



WILLIAMSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 23, 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

Ever-present God, who is at the side of every creature in creation, renew our lives so that we may discern and do your will, which is good and acceptable and perfect. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

THE GATHERING PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Gini Campbell

MINUTE FOR MISSION: Adult Education

Mary Margaret Evans and Rod Chamberlain

PRELUDE

Andante

Mendelssohn

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

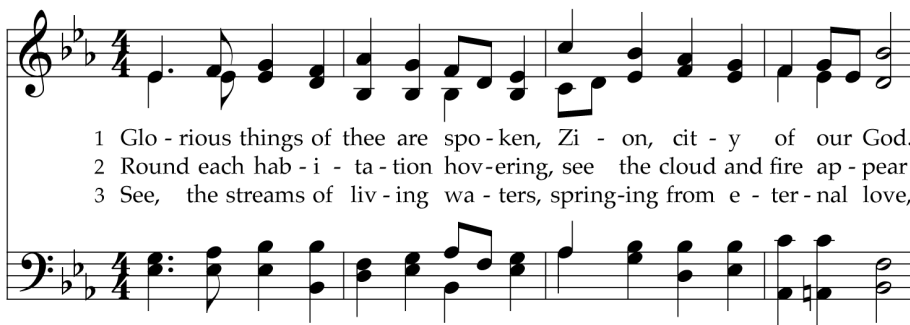
Leader: You, who are many, are transformed to become one in Christ.

All: We, who are many, are called to worship God, the Three in One. Let us worship God.

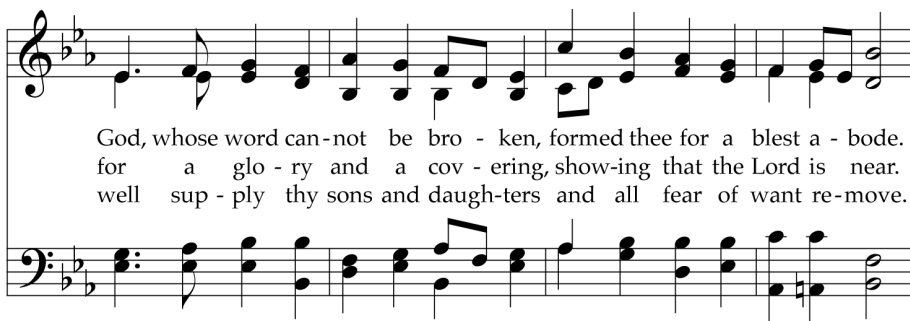
*Please rise in body or spirit. The people's responses are in **bold type**.



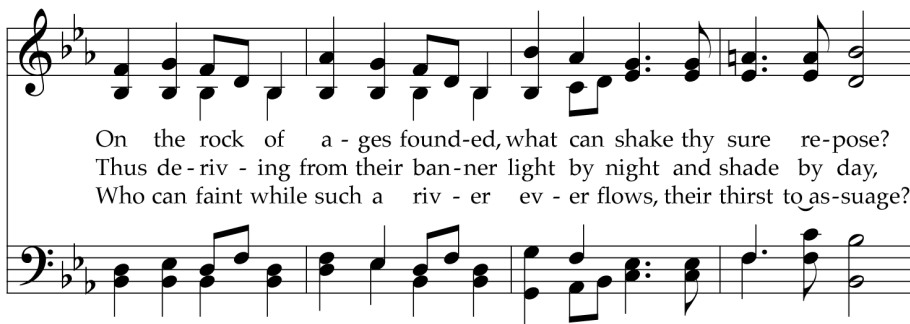
Our sanctuary is equipped with a T-coil hearing loop. Look for the blue sticker on the pews.



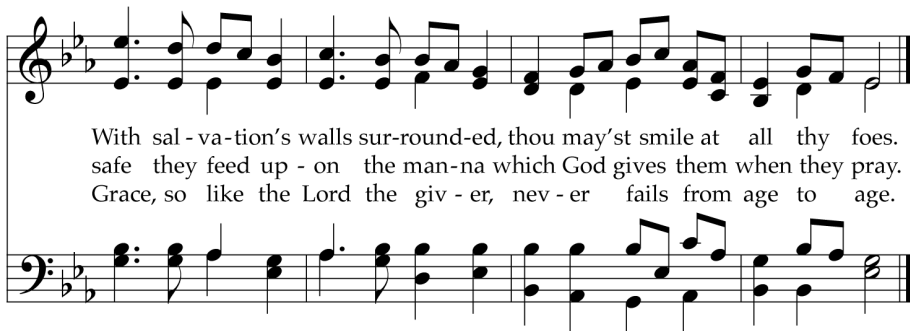
1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God.
 2 Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and fire ap - pear
 3 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e - ter - nal love,



God, whose word can - not be bro - ken, formed thee for a blest a - bode.
 for a glo - ry and a cov - ering, show - ing that the Lord is near.
 well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters and all fear of want re - move.



