



WILLIAMSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

KIRKIN' O' THE TARTANS

NOVEMBER 9, 2025

PRAYER FOR PREPARATION

O Thou, in whom we live and move—Who made the sea and shore; Thy goodness constantly we prove, and grateful would adore; and, if it please Thee, Power above! Still grant us, with such store, the friend we trust, the fair we love—and we desire no more. Amen! —*Robert Burns*

THE GATHERING

PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

PASTORAL GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Joe Avellar

(9:30) PRELUDE

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

arr. Longhurst

(11:00) PRELUDE

Morning Has Broken
Williamsburg Pipes and Drums

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Leader: Honor and majesty are before the Lord.

People: Strength and beauty are in God's sanctuary.

Leader: Give to the Lord, O ye kindreds of people.

People: Give to the Lord glory and strength.

Leader: O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness,

People: Bow before God, all the earth.

From the Book of Common Order, Church of Scotland, 1940

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.

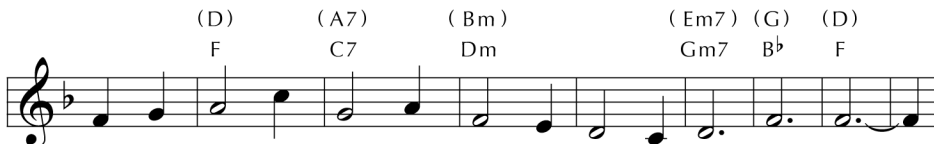
***HYMN 726**

Will You Come and Follow Me

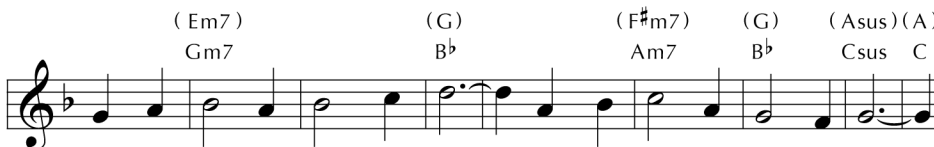
KELVINGROVE



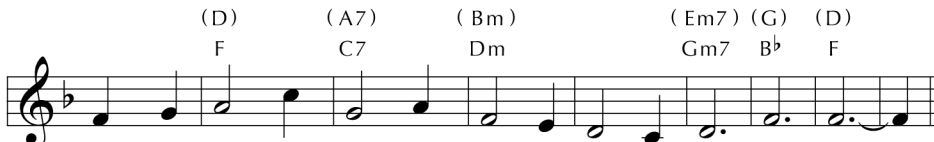
- 1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
- 2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
- 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
- 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
- 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.



Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
 Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er be the same?
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
 Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.



will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

The first four stanzas of this ballad-like hymn are understood to be in the voice of Christ, with the fifth reflecting the individual singer's response. Created for this traditional Scottish tune, the text was written to mark the conclusion of a youth volunteer's time of ministry.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: Jesus loves us and frees us from our sins; therefore, let us confess our sins to God.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

O God, we pray that you will teach us how to live, that we may provide an example to all the world. Yet we confess before you the bigotry and the intolerance that plague us. We confess to you our disinclination to enjoy brotherhood and sisterhood with all, for we have withheld the spirit of it from many around us. O God, forgive us.

We remember that you did bid us to do good, to love mercy, to walk humbly with our God. Give us such a vision of ministry that we can select for our philanthropy, for the expression of our love, those who cannot possibly recompense us at all. Then only shall we discover what love really is, what brotherhood and sisterhood actually mean.

Show us what you would have us do today to make that discovery, we ask in the name of the Author of Love, Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen. —*Peter Marshall*

*A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER

*KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy

Schubert

The musical score is written for two voices (Soprano and Bass) in G major (one sharp). It consists of two systems. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The vocal line begins with a whole note chord, followed by a half note, then a quarter note, and finally a half note with a slur. The lyrics are: "Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy;". The piano accompaniment consists of a series of chords. The second system also has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The vocal line begins with a half note, followed by a quarter note, then a half note, and finally a half note with a slur. The lyrics are: "Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.". The piano accompaniment consists of a series of chords.

