



The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2026

WILLIAMSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Loving God, in whom we live and move and have our being, help us to choose life in you, that we may keep the commands of Jesus, follow the promptings of the Holy Spirit, and witness to the hope that is within us, sharing Christ's love in the world. Amen.

THE GATHERING PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

PASTORAL GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Pam Hrcir

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Suzanne Koehler

PRELUDE

Chorale Prelude on "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Ore

* Please rise in body or spirit.

The people's responses are in **bold type**.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather to celebrate the God of wonder and majesty!

All: Awesome God, help us to worship you in spirit and in truth.

Leader: We gather to celebrate Jesus Christ, who was dead and buried, and now risen indeed!

All: Jesus, renew our hope in your great power and love.

Leader: We gather to celebrate the Holy Spirit, our promised comforter and guide!

All: Come Holy Spirit! Fill us with your presence and peace.

Leader: We gather to celebrate the ancient hope of Christians:

All: God is with us and will never let us go.

*HYMN NO. 282

Come Down, O Love Divine

DOWN AMPNEY

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: Brothers and sisters, God not only asks us to repent, but also assures us of forgiveness. Therefore, let us confess our sins to the one who is steadfast love.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Ever-present God, we come before you knowing we have ignored your promised Holy Spirit living within us. Therefore, we forfeit peace and bear needless worry. We become confused and deaf to your voice of truth. We struggle with obedience to your Word and fight an overwhelming sense of loneliness. Forgive us! Help us to remember that we are never alone, that you are with us and for us, by the power of your Spirit abiding in us, the Spirit of Jesus the Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER

*KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy

LAND OF REST



282 Come Down, O Love Divine

1 Come down, O Love Di - vine; seek out this soul of mine,
2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn
3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with your own ar - dor glow - ing.
to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing.
shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing.

O Com - fort - er, draw near; with - in my heart ap - pear,
And let your glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
For none can guess God's grace, till Love cre - ates a place

and kin - dle it, your ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes a dwell - ing.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Sisters and brothers, God forgives, restores, and strengthens us through the risen Christ.
Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

GLORIA

Thine Is the Glory

JUDAS MACCABEUS

Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-quiring Son;
end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

*(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)

Come Holy Spirit, our helper and advocate: Open our hearts and minds this day, entice us with your presence. Spark us with a word of life—a message that we may share with others as we seek to live Christ's love in the world. All this we ask in the name of God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us.

FIRST LESSON: 1 Peter 3:13–22

Suzanne Koehler

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

Thanks be to God!

PSALM 66:8–20

Leader: Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard,
who has kept us among the living and has not let our feet slip.

All: For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried.

Leader: You brought us into the net; you laid burdens on our backs;

**All: you let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water;
yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.**

Leader: I will come into your house with burnt offerings; I will pay you my vows, those that my
lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.

**All: I will offer to you burnt offerings of fatted calves, with the smoke of the sacrifice
of rams; I will make an offering of bulls and goats.**

Leader: Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for me.

All: I cried aloud to him, and he was extolled with my tongue.

Leader: If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.

**All: But truly God has listened; he has heard the words of my prayer. Blessed be
God, who has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me.**

SECOND LESSON: John 14:15–21

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SERMON

It's All About the "In"

Pastor Pam Hrcirc

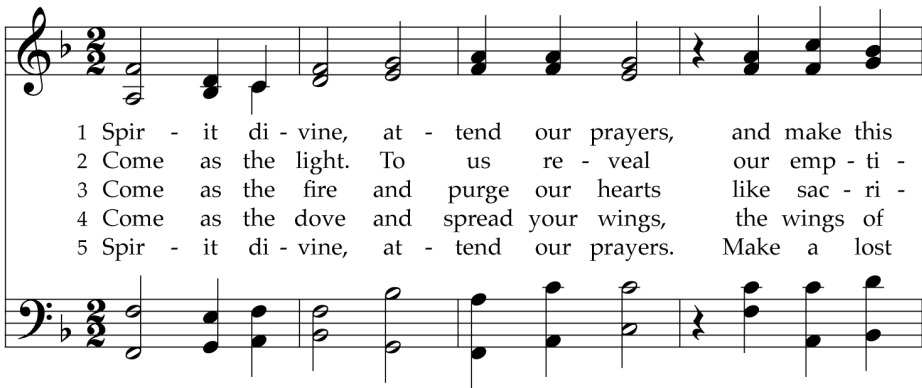
RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN NO. 407

Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers

NUN DANKET ALL' UND BRINGET EHR'


Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers 407



1 Spir - it di - vine, at - tend our prayers, and make this
2 Come as the light. To us re - veal our emp - ti -
3 Come as the fire and purge our hearts like sac - ri -
4 Come as the dove and spread your wings, the wings of
5 Spir - it di - vine, at - tend our prayers. Make a lost



house your home. De - scend with all your
ness and woe. And lead us in those
fi - cial flame. Let our whole soul an
peace - ful love. And let the church on
world your home. De - scend with all your



gra - cious powers. O come, great Spir - it, come!
paths of life where all the righ - teous go.
of - fering be to our Re - deem - er's name.
earth be - come blest as the church a - bove.
gra - cious powers. O come, great Spir - it, come!

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** from *The Study Catechism, PC(USA)*

Question 54:

Leader: What do you believe when you confess your faith in the Holy Spirit?

All: Apart from the Holy Spirit, our Lord can neither be loved, nor known, nor served. The Holy Spirit is the personal bond by which Jesus Christ unites us to himself, the teacher who opens our hearts to Christ, and the comforter who leads us to repentance, empowering us to live in Christ's service. As the work of the one Holy Spirit, our love, knowledge, and service of Christ are all inseparably related.

Question 55:

Leader: How do we receive the Holy Spirit?

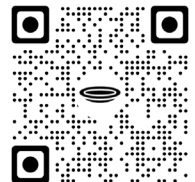
All: By receiving the Word of God. As the midwife of the new creation, the Spirit arrives with the Word, brings us to rebirth, and assures us of eternal life. The Spirit nurtures, corrects, and strengthens us with the pure spiritual milk of the Word (1 Peter 2:2).

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

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

arr. Hal Hopson

Holy God, we praise your name;
 Lord of all, we bow before you.
 All on earth your scepter claim;
 All in heaven above adore you.
 Infinite your vast domain,
 Everlasting is your reign.

Hark! The glad celestial hymn
 Angel choirs above are raising;
 Cherubim and seraphim,
 In unceasing chorus praising,
 Fill the heavens with sweet accord:
 "Holy, holy, holy Lord!"

All apostles join the strain
 As your sacred name they hallow;
 Prophets swell the glad refrain,
 And the blessed martyrs follow,
 And from morn to set of sun,
 Through the church the song goes on.

Holy Father, Holy Son,
 Holy Spirit: three we name you,
 While in essence only one;
 Undivided God we claim you,
 And adoring, bend the knee
 While we own the mystery.

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

All glo - ry to our Lord and God, for love so
 deep, so high, so broad: the Trin - i - ty whom
 we a - dore for - ev - er and for - ev - er more.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

GOING OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

*INVITATION AND THE LORD'S DAY GREETING

Thank you for joining us in worship! Your participation with us today has been a blessing. 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 NO. 366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Postlude on “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Ore

✧ THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ✧

The chancel flowers are given today to the glory of God
and in memory of Louise Frances LeBron, an exceptional mother, educator, and friend.

366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to
2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

The first system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 3/4 time signature. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics are printed below the upper staff, with four numbered lines of text.

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy
trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

The second system of music continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The lyrics are printed below the upper staff, with four lines of text.

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;
find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

The third system of music concludes the piece. The lyrics are printed below the upper staff, with four lines of text.

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

☞ **THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY** ☞

PASTORS

Pam Hrcir, Associate Pastor
Atticus Gore, Worship Assistant

MUSIC MINISTRY

Chris Bechtler, Director of Music
Norman Elton, Organist and Assistant Director of Music
WPC Chancel Choir

GREETERS

9:30 a.m. Bill Riffer and Rebecca Caprio
11:00 a.m. Jim Austin

USHERS

9:30 a.m. Matt Underwood, Karen Lauritzen, John VanAken, and David Littell
11:00 a.m. Bob Bolstad, Martha Jean Howell, Jerry Howell, and Rebecca Caprio

LITURGIST

Suzanne Koehler

SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

Jim Kirkpatrick

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

Steve Young, Abigail Knox, and Roy Knox

***WILLIAMSBURG LANDING USHERS**

Dottie Teubner and Ric Cheston

***WINDSORMEADE 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, 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, March 29–Saturday, April 4