On the rock of a - ges found - ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose?
 Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner light by night and shade by day,
 Who can faint while such a riv - er ev - er flows, their thirst to as - suage?



With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
 safe they feed up - on the man - na which God gives them when they pray.
 Grace, so like the Lord the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.

The Nazi appropriation of this tune for propaganda purposes has clouded a noble piece of music first associated with this text in 1889. In a 1779 collection, the author indicated that this hymn is primarily based on Isaiah 33:20-21 with allusions to several other passages.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth. Confident in this ever-gracious, never-failing help, we come before the Lord, confessing our sin and seeking forgiveness.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Forgiving God, we confess that we are conformed to this world. We conform to this world's frantic pace, too hectic to notice all the blessings you provide. We conform to this world's reckless waste, exploiting what you entrust to our care. We conform to this world's shallow values, oblivious to the giftedness of people different from us. We conform to this world's impatient attitudes, preferring the latest instead of the lasting. Forgive our conformity and transform us, O God. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

*A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER

*KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy

Weaver



*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: If it had not been the Lord who was on our side, we would now be lost in sin. But it is the Lord who is on our side. And so we are forgiven. Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

*GLORIA

Glory Be to the Father

Weaver



WEEKLY WONDERING QUESTIONS

Melody Dillon

I wonder, what gifts has God given you?

(11AM) BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Melody Dillon

Leader: It is the beginning of a new school year!

All: We give thanks for a new year and for new beginnings.

Leader: In the year ahead, we will have days where we are overwhelmed or frustrated, and days where we are full of joy and wonder.

All: Remind us of our identity as beloved children of God.

Leader: We will learn and grow; accomplishing new things, facing new challenges, and encountering new friends.

All: Remind us that God is with us always.

Leader: God of Wisdom, we give you thanks for schools and classrooms and for teachers and students who fill them each day. We thank you for this new beginning and for the gift that every day you are making us into a new creation. Thank you for the gift of making mistakes and trying again, for the gift of curiosity and asking questions, for the gift of mentors and teachers and advisors who help us when we struggle, and for the gift of friends who journey along the way with us. Remind us that we are all connected as we seek to live the way of Jesus. We give you thanks for these learners and leaders and we ask you to bless them with curiosity, understanding, and joy. May their backpacks be a sign to them that they have everything they need in order to grow and learn this year and that they have a whole community of believers who love and support them. May they be guided by your love.

All: We hold you in our hearts and our prayers. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Amen.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Gini Campbell

Lord our God, your name and your word are exalted above everything. We are listening for your word; we are looking for your light. By the power of the Holy Spirit, renew our minds and hearts so we may discern your will and respond in faith. We pray in the name of your Son, our Savior. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 51:1-6

Gini Campbell

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

PSALM 138 (NRSV) (responsive)

Gini Campbell

Leader: I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;
All: I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

Leader: On the day I called, you answered me; you increased my strength of soul.
All: All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD, for they have heard the words of your mouth.

Leader: They shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD.
All: For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly, but the haughty he perceives from far away.

Leader: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.
All: The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

SECOND LESSON: Romans 12:1-8

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SERMON

“Practicing Revolution”

Rev. Pam Hrcir

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 716

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

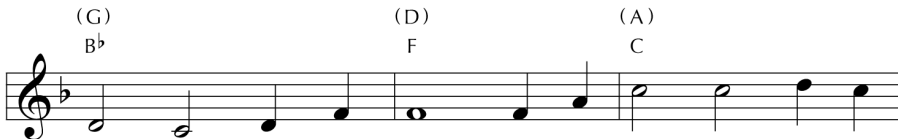
BEACH SPRING



1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and
2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of
3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your



end - less store, na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly
Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es
grace con - ferred: ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to



cross, grave's shat - tered door: gift - ed by you, we turn
joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly
spread the gos - pel word. O - pen wide our hands in



to you, of - fer - ing up our - selves in praise; thank - ful song shall
la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone. Born with tal - ents,
shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing, teach - ing,



rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.
make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text on stewardship was one of about 450 submissions in a search for such hymns conducted by the Hymn Society of America in 1961. These words are well grounded by their musical setting, an early American shape note tune named for a Baptist church in Harris County, Georgia.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: CONFESSION OF BELHAR, September 1986, Section 2 (unison)**

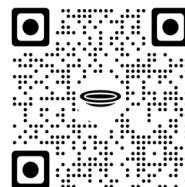
We believe that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways: in that we love one another; that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another; that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another; that we share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind; have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit, are baptized with one baptism, eat of one bread and drink of one cup, confess one name, are obedient to one Lord, work for one cause, and share one hope; together come to know the height and the breadth and the depth of the love of Christ.

