



Williamsburg
Presbyterian
Church



5th Sunday after Epiphany
Souper Bowl of Caring
February 8, 2026

*Joyfully led by the Spirit,
We are revolutionary in our hope and love.
Welcoming all, we nurture and equip people to
Serve God and care for our community in the way of Jesus.*

PRAYER FOR PREPARATION

Holy God, you gave the law to show your people the way of righteousness. Help us receive your commandments as grace and live as your obedient children that your goodness may shine through us, to the glory of your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GATHERING PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

PASTORAL GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. John E. Morgan

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Beth Stabler

MINUTE FOR MISSION:

Chris Guvernator, Executive Director
Habitat for Humanity VA Eastern Shore

PRELUDE

Air, from Suite No. 1 for Organ

Florence Price

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Happy are those who fear the Lord, who greatly delight in God's commandments.

All: **Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

Leader: Wealth and riches are in their houses,
and their righteousness endures forever.

All: **They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright;
they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

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.

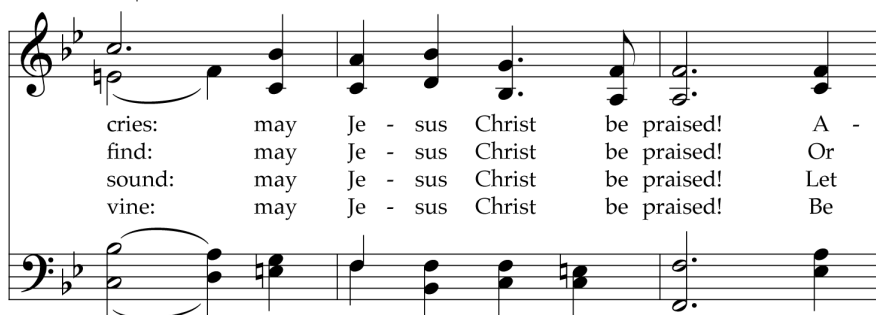
***HYMN 667**

When Morning Gilds the Skies

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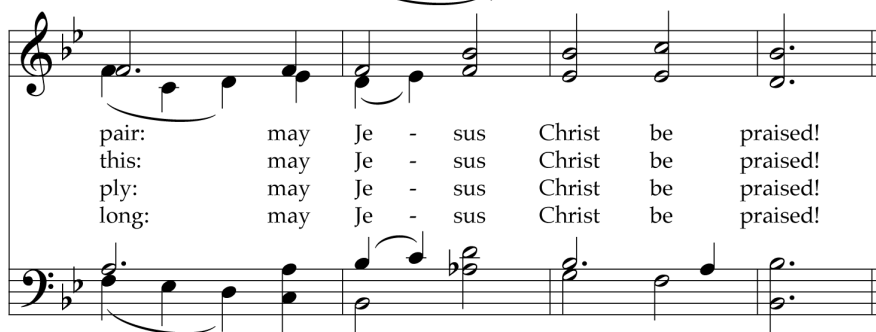
1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing
 2 Does sad - ness fill my mind? A so - lace here I
 3 Let earth's wide cir - cle round in joy - ful notes re -
 4 Be this, while life is mine, my can - ti - cle di -



cries: may Je - sus Christ be praised! A -
 find: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Or
 sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let
 vine: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Be



like at work and prayer to Je - sus I re -
 fades my earth - ly bliss? My com - fort still is
 air and sea and sky from depth to height re -
 this the e - ter - nal song through all the a - ges



pair: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 this: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 ply: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 long: may Je - sus Christ be praised!

This is not just a morning hymn, though this excerpt from an English translation of an early 19th-century German text may not convey how thoroughly the original deals with different kinds of time throughout the day. The tune was composed as a setting for this English text.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: Let us confess our sins before God, our help in times of trouble.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Have mercy upon us, O God, for sin clings so closely and its burden is great. Because of sin, our hands are at our sides when they should reach out to others; our knees are shaky when we should be standing firm. We are victims of our own misdeeds; we cannot escape sin's weight on our lives. Through Christ's intercession, lift the burden from us, and help us run the race before us in freedom and strength. Amen.