Pam Hrcir • phrcir@mywpc.org • 757-508-4668

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

- Hope Skinner and family in the death of their loved one, WPC member Wilson “Bill,” who went home to be with our Lord and Savior on Friday, April 17, 2026.
- Bob Smith and family on the death of his wife, WPC member Barbara Smith, who went home to be with our Lord and Savior on Friday, April 17, 2026. A memorial service will be held in our sanctuary on Saturday, June 6, 2026, at 2:00 p.m., followed by a reception in Stevenson Hall.

Please pray for:

- Barbara Coughlan, Nell Stowe, and Gail Jamerson, wife of our sexton, Hugh Jamerson.

Please pray for those:

- Recovering from 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, Ukraine, and Iran.

❧ ANNOUNCEMENTS ❧

- **Pastor John Morgan** is away this week in Avalon, New Jersey, serving as guest preacher at Wells Memorial Presbyterian Church.
- **Our church secretary, Vanessa Gamble**, sends her thanks for your prayers and well-wishes as she recovers from surgery for a fifth metatarsal fracture. She is doing well on her healing journey and plans to resume working remotely this week. During her absence from the office, volunteers will be covering some of the reception duties. Thank you for your understanding and support.
- **Congregational Meeting (May 17)** The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for May 17 at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. The purpose of the meeting is to elect Tom Bozek as Elder (Class of 2029), John Smith to fulfill a two-year unexpired term on the Board of Deacons, and Jim Marshburn to the Endowment Committee.
- **PW Spring Gathering & Birthday Offering (May 27)** You're invited to the annual Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering & Birthday Offering. Pastor John Morgan will present "Revolution from the Pulpit: How Clergy Influenced the Fight for Independence," in recognition of our nation's 250th. Lunch is \$8 per person (payable at the door). Please sign up by May 24 at mywpc.org/pw-spring or at the table in the back Welcome Lobby. All are welcome.
- **Assisi Pilgrimage with Pastor Pam (April 2027)** Travel to Assisi, Italy, to explore the lives of St. Francis and St. Clare, timeless witnesses to simple living, care for the poor, and joy in God's creation. Experience the beauty of this historic place while deepening your faith and sense of purpose. Learn more at mywpc.org/assisi. Curious? Contact Pastor Pam (phrncir@mywpc.org) to join a Zoom info session with our guide, Dr. Margaret Benefiel, and recent pilgrims.
- **Splash Into Summer (May 31)** Kick off summer with the Children's Ministry from 1 to 3 p.m! Enjoy a water slide, snow cones, popcorn, yard games, and more. All are welcome to this free community event. Bring a friend and celebrate the end of the school year with a splash!
- **Vacation Bible School registration is open!** The theme this year is "Snowball Mountain Challenge." Registration is free and open to all. Find registration for children and for volunteers online at mywpc.org/vbs-camper and mywpc.org/vbs-volunteer. VBS is for all children aged 4 through 5th grade and will take place from June 22–26. If you have any questions, please reach out to Melody Dillon.
- **Summer Meals for Kids Returns:** Nine years of supporting Williamsburg-James City County Public Schools students. Once again, we are partnering with Williamsburg Community Chapel, Walnut Hills Baptist Church, and Williamsburg Baptist Church to prepare lunches for 300 children who receive meal assistance while school is in session. Lunches are prepared at the Meals on Wheels location at WISC, 5700 Warhill Trail. We begin at 8:20 a.m. and are finished by 11:00 a.m. Our team is responsible for Wednesdays, June 17–August 19. Learn more and sign up at mywpc.org/summer-meals. Thanks for helping to serve those in need.

