



WILLIAMSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

10TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

COMMUNION SUNDAY

AUGUST 2, 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

Life-changing God, you have touched us and transformed us to reach out to all who hunger for what only you can give. Keep our feet in your paths and bless us to multiply blessings to others, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer and Lord. Amen.

THE GATHERING

PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Jack Speigel

MINUTE FOR MISSION: Friendship Register

Rev. Pam Hrcir

PRELUDE

The Gift to Be Simple

arr. Wood

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Leader: Sometimes, O God, we feel like Jacob, wrestling with angels.

All: Strengthen us.

Leader: Sometimes we feel battered and broken.

All: Touch us.

Leader: Sometimes we grow so weary in the struggle.

All: Refresh us.

Leader: Together, let us seek the face of the Divine.

*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 The God of A-braham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove,
 2 Your spir - it still flows free, high surg - ing where it will.
 3 Your good - ly land we seek, with peace and plen - ty blest,
 4 You have e - ter - nal life im - plant - ed in the soul;

the An - cient of E - ter - nal Days, the God of love!
 In proph-et's word you spoke of old and you speak still.
 a land of sa - cred lib - er - ty and Sab - bath rest.
 your love shall be our strength and stay, while a - ges roll.

The Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con-fessed,
 Es - tab-lished is your law, and change-less it shall stand,
 There milk and hon - ey flow, and oil and wine a - bound,
 We praise you, liv - ing God! We praise your ho - ly name:

we bow be - fore your ho - ly name, for - ev - er blest.
 deep writ up - on the hu - man heart by your strong hand.
 and trees of life for - ev - er grow with mer - cy crowned.
 the first, the last, be - yond all thought, and still the same!

Shaped by its traditional Jewish tune, this selection of English stanzas conveys the essence of the *Yigdal*, a canticle based on a medieval Hebrew statement of faith about the nature of God and often used in synagogue worship, alternately chanted by cantor and congregation.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: Let us confess our sins in the presence of the One who blesses us and meets our need.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of compassion, we are sick. We have wrestled all night with worry instead of resting in you. We have asserted our own goodness instead of awakening to yours. We have turned away those hungry for your help instead of trusting you and feeding them from your limitless supply of blessings. Forgive us, heal us, and help us to hold on to you. We call upon you, for you will answer us, O God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER

*KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy

Weaver



*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: The God of steadfast love is our refuge and Savior. In Christ, we who are broken are healed, forgiven, filled, and transformed.

*GLORIA

Glory Be to the Father

Weaver



WEEKLY WONDERING QUESTIONS

Melody Dillon

I wonder what kinds of things keep you up all night, wrestling with God?

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Jack Speigel

All-knowing God, you have satisfied our hunger at sunset and held us close through nights of wrestling. Now let the day break with your blessing. Awaken and illumine us by your Word that we may behold your likeness. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Matthew 14:13-21

Jack Speigel

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

Thanks be to God!

PSALM 145:8-9, 14-24 (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: The Lord upholds all who are falling
and raises up all who are bowed down.

All: **The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due season.**

Leader: You open your hand,
satisfying the desire of every living thing.

All: **The Lord is just in all his ways
and kind in all his doings.**

Leader: The Lord is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.

All: **He fulfills the desire of all who fear him;
he also hears their cry and saves them.**

Leader: The Lord watches over all who love him,
but all the wicked he will destroy.

All: **My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord,
and all flesh will bless his holy name forever and ever.**

SECOND LESSON: Genesis 32:22-31

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

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Wrestling with God”

Rev. John E. Morgan

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 498

Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken

BEACH SPRING



1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the Gal - i -
 2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a qui - et
 3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in faith we
 4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us in your

(D)

F

(Bm)

Dm



le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of Life from heav - en, was their
 room one night. In the bread and wine you gave them, Christ, you
 gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the a - ges: "I am
 name to share bread for which the mil - lions hun - ger, words that

(G)

B $\flat$

(D)

F

(A)

C



food for - ev - er - more.
 came as Light from Light. By your bod - y bro - ken
 with you; do not fear!"
 tell your love and care.

(Bm)

Dm

(F $\sharp$ m)

Am

(Bm)

Dm

(G)

B $\flat$

(A)

C

(D)

F



for us, by your wine of life out-poured, Je - sus, feed a -

(Bm)

Dm

(G)

B $\flat$

(D)

F



gain your peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

The first two stanzas of this text deal with events in the past (the feeding of the multitude and the Last Supper) and the final two with events in the present. The recurring last four lines of each stanza serve as an affirmation of Christ's continuing presence at all times.

