



**WILLIAMSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**APRIL 12, 2026**

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**PRAYER FOR PREPARATION**

God of life, from whom all receive their breath, breathe new life into our tired lungs, so we may speak words of faith, hope, and love. Free us from fear, that we may follow Christ boldly, ready to lay down our lives for your kingdom's cause and trusting that you will also rescue us from the grave by the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

**THE GATHERING**  
**PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD**

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

(9:30) Tom Bozek (11:00) Kailani Salud

**MINUTE FOR MISSION:** Presbyterian Women's Local Mission Lunch

Sarah Dulaney

**PRELUDE**

*Gaudeamus Pariter*

arr. Robert Buckley Farlee

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsive)

Leader: Blessed be the God of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

**All: God has given us new birth in the living hope of the resurrection.**

Leader: God has given us an inheritance that is imperishable and unfading.


**All: In this we rejoice, even when we suffer trials.**

Leader: For although we have not seen Jesus, we love him; and although we have not seen him, we believe in him.

**All: For the outcome of our faith is the salvation of our souls.**

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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.

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,  
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis-mayed,  
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,  
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,  
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,

is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!  
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;  
 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;  
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can be said than to you God hath said,  
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
 for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,  
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign  
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.  
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.  
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

It seems odd now to think of singing this text to ADESTE FIDELES, but mainline churches did so well into the 20th century because of a cultural bias against shape note music. The vigor of the present tune seems especially right for the final line's reference to Hebrews 13:5.

## \*CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: God has been made known to us in deeds of power, signs, and wonders, and will not abandon us if we confess the truth about our lives.

## \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God, you have made known to us the ways of life. Yet, too often, we put other things above you and turn away from the ways of life and toward the ways of death. Forgive us and guide us back into your presence, that we may know the fullness of joy. Amen.

## \*A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER

## \*KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy

LAND OF REST



Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy up - on us.

Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy up - on us.

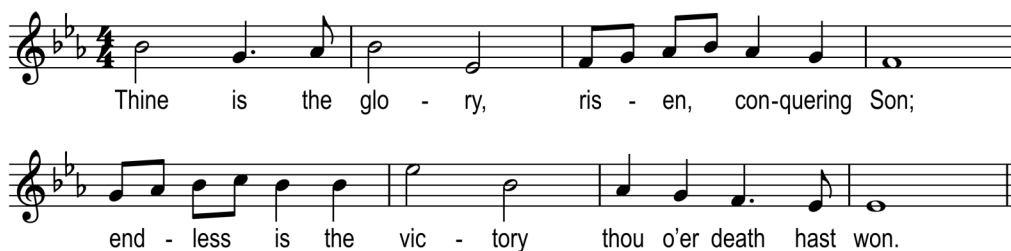
## \*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: My friends, God is our refuge and will not abandon us. In Jesus Christ, we are reconciled to God. That is a promise of peace and joy; in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

## \*GLORIA

Thine Is the Glory

JUDAS MACCABEUS



Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-que- ring Son;

end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.

**At this time any and all children through the 5th grade  
are invited to come forward for Sharing Faith with Children.**

# THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

(9:30) Tom Bozek  
(11:00) Kailani Salud

**Guiding God, send your Holy Spirit upon the reading of your Word that it may serve to show us the path of life and lead us into your presence where there is fullness of joy. Amen.**

**FIRST LESSON:** Acts 2:14a, 22-32

This is the Word of God for the people of God!

**Thanks be to God!**

**PSALM 16** (responsive)

Leader: Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

**All: I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."**

Leader: As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble ones in whom is all my delight.

**All: Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips.**

Leader: The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

**All: The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.**

Leader: I bless the LORD, who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

**All: I keep the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand,  
I shall not be moved.**

Leader: Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.

**All: For you do not give me up to Sheol or let your faithful one see the Pit.**

Leader: You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

**SECOND LESSON:** 1 Peter 1:3-9

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**Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON**

*"Easter Resilience"*

Rev. Pam Hrcir

# RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*HYMN 233

The Day of Resurrection!

LANCASHIRE

1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,  
2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right  
3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful; let earth its song be - gin;

the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.  
the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,  
the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.

From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,  
and lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,  
Let all things seen and un - seen their notes of glad - ness blend,

our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.  
his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.  
for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end.

The roots of this English text come from a mid-8th century Greek hymn that continues to be used in Orthodox churches at the midnight Eucharist marking the beginning of Easter. The tune is named for the county in northwestern England where the composer was then an organist.

## **\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH FROM THE CONFESSION OF 1967** (unison)

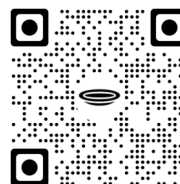
The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for all people when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to people, moves them to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ.