*A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER

*KYRIE

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

HEAR MY PRAYER

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass, in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is primarily composed of eighth and sixteenth notes, often beamed together. The lyrics are written below the staves.

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, an - swer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: In mercy God forgives us our sin and grants us genuine repentance through the grace and power of the Holy Spirit.

*GLORIA

Gloria

CELTIC ALLEUIA



SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

Melody Dillon

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Beth Stabler

Lord, open our understanding by the power of the Holy Spirit, that as the Word is proclaimed we may receive holy wisdom to understand the gifts you have bestowed on us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 58:7-12

Beth Stabler

This is the Word of God for the people of God!
Thanks be to God!

PSALM 112:1-9 (responsive)

Leader: Praise the Lord!

Happy are those who fear the Lord,
who greatly delight in his commandments.

All: Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.

Leader: Wealth and riches are in their houses,
and their righteousness endures forever.

All: **They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright;**
they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.

Leader: It is well with those who deal generously and lend,
who conduct their affairs with justice.

All: **For the righteous will never be moved;**
they will be remembered forever.

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Leader: They are not afraid of evil tidings;
their hearts are firm, secure in the Lord.

**All: Their hearts are steady; they will not be afraid;
in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.**

Leader: They have distributed freely; they have given to the poor;
their righteousness endures forever;
their horn is exalted in honor.

SECOND LESSON: Matthew 5:13-20

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Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“You are the Light of the World”

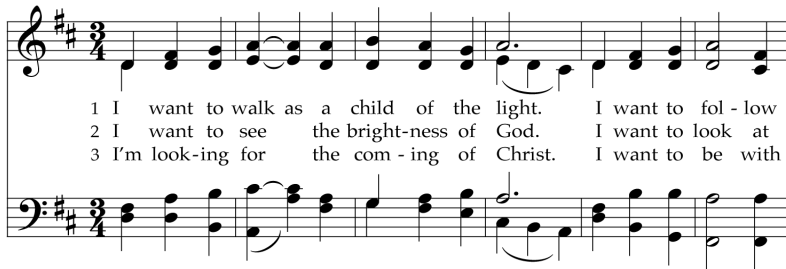
Rev. John E. Morgan

RESPONDING TO THE WORD


*HYMN 377

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

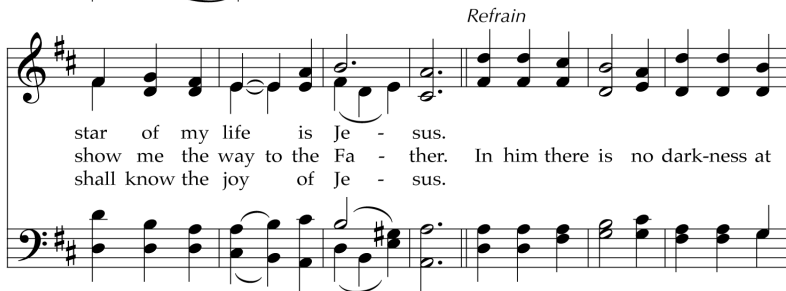
HOUSTON



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to fol - low
2 I want to see the bright-ness of God. I want to look at
3 I'm look-ing for the com - ing of Christ. I want to be with



Je - sus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The
Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ-teous-ness, shine on my path, and
Je - sus. When we have run with pa-tience the race, we



Refrain
star of my life is Je - sus.
show me the way to the Fa - ther. In him there is no dark-ness at
shall know the joy of Je - sus.



all. The night and the day are both a - like. The Lamb is the



light of the cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

The author-composer of this unrhymed hymn regards it as a meditation and prayer deeply rooted in many scriptures, most connected with the theme of light: Genesis 1:17; Psalm 139:12; Isaiah 60:19; Malachi 4:2; John 14:8; Ephesians 5:8; Hebrews 12:1-2; 1 John 1:5; Revelation 21:23.