TEXT: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 2005

MUSIC: *The Sacred Harp*, 1844; harm. James H. Wood, 1958

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BEACH SPRING

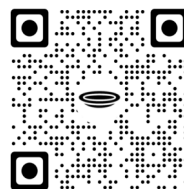
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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: FROM BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH (unison)

In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

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

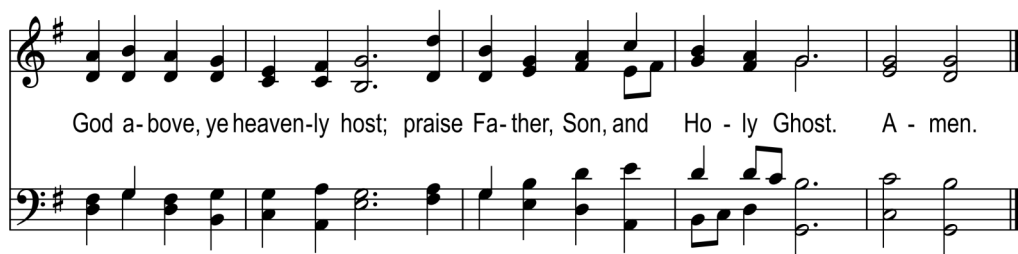
Come, Christians, Join to Sing
Handbell Quartet

arr. Charles Maggs

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH



*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...

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE MEAL

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Be Thou My Vision
Handbell Quartet

arr. Sandra and Mitchel Eithun

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

Here at this table we celebrate resurrection as you feed us with bread and wine. And as much as we might prefer to stay here in this protected place, you send us back to our work – only it is no longer the same work because we know you are with us and in us, shaping and transforming us to be your witnesses in the world. Nourished in body, mind and spirit, may all we say and do give you glory. 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 65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
Hymn is on the next page.

CWM RHONDDA

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccata in Seven

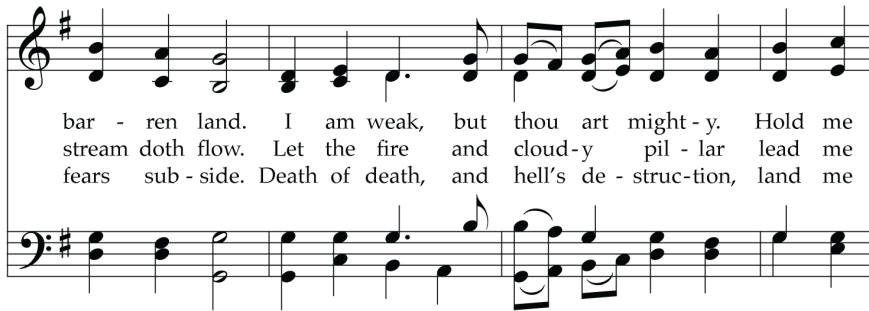
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The service of worship concludes after the postlude. The music can be enjoyed or used as an opportunity for prayer. You may remain seated; if you wish to depart, please do so quietly and without disturbing those who choose to stay.

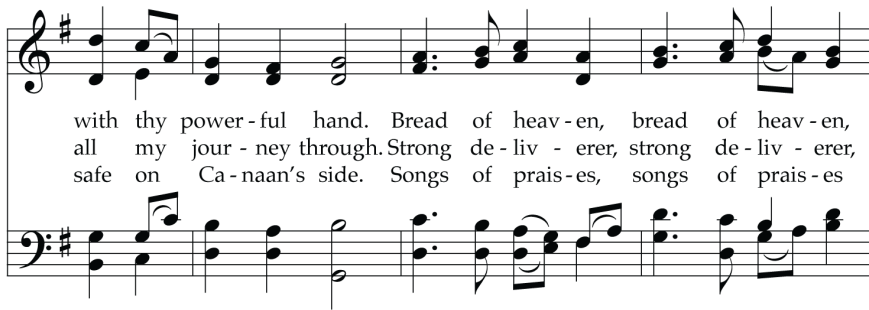
Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 65



1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain, whence the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me
 stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud-y pil - lar lead me
 fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc-tion, land me



with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es



feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.
 be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.
 I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.

Few Welsh hymns are as well known or loved as this 18th-century text that did not gain its popular tune until the early 20th century. In both its original text and in English translation, it is a stirring hymn of pilgrimage filled with vivid imagery from Hebrew Scripture.

∞ THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ∞

The flowers are given today to the glory of God and in loving memory
of Beryl, by Tom Proeschel.

