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PRAYER FOR PREPARATION

Dear God, we ask you to prepare us as a congregation as we explore our relationship with you. Please help us to create a deeper connection with you. Guide us to a personal life with you. In Jesus' name, Amen.

THE GATHERING

PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

PASTORAL GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. John E. Morgan

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Haley Elton

PRELUDE

Serenade
Madeleine Chen, piano

Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Eleanor Chen

Leader: Lord, you've brought us here today as a community of believers.

All: As we all worship together, we strengthen our bonds that unite us together and our relationship with you.

Leader: Lord, we know we are capable as individuals, but as a body of believers united in praising you, our praise is an anchor of hope.

All: As we all worship together, we strengthen our bonds that unite us together and our relationship with you.

Leader: Lord, help us to grow closer to you and see your reflection in each other.

All: As we all worship together, we strengthen our bonds that unite us together and our relationship with you.

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

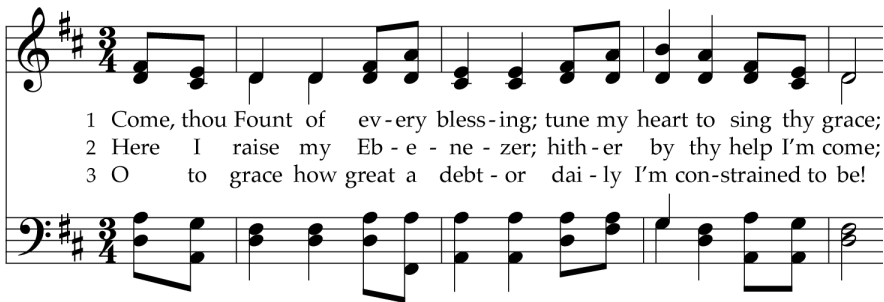


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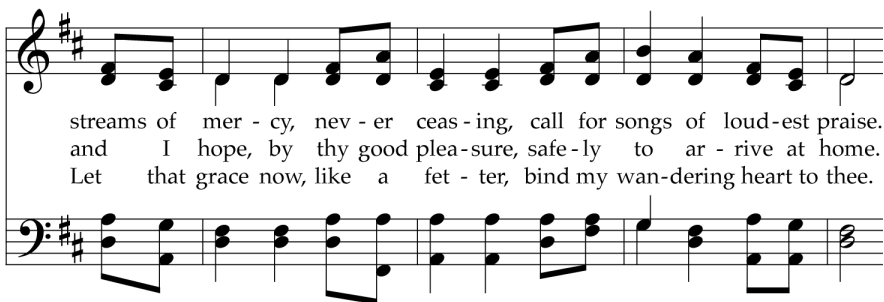
*HYMN 475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

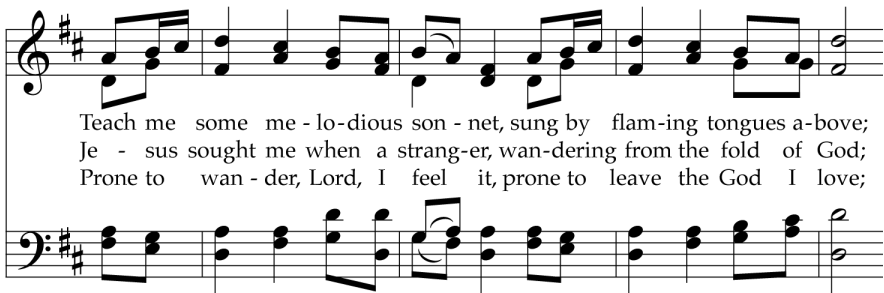
NETTLETON



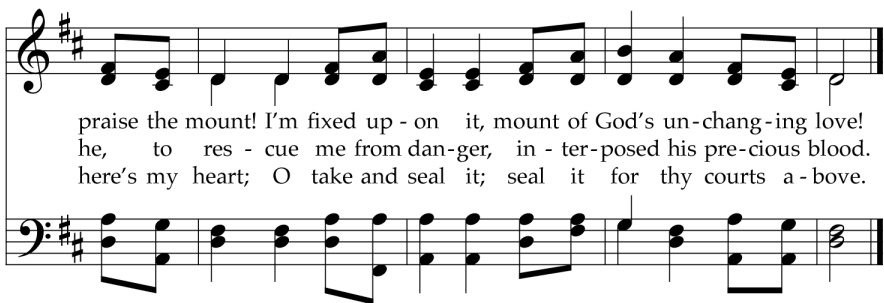
1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come;
3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee.



Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove;
Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;



praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un-chang-ing love!
he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter - posed his pre-cious blood.
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Written for Pentecost by a British Baptist pastor, this text is full of biblical terms like "Ebenezer" (1 Samuel 7:12), Hebrew for "a stone of help" set up to give thanks for God's assistance. The tune name honors hymnal compiler Asahel Nettleton, who probably did not compose it.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Nolan Walton

Leader: With open and vulnerable hearts, we confess our sins knowing that you embrace us and surround us with your love and grace. Let us come together saying the prayer of confession as printed in your bulletin.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**

God of Ardent Kindness,

We have turned away from you and rejected your unending love. We have been cruel and merciless as we interact with those around us. We drift from the path you have set for us, and we continue to take strides that put distance between us and you. We have denied our role in living like your Son, the One who loved us so much that He died for our sins and the One who was kind to all those whom he met.

In our turning away, we have only found more suffering and hate, sadness and isolation. We have forgotten what it means to love and what it means to be loved; even though you have been nothing but faithful and doting to our undeserving selves.

God of Love, we humbly bring forth our faults and recognize our wrongdoings. We have failed You, but we trust in Your steadfast ambition that wants us to be better. We ask for strength and love as we go forward in our relationship with not only You, but our brothers and sisters in Christ. Through You, we are reborn in Your love and in Your kindness. All we can do is ask for forgiveness and hope that, through You and the Holy Spirit, we will be convicted to be more like You and Your Son.

Hear our words, and know that they come from our hearts, for we have sinned. Father, we have strayed, and we wish to return to Your arms.

Amen.

***A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER**

*KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy

Schubert

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

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

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: God, thank you for the promise we find in 1 John 1:9. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness". Thank you for your never-ending love and forgiveness.

*GLORIA

Our God

Chris Tomlin

Sumner Long and Katherine Bechtler, performers

Water you turned into wine
Opened the eyes of the blind
There's no one like you
None like you

Into the darkness you shine
Out of the ashes we rise
There's no one like you
None like you

Refrain:
Our God is greater, our God is stronger
God, you are higher than any other
Our God is healer, awesome in power
Our God, Our God

(Gloria continues on the next page.)

Into the darkness you shine
Out of the ashes we rise
There's no one like you
None like you (Refrain)

And if our God is for us, then who could ever stop us?
And if our God is with us, then what can stand against us?
And if our God is for us, then who could ever stop us?
And if our God is with us, then what can stand against us?
Then what could stand against? (Refrain)

**(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

Haley Elton and Nolan Walton

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Sumner Long

Dear God, please allow us to hear your word and apply it in our daily lives. Let your word fill our souls with nourishment and love. Bring us together through you. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 54:7-10

Eleanor Chen

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

PSALM 63:1-8 (unison)

Kaylee Green

**O God, you are my God; I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.
Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.
So I will bless you as long as I live;
I will lift up my hands and call on your name.
My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast,**

(Psalm continues on the next page.)

and my mouth praises you with joyful lips
when I think of you on my bed
and meditate on you in the watches of the night,
for you have been my help,
and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand upholds me.

