



WILLIAMSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 9, 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

O God, we gather to give thanks for your providence and care. When our ancestors were in a strange land, you led them from peril and delivered them from persecution. When we face the mountains, the valleys or the pits of our lives, you are our Deliverer and Savior. We praise you for your steadfast love that accompanies us throughout our lives. Meet us now as we gather in your name. Amen.

THE GATHERING PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Rebecca Elton

PRELUDE

Sarabande for Organ

Cooman

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord and call on God's name.

All: Make known God's deeds among the people.

Leader: Remember the wonderful works God has done.

All: We sing praises to God and our hearts rejoice.

Leader: Let us worship the Lord with praise.

*HYMN 645

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

MIT FREUDEN ZART

*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.

645 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all
 2 What God's al-might - y power has made God's gra - cious mer -
 3 The Lord is nev - er far a - way, but, through all grief
 4 Thus all my toil - some way a - long I sing a - loud

cre - a - tion, the God of power, the God of love,
 cy keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade
 dis - tress - ing, an ev - er - pres - ent help and stay,
 thy prais - es, that all may hear the grate - ful song

the God of our sal - va - tion. With
 God's watch - ful eye ne'er sleep - eth. With -
 our peace and joy and bless - ing, as
 my voice un - wea - ried rais - es. Be

heal - ing balm my soul is filled, and ev - ery faith - less
 in the king - dom of God's might, lo! all is just and
 with a moth - er's ten - der hand God gent - ly leads the
 joy - ful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and bod - y,

The regal divine imagery here will not be new to most singers, but some may not expect the third stanza's image of God as mother. Yet it is part of God's self-description in Isaiah 66:13. This Bohemian Brethren tune resembles both Genevan psalm tunes and French folk songs.

THANKSGIVING

mur-mur stilled:
all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry!
cho - sen band:
take your part:

The musical score is written for a choir and piano. The key signature is D major (two sharps: F# and C#). The time signature is 4/4. The vocal parts (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) are represented by the four staves in the top system. The piano accompaniment is represented by the two staves in the bottom system. The lyrics are written below the vocal staves. The score ends with a double bar line.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: Let us confess our sins to the Lord of all, who is generous to all who call upon him.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

O God, we admit that too often we live on the surface of life. We are afraid of the depths, though we try to hide many things deep within us. We are haunted by the knowledge that we have hurt others by our own selfish acts. We are harassed by the realization that our sense of priorities and laziness have prevented us from responding to situations where we might have made a creative difference. What gets into us, God, to make us miss the mark of our Christian love time after time? Help us, O God, we pray. Amen.

*A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER

*KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy

Weaver



*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Our God sees all, knows all, forgives all, restores all through our Lord Jesus Christ. No one who believes in him will be put to shame, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

*GLORIA

Glory Be to the Father

Weaver



WEEKLY WONDERING QUESTIONS

Melody Dillon

I wonder how it feels to be someone's favorite?
I wonder how it feels to know that you aren't their favorite?

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Rebecca Elton

God of promise, Open our eyes to see you in the midst of our struggles. Open our ears to hear your words of invitation and assurance. Open our minds to recall your wonderful works and miracles. Open our hearts to glory in your name and seek strength in your Word; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Matthew 14:22–33

Rebecca Elton

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

PSALM 105:1, 16–22 (NRSV) (unison)

O give thanks to the LORD; call on his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples.
When he summoned famine against the land
and cut off every supply of bread,
he had sent a man ahead of them,
Joseph, who had been sold as a slave.
His feet were hurt with fetters;
his neck was put in a collar of iron;
until what he had said came to pass,
the word of the LORD kept testing him.
The king sent and released him;
the ruler of the peoples set him free.
He made him lord of his house
and ruler of all his possessions,
to instruct his officials at his pleasure
and to teach his elders wisdom.

SECOND LESSON: Genesis 37:1–4, 12–28

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SERMON

“Joseph”

Rev. John E. Morgan

Our service continues with hymn #817—*We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight*, on the next page.