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

If With All Your Hearts Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

From *Elijah*

Ellen Peters, soprano

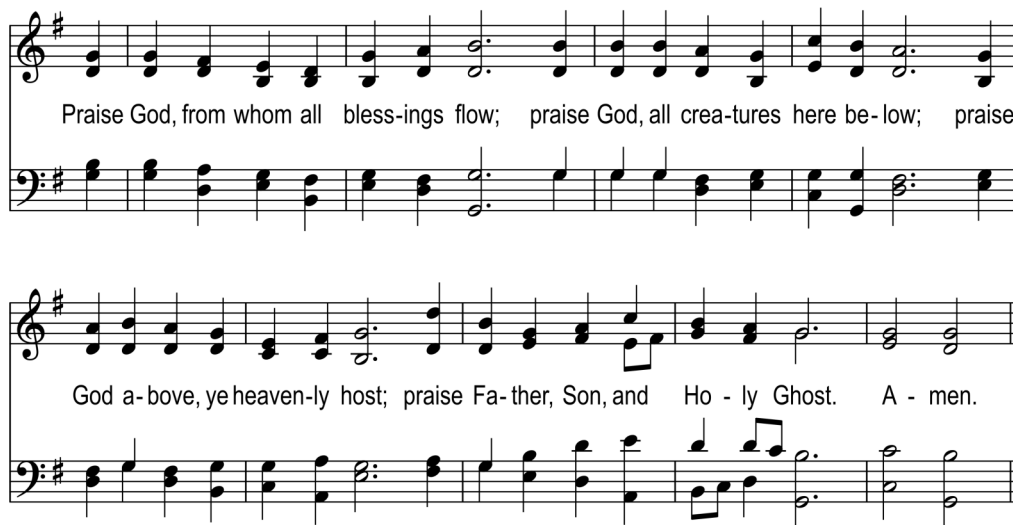
"If with all your hearts ye truly seek me,
ye shall ever surely find me."
Thus saith our God.

Oh! that I knew where I might find Him,
that I might even come before His presence!

*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.

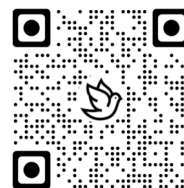
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GOING OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

*INVITATION AND THE LORD'S DAY GREETING

We are glad you are worshipping 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 700**

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

I'M GONNA LIVE

1 I'm gon-na live so (live so)
 2 I'm gon-na work so (work so)
 3 I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)
 4 I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

where, Lord, an-y - time! (an-y - time!) I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na

live so (live so)
 work so (work so)
 pray so (pray so)
 sing so (sing so)

where, Lord, (my Lord,) an-y - time! (an-y - time!)

This African American spiritual has more depth than may at first appear: for people who are bound in slavery to sing about dedicating themselves to God's use shows a profound awareness of God-given self-worth despite circumstances that would deny their human or spiritual value.

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Allegro Maestoso from *Sonata II*

Mendelssohn

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 by Jackie Bowlin to the glory of God and in memory of her dear niece, Nancy Siems, who was always there when she needed her.
Rest in peace. We all still miss you and love you.

✧ THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY ✧

PASTOR

Rev. Pam Hrcir, Associate Pastor

MUSIC MINISTRY

Chris Bechtler, Director of Music

Norman Elton, Organist and Assistant Director of Music

Ellen Peters, soprano

LITURGIST

Gini Campbell

GREETERS

9:30am Molly Lawrence

11:00am Elizabeth Padgett

USHERS

9:30am Matt Underwood, Pat Underwood, Rebecca Caprio, Carolyn Morgan

11:00am Mike Hawley, Tom Moul, Rebecca Caprio, Jeri Hardy

WEEKLY WONDERING QUESTION

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

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOST

Jim Carey, Jay Hardy, Rodney Lawrence

***WILLIAMSBURG LANDING USHERS**

Jerry & Martha Jean Howell

***WINDSOR MEADE USHER**

Ray Whitney and Peter Moriarty

AUDIO AND VIDEO TECHNICIANS

Matt Slack, 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 Rally Day, 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, 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 Hrnclir • phrnclir@mywpc.org • 757-508-4668

Please pray for the families who have lost loved ones:

- The family of Sid Wilson, husband of Tanya Wilson
- The family of Nell Stow, mother of Dru Stowe;
- The family of Dennis Lykins, husband of Kathy Lykins.