## **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](http://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**

Victory (The Strife Is O'er)  
Joyful Ringers

arr. Jeffrey Honoré

**\*DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here be low.  
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Praise God above, ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia,  
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

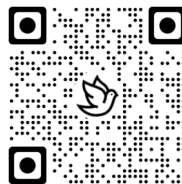
**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

## 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](http://mywpc.org/friendship) or scan the QR code at the right to access the online friendship register.



1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con- quering Son; end - less is  
 2 Lo! Je - sus meets us, ris - en from the tomb; lov - ing - ly  
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life! Life is naught

the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won. An - gels in bright rai - ment  
 he greets us, scat - ters fear and gloom. Let the church with glad - ness  
 with - out thee; aid us in our strife. Make us more than con - querors

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes  
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;  
 through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

*Refrain*

where thy bod - y lay,  
 death hath lost its sting. Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con - quering  
 to thy home a - bove.

Son; end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.

## **\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

### **POSTLUDE**

Joy and Elation

Cynthia Dobrinski

Joyful Ringers

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 flowers are given today to the glory of God and in honor and loving memory of Jane Stewart, by Harley Stewart & family.

## ∞ THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY ∞

### **PASTORS**

John E. Morgan, Pastor/Head of Staff

Pam Hrcir, Associate Pastor

### **MUSIC MINISTRY**

Christopher Bechtler, Director of Music

Greta Melson, Guest Organist

Joyful Ringers directed by Christopher Bechtler

WPC Chancel Choir

### **PROGRAM STAFF**

Melody Dillon, Director of Children and Family Ministries

### **LITURGIST**

9:30am Tom Bozek

11:00am Kailani Salud

### **GREETER**

9:30am Cheryl Roettger, Dick Hubbard

11:00am Tracey McGann, Ric Cheston

### **USHERS**

9:30am Debby Philp, David Littell, Rebecca Caprio

11:00am Bob Bolstad, Donna Powell, Mike Hawley, Brian McGann

### **SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN**

Jim Kirkpatrick

### **\*WILLIAMSBURG LANDING USHERS**

Godwin & Sylvia Jones and Ellen Jones

### **\*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](http://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

**Pastor Pam will be on-call.**

**[phrncir@mywpc.org](mailto:phrncir@mywpc.org) • 757-508-4668**

### **Upcoming Memorial Services:**

- Annette Zak, who went to be with Our Lord and Savior on March 14, 2026, will be held in our sanctuary on Friday, April 17, 2026 at 11am followed by a reception in Stevenson Hall. Pastor Pam Hrcir is officiating.
- Jim Bundick, husband of Lynne Bundick, our former Director of Administration Ministries went to be with Our Lord and Savior on Monday, February 23, 2026. A Memorial Service will be Saturday, May 2, 2026, 11:00am at King of Glory Lutheran Church.

### **Please pray for:**

- Barbara Coughlan, Terry Hancock, Nell Stowe, Barbara Smith who has returned home and is in hospice care and Gail Jamerson, wife of our sexton, Hugh Jamerson.

### **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 Iran, Gaza, Israel, Sudan, and Ukraine.

## ❧ ANNOUNCEMENTS ❧

- **College Interns Reception:** Please join us TODAY immediately after the 11:00AM service in Stevenson Hall to say farewell to our graduating interns, Allison Aldrich and Atticus Gore. These two interns have faithfully served in children and youth ministry for almost two years and enriched the lives of our young people more than words can express. Please join us to share our gratitude and wish them well as they graduate and enter their next season! A light lunch will be served.
- **REGISTER TODAY!** Don't miss the annual **Local Mission Luncheon, NEXT SUNDAY, April 19, at noon in Stevenson Hall.** Hosted by Presbyterian Women, this year's event will raise awareness and monetary support for the nonprofit Teacher Supply Shop, an innovative partnership that provides classroom supplies donated by the community to the teachers and staff of Williamsburg James City County Schools. Enjoy a FREE casual luncheon and a short, informative program by Ronnie Showah and Courtney Hoffpaur, WJCC Schools representatives. Learn how the Teacher Supply Shop helps relieve the financial burden on teachers and conveys community support and appreciation for their dedicated efforts to prepare today's students to become tomorrow's workforce, citizens, and community leaders. Together, we can make a difference. **Please sign up TODAY in the Welcome Lobby, online at [mywpc.org/localmission](http://mywpc.org/localmission), or call the Church office. Donations will be accepted at the Luncheon by cash or check (Memo line, PW-Local Mission).**
- **A Note of Thanks—Your generosity made a remarkable impact through our collection for Grove Christian Outreach Center: 479 pounds of food and \$140 donated—equivalent to 1,800 meals for those who need it most!** This marks our largest contribution to date, and it would not have been possible without your support. The 3rd–5th-grade Sunday school students extend their sincere thanks for helping them provide more meals than ever before!
- **FISH Sunday: Sunday, April 19 is our next FISH food collection (regularly the third Sunday of each month).** FISH currently needs *spaghetti/ past boxed a; tomato products (diced, paste, sauce); cold cereals (especially kids cereals); 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 located by the rear entrance. The Outreach Committee thanks you for your generous participation.
- **Don't miss the final ODCS concert of the season! John McCutcheon • April 26 • 4pm.** Close out Season 7 of the Open Door Concert Series with an unforgettable afternoon of music and storytelling. Renowned folk singer-songwriter John McCutcheon takes the stage on Sunday, April 26 at 4 p.m. A master of the hammered dulcimer and a dozen traditional instruments, McCutcheon brings decades of rich musical tradition—rooted in Appalachia and shaped by a lifetime of sharing the American story around the world. Join us for a fitting finale you won't want to miss.
- **The Facilities Ministry kindly requests that any church members who may still have a master key in their possession return it at their earliest convenience.** As part of our ongoing efforts to maintain the safety and security of our facilities, we are working to account for all keys currently in circulation. If you have a master key, please return it to the church office or contact the Facilities Ministry for assistance. Thank you for your cooperation and support in helping us care for our church property.
- **The WPC Book Club will meet on Monday, April 27, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. in Room 220 (and on Zoom)** to discuss *The Secret Life of Sunflowers*, by Marta Molnar. If you need the Zoom link, contact Ellen Peters.\*

