



WILLIAMSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 5, 2026

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

PRAYER FOR PREPARATION

Lord, keep this nation under your care. Bless the leaders of our land, that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the earth. Help us elect trustworthy leaders, contribute to wise decisions for the general welfare, and thus serve you faithfully in our generation, to the honor of your holy name, through Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

THE GATHERING

PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Laura Bechtler

PRELUDE

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

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CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Leader: O Lord, you are gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

All: **You are good to all people,
with compassion for all of your creation.**

Leader: All your works give thanks to you, O Lord,
and all your faithful people bless you.

(Continues on the next page.)

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.

All: They speak of the glory of your realm
and tell of your wondrous deeds.

Leader: You are faithful in your words, O Lord,
and gracious in all your deeds.

All: You uphold all who are falling
and raise up those who are bowed down.

***HYMN 182**

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

KINGSFOLD

1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;

lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."

I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad; I
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream; my
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun; and

found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.
thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
in that light of life I'll walk till trav - eling days are done.

Each stanza here pairs an invitation from Jesus with a response from the narrator. These three invitations recall how Jesus welcomed those who were heavy laden (Matthew 11:28), offered living water (John 4:10-14), and identified himself as the light of the world (John 8:12, 9:5).

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: Let us open our lives to God's healing presence, seeking peace with God and reconciliation with our neighbors. Let us be mindful not only of personal evil but also of our communal sins of family, class, race, and nation. Let us confess to God whatever has wounded us or brought injury to others, that we may receive mercy and become for each other ministers of God's grace.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. Amen.

*A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER

*KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy

Weaver



*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

*GLORIA

Glory Be to the Father

Weaver

Glo - ry be to the Fa-ther, and
to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir - it. As it was in the be-
gin - ning is now and ev - er shall be, world_ with-out end. A - men.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Laura Bechtler

Merciful God, in this moment of stillness, wash us clean of our presumptions. Receive us as your weary children. Then, by the power of your Spirit, bless us with a word that revives, for we pray in the name of Jesus, your living Word. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Zechariah 9:9-12

Laura Bechtler

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

PSALM 145:8-14 (NRSV) (responsive)

Leader: The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

All: **The Lord is good to all,
and his compassion is over all that he has made.**

Leader: All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,
and all your faithful shall bless you.

All: **They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom
and tell of your power,**

Leader: **to make known to all people your mighty deeds
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**

All: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.
The Lord is faithful in all his words
and gracious in all his deeds.

Leader: **The Lord upholds all who are falling
and raises up all who are bowed down.**

SECOND LESSON: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

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SERMON

“All Who Are Weary”

Rev. John E. Morgan

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 418

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

SOFTLY AND TENDERLY

1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for
2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for
3 O for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for
you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,
you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,
you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,
Refrain
watch - ing for you and for me.
mer - cies for you and for me? "Come home, come home!
par - don for you and for me. "Come home, come home!
You who are wea - ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,
Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

This 19th-century gospel hymn has often been used as a hymn of invitation at evangelistic services. Its imagery is primarily based on Jesus' parable in Luke 15:11-32, commonly called "The Prodigal Son." Each singer thus becomes a wandering child who is urged to return home.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED** (unison)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. 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 God of Our Fathers, Whose Almighty Hand arr. Mack Wilberg

God of our fathers, whose almighty hand
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
Our grateful songs before thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past;
In this free land by thee our lot is cast.
Be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay;
Thy word our law, thy path our chosen way.

From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
Be thy strong arm our ever-sure defense.
Thy true religion in our hearts increase.
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh thy people on their toilsome way,
Lead us from night to never-ending day;
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
And glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Williamsburg Presbyterian Church welcomes all who believe in Jesus Christ to share the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper with us today. We receive the elements by means of intinction, taking a piece of bread and dipping it into the cup. For those who desire an individual serving, regular or gluten free, they will be on a table in front of the baptismal font and on the small tables located in the balcony. If you are seated on the main floor of the sanctuary, you are invited to come forward to the chancel area by way of the center aisle and return to your pews by the side aisle. If you are sitting in the balcony, an usher will guide you to the sacrament. If you are unable to come forward easily, please signal to one of the ushers or elders so the communion elements can be brought to your seat.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: Eternal God...