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

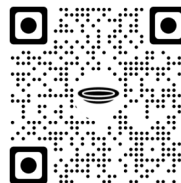
In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

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

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

OFFERING

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



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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM The Lord Is My Light and My Salvation John Behnke (b. 1953)

Refrain:

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Whom shall I fear? Whom shall I fear?

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Whom shall I fear? Whom shall I fear?

When enemies o'ertake me, and evil surrounds me,
My faith shall endure, my faith shall endure! (Refrain)

To dwell in the house of the Lord all my life,
To see the beauty, to learn and grow. (Refrain)

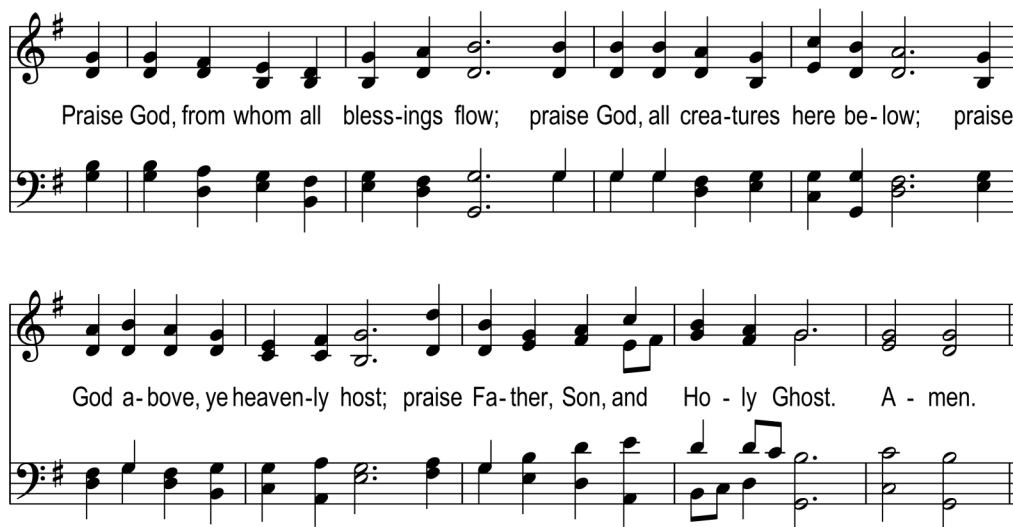
Know me and teach me and lead me through this life.
Know me and teach me and lead me through this journey of life. (Refrain)

I wait for you, I wait and remain strong.
I wait for you, I wait and remain strong. (Refrain)

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH



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

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

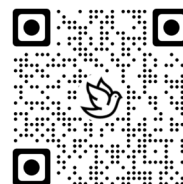
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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.



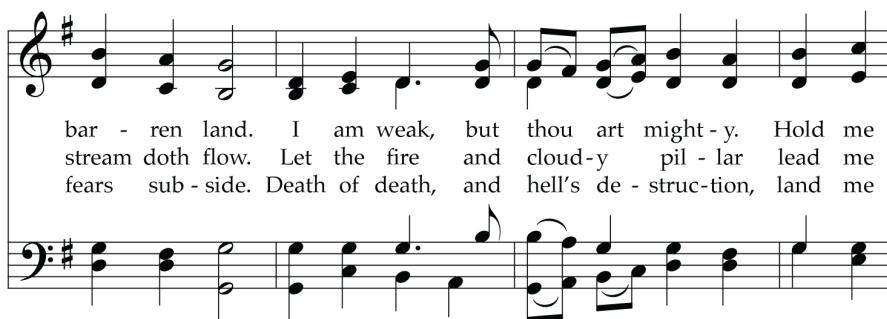
*HYMN 65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah


CWM RHONDDA



1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me
 stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
 fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es



feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.
 be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.
 I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.

Few Welsh hymns are as well known or loved as this 18th-century text that did not gain its popular tune until the early 20th century. In both its original text and in English translation, it is a stirring hymn of pilgrimage filled with vivid imagery from Hebrew Scripture.

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Toccato, from Suite No. 1 for Organ

Florence Price

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 ✧

This morning we continue a month-long exploration of organ music from Black composers.