∞ THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY ∞

PASTOR

Rev. John E. Morgan

Rev. Pam Hrnccir, Associate Pastor

MUSIC MINISTRY

Chris Bechtler, Director of Music

Norman Elton, Organist and Assistant Director of Music

Handbell Quartet: Karen Lee, Debbie Wright, Jo Ann Youhas, and Chris Bechtler

LITURGIST

Jack Spiegel

GREETERS

9:30am Bill Riffer, Audrey Davis

11:00am Eric Beckhusen, Elizabeth Padgett

USHERS

9:30am Gary Davis, Jodie Davis, Harley Stewart, David Littell

11:00am Bob Bolstad, Pat Murray, Tom Moul, Shanna Due

WEEKLY WONDERING QUESTION

Melody Dillon

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOST

Steve Young, Kathy Chambers, Jane Vogel

COMMUNION SERVERS

WPC Officers

***WINDSOR MEADE COMMUNION SERVERS**

Marian Dawson and Peter Moriarty

***WILLIAMSBURG LANDING USHERS AND COMMUNION SERVERS**

Dick Sahlen, Ric Cheston, Linda Eichhorn

***WINDSOR MEADE USHER**

Ray Whitney and Peter Moriarty

AUDIO AND VIDEO TECHNICIANS: Charles Starr, Garnet Thorpe and John Schoenberger

*Satellite campuses

✧ CHILDREN'S STATEMENT ✧

Children are welcome at WPC! The nursery for children ages 3 and below is only open during the 9:30am service until August. There are 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, 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 John E. Morgan • jmorgan@mywpc.org • 757-903-7800

Congratulations to:

- New grandparents Pam and Brent Hrcir! Their grandson, Henry Thomas Hrcir, was born on Thursday, July 23, at 10:32 p.m. Henry weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces. Proud parents Matthew and Cameron Hrcir, along with baby Henry, are all doing well as they begin this wonderful new chapter together.
- Newlyweds Jackson and Amber Schell Black, who were married at WPC on Saturday, July 25. Jackson, son of WPC members Jill and Greg Walton, is a longtime member of our congregation and is often seen singing with the Chancel Choir. We rejoice with Jackson and Amber and pray God's blessings on their life together.
- WPC members Nancy and Ford Moseley, celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary on Thursday, August 6. *"We praise God for our union and the many blessed years together."*

Please pray for:

- Those who have lost loved ones, the family of Nell Stowe, mother of Dru Stowe and the family of Dennis Lykins, husband of Kathy Lykins.
- Barbara Coughlan; Gail Jamerson, wife of our sexton, Hugh Jamerson; and Hugh's brother-in-law, Edward Woodley.
- 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 ↻

- Vanessa Gamble, Church Secretary, will be away from the office through Thursday, August 6 and will return to the office Monday, August 10. Contact Martha Reier (mreier@mywpc.org) if you need any assistance from the Church Office.
- **WPC is pleased to host the Williamsburg Youth Orchestra's Summer Chamber Music Camp this week, August 3-7.** WYO cordially invites the Williamsburg community to the final concert on Friday, August 7, at 3pm in the church sanctuary. **This concert is free.**
- **Calling the Women of Williamsburg Landing: The Presbyterian Women at Williamsburg Presbyterian Church would like to organize a circle for those who live at the Landing.** The Circle will meet once a month on the second Thursday at 1:00 pm (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 Lodzieski* or Gini Campbell* know. You can also contact Vanessa in the church office. 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 cookies to WISC on Wednesdays, cookies can be delivered to the WPC kitchen by 10am on Tuesday. **Please put two cookies into a baggie and place them in a larger baggie labeled "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.)

***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, AUGUST 2 • COMMUNION 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, AUGUST 3

8:30am WYO Summer Camp 2026

1:00pm Caregiver Support Group / Rm 227

5:30pm Christian Education Ministry Mtg / Rm 227

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4

8:30am WYO Summer Camp 2026

7:00pm Earth Care Committee Mtg / Library and Zoom

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5

8:30am WYO Summer Camp 2026

10:30am Finding Hope Grief Support Grp / Rm 227

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6

8:30am WYO Summer Camp 2026

9:00am Sanctuary Cleaning

5:30pm Communications Ministry Mtg / Rm 220

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7

9:00am WYO Summer Camp 2026

3:00pm Williamsburg Youth Orchestra Concert / Sanctuary

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

9:00am Playground Church / Rm 220

☞ **NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP** ☞

AUGUST 9, 2026

Pastor John E. Morgan's sermon "*Joseph*"
will be based on Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28.