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE MEAL

COMMUNION ANTHEM

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

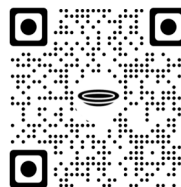
Gracious God, we give you thanks that by the witness of your word and the sharing of this meal you have opened our hearts and eyes to the presence of Christ among us. Now send us forth from this place by the power of your Spirit to tell this good news to the world. Amen.

GOING OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

***INVITATION AND THE LORD'S DAY GREETING**

We are glad you are worshiping with us today. If you are joining us online, please remember to 'sign' our online friendship register:

- Click on the *Welcome to WPC!* Click here to sign the Friendship Register banner at the top of the website page
- Visit mywpc.org/friendship or scan the QR code at the right to access the online friendship register.



*HYMN 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

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

MATERNA

O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of grain,
for pur - ple moun - tain maj - es - ties a - bove the fruit - ed plain!
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with broth - er - hood from sea to shin - ing sea!

POSTLUDE

Washington Post March

Sousa

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.

✧ WORSHIP: WEEKLY WONDERING QUESTION ✧

In our effort to be an intentional and intergenerational church, last Sunday, we implemented a new weekly worship practice called “**Weekly Wondering Question**.” During this time, you are encouraged to apply your own meaning to a faith concept from the sermon. You are invited to engage with the Weekly Wondering Question by either wondering silently to yourself, or by turning to your neighbor and having a quiet discussion.

We hope this new practice will help all ages to think differently about their faith and engage in non-judgmental curiosity. There is no “right” or “wrong” answer to these questions, so feel free to use your imagination! It is our prayer that this practice will help us live out our WPC purpose statement to be joyful, revolutionary, and welcoming as we seek to follow the way of Jesus.

∞ THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ∞

The flowers are given today to the glory of God by Drs. Patricia & Lee Underwood in celebration of their sixtieth anniversary and the 250th birthday of our country.

∞ 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

LITURGIST

Laura Bechtler

GREETERS

9:30am Eric Beckhusen, Cyndi Young

11:00am JD Due

USHERS

9:30am Matt Underwood, Pat Underwood, Carolyn Lodzieski, Bruce Graham

11:00am Bob Bolstad, Donna Powell, Shanna Due, Rebecca Caprio

WEEKLY WONDERING QUESTION

Melody Dillon, Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOST

Sue Rennagel, Laura Osman, Pete Osman

COMMUNION SERVERS

WPC Officers

***WILLIAMSBURG LANDING COMMUNION SERVERS**

Martha Jean and Jerry Howell

***WINDSOR MEADE COMMUNION SERVERS**

Martha and Ward Burian

***WILLIAMSBURG LANDING USHERS**

Dick Sahlen, Ric Cheston, Linda Eichhorn

***WINDSOR MEADE USHER**

Ray Whitney and Peter Moriarty

AUDIO AND VIDEO TECHNICIANS: Charles Starr and John Schoenberger

*Satellite campuses

☞ CHILDREN'S STATEMENT ☞

Children are welcome at WPC! There will be no nursery on July 5 so that our student workers can celebrate the holiday weekend. The nursery will be open again on July 12. The nursery for children ages 3 and below is only open during the 9:30am service until August. Sharing Faith with Children will be during our 9:30am service beginning this Sunday. 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 ☞

Sunday School and regular youth group activities are paused during the summer and will resume in September. If you would like more information about youth group summer trips and activities, please reach out to Melody Dillon.

☞ FAMILY STATEMENT ☞

WPC Family Sunday will resume in the fall at our 11am service. Thank you for supporting our monthly Family Sunday.

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☞ 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 group meets the first** Wednesday of the month, at 10am in room 227 on the second level. During this meeting we check in with one another and occasionally watch videos about a specific grief topic. All are welcome to attend.
- **Caregivers Support Group** meets weekly Mondays at 1:00pm in room 222 on the second level.

∞ PRAYER CONCERNS, JOYS, & TOUCH NOTES ∞

To share a joy or concern, please visit www.mywpc.org, select GET CARE on the menu bar, then PRAYER REQUEST from the drop-down menu. Complete the form and click SEND REQUEST on the bottom of the form. Per your instructions, your request will be shared with our pastors, prayer chain or will be included in the worship bulletin. If the internet is not available to you, please call the church office (757) 229-4235 with your request. The Prayer Chain Coordinator is Jo Ann Youhas*.

