

WILLIAMSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

Living the Revolutionary Way of Jesus
Love Radically • Serve Boldly • Live Courageously

PRAYER FOR PREPARATION

God, our source, and our salvation, in love you made us and by love you have redeemed us. Make your love for us bear fruit in our forgiveness of others, that in this life we may know your all-embracing compassion and, in the world, to come receive the everlasting joy of fellowship you share with your Son, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE GATHERING PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Lynne Savidis

MINUTE FOR MISSION: Short Term Adult Education Class

JD Due

PRELUDE

Prayer

Guilmant

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Leader: We will praise you, Lord, as we gather before you with varied thoughts and purposes.

All: Some of us are impatient, and we seek immediate results to our prayers.

Leader: Some of us are doubtful, and we seek further proof of your spiritual power.

All: Some of us are too busy, and we fail to take time to listen for you to speak to us.

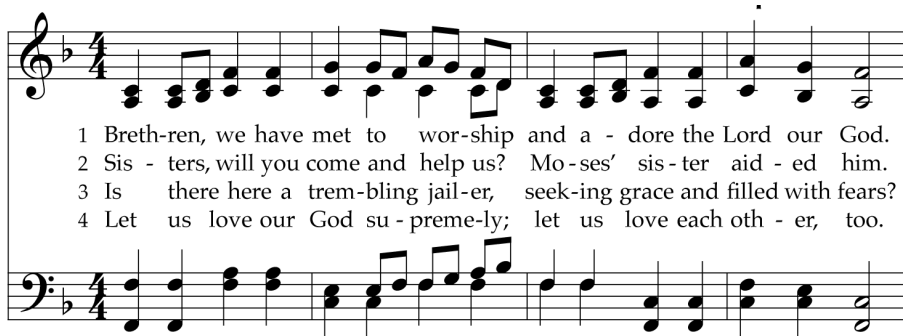
Leader: Some of us are distracted, and we fail to follow in the way of discipleship.

All: With all our varied backgrounds, we come into your presence; unite us in our worship and in a common sense of devotion to you.

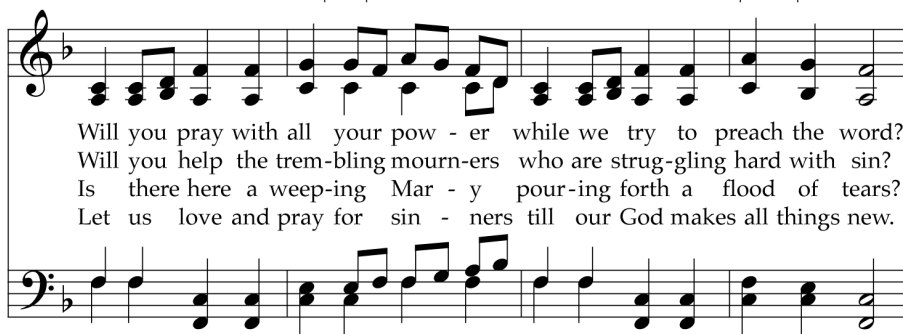
*Please rise in body or spirit. The people's responses are in **bold type**.



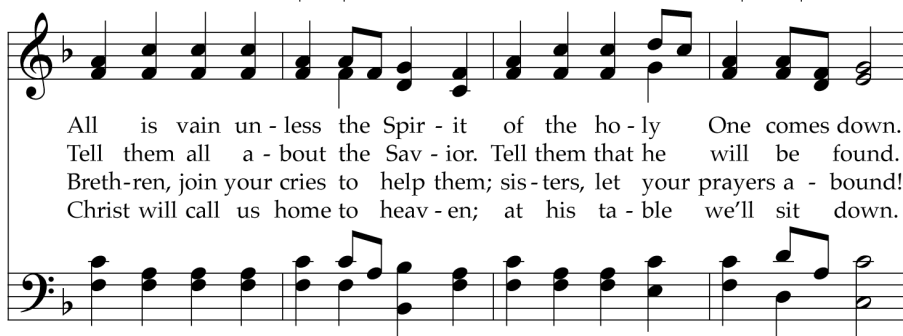
Our sanctuary is equipped with a T-coil hearing loop. Look for the blue sticker on the pews.