Please pray for:

- Barbara Coughlan
- Gail Jamerson and Edward Woodley, wife and brother-in-law of our sexton, Hugh Jamerson
- Barb Timko's brother for his strength during chemo and radiation 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 family through Wednesday, August 26.
- **Back-to-School Bash TODAY, at 12:30pm in the parking lot. Let's Welcome the Community!** WPC is hosting the annual Community Back-to-School Bash along with our Williamsburg Baptist Church. **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.
- **Rally Day is Sunday, August 30!** Join us during Coffee Fellowship to discover the many opportunities for people of all ages to deepen their faith, grow in Christian community, and build meaningful relationships. Learn about the many 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).
- **A Message from the WPC Legacy Giving Team:** August is **National Make a Will Month**. Creating a will for the first time or updating one you already have is one of the most caring and practical gifts you can offer to the people and causes you love. A well-prepared will brings clarity, peace of mind, and the confidence that your values will be honored and your intentions respected.
If you already have a will but haven't reviewed it in the last five years, now may be an ideal moment to revisit it. Life circumstances change, families grow, and priorities evolve. Updating your will ensures that it continues to reflect your current wishes and the legacy you hope to leave.
For more information, please contact us at legacygiving@mywpc.org.
- **The Squares Men's Bible Study resumes meeting on Thursday, September 3.** Often when something new is beginning there is a time when all parties work on an agreement, such as a contract. So, as the new program year begins at WPC The Squares will look at the very beginning of our faith story and consider a "covenant." What is a covenant and why is a covenant important? While considering Genesis 17:1-8, we'll ask what happened then, and how does that same thing happen to us today? **You are invited to join The Squares on the first Thursday evening at 7:00pm in room 227. We hope to see you on September 3.**
- **September Monthly Grief Group: September's monthly grief group will meet on Wednesday, September 9, at 10:00am.** Please note that this is a change from our regular meeting day, which is the first Wednesday of the month.

- **WPC Young Adults Ministry will host their first meeting Thursday September 17, at 7pm in Room 227!** If you're navigating life, work, relationships, big decisions, or simply searching for deeper faith and meaningful connection, this ministry is for you! Designed for young adults ages 22–32 (and anyone in a similar season of life), this is a place to grow in faith, build authentic friendships, and journey through life's defining years together! Join us for dinner, dialogue and a time of fellowship! For more information contact Megan Davis*.
- **The WPC Book Club will meet on Monday, September 28, at 2pm in Room 220 (and on Zoom) to discuss *The Bully Pulpit: Theodore Roosevelt, William Howard Taft, and the Golden Age of Journalism*, by Doris Kearns Goodwin.**
- **Volunteers Needed to Help at Grove Christian Outreach Center on United Way Day of Caring.** WPC's Outreach Ministry is sponsoring a work day at the Grove Christian Outreach Center as part of the United Way Day of Caring on Friday, September 18 from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm. There are indoor jobs (shopping with neighbors, organizing the pantry and clothing closet) and outdoor jobs (painting, yard cleanup, and gardening). If you can help us in this worthwhile endeavor, please contact Tom Moul* and let him know if you would like to work inside or outside and your t-shirt size. Thanks for volunteering!
- **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!
- **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 Hrcir 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 23

- 9:30am Nursery open during 9:30am worship service
9:30am **In-person Worship / Sanctuary**
Live-Stream Worship; visit mywpc.org to access
10:00am Donuts to Welcome W & M Students / WPC Courtyard
11:00am **In-person Worship / Sanctuary**
Listen at FM93.5 The Burg.com
11:00am **Blessing of the Backpacks during the worship**
12:30pm Back to School Bash / Back parking lots

MONDAY, AUGUST 24

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

- 7:30am Men's Bible & Bacon Study / Stevenson Hall
9:30am Presbyterian Women's Coordinating Team MTG / Rm 220 and Zoom
10:30am WPC Library Committee / Church Library

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27

- 9:00am Sanctuary Cleaning
7:00pm Session Mtg / Rm 220
7:30pm Westminster Ringer Rehearsals / Bell Rm Lower Level

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28

✧ NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP ✧

AUGUST 30, 2026

Pastor John E. Morgan's sermon "*Live in Harmony*"
will be based on Romans 12:9-21