SECOND LESSON: Romans 5:1-6, 10-11

Kailani Salud

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

FIRST SERMON

"God's Plan in the Presence"

John Due

INTERLUDE

Sarabande from Suite No. 1 in G Major
Madeleine Chen, cello

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

SECOND SERMON

"While We Were Still Sinners"

Sam Due

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison)

Sumner Long

All this for the Glory of God.
We imagine a world on earth as it is in heaven,
Where nobody is judged,
Where everyone is accepted,
Where wars are fought by playing a game of chess,
Where love is endless,
Where violence doesn't exist at all,
Where all ships sail smoothly,
Where medical care is affordable,
Where we can just sit and be,
Where there is no poverty,
Where we can respond to needs in the moment when they come up,
Where we can agree to disagree,
Where it feels like we are sitting in a rock in the sun; all the time,
Where a world of excess is turned into a world of access,

(Affirmation of Faith continues on the next page.)

**Where everyone has fulfilling and meaningful jobs,
Where we can live in full harmony with the Word of God,
Where cries have become cries of joy,
Where everyone loves everyone as God loves us,
And all God's people say,
Amen.**

**This affirmation was created at Montreat Youth Conference 2025 in collaboration with
Second Presbyterian Church (Roanoke, Va) during a spontaneous spirit-filled group prayer.*

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

Kailani Salud

Katherine Bechtler, Sumner Long

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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

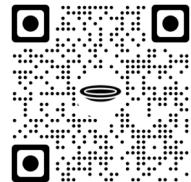
OFFERING TALK

Madeleine Chen

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

Only Ever Always
WPC Youth

Ellie Holcomb and Sandra McCracken

Draw me out with the morning stars,
Wake me up with beauty.
Sprout a daisy in the yard,
Every day reminds me.

Refrain:

In your love we are satisfied,
Only ever always.

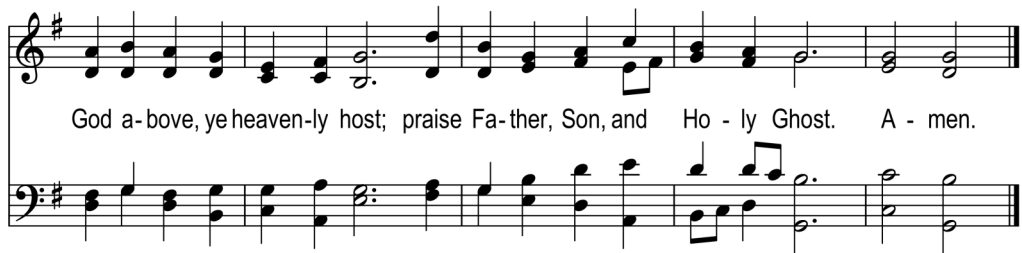
(Offertory continues on the next page.)

In the morning, in the night,
Only ever always.

You wrote the song that is in our hearts,
A song of joy and wonder.
Every day is a brand new start.
His love makes us younger. (Refrain)

You're strong enough to take it slow:
The sun, the moon, so patient.
We wait, we see your mercy flow
To every tribe and nation. (Refrain)

See the beauty of the Lord
As the sun expires.
In one day or a thousand years,



***DOXOLOGY**

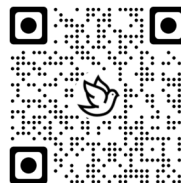
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Annie Beckhusen Challener

