



# WILLIAMSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### MAY 17, 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

Redeeming God, you call us to be one with you, as you are one with Christ. As his perfect love casts out our fear, and changes it to love, unite us by your Spirit of peace, that we may be one with you, as you are one with Christ. Amen.

## THE GATHERING

### PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

#### GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Merle Murphy

#### MINUTE FOR MISSION: Volunteer Recruitment for Children's Ministry

Melody Dillon

#### PRELUDE

Chorale Prelude on *I Love To Tell The Story*

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#### CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Leader: Let the righteous be joyful! Let them rejoice before God.

**All: Let us all be jubilant with joy!**

Leader: Sing to God, all peoples of the world. Sing praises to God most high.

**All: From the sanctuary of heaven,**

**God gives life and renews the face of the earth.**

Leader: Let the righteous be joyful! Let them rejoice before God.

**All: Let us all be jubilant with joy!**

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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 733

We All Are One in Mission

ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN



1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,  
2 We all are called for ser - vice to wit - ness in God's name.  
3 Now let us be u - nit - ed and let our song be heard.



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.  
Our min - is - tries are dif - ferent; our pur - pose is the same:  
Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing word.



A sin - gle, great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove  
to touch the lives of oth - ers by God's sur - pris - ing grace,  
We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.  
so ev - ery folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.  
our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

A Lutheran pastor wrote this text in response to a bishop's letter that said, "Our mission is to touch the lives of others with Christ's love." This theme is made stronger by recognizing that shared purposes do not require the denial of diversity but are enriched by it.

## \*CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: Brother and sisters, God not only desires our repentance, but longs to offer us forgiveness. Therefore, cast all your anxiety on God, because God cares for you eternally.

## \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Loving God, we confess that we do not always bring honor and glory to your name. We are rebellious and weak; we flee before your goodness. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us by the grace and mercy of Christ, that we may rise up again in peace to love and serve your world. 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: Sisters and brothers, the Spirit of God is resting on you, to restore, support, and strengthen you. Therefore, be at peace in the One who forgives and loves you; rise up and give God thanks.

## \*GLORIA

Thine Is the Glory

JUDAS MACCABEUS

Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-que-ri-son;

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

**(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**

Melody Dillon

# THE WORD

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** (unison)

Merle Murphy

**Spirit of Glory, Spirit of God, bless us with a word of life this day to restore, support, and strengthen us as we seek to be one with you. Amen.**

**FIRST LESSON:** I Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Katie and William Plum

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

**Thanks be to God!**

**PSALM 68:3-10** (NRSV) (unison)

**But may the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; may they be happy and joyful.**

**Sing to God, sing in praise of his name, extol him who rides on the clouds, rejoice before him—his name is the LORD.**

**A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling.**

**God sets the lonely in families, he leads out the prisoners with singing; but the rebellious live in a sun-scorched land.**

**When you, God, went out before your people, when you marched through the wilderness, the earth shook, the heavens poured down rain, before God, the One of Sinai, before God, the God of Israel.**

**You gave abundant showers, O God; you refreshed your weary inheritance.**

**Your people settled in it, and from your bounty, God, you provided for the poor.**

**(11:00) EMBODYING PSALM 68:3-6** (ICB)

Rev. John E. Morgan

WPC Children and Congregation

But those who do right should be glad.

They should rejoice before God.

They should be happy and glad.

Sing to God. Sing praises to his name.

Prepare the way for him

who rides through the desert.

His name is the Lord.

Rejoice before him.

God is in his holy Temple.

He is a father to orphans.

He defends the widows.

God gives the lonely a home.

He leads prisoners out with joy.

But those who turn against God will live in a dry land.

## SECOND LESSON: John 17:1-11

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

SERMON

“Glorified”