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

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

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Friends, hear and believe the good news of the Gospel. We are saved by grace through faith. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen!

*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.

(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

Laura Bechtler

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Joe Avellar

O heavenly God, your word is our source of light, enlightening our paths, erasing our blindness. In our reading, shine your truth. Speak to us boldly once again, that we may proclaim your truth with courage. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Haggai 2:4-9

Joe Avellar

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

PSALM 145:1-5, 17-20 (responsive)

Leader: I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

All: Every day I will bless you, and praise your name forever and ever.

Leader: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable.

All: One generation shall laud your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.

Leader: On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

All: The Lord is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings.

Leader: The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

All: He fulfills the desire of all who fear him; he also hears their cry, and saves them.

Leader: The Lord watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.

SECOND LESSON: 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Strengthen Faith

Pastor John E. Morgan

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 664

Morning Has Broken

BUNESSAN



1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black-bird has
2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from heav - en, like the first
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the



spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet-ness of the wet
one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion; praise ev - ery



morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

This 20th-century text was created to provide words for this traditional tune named for a small village on the Isle of Mull, off the west coast of Scotland. Through repeated use of "new" and "first," each morning is treated as a re-creation of the promise of the original day.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: THE SCOTS CONFSSION, 1560** (unison)

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by God's inscrutable providence for such end as God's eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of God's own glory.

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.

(11:00) KIRKIN' O' THE TARTANS

Presentation of Tartans

We invite all who have brought family tartans, or other fabric representative of family heritage, Scots or otherwise, to come forward at this time and stand across the front of the nave at the foot of the steps for the special blessing. Please remain there until after the Kirkin' Prayer.

Bagpipe Solo

Abide With Me
Lynn Newcomer, Piper

Blessing of Tartans

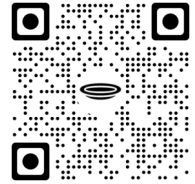
Leader: Almighty God, who did command the tribes of ancient Israel to pitch their tents beneath the standards and ensign of their parents, and who set over your holy church the banner of the Cross of Christ: let your blessing rest upon all tartans set before you here today. Bless all families who claim a tartan as their own and keep them loyal to the standards which their tartans represent and faithful in their love and service to Christ and his Kirk; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord unto whom with you, O God, and the Holy Spirit, be all power and majesty both now and forevermore. Amen.

(The blessing comes from "God Guide Me," one of the prayers collected by Alexander Carmichael in the *Carmina Gadelica*.)

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 Love

Elaine Hagenberg

O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give the back the life I owe,
That in thy ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

O Joy that seeks me through the pain,
I cannot close my eyes to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be.

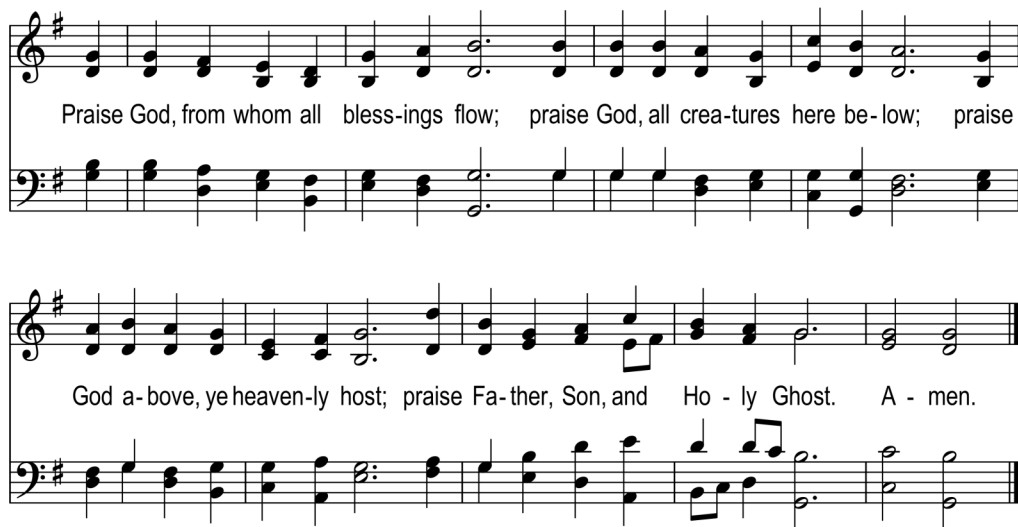
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I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give the back the life I owe,
That in thy ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

