



WILLIAMSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 19, 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

Gracious God, You alone guide and govern our hearts and minds. Quiet the many voices that compete for our attention and open our hearts to hear your Word. By your Holy Spirit, shape our minds, strengthen our faith, and lead us more deeply into the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE GATHERING

PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Dick Lee

PRELUDE

Pastorella

J. S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Leader: Give praise to God!

All: Praise the Lord,

Leader: for it is God who saves....

All: It is God who forgives....

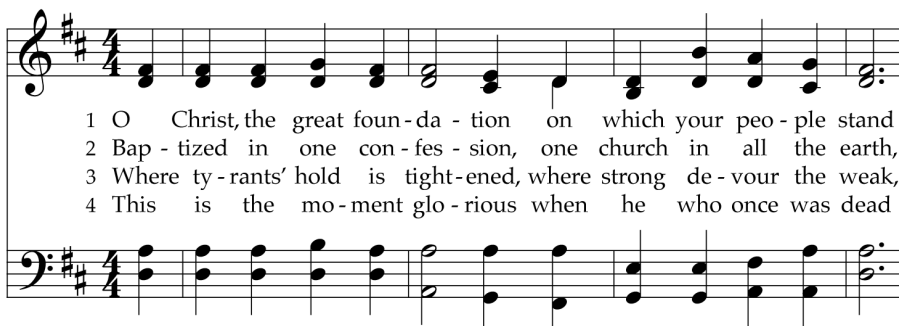
Leader: It is God who delivers....

All: Give thanks and praise to the Lord!

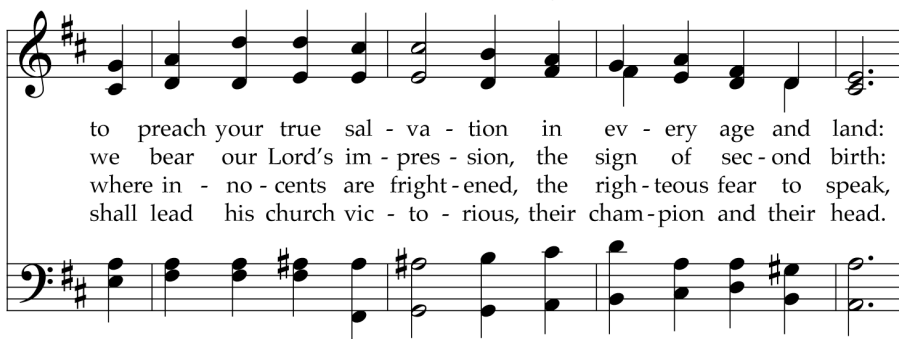
*Please rise in body or spirit. The people's responses are in **bold type**.



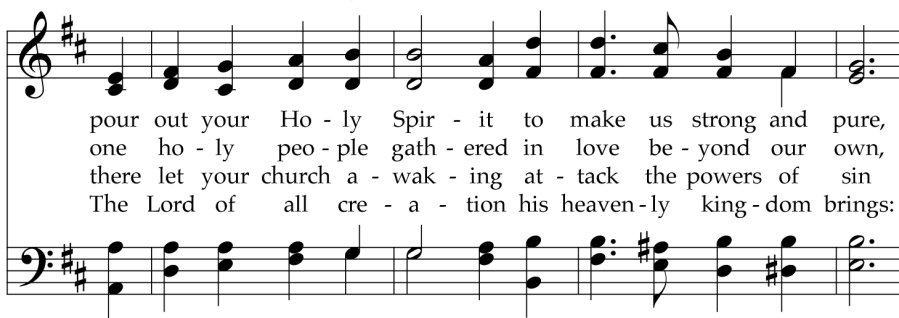
Our sanctuary is equipped with a T-coil hearing loop. Look for the blue sticker on the pews.