- **A Time to Connect: Wall Quilt Invitation** Our quilt graphic in the rear Welcome Lobby continues to remind us of this year's theme: A Time to Connect: Mentoring Faith • Building Community.
For the next six weeks, we invite you to take a moment to reflect and respond to the question: How do you connect to grow your faith? Pick up a blank square and add your response to the quilt display. Help us weave together our shared stories of faith and connection!
- **New Member Orientation Luncheon (May 31)** Are you interested in taking the next step in your faith journey and becoming a member of Williamsburg Presbyterian Church? Join us for a New Member Orientation Luncheon on May 31, immediately following the 11 a.m. service in Stevenson Hall.
This relaxed gathering is a great opportunity to learn more about the church, meet others, and explore what membership means. We look forward to welcoming you.
- **Special thanks to our facilities volunteers, Fred Whitley and Chuck Timko**, for their tireless behind-the-scenes work at WPC this year. During efforts to address a moisture issue in the basement, many items were temporarily relocated. With the project now complete, Fred and Chuck have added new shelving and created additional space, allowing the Floral Guild's supplies and other Worship Ministry items to be consolidated in one area. Their contributions have supported many areas of WPC and continue to make a difference!
- **The WPC Book Club will meet on Monday, June 1, 2026, at 2 p.m.** in Room 220 (and on Zoom) to discuss *This Fierce People: The Untold Story of America's Revolutionary War in the South*, by Alan Pell Crawford. There is no meeting in May due to the Memorial Day holiday. If you need the Zoom link, contact Ellen Peters.*
- **Children & Family Ministries Volunteers Needed** WPC Children and Family Ministries is planning for the next 18 months and needs your help! Volunteers are needed for VBS, Sunday School, nursery, special events, and more. No previous experience is necessary, and training will be provided. If you're interested in serving, please connect with Melody Dillon during coffee time or email her directly (mdillon@mywpc.org).
- **Open Sundays for Flowers: November 1 and November 29** are available to donate flowers for worship. The Master Flower Calendar for 2026 is in the back of Stevenson Hall. Fill in the required information by the date of your choice. Contact Ruth Cobb* for further information.
- **An Invitation from the Earth Care Committee: Rain Barrel Workshop (May 20)** Join the James River Association for a rain barrel workshop at the Lower James River Center in Williamsburg on Wednesday, May 20, at 6:00 p.m. Staff members will instruct workshop participants on how to assemble and install rain barrels at home. The registration fee for the workshop is \$50, and each registration includes a 55-gallon drum and a DIY rain barrel installation kit. Learn more and register at mywpc.org/rain.

** Contact information can be found in our online directory.
You may also contact the church office at (757) 229-4235.*

☞ THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF EVENTS ☞

Sunday, May 10

- 9:30 a.m. Nursery open during both worship services
9:30 a.m. Sunday School / Christian Education Wing
9:30 a.m. In-person Worship / Sanctuary; Live-Stream Worship; visit mywpc.org to access
11:00 a.m. In-person Worship / Sanctuary; Broadcast on FM 93.5 The Burg and AM 740
or wmbgradio.com

Monday, May 11

- Mission trip to Black Mountain, NC Departs
1:00 p.m. Caregiver Support Group / Room 123
1:00 p.m. Presbyterian Women Circle 3 / Room 220 and Zoom
5:30 p.m. Hunger and Homeless Meeting / Room LL010

Tuesday, May 12

- 10:00 a.m. Tuesday Bible Study / Room. 220
1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting / Zoom
2:00 p.m. Stewardship Committee Meeting / Room 220
5:00 p.m. Christian Education Children's Subcommittee Meeting / Room 227
5:30 p.m. Resources Ministry Meeting / Room LL010
6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Meeting / Room 220
6:30 p.m. Presbyterian Women Circle 5 / Room 222
7:30 p.m. Williamsburg Women's Chorus Spring Concert / Sanctuary

Wednesday, May 13

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Bible and Bacon Study / Stevenson Hall
10:00 a.m. Presbyterian Women Circle 14 / Room 227
1:00 p.m. Kitchen Committee Meeting / Kitchen
6:00 p.m. Joyful Ringers rehearsal / Bell room
7:00 p.m. High School Bible Study / Room. 222
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir room

Thursday, May 14

- 9:30 a.m. Presbyterian Women Circle 1 / Stevenson Hall
4:30 p.m. Carol Choir and Junior Choir Rehearsal / Children's Music room
5:00 p.m. Worship Ministry Meeting / Room LL010
7:00 p.m. The Squares / Room 227
7:00 p.m. Deacons Monthly Meeting / Room 220 and Zoom

Saturday, May 16

- Mission trip to Black Mountain, NC Returns

☞ NEXT WEEK IN WORSHIP ☞

May 17 • The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Pastor John's sermon, "Glorified," will be based on John 17:1-11.