—George Matheson, 1882

*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.

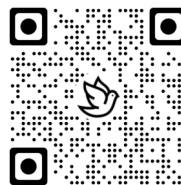
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GOING OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

*INVITATION AND THE LORD'S DAY GREETING

We are glad you are 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.



1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved. How pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come. 'Tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found, was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

CHOCTAW

*Shilombish holitopa ma!
 Ishmminti pulla cha
 hatak ilbusha pia ha
 is pi yukpalashke.*

CREEK

*Po ya fek cha he thlat ah tet
 ah non ah cha pa kas
 cha fee kee o funnan la kus
 um e ha ta la yus.*

NAVAHO

*Nizhónígo joobá diits' a'
 yisdáshítinigítí,
 lah yóóiyá, k'ad
 shéndahoosdzin,
 doo eesh'ítí da nt'ée.*

As was his custom, the author wrote this hymn to accompany his sermon on 1 Chronicles 17:16–17, preached on January 1, 1773; he called it “Faith’s Review and Expectation.” Much of its current popularity comes from this now-familiar tune, an association that began in 1835.

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

(9:30) POSTLUDE

Jubal's Trumpet

Ashdown

(11:00) POSTLUDE

Scotland the Brave
Williamsburg Pipes and Drums

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 ❧

Today's musical selections all have Scottish connections or are well-known bagpipe tunes.

The music for our opening hymn, "Will You Come and Follow Me," comes from a Scottish folk tune called "Kelvingrove" that has roots in the late eighteenth century. The text comes from the Iona community, a Christian movement working for justice and peace that is based in Scotland.

"Morning Has Broken" is set to a tune first published in 1888 in *The Songs and Hymns of the Scottish Highlands*. The tune is named "Bunessan" after a village on the southwest corner of the Scottish Isle of Mull, the birthplace of the author of the original text set to this tune, "Leanabh an Aigh! Leanabh bh'aig Mairi" ("Child in the manger, infant of Mary"). Like "Amazing Grace," this song is a well-loved bagpipe tune.

Our offertory anthem is a setting of a hymn text that is more familiar to many of us as "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go." The original hymn was written by George Matheson, a Scottish minister and author. Matheson wrote the hymn after attending his sister's wedding in Glasgow. He wrote the whole poem in five minutes and claimed that he never changed a word from the first writing. The musical setting is by Elaine Hagenberg, an American composer.

"Amazing Grace" is a hymn by an English author set to a music from America, but it is among the most popular tunes to play on bagpipes.

❧ THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ❧

The Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God and
in celebration of their 15th wedding anniversary by Faith and Len Shartzter.