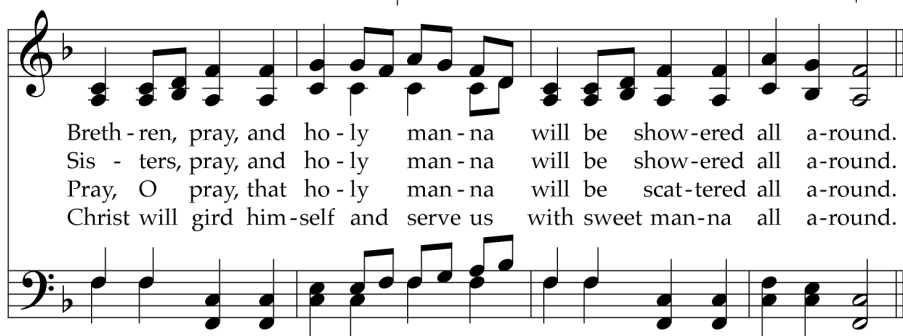
1 Breth-ren, we have met to wor-ship and a - dore the Lord our God.
 2 Sis - ters, will you come and help us? Mo-ses' sis-ter aid - ed him.
 3 Is there here a trem-bling jail-er, seek-ing grace and filled with fears?
 4 Let us love our God su - preme-ly; let us love each oth - er, too.



Will you pray with all your pow - er while we try to preach the word?
 Will you help the trem-bling mourn-ers who are strug-gling hard with sin?
 Is there here a weep-ing Mar - y pour-ing forth a flood of tears?
 Let us love and pray for sin - ners till our God makes all things new.



All is vain un - less the Spir - it of the ho - ly One comes down.
 Tell them all a - bout the Sav - ior. Tell them that he will be found.
 Breth-ren, join your cries to help them; sis - ters, let your prayers a - bound!
 Christ will call us home to heav - en; at his ta - ble we'll sit down.



Breth - ren, pray, and ho - ly man - na will be show-ered all a-round.
 Sis - ters, pray, and ho - ly man - na will be show-ered all a-round.
 Pray, O pray, that ho - ly man - na will be scat-tered all a-round.
 Christ will gird him-self and serve us with sweet man-na all a-round.

This hymn comes out of the early 19th-century southern camp meeting experience, where believers were invited to pray for new converts, often likened to biblical characters such as Paul's jailer (Philippians 1:12-13). As its name shows, the five-note tune was created for this text.

CONFESSION

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

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious and loving God, you lived for us—we have not lived for you. You have forgiven us—we have not forgiven others. You have loved us—we have not loved ourselves nor have we loved one another. Take pity on us and forgive us, God. Help us to forgive. Help us to live for you. Help us to love through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER

*KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy

Schubert

Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy;

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems. The first system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (bass clef). The vocal line begins with a half note 'Lord,' followed by a quarter note 'have', a quarter note 'mer', and a half note 'cy;'. The piano accompaniment provides a harmonic foundation with chords and moving lines. The second system continues the vocal line with 'Christ, have mer - cy;'. The piano accompaniment continues with similar harmonic support. The score is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time.

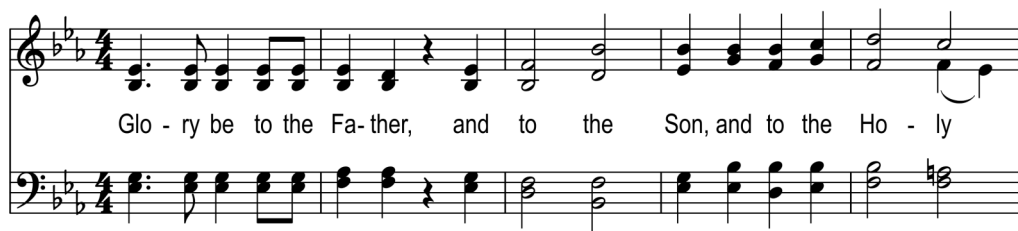
*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: People of God, our sins are forgiven. God is merciful and gracious and is Lord of us all. Reconciled to the God who loves us, let us live and love through Christ our Lord.

