



WILLIAMSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

REIGN OF CHRIST

NOVEMBER 23, 2025

PRAYER FOR PREPARATION

Almighty God, through the Lordship of your Son, Jesus Christ, the powers and dominions of the world obtain their purpose, and creation finds its meaning. Reveal to the world the gracious rule of Christ, end all enmity among the nations, and bring us soon to his glorious, peaceable kingdom; through Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

THE GATHERING

PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

PASTORAL GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. John E. Morgan

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Mike Smith

MINUTE FOR MISSION: Tutoring

Linda Eaton

PRELUDE

Fanfare on *A Mighty Fortress*

Cherwien

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Leader: Come to worship Jesus Christ, Alpha and Omega, the One who is, who was, and is to come (Revelation 1:8).

All: **We come to worship the One who rules justly** (2 Samuel 23:34).

Leader: Come to worship Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, the ruler of the kings of the earth! (Revelation 1:5).

All: **Bread of heaven, God with us!** (John 6:51, Matthew 1:23).

Leader: Good shepherd, True vine! (John 10:11; 15:1).

All: **Eternal Word, great I am** (John 1; 8:58).

Leader: Wonderful Counselor, Prince of Peace! (Isaiah 9:6).

All: **We come to worship Jesus Christ, King of kings and Lord of lords!** (Revelation 19:16).
To him be glory and dominion forever and ever! Amen. (Revelation 1:6).

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 41

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

LYONS

1 O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove!
 2 O tell of God's might; O sing of God's grace,
 3 The earth with its store of won - ders un - told,
 4 Your boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?
 5 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,

O grate - ful - ly sing God's power and God's love:
 whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space,
 Al - might - y, your power has found - ed of old;
 It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
 in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;

our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
 whose char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form;
 es - tab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,
 it streams from the hills; it de - scends to the plain,
 your mer - cies, how ten - der, how firm to the end,

pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
 and bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.
 and round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
 our Mak - er, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend.

Addressing the first two stanzas to the singers of the hymn and the last three to God, this free paraphrase of Psalm 104 recasts the psalmist's imagery with baroque verve. Though it was first published in England, the tune has been more popular in North America than there.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Leader: We come to worship to remember and to acknowledge Jesus the Lord and Sovereign of our lives. We come to worship to renew our affirmation and commitment, always willing to listen and to pay attention to those whose needs are great. In our moments of honest reflection, we realize how often we fall short of our goal. In that knowledge, let us confess our shortcomings to God.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

Beckoning God, you invite us to walk the narrow path and to live lives worthy of the gospel. Yet how often we hold a grudge, sustain a pout, harbor a complaint. We are preoccupied with our hurts and absorbed in the little injustices done to us. We neglect our high calling to visit the sick, care for the poor, feed the hungry, confront the oppressors and work for the new reign of God. Empowering God, open our eyes and strengthen our wills to care for the ill, to shelter the homeless and provide security for the abused, to feed the hungry and to pester those in control of systems and institutions to care for the well-being of all their citizens. Let our lives be worthy of Christ the King, the Prince of Peace, the Redeemer of all. Amen.

***A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER**

***KYRIE**

Lord, Have Mercy

Schubert

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

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Leader: Through the crucified body and blood of Christ the King, we have been given a pardon from God. "For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins." Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, proclaiming Jesus as Lord of all. Amen.

*GLORIA

Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI (Greateorex)

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

Jim Kirkpatrick

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Mike Smith

**Lord, open our hearts to receive your Word; by your Spirit free us from the power of
darkness and show to us the inheritance of the saints of light. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Mike Smith

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

LUKE 1:68-79 (responsive)

Mike Smith

Leader: "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
for he has looked favourably on his people and redeemed them.

**All: He has raised up a mighty saviour for us
in the house of his servant David,
as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,
that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us.**

Leader: Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors,
and has remembered his holy covenant,
the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham,
to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies,
might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

**All: And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,
to give knowledge of salvation to his people
by the forgiveness of their sins.**

Leader: By the tender mercy of our God,
the dawn from on high will break upon us,
to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace."

