



WILLIAMSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
OFFICER'S ORDINATION & INSTALLATION  
APRIL 26, 2026

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*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

Good Shepherd, you call us by name, and we know your voice. Open the gate for us, that we may come and go freely, have life, and have it abundantly. Amen.

## THE GATHERING PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

### GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Janie Cortina

### MINUTE FOR MISSION: OPEN DOOR CONCERT SERIES

Norman Elton

### PRELUDE

Dance for the Flutes

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### CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Leader: Sisters and brothers, let us gather together with glad and generous hearts.

**All: For many signs and wonders are being done among us.**

Leader: Let us break bread together and share our lives in common.

**All: Let us give what we can to all who have needs so that all people,  
no matter who they are, may regard us with good will.**

Leader: Let us devote ourselves to our prayers and to the gospel.

**All: For in this way God will add to our numbers every day.**

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

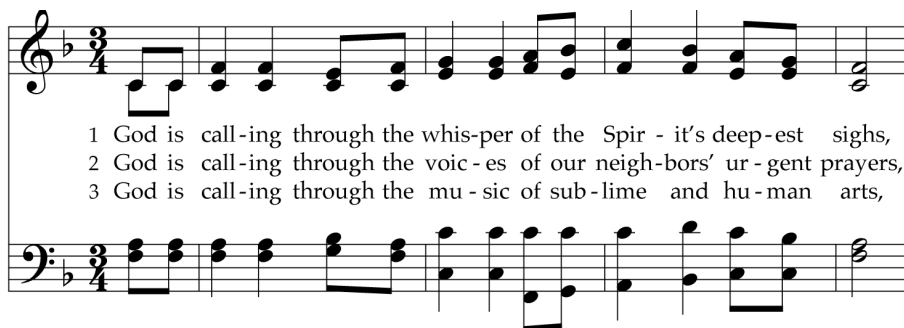


Our sanctuary is equipped with a T-coil hearing loop. Look for the blue sticker on the pews.

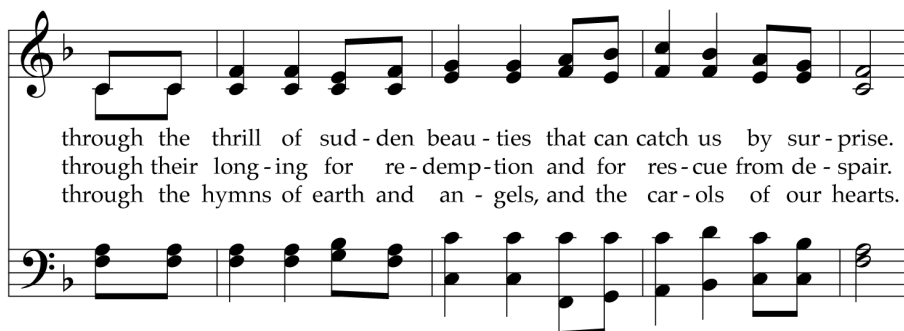
\*HYMN 410

God Is Calling through the Whisper

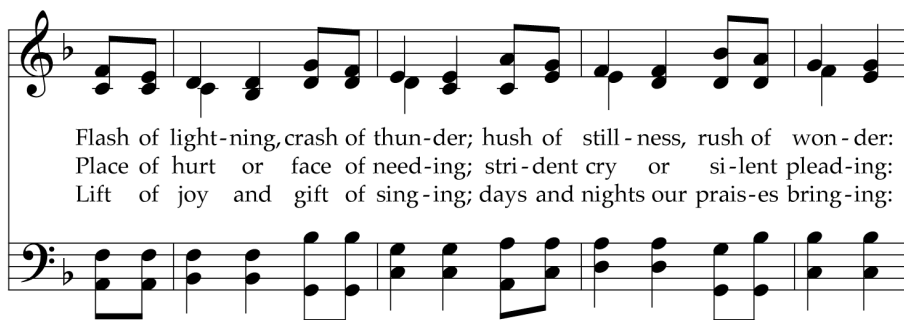
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1 God is call-ing through the whis-per of the Spir - it's deep-est sighs,  
2 God is call-ing through the voic-es of our neigh-bors' ur-gent prayers,  
3 God is call-ing through the mu-sic of sub-lime and hu-man arts,



through the thrill of sud-den beau-ties that can catch us by sur-prise.  
through their long-ing for re-demp-tion and for res-cue from de-spair.  
through the hymns of earth and an-gels, and the car-ols of our hearts.