817 We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with
 2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
 4 And when our life of faith is done, in

gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
 fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise
 may our faith a - bound to call on you when
 realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you

none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
 we re - joice and cry, "My Lord and God!"
 you are near and seek where you are found.
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

The opening line here is essentially a quotation of 2 Corinthians 5:7, but that affirmation is fleshed out by references to the appearance of the risen Christ to Thomas (John 20:19–29). The shape note tune, named for a stream in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, adds resolution to the words.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 817

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

DUNLAP'S CREEK

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

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

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.

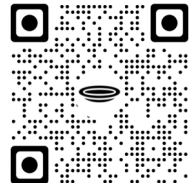
OFFERING TALK

Facilities

Rick Cheston

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

Gonna Be a Great Day

Spiritual, arr. Joseph Martin

Heather and Jennifer Lowekamp

There's gonna be a great day,
There's gonna be a great day.
We're gonna dance and shout and sing;
We're gonna bow down to the King.
There's gonna be a great day comin' soon.

(Anthem continues on the next page.)

There's gonna be a great day,
There's gonna be a great day.
We're gonna join the heavenly band;
We're gonna shout and clap our hands.
There's gonna be a great day comin' soon.

There's gonna be a great day,
There's gonna be a great day.
We're gonna walk on streets of gold;
That'll be a sight now to behold.
There's gonna be a great day comin' soon.

Great day, great day the righteous marchin',
O God's gonna build up Zion's walls
Great days a comin',
There's gonna be a great, great day!

*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). The melody is in the Treble clef, and the bass line is in the Bass clef. 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

Our service continues with hymn #815—*Give to the Winds Thy Fears*, on the next page.

815 Give to the Winds Thy Fears

1 Give to the winds thy fears; hope, and be
 2 Through waves and clouds and storms God gent - ly
 3 Leave to God's sov - ereign sway to choose and
 4 Let us in life, in death, thy stead - fast

un - dis - mayed. God hears thy sighs and
 clears the way. Wait pa - tient - ly; so
 to com - mand. So shalt thou, won - dering,
 truth de - clare, and pub - lish with our

counts thy tears; God shall lift up thy head.
 shall this night soon end in joy - ous day.
 own God's way, how wise, how strong God's hand!
 fi - nal breath thy love and guard - ian care.

This text uses selected stanzas from sixteen four-line English stanzas based on the original German text, which was twice as long. The German hymn was constructed as an acrostic on Martin Luther's translation of Psalm 37:5, and much of the spirit of that psalm is retained here.

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 815

Give to the Winds Thy Fears

FESTAL SONG

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Rondeau

Cooman

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 loving memory of
Dr. and Mrs. George J. Oliver, Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. John W. Winthrop
by Dougie and Jim Winthrop.

❧ THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY ❧

PASTOR

Rev. John E. Morgan

Rev. Pam Hrcir, Associate Pastor

MUSIC MINISTRY

Chris Bechtler, Director of Music

Norman Elton, Organist and Assistant Director of Music

Heather and Jennifer Lowekamp

GREETERS

9:30am Bill Riffer and Anne Nordin

11:00am John and Jackie Spiegel

USHERS

9:30am Matt Underwood, Pat Underwood, John VanAken, and Bruce Graham

11:00am Bob Bolstad, Ruth Cobb, Rebecca Caprio, and Sarah Houghland

WEEKLY WONDERING QUESTION

Melody Dillon

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOST

Jim Carey, Sue Rennagel, Skip Perry

***WILLIAMSBURG LANDING USHERS**

Robin Sabo and Linda Eichhorn

***WINDSOR MEADE USHER**

Ray Whitney and Peter Moriarty

AUDIO AND VIDEO TECHNICIANS

Dick Sahlen, Roy Knox, 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. Sunday School will resume on August 30. 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, added to the prayer chain, or 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 Hrnrcir • phrnrcir@mywpc.org • 757-508-4668

Congratulations to the Moul family on the birth of Gia Crowley Moul, granddaughter of WPC members Nancy and Tom Moul, born on July 8 to Brandon Moul and Diana Crowley.

The WPC Family extends its deepest Christian sympathy and prayers to Tanya Wilson and family on the death of her husband, WPC member Sid Wilson, who went home to be with our Lord and Savior on Saturday, August 1, 2026. A graveside service is expected to be scheduled at Hollywood Cemetery in Richmond at a later date.