Florence Price (1887-1953) was born in Little Rock, Arkansas and began piano studies at an early age before attending the New England Conservatory of Music. She is the first African-American woman to have a composition performed by a major orchestra. In addition to symphonic works, she composed for a variety of instruments and chamber ensembles, including a notable body of work for the pipe organ. Today's worship service opens and closes with third and fourth movement from her *Suite No. 1 for Organ*. Stay tuned for more music by this remarkable composer later this month!

Our offertory anthem is a setting of Psalm 27, which begins with the words "The Lord is my light and my salvation." It is presented as a traditional chanted Psalm with an antiphon, a sung refrain after each verse. John Behnke is church musician and prolific composer of choral and handbell music from Milwaukee. He served as a professor of music at Concordia College Wisconsin and as music editor for the Handbell Musicians of America.

∞ THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ∞

The Chancel Flowers are given today to the glory of God and
sending God's love and peace to all on Valentine's Day,
and remembering Alvin Anderson's birthday this month by Betsy Anderson

∞ THOSE SERVING TODAY ∞

PASTOR

John E. Morgan, Pastor and Head of Staff

Pam Hrcir, Associate Pastor

MUSIC MINISTRY

Chris Bechtler, Director of Music

Norman Elton, Organist and Assistant Director of Music

Chancel Choir

Members of Joyful Ringers and Westminster Ringers

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY MINISTRIES AND SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

Melody Dillon

GREETERS

9:30am Janie Cortina

11:00am Skip Perry, Karen Thuermer

USHERS

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

11:00am Bob Bolstad, Mike Hawley, Ric Cheston, Patty Yewcic

LITURGIST

Beth Stabler

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOST

Steve Young, Jack Snell, Kathy Chambers

***WILLIAMSBURG LANDING USHERS AND COMMUNION SERVERS**

Martha Jean and Jerry Howell

***WINDSOR MEADE USHER**

Ray Whitney

AUDIO AND VIDEO TECHNICIANS: Dave McLain and John Schoenberger

*Satellite campuses

∞ 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 that will resume in 2026 on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:00pm. The date will be announced in the bulletin announcements. 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** meets weekly 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*.

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, February 8 – Saturday, February 14, 2026

Pastor Pam • phrncir@mywpc.org • 757-508-4668

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

- WPC member Robin Hellier on the death of her husband, WPC member **Dick Hellier** who went home to be with our Lord and Savior, **Saturday, January 31, 2026**. A memorial service will be held in our sanctuary at 11am, March 20, 2026, followed by a reception in Stevenson Hall. There will be a casket and a burial at 2pm at Williamsburg Memorial Park.

Please pray for:

- Caroline Hendrick, Barbara Coughlan, Terry Hancock, Nell Stowe, and families who have recently lost loved ones.
- Mary Zimmerman is on Hospice at home and while she is not receiving visitors, she would love to hear from you. If you would like to send her a short note or card, you can find her address in the online WPC Membership Directory or the 2018 Membership Directory. You may also contact the church office.

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 🌀

- **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper Returns! Tuesday, February 17, 5:30 pm. Don't miss out on all the fun...sign up now!** Get ready for one of the biggest social events of the year! Our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper is just around the corner. Featuring a Dixieland Band, a festive parade, crafts for kids, and a pancake and sausage dinner, it's a "bon temps" for all!

\$10 per person • No charge for ages 12 and under. Gluten free pancakes available

Sign up online or at the table in the rear Welcome Lobby this morning. Registration is open until Sunday, February 15. Prepayment, either online or in person, helps to avoid a long check-in line at the event!

- **The Elementary Sunday School Classes (grades Pre K - Grade 5) are currently collecting food to support the Grove Christian Outreach Center.**

We began this mission project in 2016 and collected 81 pounds of food which in turn served over 100 meals. Since that time our largest collection weighed in at 509 pounds! With your help, our goal is to continue to increase our donation and provide even more meals. **We will be collecting donations in Room 220 (Gather Together Room) every Sunday from now through Sunday, March 15.** Suggestions for donations include nonperishable foods such as *canned fruit and vegetables, canned meat and fish, nuts, soups, pasta, breakfast foods and peanut butter*. Thank you for your support in making this project a success.