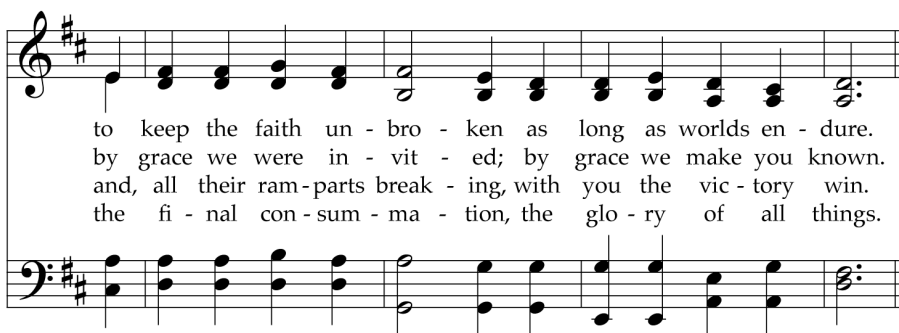
1 O Christ, the great foun-da-tion on which your peo-ple stand
 2 Bap-tized in one con-fes-sion, one church in all the earth,
 3 Where ty-rants' hold is tight-ened, where strong de-vour the weak,
 4 This is the mo-ment glo-rious when he who once was dead



to preach your true sal-va-tion in ev-ery age and land:
 we bear our Lord's im-pres-sion, the sign of sec-ond birth:
 where in-no-cents are fright-ened, the righ-teous fear to speak,
 shall lead his church vic-to-rious, their cham-pion and their head.



pour out your Ho-ly Spir-it to make us strong and pure,
 one ho-ly peo-ple gath-ered in love be-yond our own,
 there let your church a-wak-ing at-tack the powers of sin
 The Lord of all cre-a-tion his heaven-ly king-dom brings:



to keep the faith un-bro-ken as long as worlds en-dure.
 by grace we were in-vit-ed; by grace we make you known.
 and, all their ram-parts break-ing, with you the vic-tory win.
 the fi-nal con-sum-ma-tion, the glo-ry of all things.

The text was written by a leading Chinese educator, author, and editor who chaired the commission that prepared an important ecumenical Chinese hymnal, *Hymns of Universal Praise* (1936). This familiar tune invites comparison of these words with its usual text (see no. 321).

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: Let us confess our sins to God who forgives and saves.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Loving God, we confess that we have failed to live in harmony with our sisters and brothers. We have been self-righteous in our attitudes, closed-minded in our beliefs, and judgmental in our opinions. We have shunned those whose ways we do not understand, and we have despised those who do not endorse our convictions.

*A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER

*KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy

Weaver



*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Friends, the Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*GLORIA

Glory Be to the Father

Weaver



WEEKLY WONDERING QUESTIONS

Melody Dillon

I wonder if you have ever been judged for your ideas?

I wonder if you've ever judged someone else for their ideas?

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Dick Lee

Lord, by the power of your Holy Spirit open our understanding that we may receive the Word of life. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: 1 Samuel 8:4-9

Dick Lee

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

PSALM 146 (NRSV) (responsive)

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

All: **I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God all my life long.**

Leader: Do not put your trust in princes,
in mortals, in whom there is no help.

All: **When their breath departs, they return to the earth;
on that very day their plans perish.**

Leader: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord their God,

All: **who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them;
who keeps faith forever;**

Leader: who executes justice for the oppressed;
who gives food to the hungry.

All: **The Lord sets the prisoners free;
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.
The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous.**

Leader: The Lord watches over the strangers;
he upholds the orphan and the widow,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

All: **The Lord will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!**

SECOND LESSON: Romans 14:1-12

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

SERMON

“Who Gets the Last Word”

Rev. Pam Hrcir

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 317

In Christ There Is No East or West

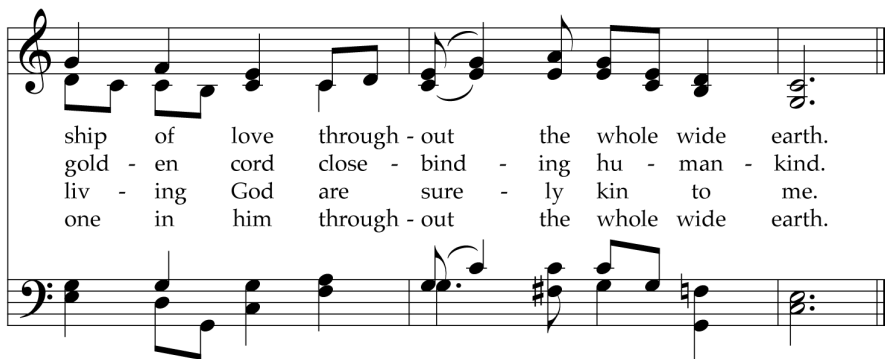
MC KEE



1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no
2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their high com -
3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what - e'er your
4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet



south or north, but one great fel - low -
mu - nion find; his ser - vice is the
race may be. All chil - dren of the
south and north. All Christ - ly souls are



ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.
liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.
one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

This setting expands and enhances the thematic inclusiveness of an early 20th-century text by adapting the melody of a traditional spiritual to carry these words. This 1940 pairing marked the first use of African American musical material in a mainline North American hymnal.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:**

FROM A CONTEMPORARY RENDERING OF THE WESTMINSTER CONFSSION (unison)

(Chapter 20, "Christian Liberty and Liberty of Conscience")

God alone is Lord of the conscience. God has freed us from having to accept human teachings or commands that contradict Scripture or go beyond what God requires in matters of faith and worship.