Flash of light-ning, crash of thun-der; hush of still-ness, rush of won-der:  
Place of hurt or face of need-ing; stri-dent cry or si-lent plead-ing:  
Lift of joy and gift of sing-ing; days and nights our prais-es bring-ing:



God is call - ing—can you hear? God is call - ing—can you hear?  
God is call - ing—can you hear? God is call - ing—can you hear?  
God is call - ing—and we hear! God is call - ing—and we hear!

This wide-ranging text reminds us of the many surprising and urgent ways God calls to us, both to draw us near and to send us forth. In the third line of music it is especially effective at harnessing the momentum of the phrases that are each a note higher than the one before.

## \*CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: Friends, in as much as God is our shepherd, let us not fear, but confess our sin that God may restore our souls.

## \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Holy One, we confess to you and to one another that we have not always followed Christ's example. When we have been abused, we have been abusive in return. We have gone astray. Lead us back into your fold and guard our souls in Jesus' name. Amen.

## \*A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER

### \*KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy

LAND OF REST



### \*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Friends, the promise of our faith is that if we entrust ourselves to the One who judges justly, we need not feel threatened, for we will be returned to righteousness.

### \*GLORIA

Thine Is the Glory

JUDAS MACCABEUS



**(11:00) At this time any and all children through the 5th grade are invited to come forward for Sharing Faith with Children.**

**(9:30) ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS**

Pastor John E. Morgan

Please see insert for Ordination and Installation liturgy.

**(11:00) SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN**

Melody Dillon

## THE WORD

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** (unison)

Janie Cortina

**Loving God, we pray that your Holy Spirit will strengthen us to be devoted to the teachings of your Word, that through it we may hear your voice and follow it into eternal life. Amen.**

**FIRST LESSON:** John 10:1-10

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

**Thanks be to God!**

**PSALM 23** (NRSV) (unison)

**The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.**

**He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;  
he restores my soul.  
He leads me in right paths  
for his name's sake.**

**Even though I walk through the darkest valley,**

**I fear no evil,  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me.**

**You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.**

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord  
my whole life long.**

**SECOND LESSON: Acts 2:42-47**

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**SERMON**

*“Glad and Generous Hearts”*

Rev. John E. Morgan

# RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*HYMN 300

We Are One in the Spirit

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS



1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;  
 2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;  
 3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;  
 4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,



we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,  
 we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,  
 we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,  
 and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,



and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:  
 and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:  
 and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:  
 and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:



And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our



love; yes, they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love.

A parish priest at St. Brendan's on the South Side of Chicago in the 1960s was very involved in the local Civil Rights movement and needed something for his youth choir to sing at ecumenical, interracial events. Finding nothing, he wrote this song in a single day.

## **\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH FROM A DECLARATION OF FAITH (unison)**

**In forming his people and sending them into the world**

**Jesus called individuals to be disciples.**

**They were to share the joy of his companionship,**

**to understand and obey his teachings,**

**and to follow him in life and death.**

**We confess that Christians today are called to discipleship.**

**Life shared with Christ and shaped by Christ**

**is God's undeserved gift to each of us.**

**It is also God's demand upon every one of us,**

**never perfectly fulfilled by any of us.**

**Forgiven by God and supported by brothers and sisters,**

**we strive to become more faithful and effective**

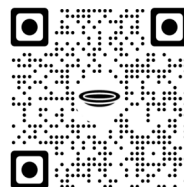
**in our daily practice of the Christian life.**

## **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**

The Lord's My Shepherd arr. Lloyd Larson

The Lord's my shepherd; I'll not want.

He makes me down to lie in pastures green;

He leadeth me the silent waters by.