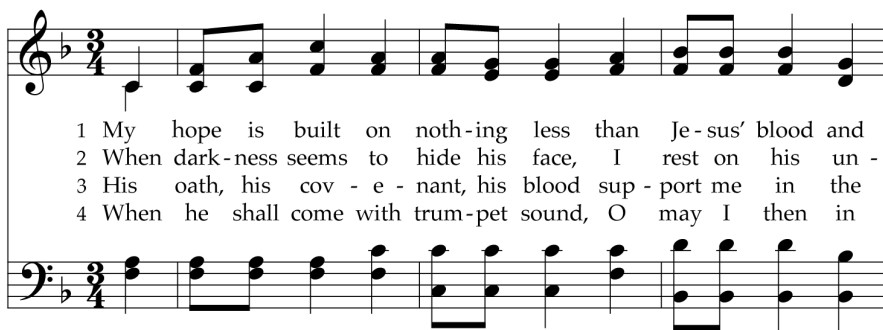
GOING OUT TO BE THE CHURCH



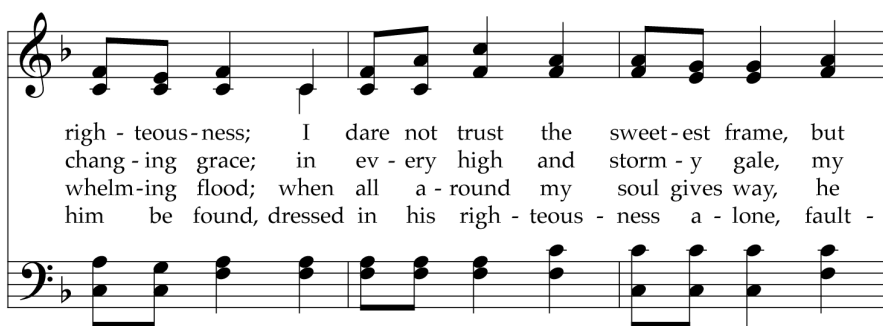
***INVITATION AND THE LORD'S DAY GREETING**

Josh Bechtler,

Rhodes Walton, Sarah Lowekamp

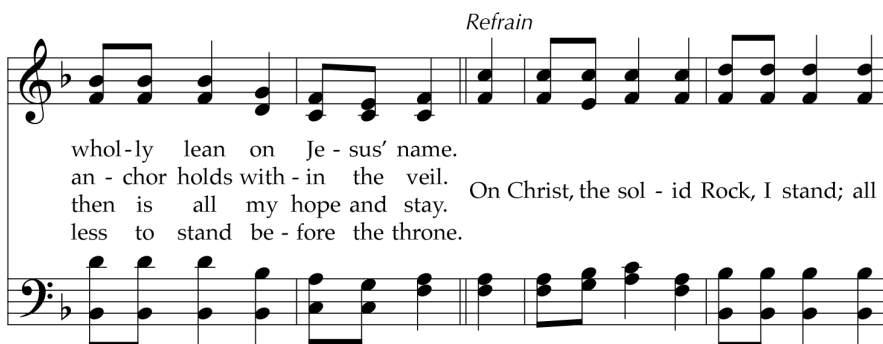


1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and
 2 When dark-ness seems to hide his face, I rest on his un-
 3 His oath, his cov-e-nant, his blood sup-port me in the
 4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, O may I then in



righ-teous-ness; I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, but
 chang-ing grace; in ev-ery high and storm-y gale, my
 whelm-ing flood; when all a-round my soul gives way, he
 him be found, dressed in his righ-teous-ness a-lone, fault-

Refrain



whol-ly lean on Je-sus' name.
 an-chor holds with-in the veil. On Christ, the sol-id Rock, I stand; all
 then is all my hope and stay.
 less to stand be-fore the throne.



oth-er ground is sink-ing sand; all oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

This hymn develops the imagery of Jesus' remark (Matthew 7:24–27/Luke 6:47–49) that those who believe in him and act on that belief are like someone who builds a house on a rock. The text is set to a tune created for it by a prolific 19th-century American composer and editor.

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

- Click on the “Welcome to WPC! Click here to sign the Friendship Register” banner at the top of the website page
- Visit mywpc.org/friendship or scan the QR code at the right to access the online friendship register.

***HYMN 353**

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

SOLID ROCK

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

John Due, Sam Due, Madeleine Chen

POSTLUDE

Reckless Love

Caleb Culver,
Cory Asbury, Ran Jackson

Before I spoke a word, you were singing over me.
You have been so, so good to me.
Before I took a breath, you breathed your life in me.
You have been so kind to me.

Please join the youth in singing the refrain in bold.

Refrain:

Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God.
Oh, it chases me down, fights till I'm found, leaves the ninety-nine.
I couldn't earn it and I don't deserve it, still you give yourself away.
Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God.

When I was your foe, still your love fought for me.
You have been so, so good to me.
When I felt no worth, you paid it all for me.
You have been so kind to me.

Refrain:

Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God.
Oh, it chases me down, fights till I'm found, leaves the ninety-nine.
I couldn't earn it and I don't deserve it, still you give yourself away.
Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God.