SECOND LESSON: Psalm 46

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

SERMON

"We Will Not Fear"

Rev. John E. Morgan

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 275

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

EIN' FESTE BURG



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of
 los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
 bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ
 truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this

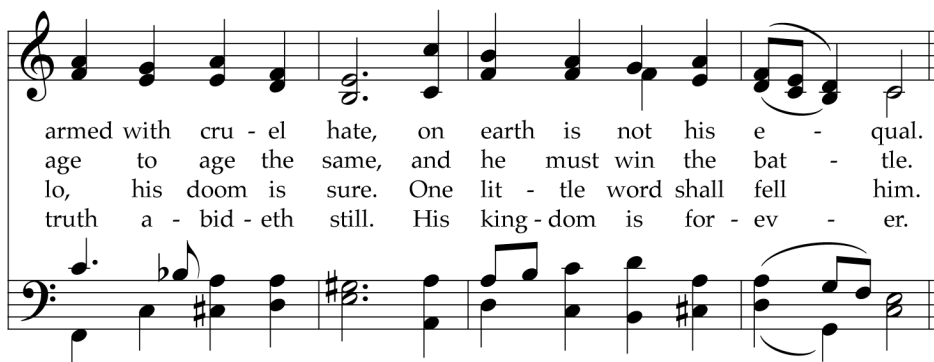
seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and
 Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from
 trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for
 mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's

Long before Isaac Watts began to Christianize the Psalms, Martin Luther had already done so when he created the text and tune for this, his most famous hymn, which is based on Psalm 46. Luther encouraged metrical versions of psalms as well as chanted psalms and new hymns.

TEXT: Martin Luther, 1529; trans. Frederick Henry Hedge, 1852
 MUSIC: Martin Luther, 1529, alt.

EIN' FESTE BURG
 8.7.8.7.6.6.6.6.7

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

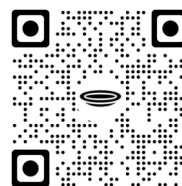
We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

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

Make a Joyful Noise
Carol and Junior Choir

Jeff Reeves

Make a joyful noise!
Make a joyful noise to the Lord of Lords.
Make a joyful noise to the Lord!

(Refrain)

Make a joyful noise to the Lord!
Enter his gates with glorious praise!
Make a joyful noise to the Lord!
Worship the Lord and be glad.

Sing a new song to the Lord.
Fill the earth with hymns of praise.
Come bless the Lord with music,
Rejoice this holy day.

Please join the children in singing:

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

(Refrain)

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here be-low; praise
God a-bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

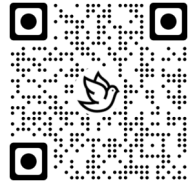
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GOING OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

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

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

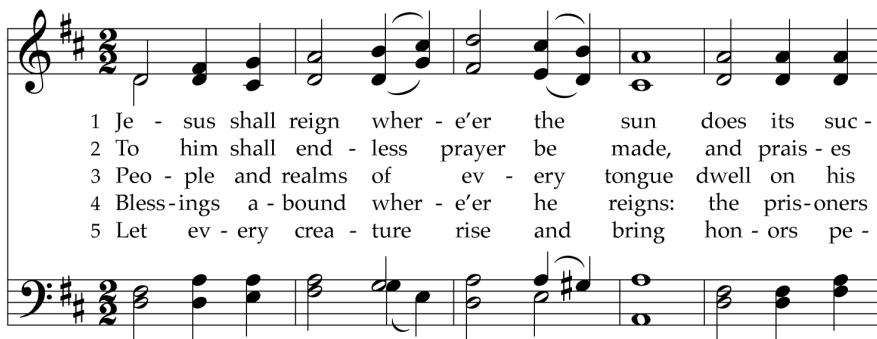
- Click on the “Welcome to WPC! Click here to sign the Friendship Register” banner at the top of the website page
- Visit mywpc.org/friendship or scan the QR code at the right to access the online friendship register.