If you are in need of a pastor after hours or on the weekend with an emergency request, please contact the Pastor-on-Call listed below for this week. During the week, please call the church office.

Pastor-on-Call

Pastor John E. Morgan • jmorgan@mywpc.org • 757-903-7800

Joys and Notes of Thanks:

- Pat Underwood wishes to thank the congregation for all their prayers during her recent surgery. She felt God's presence every minute.

Please pray for:

- Robert Midlam, father of Jodie Davis, Barbara Coughlan, Nell Stowe, and Gail Jamerson, wife of our sexton, Hugh Jamerson.
- Barb Timko's brother's surgery went well and he is facing chemo and radiation next. Please continue to pray for his strength during treatment.

Please pray for those:

- Recovering from various surgeries, who are homebound; who have family and friend concerns, affected by fires and natural disasters, 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 ↻

- There will be no nursery TODAY, July 5 so that our student workers can celebrate the holiday weekend. The nursery will be open again on July 12.
- **Squares will be on vacation in July and August.** They will resume meeting in September. “Lord, thank you for the people who come across our path or into our life for a reason, season, or lifetime.”
- **Presbyterian Women (PW) – All women are warmly invited to nurture faith, support mission, and enjoy other women of WPC!** Bible Study is the heart of PW and is offered within PW Circles. Nine unique Circles, small groups of 8-20 women, meet monthly at various times and locations (hybrid Zoom available) to suit most needs. Our 2026-27 PW/Horizons Bible Study, United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other: Paul’s First Letter to the Corinthians, begins in early September. Contact Gini Campbell, Membership Chair, for more information and help finding a Circle or getting involved in other ways. (Find Gini in the online church directory or call the church office.)
- **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. Contact Pastor Pam (phrncir@mywpc.org) with any questions.
- **Summer with the WPC Book Club: The WPC Book Club will gather for their next informal "book chats" on Monday, July 27, at 2 pm in Room 220.** Bring your favorite book (or whatever you're currently reading) and enjoy a free-wheeling conversation! In August we will hold a joint evening meeting with the Earth Care Committee on Monday, August 17, 2026, at 7:00p.m. in Room 220 (and on Zoom). We will discuss *Second Nature: A Gardener's Education*, by Michael Pollan.
- **Habitat for Humanity Fall Trip** - The Hunger and Homeless Team is planning the annual fall trip to the Eastern Shore to help with Habitat for Humanity’s current home build. The dates for this year are Thursday October 8 thru Saturday October 10 2026. Space is limited. Contact Chuck Timko* via text, email or voice call ASAP to join the trip.
- **Summer Meals for Kids – We Need Cookies!** Thanks to the wonderful response from WPC volunteers, all of our Wednesday lunch preparation and assembly shifts are filled through mid-August! As we partner with area churches for our ninth summer serving 300 local children each week, one important need remains: homemade cookies. Two cookies go into every lunch, requiring about 50 dozen cookies each week. If you enjoy baking, your contribution will make a child's lunch a little brighter. Financial gifts to help cover program costs are also welcome. Learn more, sign up to bake, or donate at mywpc.org/summer-meals.

***Contact information can be found in our online directory.**

You may also contact the church office at 757-229-4235.

More information about the events and announcements listed above can be found on our website at mywpc.org/news or on the church calendar.

☞ **THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF EVENTS** ☞

SUNDAY, JULY 5

9:30am ONLY Nursery open during 9:30am worship service

9:30am In-person Worship / Sanctuary
Live-Stream Worship; visit mywpc.org to access

11:00am In-person Worship / Sanctuary
Listen at FM93.5 The Burg.com

MONDAY, JULY 6

**Church Office closed on Monday, July 6 for the Holiday.
Reopening on Tuesday, July 7.**

1:00pm Caregiver Support Group Rm 222

TUESDAY, JULY 7

1:00pm In-person Staff Meeting / Stevenson Hall

2:00pm Stewardship Committee Meeting / Rm 220

7:00 pm Earth Care Committee Meeting

7:00pm AA Williamsburg Big Book Study / LL009 and LL049

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

7:30 am Men's Bible & Bacon Study

THURSDAY, JULY 9

9:00am Sanctuary Cleaning

FRIDAY, JULY 10

SATURDAY, JULY 11

☞ **NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP** ☞

JULY 12, 2026

Pastor John E. Morgan's sermon "*The Sower*"
will be based on Matthew 11:16-19.