There's no shadow you won't light up, mountain you won't climb up, comin' after me.
There's no wall you won't kick down, lie you won't tear down, comin' after me.
There's no shadow you won't light up, mountain you won't climb up, comin' after me.
There's no wall you won't kick down, lie you won't tear down, comin' after me. (Repeat)

Refrain:

Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God.

**Oh, it chases me down, fights till I'm found, leaves the ninety-nine.
I couldn't earn it and I don't deserve it, still you give yourself away.
Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God.**

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.

∞ COVER ARTWORK ∞

"The Prayer"

Created by WPC member Kailani Salud, inspired by the Youth Group's Affirmation of Faith.

∞ THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ∞

The Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Neil McGill Stevenson by Diane Stevenson and daughters, Heather, Holly and Heidi.

✧ **THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY** ✧

PASTOR

John E. Morgan, Pastor/Head of Staff

Pam Hrnclir, Associate Pastor

MUSIC MINISTRY

WPC Youth

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

Melody Dillon

GREETERS

9:30am Bill Riffer, Cheryl Roettger

11:00am Elizabeth Padgett, Tom Moul

USHERS

9:30am Matt Underwood, Karen Lauritzen, John VanAken, David Littell

11:00am Bob Bolstad, Harley Stewart, Ric Cheston, Sarah Houghland

LITURGISTS

Haley Elton, Sumner Long, Eleanor Chen

SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

Haley Elton and Nolan Walton

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOST

Sallie McLain, Dave McLain, Cherie Wodarski

***WILLIAMSBURG LANDING USHERS**

Godwin and Sylvia Jones and Ellen Jones

***WINDSOR MEADE USHER**

Peter Moriarty and Ray Whitney

AUDIO AND VIDEO TECHNICIANS: Dave McLain and John Schoenberger

*Satellite campuses

❧ **Special Thanks** ❧

We are grateful for the many WPC youth who contributed to Youth Sunday in a variety of ways — from planning and rehearsing to leading worship this morning.
While not everyone could be with us today, we celebrate each of you for your gifts and faith.

Josh Bechtler
Katherine Bechtler
Annie Beckusen Challenger
Gabe Beckhusen Challenger
Eleanor Chen
Madeleine Chen
John Due
Sam Due
Kaylee Green
Haley Elton
LaRue Hundt
Sumner Long
Sarah Lowekamp
Lena Roessler
Lucy Roessler
Kailani Salud
Annabelle Waggoner
Abby Waggoner
Rhodes Walton
Nolan Walton

❧ **With Deep Appreciation** ❧

A heartfelt thank-you to our Youth Leaders for walking alongside our young people as they prepared to lead worship today. Your encouragement, patience, and faith continue to inspire us all.

Allison Aldrich
Chris Bechtler
Megan Davis
Melody Dillon
Atticus Gore
Jane Snyder
C.W. Stacks

✧ 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 16 – Saturday, November 22
Pastor Pam • phrncir@mywpc.org • 757-508-4668

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

- WPC member Linda Adamchak on the death of her husband, WPC member Fred Adamchak, who went home to be with our Lord and Savior, Wednesday, November 12, 2025. A private interment in our columbarium will be held at a later date.

Please continue to pray for:

- Robin Midlam (Cheyenne, WY), sister of Jodie Davis; 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, 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.
- **FISH Sunday: This Sunday, November 16 is FISH food collection day.** The need is great, so please consider donating. FISH currently needs *spaghetti/ pasta boxed or; tomato products (diced, paste, sauce); cold cereals (especially kids cereals); peanut butter and jelly; macaroni and cheese; canned chicken, tuna, and beef stew; canned fruit and vegetables; canned soups; brownie mix; pancake mix and syrup; deodorant; shampoo; toothpaste; feminine hygiene products; diapers (size 4, 5, 6), and laundry detergent (42oz).* **Please place your donations in or near the red shopping cart today or during the week located by the rear entrance.** The Outreach Committee thanks you for your generous participation.
- **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 to learn more about this annual tradition.
- **The Joyful Season of Christmas: We anticipate and celebrate our Lord's birth with worship, music, workshops and decorations here at WPC.** The Worship Ministry is inviting all members and friends who would like to participate in the decorations to sponsor the purchase of a poinsettia. The requested donation is \$15 per poinsettia. Funds collected in excess of the cost of poinsettias purchased will be used to offset the expense of purchasing additional fresh greenery, the Christmas tree and other items to complete our decorations. There is an envelope for ordering in today's bulletin. **After today,** you may find envelopes inside the Friendship Register and in the Church Welcome Center. **Online ordering for poinsettias is now available at mywpc.org/poinsettia.** **All orders for poinsettias must be received by Sunday, December 7.**
- **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.

