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

10:00am Finding Hope Grief Support Grp / Rm 227 6:00pm Joyful Ringers Rehearsal / Bell Rm 7:00pm High School Bible Study / Rm 222 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Rm

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6

9:00am Sanctuary Cleaning

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

7:00pm The Squares / Rm 255

7:30pm ARC W&M Literacy Program / Stevenson Hall 7:30pm Westminster Ringers Rehearsal / Bell Rm

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7

3:00pm From His Hands Motel Food Prep / Kitchen

6:00pm Phi Sigma Pi National Honor Fraternity / Stevenson Hall and Sanctuary

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8

9:00am Session Retreat / Stonehouse Presbyterian Church

> NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP ≪

November 9, 2025 • 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

St. Andrews Society of Williamsburg's Annual Kirkin' of the Tartans Service

Pastor John's sermon, "Strengthen Faith," will be based on 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17.