***HYMN 265**

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

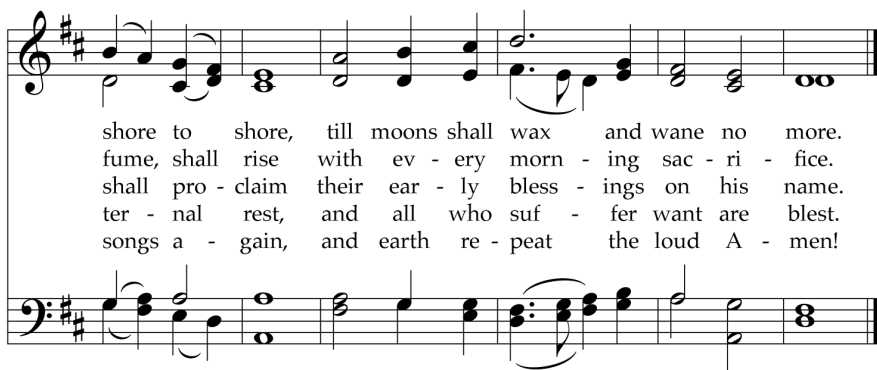
DUKE STREET



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners
 5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring hon - ors pe -



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
 throng to crown his head; his name, like sweet per -
 love with sweet - est song, and in - fant voic - es
 leap to loose their chains; the wea - ry find e -
 cu - liar to our King; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 fume, shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud A - men!

This hymn is a classic example of how Isaac Watts Christianized the Psalms, in this case Psalm 72:5–19, by turning their messianic language to New Testament equivalents. The tune was at first nameless and anonymous, but is now called by the address of the supposed composer.

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Fanfare Trumpet Tune

Ashdown

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 to the glory of God and in loving memory of
James Field “Dan Dad” and Martha (Marty) “Mom Mom” Thompson Bland
by Robin Bland.

✧ **THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY** ✧

PASTOR

John E. Morgan, Pastor/Head of Staff

MUSIC MINISTRY

Norman Elton, Organist and Assistant Director of Music

Carol and Junior Choirs directed by Rebecca Elton

WPC Chancel Choir

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

Melody Dillon

GREETERS

9:30am Shanna Due, Molly Lawrence

11:00am Bruce Powell, Elizabeth Padgett

USHERS

9:30am Tony Annoni, Pat Underwood, Rebecca Caprio, Shanna Due

11:00am Donna Powell, Maxine Cunningham, Julia Smith, Rebecca Caprio

LITURGISTS

Mike Smith

SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

Jim Kirkpatrick

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOST

Jim Carey, Abigail Knox, Roy Knox

***WILLIAMSBURG LANDING USHERS**

Linda Eichhorn

***WINDSOR MEADE USHER**

Peter Moriarty and Ray Whitney

AUDIO AND VIDEO TECHNICIANS: Dick Sahlen 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)
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 23 – Saturday, November 29
Pastor Pam • phrncir@mywpc.org • 757-508-4668