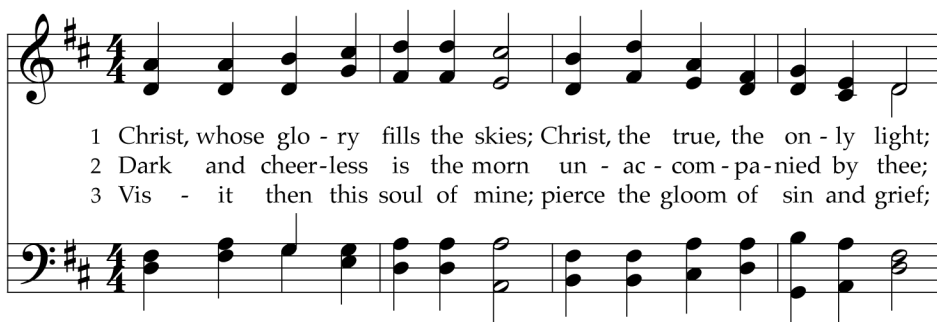
Rev. John E. Morgan

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

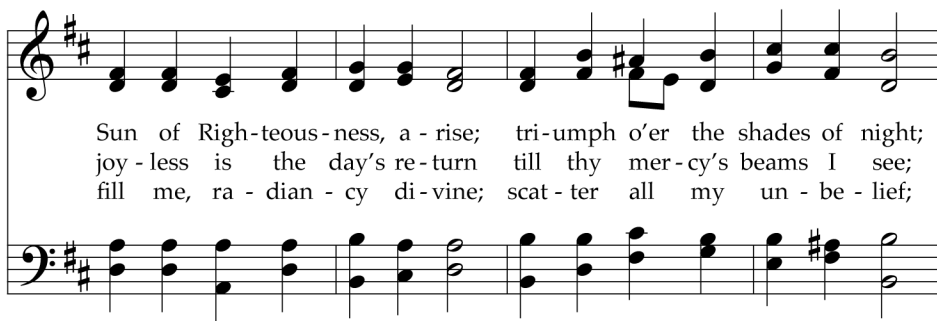
\*HYMN 662

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

RATISBON



1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies; Christ, the true, the on - ly light;  
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - panied by thee;  
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine; pierce the gloom of sin and grief;



Sun of Righ-teous-ness, a - rise; tri-umph o'er the shades of night;  
joy-less is the day's re-turn till thy mer-cy's beams I see;  
fill me, ra - dian - cy di-vine; scat-ter all my un - be - lief;



Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.  
till they in - ward light im - part, cheer my eyes and warm my heart.  
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

This well-crafted morning hymn opens by celebrating daylight as an image of Christ, the true Light, then ponders life without light, and culminates in a prayer for inward light. The tune's name honors its German roots: Ratisbon is the former English name for Regensburg.

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

**In life and in death we belong to God.**

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,**

**the love of God,**

**and the communion of the Holy Spirit,**

**we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,**

**whom alone we worship and serve.**

**With believers in every time and place,**

**we rejoice that nothing in life or in death**

**can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

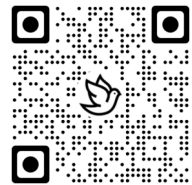
**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)**

**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**

**Brethren, We Have Met to Worship**

**arr. Stan Pethel**

Brethren, we have met to worship,  
And adore the Lord our God;  
Will you pray with all your power,  
While we try to preach the word?  
All is vain unless the spirit  
Of the holy One comes down;  
Brethren, pray, and holy manna  
Will be showered all around.

*(Anthem continues on the next page.)*

Sisters, will you join and help us?  
 Moses' sister aided him;  
 Will you help the trembling mourners  
 Who are struggling hard with sin?  
 Tell them all about the Savior,  
 Tell them that he will be found;  
 Sisters, pray, and holy manna  
 Will be showered all around.

Let us love our God supremely,  
 Let us love each other too;  
 Let us love and pray for others,  
 Till our God makes all things new.  
 Then he'll call us home to heaven,  
 At his table we'll sit down;  
 Christ will gird himself and serve us  
 With sweet manna all around.

**\*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.



\*HYMN 634

To God Be the Glory

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

1 To God be the glo - ry; great things he has done!  
2 Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,

So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
and great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son;

who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin,  
but pur - er and high - er and great - er will be

and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.  
our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

This American gospel song became popular in England in the late 19th century, then returned to this country in the mid-20th century with the Billy Graham crusades. Its continuing popularity may well be due to the freedom from subjective considerations in its praise of God.

## **\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

### **POSTLUDE**

God Of Grace And God of Glory

arr. Lehenbauer

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 of the birth of their grandson,  
George Arthur Marston, IV and his parents, Geoff and Madi Marston  
by Arch and Lisa Marstan.