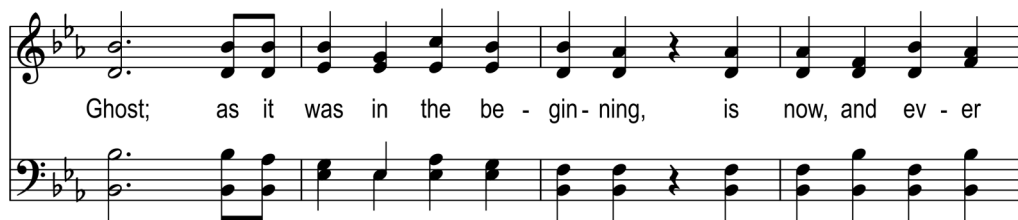
*GLORIA

Glory Be to the Father

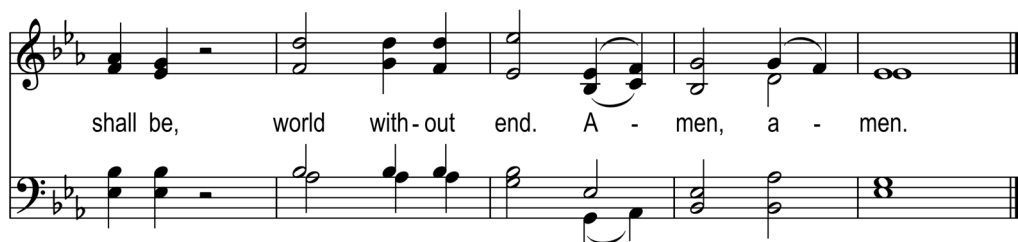
GLORIA PATRI (Creatorex)



Glo - ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly



Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er



shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

(9:30) SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism of George Edmund Pate,
son of Galina Eugenia and Matthew Eldridge Pate.

WEEKLY WONDERING QUESTIONS

Melody Dillon

I wonder, when was the last time you were forgiven?

I wonder, have you ever refused to forgive someone?

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Lynne Savidis

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

FIRST LESSON: Roman 14:7-9

Lynne Savidis

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

PSALM 103:8-13 (NRSV) (unison)

Lynne Savidis

**Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes,
and I will observe it to the end.
Give me understanding, that I may keep your law
and observe it with my whole heart.
Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for I delight in it.
Turn my heart to your decrees
and not to selfish gain.
Turn my eyes from looking at vanities;
be gracious to me according to your word.
Confirm to your servant your promise,
which is for those who fear you.
Turn away the disgrace that I dread,
for your ordinances are good.
See, I have longed for your precepts;
in your righteousness be gracious to me.**

SECOND LESSON: Matthew 18:21-35

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

SERMON

“Sermon Series: The Parables of Matthew”

Rev. John E. Morgan

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 435

There's A Wideness in God's Mercy

IN BABILONE

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy, like the wide-ness
2 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sures

of the sea. There's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice,
of the mind. And the heart of the E-ter-nal

which is more than lib-er-ty. There is no place where earth's
is most won-der-ful-ly kind. If our love were but more

sor-rows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place
faith-ful, we would glad-ly trust God's Word, and our lives re-

where earth's fail-ings have such kind-ly judg-ment given.
flect thanks-giv-ing for the good-ness of our Lord.

The musical score is written for two voices (Soprano and Bass) and piano accompaniment. It features a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is a simple, sturdy Dutch folk tune. The lyrics are arranged in two columns, with the first column corresponding to the Soprano part and the second column to the Bass part. The piano accompaniment consists of a simple harmonic pattern in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand.

These stanzas, excerpted from quite a few more, offer a reminder that the model for our dealings with others should be God's generosity rather than limited human tolerance. The text is effectively set to a broad and sturdy Dutch folk melody, probably from the 17th century.

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

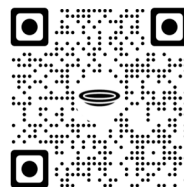
In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

May the Mind of Christ, My Savior

Thaxted
Arr. Mary McDonald

May the mind of Christ, my Savior
Live in me from day to day,
By his love and power controlling
All I do and say.

May the Word of God dwell richly
In my heart from hour to hour
So that all may see I triumph
Only through God's power.

May the love of Jesus fill me
As the waters fill the sea;
Him exalting, self abasing,
This is the victory.

(Anthem continues on the next page.)

May the peace of God my Father
Rule my life in everything,
That I may be calm to comfort
The sick and sorrowing.

May his beauty rest upon me
As I seek the lost to win,
And may they forget the channel,
Seeing only him.

May I run the race before me,
Strong and brave to face the foe,
Looking only unto Jesus
As I onward go.

Amen.

—Kate Barclay Wilkinson (1925)

*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 (one sharp). The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with the bass clef providing harmonic support. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise God, all crea-tures here be-low; praise

God a-bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

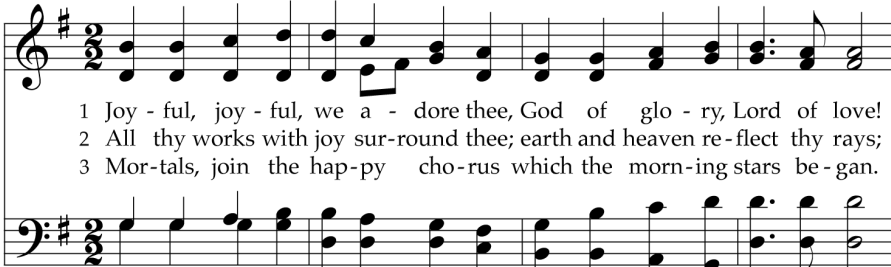
GOING OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