- **Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 15, 2026:** The Nominating Committee requests a Congregational Meeting of the WPC congregation for the purpose of electing our new Church Officers for the Class of 2028 immediately following our 9:30am worship service. All members of WPC are invited to attend the meeting.
- **Our next New Member Orientation Luncheon is scheduled for Sunday, February 15, 2026, immediately after the 11:00am worship service.** 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.
- **The WPC Book Club will meet on Monday, February 23, 2026, at 2 pm in Room 220 (and on Zoom) to discuss *Mrs. Dalloway*, by Virginia Woolf.** If you need the Zoom link, contact Ellen Peters*
- **Save the Date For a Mission Trip to North Carolina:** WPC's Hunger and Homeless Team is sponsoring a mission trip to Black Mountain in Western North Carolina to help the people with their continuing efforts to recover from the devastation caused by Hurricane Helene in September 2024. We will leave on Monday, May 11 and return on Saturday, May 16. We will be working all or part of four days, restoring houses that have been flooded. The work may require insulating, drywalling, installing floors, doors, cabinets and vanities, trimming, and painting. Please consider joining us to help our neighbors in need and put the dates on your calendar. More information will be available in March but if you have questions now please contact Tom Moul*.
- **King's Kids Dance returns! Children's Sunday is on March 8, 2026, and we will once again be inviting kids (kindergarten-5th grade) to join the group to put together a special worship dance for the service.** The group will meet on Thursday nights following children's choir rehearsal. There will be a 15 minute break between choir and dance, so kids are welcome to bring a snack. Please let Melody know if your kid(s) would like to join! Rehearsals: 5:30-6:15 Thursday nights, January 29-March 12, 2026. Email mdillon@mywpc.org or text/call 757-621-3605 to sign up!

***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 • FEBRUARY 8

- 11:00am Nursery open during 11am worship service
9:30am Children and Youth Sunday School / Christian Education Wing
9:30am Adult Sunday School / Lower Level Rooms
9:30am In-person Worship / Sanctuary; Live-Stream Worship; visit mywpc.org to access
11:00am In-person Worship / Sanctuary; FM93.5 The Burg and AM740 or wmbgradio.com
12:00pm Habitat for Humanity Lunch with the Director / Stevenson Hall
5:30pm WPC Youth Group / Rm 220

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9

- 1:00pm Caregiver Support Group
5:30pm Hunger and Homeless Meeting / LL010

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

- 10:00am Disciple Bible Study / Rm 220 and Zoom
1:00pm In-person Staff Meeting / Stevenson Hall
1:30pm Kirk Krafters / Church Library
2:00pm Livestream Upgrades / Sanctuary
2:00pm Stewardship Committee Meeting / 220
5:00pm CE Children's Subcommittee / Rm 220
5:30pm Resources Ministry Meeting / LL010
6:30pm Stephen Ministry Meeting / Rm 220
6:30pm PW Circle 5 - Eunice / Rm 222
6:30pm UKirk Dinner & Dialogue / UKirk Rm
7:00pm AA Williamsburg Big Book Study / LL009 and LL049

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

- 7:30am Men's Bible & Bacon Study / Sanctuary
6:00pm Joyful Ringers Rehearsal / Bell Rm
7:00pm High School Bible Study
7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Rm

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12

- 9:00am Sanctuary Cleaning
2:00am PEVA Trustee Meeting / PEVA Norfolk Office
4:30pm Carol Choir and Junior Choir Rehearsal
5:00pm Worship Ministry Meeting / LL010
7:00pm Deacon Monthly Meeting / Rm220

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Ringling at the Springs Handbell Retreat, Massannetta Springs, VA

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Ringling at the Springs Handbell Retreat, Massannetta Springs, VA

✧ NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP ✧

February 15 • 6th Sunday of Epiphany

Pastor John's sermon, "*Come Up to the Mountain*" is based on Exodus 24:12-18.