- **Gift of Christmas 2025: Just a reminder that the Gift of Christmas Program will be starting on Sunday, November 30.** This is an opportunity to make a donation to one of the 19 charities that will be listed this year. Most of these are local programs that you are very familiar with, but a few listed are not based locally but still serve Virginia residents. The Gift of Christmas is a way for you to honor your families, grandchildren and friends by giving a gift in their name to one of the helping organizations that will be listed in an insert each week during December in our Sunday Bulletins. When you make a donation, you will receive a Christmas angel ornament along with a card that you can give to the person you are remembering. Celebrate the joy of Christmas by knowing that your gift will be appreciated both by the person you are honoring and by the deserving programs that help so many in need in our communities. For more information contact Karen Annoni*.
- **“As a Soprano, I Will Not Be Silenced”: Everyone is invited to attend the Senior Voice Recital of Sophie Morris-Suzuki’s — a celebration of song by WPC’s own Choral Scholar.** The evening will feature works by Scarlatti, Haydn, Mozart, and more. **Join us Tuesday, December 2, 2025, at 7:30pm in Comey Recital Hall, 551 Jamestown Road.** Come support Sophie and enjoy an inspiring night of music! Tickets are not needed.
- **Advent Bible Study coming soon: “Songs of Christmas” beginning Wednesdays December 3, 10 and 17 from 1-2:00pm and Thursday evenings – December 4, 11, and 18 from 6-7:00pm.** Join us as we explore: *Mary’s Magnificat* (Luke 1:46-55), *Zechariah’s Song* (Luke 1:68-79) and *Simeon’s Song* (Luke 2:29-32). This study, with Allen Hogge and Judy Austin as facilitators, and Chris Bechtler supporting with music will help guide us through Advent. **Please register so we can prepare for you! Sign up online at mywpc.org/songs or at the table in the Welcome Lobby.**
- **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 serving!
- **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.

***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 16 • YOUTH 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

12:00pm Roadmap to Aging: Healthy Brain Program / Stevenson Hall

4:00pm Williamsburg Women's Chorus Fall Concert / Sanctuary

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17

1:00pm Caregiver Support Group / Rm 222

2:00pm Stephen Ministry Mtg / Rm LL010

6:30pm Williamsburg Choral Guild Rehearsal / Sanctuary

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

10:00am Tuesday Adult Bible Study / Rm 220

11:30am Communications Ministry Mtg / Stevenson Hall

1:00pm Staff Mtg / Zoom

5:00pm Happy Un-Birthday Service Project Party / Stevenson Hall

6:30pm UKirk Dinner & Dialogue / UKirk Rm

7:00pm Christian Fellowship Committee / Rm 220

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

3:00pm Endowment Committee Mtg / Rm 220

6:00pm Joyful Ringers Rehearsal / Bell Rm

6:30pm Facilities Ministry Mtg / Stevenson Hall

7:00pm Administration Ministry Mtg / Rm 220

7:00pm High School Bible Study / Rm 222

7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Rm

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20

9:00am Sanctuary Cleaning

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

5:00pm Christian Outreach Ministry Mtg / LL010

7:30pm Westminster Ringers Rehearsal / Bell Rm

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22

✧ NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP ✧

November 23, 2025 • Reign of Christ

Pastor John's sermon, "*We Will Not Fear*," will be based on Psalm 46.