



WILLIAMSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 12, 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

Author of Life, Living Word, Holy Breath, we have stumbled through the week and groped our way back to this place. Illumine the steps before us and write your word on our hearts, for we carry the name of Jesus and would walk in the light of his love. Amen.

THE GATHERING

PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Trish Vandre

PRELUDE

An American Trumpet Tune

Gilbert Martin

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Leader: Lord, loving God, maker of all, help us to bear the fruits of the kingdom, for thorns do not produce grapes and figs do not produce thistles.

All: Thy will be done, O Lord.

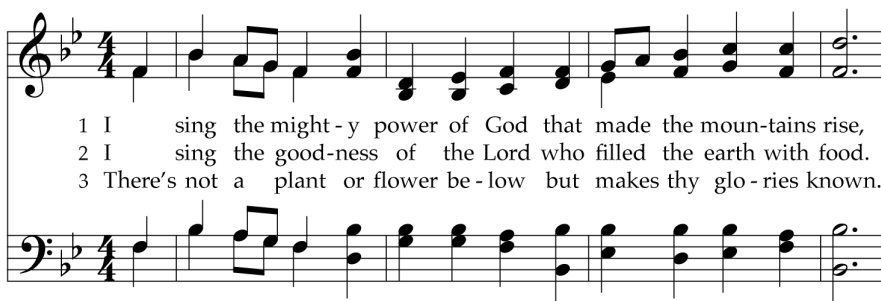
Leader: The seed sown in faith and nurtured in love, and the plant pruned and tended with discernment, bears fruit. The seed of the gospel bears the fruit of the furthering of God's kingdom. The seed of faith, nurtured by the Spirit, enables us to bear the fruits of the Spirit in our lives.

All: The fruit is the goal of our mission; it is also the witness that our mission is done in Christ's way.

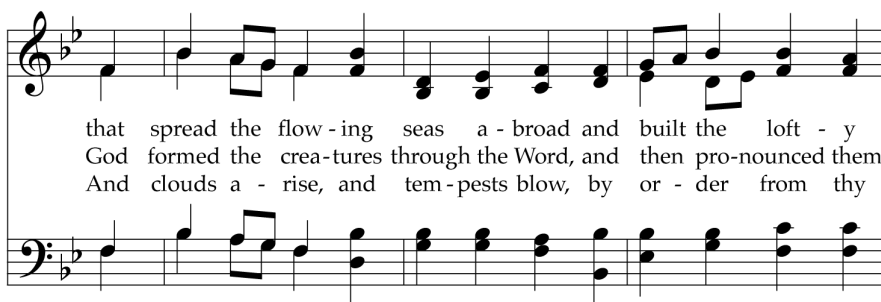
Please rise in body or spirit. The people's responses are in **bold type**.



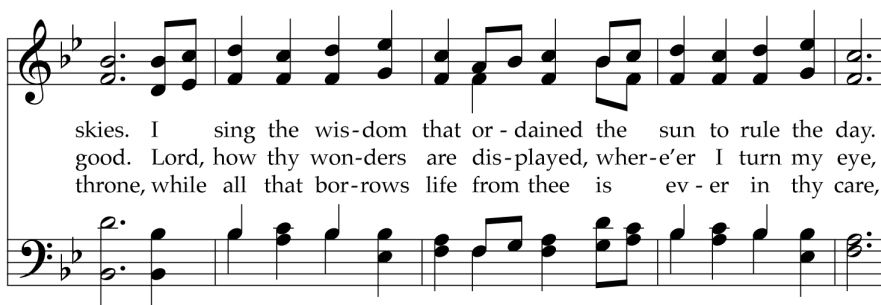
Our sanctuary is equipped with a T-coil hearing loop. Look for the blue sticker on the pews.