Please pray for:

- Those who have lost loved ones: the family of Nell Stow, mother of Dru Stowe; and the family of Dennis Lykins, husband of Kathy Lykins
- 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 ❧

- **Back-to-School Bash Returns on Sunday, August 23 at 12:30pm in the parking lot. Let's Welcome the Community!** WPC is hosting the annual Community Back-to-School Bash on Sunday, August 23, along with our Williamsburg Baptist Church neighbors. ***The youngest among us will enjoy games, snacks, an inflatable, a petting zoo, and more! Please come out to help us welcome the community and enjoy some ice cream or sherbet (courtesy of Christian Fellowship). Bring your friends and neighbors!*** Contact Melody Dillon with questions.
- **Blessing of the Backpacks** is on August 23 during the 11am service! Students, teachers, parents, and school staff are all encouraged to bring their backpacks to the service for a special blessing and backpack tag to carry with them all year. After the service, we hope everyone will stay for the Back-to-School bash!
- **Rally Day is August 30!** Join us during Coffee Fellowship to discover the many opportunities for adults to deepen their faith, grow in Christian community, and build meaningful relationships. Learn about more than ten different ways to connect as we seek to experience the hope, love, and way of Jesus together. Whether you're new to Williamsburg Presbyterian or have been here for years, there's a place for you. We can't wait to help you find the group that's right for you!

Sunday School for age 4–12th grade resumes on Rally Day as well! All ages must register, and pre-registration is strongly encouraged for accurate planning. Please go to mywpc.org/sundayschool to register your child(ren).

- **Get to know Presbyterian Women (PW)!** PW Circles provide a rich opportunity to learn and grow in faith and develop caring, supportive relationships within our large church. PW also actively works to help our neighbors through community and international missions. PW's power and effectiveness rely on the myriad talents and gifts of our members. Please contact Gini Campbell,* PW Membership Chair, to learn how to join and consider ways you can contribute in ways large and small to ensure PW is welcoming and relevant to all women!
- **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

- **WPC Book Club and Earth Care Committee Host Book Discussion Monday, August 17.** All are invited to join the WPC Book Club and Earth Care Committee as participants discuss *Second Nature: A Gardener's Education*, by Michael Pollan. The meeting will be at 7:00 pm in Room 220 and on Zoom. Contact Ellen Peters* for more information.
- **Summer Meals for Kids—Final Two Weeks.** As we reach the final two weeks of the Summer Meals for Kids program, our remaining need is on August 12. We have 7 openings for contributions of 2 dozen cookies each. 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 10 am 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. Thanks to all for your wonderful response again this summer! With our partner churches, we have served 300 local school children each week.
- **Assisi Pilgrimage—April 13–23, 2027.** A pilgrimage is much more than a sightseeing tour—a pilgrimage is an intentional spiritual journey; an opportunity to step away from the routines of daily life, walk where St. Francis and St. Clare lived and served, and worship together, pray, reflect, and listen for God's leading. We will stay in a Franciscan convent, where we will experience the warmth of Christian hospitality and the peaceful rhythm of this community. Twelve pilgrims have already registered, and **nine spaces remain available**. Is God nudging you to join us? For more information, please contact Pastor Pam Hrnecir or visit our web page www.mywpc.org/assisi. **Registration deadline: December 1, 2026.**
- **New Member Luncheon—Nov 1.** Join us immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service in Stevenson Hall for a relaxed and joyful luncheon. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know others, meet the pastors and church leaders, and discover the many ways you can connect with our community to worship, grow in our faith, and serve our community.

***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 9

- 9:30am 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 10

- 2:00pm Legacy Giving Mtg / Church Library

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11

- 5:00pm CE Children's Subcommittee / Rm Rm227
6:30pm Stephen Ministry Mtg / Rm 220

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

- 7:30am Bible and Bacon Study / Stevenson Hall

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

- 9:00am Sanctuary Cleaning
5:00pm Worship Ministry Mtg / LL010
7:00pm Diaconate Mtg / Rm 220

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

- 2:00pm Memorial Service for William Lee Trolan / Sanctuary
 Son of late WPC member Rice Trolan

✧ NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP ✧

AUGUST 16, 2026

Pastor John E. Morgan's sermon "*What Comes Out of the Mouth*"
will be based on Matthew 15:10–20.