- **Do you have questions like these:** Why do I need an estate plan? What are the components of a good estate plan? What might prompt me to review my current estate plan? How can I support the church and other charities through my estate plan? **The Legacy Giving Team invites you to a lunch-and-learn seminar on Sunday, May 3 after the 11:00am service.** Helena Mock, Managing Attorney for the Peninsula Center for Estate and Lifelong Planning, will provide expert guidance on the purposes, processes, and satisfactions of estate planning. Whether you have a plan or are just getting started, this seminar will help you take the next step with confidence. Lunch is complimentary, and registration is required. Please sign up by April 27 here: [mywpc.org/legacylunch](http://mywpc.org/legacylunch) or in the church lobby. We look forward to seeing you there.
- **Mission Trip to North Carolina:** WPC's Hunger and Homeless Team is sponsoring a mission trip to Black Mountain, NC, to assist with ongoing recovery efforts following Hurricane Helene (September 2024). **We will leave on Monday, May 11, and return on Saturday, May 16, travelling in the church bus.** We will be working all or part of four days, restoring flood-damaged homes, with tasks such as insulation, drywall, painting, and installing flooring, doors, trim, cabinets, and vanities. We will stay in the Balsam Lodge at Montreat Conference Center. Costs for the trip are minimal: one or two dinners at a local restaurant to support the community, and one meal each way during travel. Space is limited to 20 participants. To sign up to go or for more information, please email or call Tom Moul.\*

**\*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](http://mywpc.org/news) or on the church calendar

☞ THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF EVENTS ☞

**SUNDAY, APRIL 12**

- 8:00am In-person Worship / Sanctuary  
9:30am In-person Worship\* / Sanctuary  
11:00am In-person Worship\*\* / Sanctuary  
12:00pm Reception for graduating interns, Atticus and Allison / Stevenson Hall

**MONDAY, APRIL 13**

- 1:00pm Caregiver Support Group  
1:00pm PW Circle 3 - Miriam / Rm 220 and Zoom  
5:30pm Hunger and Homeless Meeting / LL010  
6:30pm Williamsburg Choral Guild Rehearsal / Sanctuary

**TUESDAY, APRIL 14**

- 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 Stewardship Committee Meeting / 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  
7:00pm Class of 2029 Elders Training/ Rm 255

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15**

- 6:00pm Joyful Ringers Rehearsal / Bell Rm  
6:30pm Facilities Ministry Meeting / Stevenson Hall  
7:00pm Administration Ministry Mtg / Rm 220  
7:00pm High School Bible Study / Rm 222

**THURSDAY, APRIL 16**

- 9:00am Sanctuary Cleaning  
12:00pm HART Lunch / Stevenson Hall  
4:30pm Carol and Junior Choir Rehearsal / Youth Choir Rm  
5:00pm Christian Outreach Ministry Mtg / LL010

**FRIDAY, APRIL 17**

- 1:00pm Memorial Service and Reception for Annette Zak / Sanctuary and Stevenson Hall

**SATURDAY, APRIL 18**

- 11:00am UKirk Spring Retreat / Stevenson Hall and Kitchen

☞ NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP ☞

**April 19, 2026 • 3rd Sunday of Easter**

Pastor John's sermon, "On the Road" will be based on Luke 24:13-35.