*(Anthem continues on the next page.)*

My soul he doth restore again,  
And me to walk doth make within the paths of righteousness,  
E'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,  
Yet will I fear no ill; for thou art with me,  
And thy rod and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished in presence of my foes;  
My head thou dost with oil anoint,  
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my days  
Shall surely follow me,  
And in God's house forevermore my dwelling place shall be.

—Psalm 23

**\*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 a - bove, ye heaven - ly host.

Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

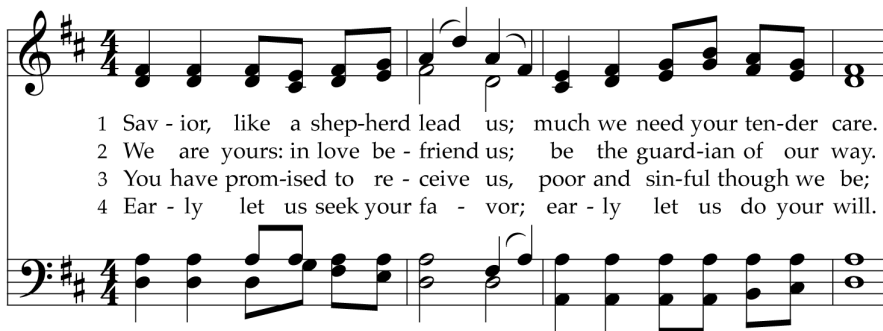
# GOING OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

## \*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.

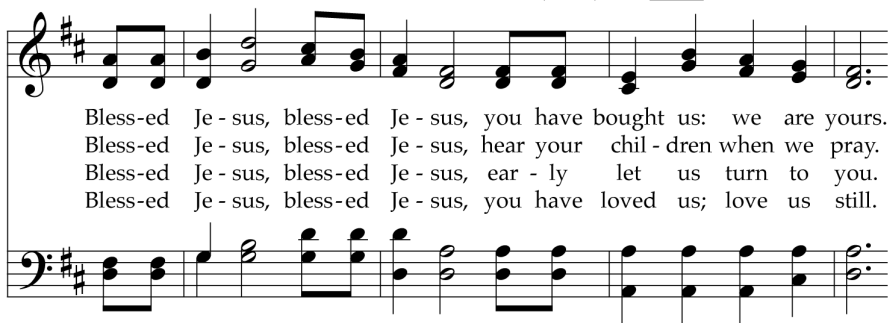




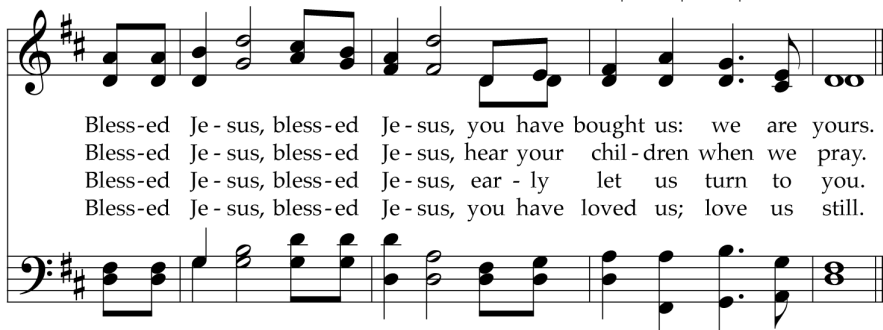
1 Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten-der care.  
 2 We are yours: in love be - friend us; be the guard-ian of our way.  
 3 You have prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin-ful though we be;  
 4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor; ear - ly let us do your will.



In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us; for our use your fold pre-pare.  
 Keep your flock: from sin de - fend us; seek us when we go a - stray.  
 you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free.  
 Bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us: we are yours.  
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear your chil - dren when we pray.  
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.  
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This unattributed hymn, like many that are now meaningful to adults, was written for children and develops shepherd imagery from Psalm 23 and John 10:1-18. The tune, composed for these words, was originally named for the text but has come to be known by the composer's name.

## **\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

### **POSTLUDE**

Voluntary in C Travers

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.