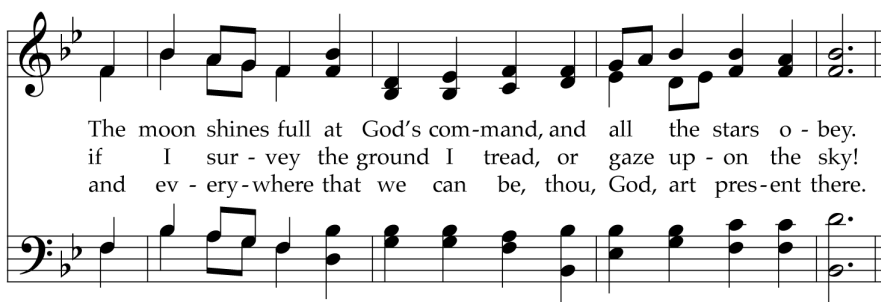
1 I sing the might - y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,
 2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.
 3 There's not a plant or flower be - low but makes thy glo - ries known.



that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the loft - y
 God formed the crea-tures through the Word, and then pro-nounced them
 And clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, by or - der from thy



skies. I sing the wis-dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day.
 good. Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, wher-e'er I turn my eye,
 throne, while all that bor-rows life from thee is ev - er in thy care,



The moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.
 if I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!
 and ev - ery-where that we can be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

With minimal revision this text brings together six of the eight four-line stanzas in an 18th-century hymn written for children and originally headed "Praise for Creation and Providence." The anonymous German tune provides a fitting sense of breadth and wonder.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: The Scriptures are shot through with stories of people just like us: men who grieved, women who questioned, siblings who did not get along, parents who chose favorites. God's word of grace is meant for people just like us. There is no need for pretense in this place. Let us go to God in prayer.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Patient and persistent God, we come, polished and presentable, to this comfortable room as if we knew what to expect, as if this were a safe and predictable place, as if we could simply observe. Holy One, forgive our tepid expectations. In the mystery of your love, overshadow us. Plant the seeds of your gospel in each of our hearts until we bloom and spill with your passion to serve in a world that is wasting. Amen.

*A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER

*KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy

Weaver



*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. The Spirit of God dwells in you. If you hear nothing else today, hear these words: there is no condemnation. In the name of Jesus, you are forgiven.

*GLORIA

Glory Be to the Father

Weaver



WEEKLY WONDERING QUESTION

Melody Dillon

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Trish Vandre

God of life, by the power of your Spirit come to us now. Plow our hearts with your living Word until we who are broken become fertile with your love, for we long to bear fruit in a world that is wasting. We pray in the name of Jesus, whose charge we bear. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 55:10-13

Trish Vandre

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

Thanks be to God!

PSALM 119:105-112 (NRSV) (unison)

**Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.
I have sworn an oath and confirmed it,
to observe your righteous ordinances.
I am severely afflicted;
give me life, O Lord, according to your word.
Accept my offerings of praise, O Lord,
and teach me your ordinances.
I hold my life in my hand continually,
but I do not forget your law.
The wicked have laid a snare for me,
but I do not stray from your precepts.
Your decrees are my heritage forever;
they are the joy of my heart.
I incline my heart to perform your statutes
forever, to the end.**

SECOND LESSON: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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SERMON

"The Sower"

Rev. John E. Morgan

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 395

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

LIEBSTER JESU

1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at your word we have come a -
2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est
3 Glo - rious Lord, your - self im - part, Light of Light, from

gain to hear you; let our thoughts and hearts be stirred
dark - ness shroud - ed, till your Spir - it breaks our night,
God pro - ceed - ing. Touch our lips and ears and heart;

and in glow - ing faith be near you. By your gos - pel
fill - ing us with light un - cloud - ed. All good thoughts and
help us by your Spir - it's plead - ing. Hear the cry your

true and ho - ly, teach us, Lord, to love you sole - ly.
all good liv - ing come but by your gra - cious giv - ing.
church now rais - es; hear, and bless our prayers and prais - es.