✧ **THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY** ✧

PASTOR

John E. Morgan, Pastor/Head of Staff

Pam Hrnclir, Associate Pastor

MUSIC MINISTRY

Christopher Bechtler, Director of Music

Norman Elton, Organist and Assistant Director of Music

WPC Chancel Choir directed by Chris Bechtler

SPECIAL MUSIC

St. Andrew's Society

Williamsburg Pipes and Drums

GREETERS

9:30am Nancy Hylton, Liz Favre

11:00am Jan Russell, Jim Austin

USHERS

9:30am Matthew Underwood, Pat Underwood, Tony Annoni, Bruce Graham

11:00am Bob Bolstad, Nancy Moseley, Ric Cheston, Rebecca Caprio

LITURGIST

Joe Avellar

SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

Laura Bechtler

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOST

Jane Snyder, Phillip Jones, Sarah Houghland

***WILLIAMSBURG LANDING USHERS**

Janice and Bill McGuire

***WINDSOR MEADE USHER**

Peter Moriarty and Ray Whitney

AUDIO AND VIDEO TECHNICIANS: Roy Knox and John Schoenberger

*Satellite campuses

WPC Elders, Deacons & Staff

*Moderator

**Second Chair

SESSION: CLASSES OF 2026, 2027, 2028

Moderator: John E. Morgan Clerk of Session: Diane Schwarz
Administration: Larry Pulley* (26), Margie Newcomer (26), Pat Murray (28)
Christian Education: JD Due* (26), Kelly Kirkpatrick (26), Megan Davis (28), Len Shartzter (28)
Christian Outreach: CW Stacks* (28), Joseph Kinard (27), Carolyn Morgan (28)
Communications: Ellen Peters* (27)
Facilities: Jerry Howell* (26), Ric Cheston (27), Greg Walton (28)
Resources: Marc Moyers* (27), Jay Eaton (26)
Worship: Becky McKinley* (27)

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE:

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

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: CLASS OF 2025-26

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

BOARD OF DEACONS: CLASSES OF 2026, 2027, 2028

Moderator: Eric Beckhusen (26) Vice-Moderator: Julia Smith (27)
Pastoral Advisor: Pam Hrcir, Associate Pastor
Secretary: Robin Sabo (26)

CARE TEAMS

Care Connections: Jennifer LaDow** (26), Skip Perry (28), Patty Yewcic (28)
Brookdale and Other Asst. Living: Robin Sabo (26)
Patriot's Colony: Barbara Smith** (28)
Williamsburg Landing: Carolyn Lodzieski** (26)
Windsor Meade: Martha Burian** (26), Jack Snell (28)

MINISTRY TEAMS

Celebrations and Concerns: Laura Osman** (27), Barb Timko (28)
Christian Fellowship: Bev Whitley** (27), Dave McLain (26) Jim Carey** (27), Jane Snyder (28), Steve Young (28)
Flower Sharing: Leigh Sutherland** (26), Carol Thomas (26), Linda Stewart (28)
New Member: Eric Beckhusen** (26), Rodney Lawrence (27), Suzanne Stewart (27)
Memorial Receptions: Rebecca Caprio** (26), Karen Lauritzen (27), Julia Smith (27), Cheryl Roettger (28)
Memorial Services: Ford Moseley** (27), Jack Lassiter (27), Kathy Chambers (27), Bruce Graham (28)

STAFF

Pastoral Staff: John E. Morgan, Pastor/Head of Staff; Pam Hrcir, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care
Program Staff: Melody Dillon, Director of Children Youth, and Family Ministries, Caroline Johnston, Director
of Collegiate 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 9– Saturday, November 15
Pastor John • jmorgan@mywpc.org • 757-903-7800

Upcoming Memorial Service:

- A Memorial Service for WPC member **Wolf Koenig**, will be held at 11am on Saturday, November 15, 2025, in our sanctuary followed by a reception in Stevenson Hall. Please continue to keep the Koenig family in your prayers.

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

- Lee Foster on the death of her husband, Larry M. Foster, who went home to be with our Lord and Savior, Thursday, October 30, 2025. A Memorial Service was held in our sanctuary on Friday, November 7, 2025, followed by a reception in Stevenson Hall.
- Janet Spring and family on the death of her mother, Mildred Spring, who went home to be with our Lord and Savior, Wednesday, November 5, 2025. A service will be held at a later date.