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 🌀

- Pastor Pam Hrnair, Associate Pastor, and Chris Bechtler, Director of Music, are spending time with family today. Pastor John E. Morgan will be spending time with family Monday, November 24-Friday, November 28.
- **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 this morning 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.
- **8th Annual HART Multifaith Thanksgiving Service: Join us for this Williamsburg community tradition, held at Walsingham Academy, today, Sunday, November 23, 7pm.** HART, the Historic Area Religions Together, brings together people of all faiths and background to celebrate and give thanks.
- **Salvation Army Angel Tree Program 2025: The Salvation Army Angel Tree Tags are now available in Stevenson Hall.** Make Christmas Day memorable for someone less fortunate. Stop by the Christmas tree in the fellowship hall. It is decorated with 50 angel tags for children and 10 tags for seniors. Adopt an Angel and buy gifts for that child or senior. You will be demonstrating the true meaning of Christmas and sharing God's amazing gift of love. Gifts should be returned by December 9 to the Salvation Army office or to the church. Thank you for your generous and loving support of the Salvation Army.
- **Daily Devotionals Returning for Advent! Receive them by email or text beginning Sunday, November 30.** We are delighted to share that daily devotionals are returning for Advent! Following the wonderful response to our Lenten series this past spring, we're continuing the tradition as we enter this sacred season of waiting and hope. Our Advent Devotional for this year, published by Presbyterian Outlook, is titled "*Draw Near: Lighting the Advent Path with Hope, Peace, Joy and Love.*" You can receive the devotional daily as an email or text message by signing up at mywpc.org/devotionals. All who signed up to receive the Lent devotionals are automatically subscribed with an opt-out option.
- **Sponsor a Poinsettia in Memory/Honor of Someone:** The joyful season of Christmas is upon us. As we prepare to celebrate our Lord's birth, you are invited to help decorate the church by sponsoring a poinsettia. Envelopes for poinsettias can be found in the pew fellowship books and in the Welcome Center. Orders may also be placed online at mywpc.org/poinsettias. **The deadline for ordering is Sunday, December 7.** Poinsettias are to remain in place until AFTER the 10pm. worship service on Christmas Eve.
- **Every day, local seniors depend on Meals on Wheels for more than just food - they depend on the connection, comfort, and care that comes with every delivery.** Right now, too many of our vulnerable neighbors are still waiting. You can help End the Wait this season and make sure every home in Williamsburg is reached with nourishment and hope. \$6.50 provides a meal - and a moment of comfort. Donate or learn more at www.williamsburgmealsonwheels.com. If you have any questions, please contact WPC member Debbie Muse.*
- **Children's Ministry is GROWING and needs your help!** During the school holidays, our college students who work in the nursery are enjoying a well-deserved break. **Therefore, we need your help in the nursery from December 1 - January 22 during the 9:30am service only.** Let's continue to support our children and families by sharing God's love! Your wisdom, experience, and knowledge are such a blessing to our families. The only qualification needed for this role is a heart for children! Please go to mywpc.org/nursery to sign up or contact Melody Dillon (mdillon@mywpc.org).

- **One last chance to show off your WPC “Spirit!”** WPC car magnets are still available to purchase, in order to show off your “WPC Spirit!” Each magnet is 6”x6”, and the logo is full color. Please note that this is not a fundraiser for any ministry or group. If you would like to purchase a car magnet for \$4, please reach out to Jodie Davis, or see Martha Reier in the Church Office. Only 24 magnets are available!
- **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.**
- **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.
- **Volunteers Needed: Our neighbor church, The Historic First Baptist Church of Williamsburg is gearing up for a busy celebration of the 250th anniversary of our country.** They are expecting that many people will want to visit the first Baptist church for enslaved and free blacks established in 1776 in the country. **They are looking for volunteers from area churches to serve as greeters in 2026. The tour schedule will be every Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 10:00am to 2:00pm.** If you are interested in volunteering please contact the Church Office or send an email to secretary@mywpc.org. If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor John.

***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 23 • REIGN OF CHRIST

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

5:00pm WPC Youth Group / Stevenson Hall

7:00pm Historic Area Religious Together Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service / Walsingham Academy

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24

1:00pm Caregiver Support Group / Rm 222

2:00pm WPC Book Club / Rm 220

6:30pm Williamsburg Choral Guild Rehearsal / Sanctuary

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

10:00am Tuesday Adult Bible Study / Rm 220

1:00pm Stephen Ministry Mtg / Rm 218

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27 • HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO YOU AND YOURS

Church Office closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Church Office closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29

✧ NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP ✧

November 30, 2025 • 1st of Advent

Pastor Pam's sermon, "Draw Near," will be based on Matthew 24:36-44.