Originally conceived to be sung before the sermon, this hymn assumes a congregation that assembles regularly, and it needs to be placed near the beginning rather than the end of worship. The simple repetitive tune reinforces the text's sense of receptivity and expectation.

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

We trust in God the Holy Spirit

everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,

sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,

and binds us together with all believers

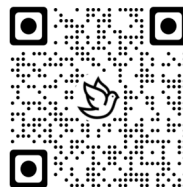
in the one body of Christ, the Church.

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

The Gift of Love

Hal Hopson

Though I may speak with bravest fire,
and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love, my words are vain,
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess,
and striving so my love profess,
but not be given by love within,
the profit soon turns strangely thin.

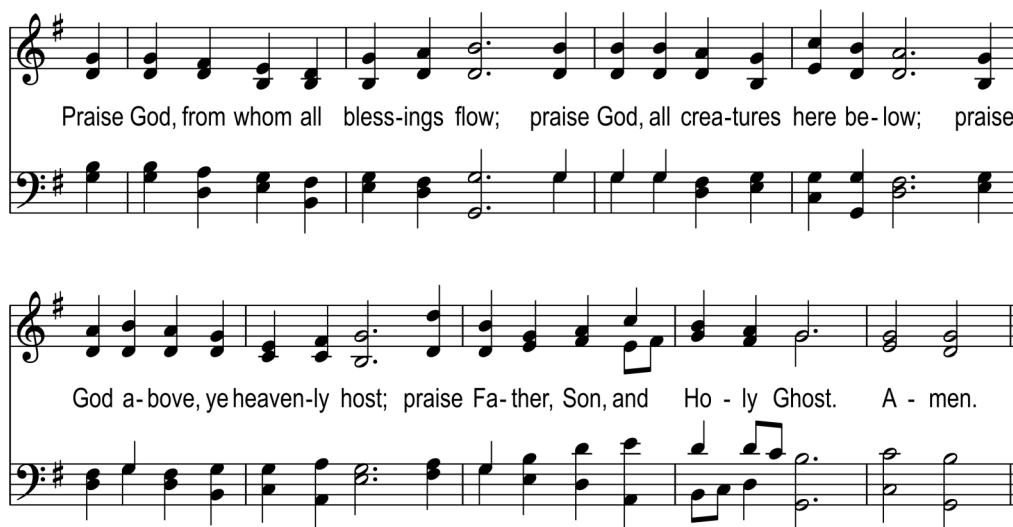
Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control;
our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
by this we worship, and are freed

Amen.

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH



The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps: F# and C#). The melody is primarily in the Treble clef, while the bass clef provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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.

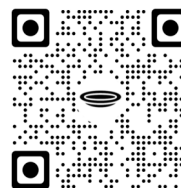
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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 546**

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

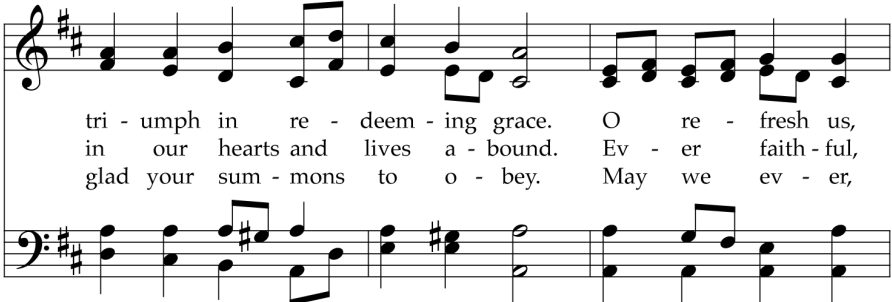
SICILIAN MARINERS



1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless-ing; fill our hearts with
 2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's
 3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us, from our strug - gling



joy and peace; let us each, your love pos - sess - ing,
 joy - ful sound; may the fruits of your sal - va - tion
 pil - grim way, let no fear of death ap - pall us,



tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us,
 in our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,
 glad your sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,



O re - fresh us, trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.
 ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.
 may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

This hymn of corporate benediction is one of several using the same first line. It was written by a Baptist pastor who dedicated his entire ministry to a small church in rural Yorkshire. The tune used here was first transcribed from Sicilian sailors in the late 18th century.