### **🌀 TODAY'S MUSIC NOTE 🌀**

The composer of our anthem, James Leith Macbeth Bain (1860–1925), was a Scottish poet, minister, and author who became known simply as “Brother James.” A neighbor of his said “he was always humming,” which may help explain the tunefulness of this song. James founded the Brotherhood of Healers, and he and his fellow healers often sang during healing sessions. It is easy to imagine them singing this tune and the familiar words of the 23rd Psalm to comfort their patients.

## ∞ THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ∞

The flowers are given today to the glory of God and in honor of their family  
by Gerry and Jackie Ward.

## ∞ THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY ∞

### **PASTORS**

John E. Morgan, Pastor/Head of Staff

Pam Hrcir, Associate Pastor

### **MUSIC MINISTRY**

Christopher Bechtler, Director of Music

Norman Elton, Organist and Assistant Director of Music

WPC Chancel Choir

### **PROGRAM STAFF**

Melody Dillon, Director of Children and Family Ministries

### **LITURGIST**

Janie Cortina

### **GREETERS**

9:30am Dick Hubbard and Penny Marshburn

11:00am Tracey McGann, Jim Marshburn

### **USHERS**

9:30am Harley Stewart, Karen Lauritzen, Trish Vandre, Jim Marshburn

11:00am Ric Cheston, Penny Marshburn, Mike Hawley, Brian McGann

### **SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN**

Melody Dillon

### **COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOST**

Dave McLain, Laura Osman, Pete Osman

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

Linda Eichhorn

### **\*WINDSOR MEADE USHER**

Ray Whitney

**AUDIO AND VIDEO TECHNICIANS:** Dick Sahlen and John Schoenberger

\*Satellite campuses

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

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

- Hope Skinner and family on the death of their loved one, WPC member Wilson “Bill”, who went home to be with our Lord and Savior, Friday, April 17, 2026. A memorial service will be held in our sanctuary on Friday, May 8, 2026, at 3pm followed by a reception in Stevenson Hall.
- Bob Smith and family on the death of his wife, WPC member Barbara Smith, who went home to be with our Lord and Savior, Friday, April 17, 2026. A memorial service will be held in our sanctuary on Saturday, June 6 2026, at 2pm followed by a reception in Stevenson Hall.

### **Upcoming Memorial Services:**

- 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, 11am 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 ∞

- **The Open Door Concert Series welcomes folk musician John McCutcheon TODAY, Sunday, April 26.** John is regarded as one of America's greatest folk singer-songwriters, crisscrossing the globe since the 1970s, weaving a vast collection of stories into his mastery of a dozen traditional instruments. Invite a friend to this free concert at 4:00PM on April 26. Doors open at 3:30pm. Details at [mywpc.org/concerts](http://mywpc.org/concerts).
- **Usher and Greeter, Coffee Fellowship, Flower Sharing and Tutoring 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 Sunday, May 3rd to learn more and sign up. Representatives from these ministries 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/usher](http://mywpc.org/usher); [mywpc.org/greeter](http://mywpc.org/greeter); [mywpc.org/coffee](http://mywpc.org/coffee); [mywpc.org/flowers](http://mywpc.org/flowers); [mywpc.org/tutor](http://mywpc.org/tutor).
- **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.\*
- **Come journey with Pastor Pam to Assisi, Italy April of 2027: to explore the lives of St. Francis and St. Clare who abandoned wealth and status to follow Christ through radical simplicity, care for the poor, and joyful delight in creation.** Immerse yourself in their world amongst rolling hills, cobblestone streets and inspirational art to discover a clearer sense of what matters, a deeper awareness of God's presence, and a renewed sense of purpose. Go to [mywpc.org/assisi](http://mywpc.org/assisi) to learn more. **If you are curious about this opportunity, please reach out to Pastor Pam** ([phrncir@mywpc.org](mailto:phrncir@mywpc.org)). She will arrange a Zoom info session with our guide, Dr. Margaret Benefiel, and two recent pilgrims so you can hear firsthand what this pilgrimage is like.
- **Presbyterian Women (PW) appreciates your generous support of last Sunday's Local Mission Luncheon in support of the WJCC Schools Teacher Supply Shop.** The nonprofit shop provides classroom supplies donated by the community to WJCC teachers and staff, thus relieving their personal financial burden. If you were unable to attend, it's not too late to help! Monetary donations allow the Teacher Supply Shop to purchase most-needed items at the lowest cost. Donations may be made by check to Williamsburg Presbyterian Church, Memo line: PW Local Mission, or online at, [mywpc.org/localmission](http://mywpc.org/localmission) by May 11, 2026. Learn how to become a Teacher Supply Shop volunteer, host a supply drive for your community group, and more, by scanning the QR code for the Teacher Supply site.
- **WHAT IS MOST IMPORTANT TO YOU? For an answer the Squares will check the greatest sermon ever preached – The Sermon on the Mount.** Last time they found that this sermon is about relationships. Now, on Thursday, May 7, The Squares (a men's Bible study group) will consider part two by looking at what is really important. If one can figure out what's important, and have great relationships, then their future will be great. So, join The Squares at 7:00pm in room 227 and prepare for a great future. For more information contact Chuck Timko or Jim Kirkpatrick.\*