Please continue to 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 🌀

- **Usher and Greeter, Coffee Fellowship and Flower Sharing Sign Ups in Stevenson Hall TODAY!** Are you looking for an opportunity to share your smile and meet new people? Please stop by the tables in Stevenson Hall between services today through November 23rd to learn more and sign up. 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 mywpc.org/greeter to serve as a Greeter, mywpc.org/usher to serve as an Usher, mywpc.org/coffee to host Coffee Fellowship, mywpc.org/flowers to serve on the Flower Sharing Ministry.
- **The Flower Sharing Ministry will be conducting another training class TODAY directly following the 11am service here in our sanctuary for all interested members.** If you enjoy meeting new people and enriching the lives of others but are afraid of long term commitment, this ministry is for you. Come join us as we learn yet another way to express our love for one another.
- **Signup deadline for The Roadmap to Aging ministry presents “Healthy Habits for Your Brain and Body,” a lunchtime seminar featuring guest speaker Douglas Panto, is noon, Monday November 10. Optional box lunches can be pre-ordered for \$10 each.** Sign up in the welcome lobby, or online at mywpc.org/roadmap2aging. Douglas is 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.**
- **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.
- **Volunteer Opportunity: Office Coverage Team: We're looking for volunteers to join a call list to help cover the church office when our church secretary is out.** While covering the office, you're welcome to knit, read, or work on your Bible study—you'll just be available to greet visitors and answer the phone as needed. **Shifts are flexible—choose a 2–4 hour block between 9:00am–12:00pm or 12:00–4:00pm.**

If you have a few hours to spare from time to time and would like to serve in this way, please contact Vanessa Gamble (vgamble@mywpc.org) or call the church office to be added to the volunteer list. Your help will keep the office running smoothly and provides a warm welcome to all who stop by while the secretary is away. Thank you for considering to serving!

- **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*.
- **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
- **8th Annual HART Multifaith Thanksgiving Service:** You are invited to participate in this Williamsburg community tradition, held at Walsingham Academy, on the Sunday before Thanksgiving. HART, the Historic Area Religions Together, brings together people of all faiths and backgrounds to celebrate and give thanks. **This year's service will be held on Sunday, November 23 at 7pm.** Contact Pastor Morgan (jmorgan@mywpc.org) to learn more about this annual tradition.
- **Our next New Member Orientation Luncheon is scheduled for Sunday, February 15, 2026, immediately after the 11:00am 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.
- **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.

∞ THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF EVENTS ∞

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9

- 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**
12:00pm Fellowship Class Lunch / Stevenson Hall
5:30pm Dining Together Kickoff Potluck / Stevenson Hall
5:30pm WPC Youth Group / Rm 220

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10

- 1:00pm Caregiver Support Group / Rm 222
1:00pm Presbyterian Women's Circle 3 / Rm 220 and Zoom
2:00pm Stephen Ministry Mtg / Rm LL010
5:30pm Christian Education Ministry Mtg / Rm 220
5:30pm Fill Happy Field Trip with Earth Care Ministry
5:30pm Hunger and Homeless Mtg / LL010
6:30pm Williamsburg Choral Guild Rehearsal / Sanctuary

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

- 10:00am Tuesday Adult Bible Study / Rm 220
1:00pm Staff Mtg / Zoom
1:30pm Kirk Krafters / Church Library
2:00pm Stewardship Committee Meeting / Rm 220
5:00pm CE Children's Subcommittee / Rm 227
5:30pm Resources Ministry Meeting / LL010
6:00pm Stephen Ministry Meeting / Rm 220
6:30pm PW Circle 5 - Eunice / Rm 222
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

- 7:30am Men's Bible & Bacon Study / Stevenson Hall
10:00am Presbyterian Women's Circle 14 / 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
5:00pm Worship Ministry Mtg / LL010
7:00pm Deacon Ministry Mtg / Rm 220
7:30pm Westminster Ringers Rehearsal / Bell Rm

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7

- 11:30am Williamsburg Women's Chorus Fall Concert Rehearsal / Sanctuary

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8

- 11:00am Memorial Service and Reception for Wolf Koenig / Sanctuary and Stevenson Hall

∞ NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP ∞

November 17, 2024 • 26th Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor John's sermon, "*Hold Fast*," will be based on Hebrews 10:19-25.