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Fanfare for Organ

Robert J. Powell

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 memory of Bradford Crane
by Anabel Crane.

∞ THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY ∞

PASTORS

John E. Morgan, Pastor/Head of Staff

Pam Hrcir, Associate Pastor

MUSIC MINISTRY

Sarah Bland, Guest Organist and Choir Director

WPC Chancel Choir

LITURGIST

Trish Vandre

GREETERS

9:30am Nick Nicastro, Bill Riffer

11:00am Jim Marshburn, Jim Austin

USHERS

9:30am Jim Austin, Karen Lauritzen, John VanAken, David Littell

11:00am Bob Bolstad, Penny Marshburn, Tom Moul, Ric Cheston

WEEKLY WONDERING QUESTION

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

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOST

Steve Young, Sue Yeingst, Jack Snell

***WILLIAMSBURG LANDING USHERS**

Godwin and Sylvia Jones, Ellen Jones

***WINDSOR MEADE USHER**

Ray Whitney and Peter Moriarty

AUDIO AND VIDEO TECHNICIANS: Dave McClain 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.

✧ 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.

✧ 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.
- **During the Summer months, the Caregivers Support Group** will meet every other week in July and August at 1:00pm in room 222 on the second level. **Mark your calendars with the following meeting dates: July 20, August 3, 17, 31, September 14.**

✧ 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 Pam Hrn timer • phrncir@mywpc.org • 757-508-4668

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

- Anne King on the death of her husband, George King, who went to be with Our Lord and Savior on Friday, July 3, 2026. A memorial service will be held in the chapel at WindsorMeade on Friday, July 17, 2026 at 10:30am. Pastor Pam Hrn timer will officiate. A reception will follow immediately after the service.

Joys:

- Congratulations to Liz and Matthew Schmidt, on the birth of their son, William O'Neil Schmidt on June 8, 2026.

Please pray for:

- 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 🌀

- Christopher Bechtler, Director of Music, and Norman Elton, Organist and Assistant Director of Music, are spending time with their families.
- **Call the Women of Williamsburg Landing: The Presbyterian Women at Williamsburg Presbyterian Church would like to organize a circle for those Presbyterian Women who live at the Landing.** The Circle will meet once a month on the second Thursday of the month at 1:00pm (This date and time can be changed once we know who is participating). If you are interested in being a member of this new circle, please let Carolyn Lodzieskior* or Gini Campbell* know. You can also let Vanessa in the church office know your interest. We would be glad to have you participate. I look forward to leading this circle in the coming year. *Rev. Gini Campbell*
- **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. If you're unable to deliver to cookies to WISC on Wednesdays, cookies can be delivered to the WPC kitchen by 10am on Tuesday. **Please label cookies "Summer Meals for Kids."** Financial gifts to help cover program costs are also welcome. **Learn more, sign up to bake, or donate at mywpc.org/summer-meals.**
- **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.

***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 12

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 13

TUESDAY, JULY 14

11:30am Communication Ministry Mtg / Stevenson Hall

5:00pm CE Children's Subcommittee / Rm 227

6:30 pm Stephen Ministry Mtg / Rm 220

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15

6:30pm Facilities Ministry Mtg / Stevenson Hall

THURSDAY, JULY 16

9:00am Sanctuary Cleaning

FRIDAY, JULY 17

SATURDAY, JULY 18

✧ NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP ✧

JULY 19, 2026

Pastor Pam Hrcir's sermon "*Who Gets the Last Word*"
will be based on Romans 14:1-12.