- **Legacy Giving Lunch and Seminar:** 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 11:00 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 Monday, April 27** at: [mywpc.org/legacylunch](http://mywpc.org/legacylunch) or in the church lobby. We look forward to seeing you there.
- **The Virginia-based Foundation for Rehabilitation Equipment & Endowment (F.R.E.E.) collects, sanitizes, and gifts donated mobility equipment to low-income uninsured or under-insured adults in Virginia.** If you have gently used medical devices (e.g., walkers, canes and crutches, bath and toilet aids, manual and powered wheelchairs, Hoyer lifts and other specialty equipment) that you no longer need or hope never to again need, the Historic Triangle Rotary Club will pick up your donation for delivery to Williamsburg F.R.E.E. To arrange pick-up, contact Joe DiNuzzo or Tom Bozek at [contact.rctht@gmail.com](mailto:contact.rctht@gmail.com).
- **New Member Orientation Luncheon: Are you interested in taking the next step in your faith journey and becoming a member of Williamsburg Presbyterian Church? We warmly invite you to join us for a New Member Orientation Luncheon on May 31, immediately following the 11am worship service in Stevenson Hall.** This will be a relaxed and welcoming time to learn more about our church, meet others, and explore what membership means. We hope you will join us!
- **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 Hickory 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 26**

- 9:30am In-person Worship\* / Sanctuary  
9:30am Ordination and Installation of Incoming Officers / Sanctuary  
11:00am In-person Worship\*\* / Sanctuary  
1:00pm Camp Hanover Family Fun Day / Off-site  
4:00pm Open Door Concert with John McCutcheon /Sanctuary  
7:00pm Cantori Choral Ensemble Rehearsal / Sanctuary

**MONDAY, APRIL 27**

- 1:00pm Caregiver Support Group  
2:00pm WPC Book Club / Rm 220  
6:30pm Williamsburg Choral Guild Rehearsal / Sanctuary

**TUESDAY, APRIL 28**

- 10:00am Disciple Bible Study / Rm 220 and Zoom  
10:00am PEVA Stated Mtg / Second Presbyterian Church  
7305 Hampton Blvd, Norfolk, VA 23505  
6:30pm UKirk Bar-B-Que / Off-site  
7:00pm AA Williamsburg Big Book Study / LL009 and LL049

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29**

- 6:00pm Joyful Ringers Rehearsal / Bell Rm  
7:00pm High School Bible Study / Rm 222  
7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Rm

**THURSDAY, APRIL 30**

- 9:00am Sanctuary Cleaning  
4:30pm Carol and Junior Choir Rehearsal / Youth Choir Rm  
7:30pm Westminster Ringers / Bell Rm

**FRIDAY, MAY 1**

- 3:00pm Motel Meals Food Prep / Kitchen

**SATURDAY, MAY 2**

∞ NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP ∞

**May 3, 2026 • 5th Sunday of Easter**

Pastor John's sermon "*Living Stones*" will be based on I Peter 2:2-10.