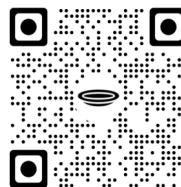
When we give unquestioning loyalty to human authority instead of God, we surrender the freedom Christ has given us. God does not ask for blind obedience to any person or institution. Our first and highest allegiance belongs to God alone.

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

Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal

arr. Mark Hayes

Bev Whitley and Norman Elton, piano 4-hands

Hark, I hear the harps eternal
Ringing on the farther shore,
As I near those swollen waters
With their deep and solemn roar.

Refrain:

Hallelujah, hallelujah,
Hallelujah, praise the Lamb.
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
Glory to the great I Am.

(Anthem continues on the next page.)

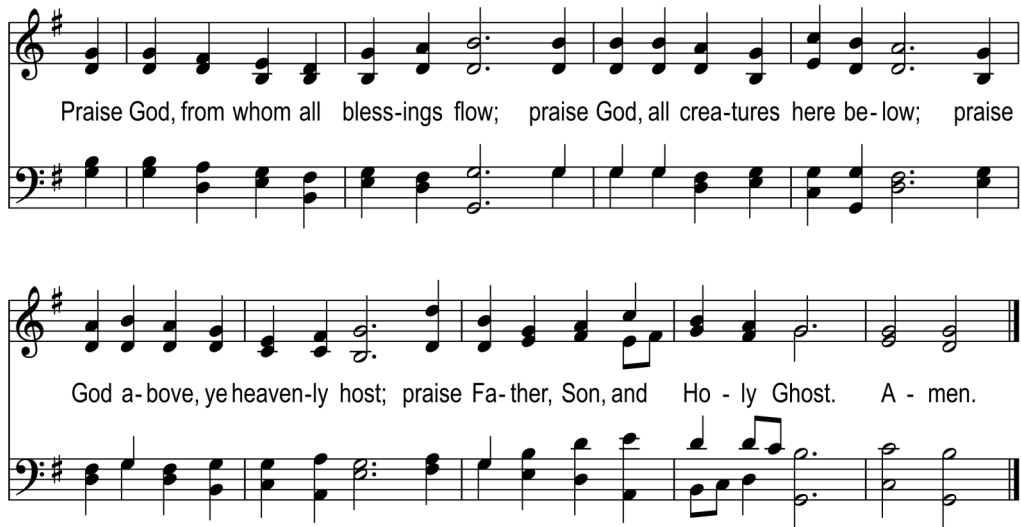
And my soul, though stained with sorrow,
Fading as the light of day,
Passes swiftly o'er those waters
To the city far away. (Refrain)

Souls have crossed before me saintly,
To that land of perfect rest;
And I hear them singing faintly
In the mansions of the blest. (Refrain)

*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

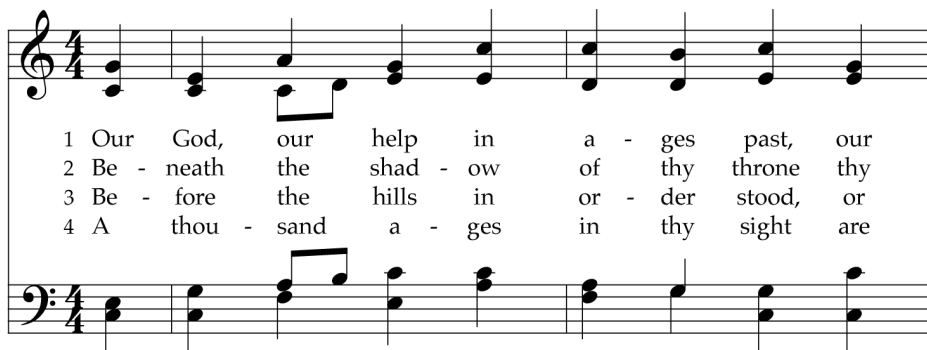
GOING OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

*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.