## ∞ 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**

Merle Murphy

### **GREETERS**

9:30am Cheryl Roettger, Anne Nordin

11:00am Elizabeth Padgett

### **USHERS**

9:30am Matt Underwood, Karen Lauritzen, Rebecca Caprio, Bruce Graham

11:00am Bob Bolstad, Martha Jean Howell, Jerry Howell, Tom Moul

### **YOUTH USHERS**

11:00am Graham, Hannah, and Hailey Carlson, Henry and Cate Schmidt

### **SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN**

Melody Dillon

### **COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOST**

Jim Carey, Nancy Hylton, Skip Perry

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

Bill, Janice, and William McGuire

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

Ray Whitney and Peter Moriarty

**AUDIO AND VIDEO TECHNICIANS:** Roy Knox 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 ✧

**Today is our final WPC Family Sunday for the church year! WPC Family Sunday will resume on Sunday, September 15, 2026 at our 11am service..**

## ✧ 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 John • [jmorgan@mywpc.org](mailto:jmorgan@mywpc.org) • 757-903-7800**

### **Upcoming Memorial Services:**

- Barbara Smith, wife of Bob Smith, went to be with our Lord and Savior, Friday, April 17, 2026. A memorial service will be held for Barbara in our sanctuary on Saturday, June 6 2026, at 2pm followed by a reception in Stevenson Hall.

### **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 ↻

- Pastor Pam Hrnrcir is attending a family graduation today.
- **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. All members are invited to attend.
- **PW Spring Gathering & Birthday Offering (May 27) Our cup runneth over!** Registration is full for the May 27 Spring Gathering and luncheon featuring Pastor Morgan's presentation, "Revolution from the Pulpit: How Clergy Influenced the Fight for Independence." If you would like to be added to the waitlist — or if you registered and can no longer attend — please contact Cynthia McCraw (see online directory or [mywpc.org/pw-spring](http://mywpc.org/pw-spring)). We hope to welcome as many people as possible while keeping within room capacity guidelines..
- **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](http://mywpc.org/assisi). Contact Pastor Pam ([phrnrcir@mywpc.org](mailto:phrnrcir@mywpc.org)) to join a Zoom info session with our guide, Dr. Margaret Benefiel, and recent pilgrims. The session will take place on Wednesday, June 3 at 4pm in Stevenson Hall and online.
- **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](http://mywpc.org/vbs-camper) and [mywpc.org/vbs-volunteer](http://mywpc.org/vbs-volunteer). VBS is for all children aged 4 through 5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 month, 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!

- **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](http://mywpc.org/rain).
- **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.
- **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](mailto:mdillon@mywpc.org)).
- **Host Families Needed** WPC will welcome the Walsh Memorial Bell Choir from Morris Plains, New Jersey, on July 1 for a free concert in our sanctuary at 7 p.m. We are seeking host families to provide overnight hospitality for one or more ringers (high school age and older) on July 1, along with breakfast the following morning and transportation back to WPC by 8 a.m. on July 2. If you can help — or would like more information — please contact Jo Ann Youhas.\* Thank you for helping us extend a warm WPC welcome!
- **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.

**\*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, MAY 17 • FISH SUNDAY**

- 9:30am ONLY      Nursery open during 9:30am worship service  
9:30am              In-person Worship / Sanctuary  
                         *Live-Stream Worship; visit [mywpc.org](http://mywpc.org) to access*  
11:00am             In-person Worship / Sanctuary  
                         *Listen at FM93.5 The Burg.com*  
5:30pm              WPC Youth Group / Rm 220

**MONDAY, MAY 18**

- 1:00pm              Caregiver Support Group  
6:30pm              Williamsburg Choral Guild Rehearsal / Sanctuary

**TUESDAY, MAY 19**

- 11:30am             Communications Ministry Mtg / Stevenson Hall  
1:00pm              Staff Mtg / Zoom  
2:00pm              Stewardship Committee Mtg / Rm 220  
7:00pm              AA Williamsburg Big Book Study / LL009 and LL049

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 20**

- 6:00pm              Rain Barrel Workshop / Offsite (see announcement for information)  
6:00pm              Joyful Ringers Rehearsal / Bell Rm  
6:30pm              Facilities Ministry Mtg / Stevenson Hall  
7:00pm              Administration Ministry Mtg / Rm 220  
7:30pm              Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Rm

**THURSDAY, MAY 21**

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

**FRIDAY, MAY 22**

**SATURDAY, MAY 23**

∞ NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP ∞

**May 24, 2026 • Day of Pentecost**

“Living Our Purpose” Sermon Series Begins  
Pastor John’s sermon “Joyfully Led by the Spirit” will be based on Acts 2:1-11.