1 Our God, our help in a - ges past, our
 2 Be - neath the shad - ow of thy throne thy
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are



hope for years to come, our shel - ter from the
 saints have dwelt se - cure; suf - fi - cient is thine
 earth re - ceived its frame, from ev - er - last - ing
 like an eve - ning gone, short as the watch that



storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 thou art God, to end - less years the same.
 ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

- 5 Time, like an ever rolling stream,
 bears all our years away;
 they fly forgotten, as a dream
 dies at the opening day.
- 6 Our God, our help in ages past,
 our hope for years to come,
 be thou our guard while life shall last,
 and our eternal home.

Many people sing this hymn unaware that it paraphrases Psalm 90, partly because this text speaks so immediately to the human condition. Since the middle of the 19th century, it has usually been joined to this tune named for the London parish where the composer was organist.

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Fugue in E-flat Major, “St. Anne”

J. S. Bach

The service of worship concludes after the postlude. The music can be enjoyed or used as an opportunity for prayer. You may remain seated; if you wish to depart, please do so quietly and without disturbing those who choose to stay.

TODAY’S MUSIC NOTE

This morning’s postlude is drawn from Bach’s *Prelude and Fugue in E-flat Major*. A fugue is a piece of music written around a musical subject. In this case, Bach spins three distinct subjects together, a reference to the Holy Trinity. The first subject resembles the hymn tune St. Anne, to which we sing “Our God, Our Help in Ages Past.” The similarity is almost certainly coincidental as there is no evidence that Bach would have heard the tune published just thirty years earlier in England. Much of the work features five independent musical voices crisscrossing simultaneously, displaying Bach’s virtuosic compositional style. As the piece builds in complexity, listen for all three subjects woven together.

∞ THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ∞

The flowers are given today to the glory of God and in memory of their loved ones,
by Maxine and Ken Cunningham.

∞ THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY ∞

PASTOR

Pam Hrcir, Associate Pastor

MUSIC MINISTRY

Chris Bechtler, Director of Music

Norman Elton, Organist, Assistant Director of Music

Bev Whitley, Guest Pianist

WPC Chancel Choir

LITURGIST

Dick Lee

GREETERS

9:30am Molly and Rodney Lawrence

11:00am Jackie and Gerry Ward

USHERS

9:30am Matt Underwood, Pat Underwood, John VanAken, Amanda Pavlik

11:00am Tom Moul, Martha Jean Howell, Jerry Howell, Ric Cheston

WEEKLY WONDERING QUESTION

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

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOST

Jane Snyder, Phillips Jones, Ford Moseley

***WILLIAMSBURG LANDING USHERS**

Bill & Janice McGuire, 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! 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:

- The family of Nell Stowe who went to be with Our Lord and Savior on Sunday, July 12, 2026. Nell is the mother of Dru Stowe who along with his Dixieland Band provides the music at our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. At this time, arrangements are pending.

Please pray for:

- Barbara Coughlan, Gail Jamerson and Edward Woodley, wife and brother-in-law, 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 🌀

- Pastor John E. Morgan is spending time with his family through Saturday, August 2, 2026. During his absence please reach out to Pastor Pam Hrnrcir if you are in need of a pastor.
- **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 (phnrcir@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 19 • FISH Sunday

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 20

9:00am Wonderfully Made Dance Camp for ID / Rms 218, 220, 222

1:00am Caregiver Support Group / Rm 222

TUESDAY, JULY 21

9:00am Wonderfully Made Dance Camp for ID / Rms 218, 220, 222

5:30 pm Resources Ministry Mtg / Rm LL010

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

7:30am Men's Bible and Bacon Study / Stevenson Hall

9:00am Wonderfully Made Dance Camp for ID / Rms 218, 220, 222

THURSDAY, JULY 23

9:00am Wonderfully Made Dance Camp for ID / Rms 218, 220, 222

9:00am Sanctuary Cleaning

FRIDAY, JULY 24

9:00am Wonderfully Made Dance Camp for ID / Rms 218, 220, 222

4:00pm Amber Schell and Jackson Black Wedding Rehearsal / Sanctuary

SATURDAY, JULY 25

3:00pm Amber Schell and Jackson Black Wedding / Library, Bride's Rm, Sanctuary

✧ NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP ✧

JULY 26, 2026

Pastor Pam Hrcir's sermon "God Wants Me to do What?"
will be based on Ephesians 4:1-6.