***INVITATION AND THE LORD'S DAY GREETING**

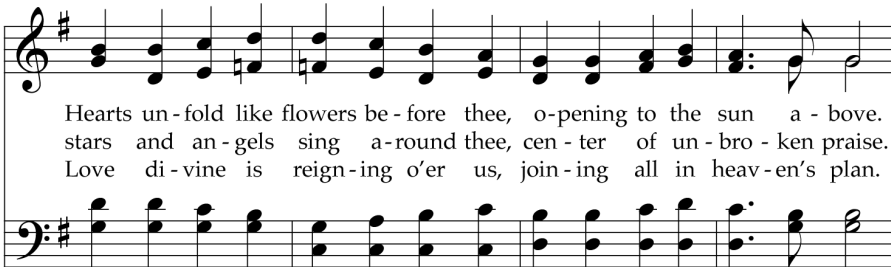
We are glad you are worshipping with us today. If you are joining us online, please remember to 'sign' our online friendship register:

- 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.

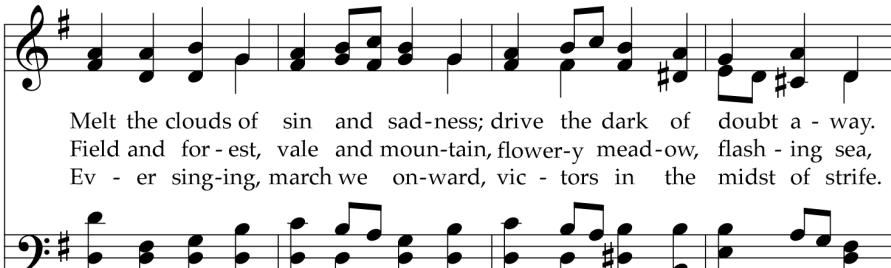




1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee; earth and heaven re-lect thy rays;
 3 Mor-tals, join the hap-py cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan.



Hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, o-pening to the sun a-bove.
 stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.
 Love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us, join-ing all in heav-en's plan.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a-way.
 Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash-ing sea,
 Ev-er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic-tors in the midst of strife.



Giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re-joice in thee.
 Joy-ful mu-sic leads us sun-ward in the tri-umph song of life.

This well-known melody was created to provide a choral setting for J. C. F. von Schiller's poem, "An die Freude" (To Joy), as the final movement of the composer's *Ninth Symphony*. The author, a prominent Presbyterian pastor and author, wrote the words with this tune in mind.

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Fugue “alla Handel”

Guilmant

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 ∞

“May the Mind of Christ, My Savior” is a reflective anthem asking God to let Christ’s love, peace, and beauty control “all I do and say.” Unlike many hymns that petition God to change the world, this prayer focuses entirely on internal transformation. The words are set to a hymn tune written by Gustav Holst, who adapted it from the “Jupiter” symphony of his orchestral suite *The Planets*. The tune is named THAXTED, after the English village where Holst lived, and we know it as “O God, Beyond All Praising.”

∞ THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ∞

The flowers are given today to the glory of God and
in memory of Robin and Greg Sabo’s parents, by Robin Sabo.

✧ THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY ✧

PASTOR

Rev. John E. Morgan, Pastor and Head of Staff

MUSIC MINISTRY

Chris Bechtler, Director of Music

Norman Elton, Organist and Assistant Director of Music

WPC Chancel Choir

LITURGIST

Lynne Savidis

GREETERS

9:30am and 11:00am Cheryl Roettger

USHERS

9:30am Tony Annoni, Kathy Chambers, Rebecca Caprio

11:00am Bob Bolstad, Ruth Cobb, Rebecca Caprio, Patty Yewcic

WEEKLY WONDERING QUESTION

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

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOST

Jim Carey, Abigail Knox, Roy Knox

***WILLIAMSBURG LANDING USHERS**

Godwin & Sylvia Jones, and Ellen Jones

***WINDSOR MEADE USHER**

Ray Whitney and Peter Moriarty

AUDIO AND VIDEO TECHNICIANS

Dick Sahlen and John Schoenberger

*Satellite campuses

≈ WPC'S PURPOSE STATEMENT ≈

*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.*

≈ CHILDREN'S STATEMENT ≈

Children are welcome at WPC! We have Sunday School for all ages at 9:30am and a nursery for children ages 3 and below during both services. 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 ≈

All youth in 6th-12th grade are invited to join us every Sunday evening for WPC Youth Group! We meet from 5:30-7:00pm and enjoy dinner, singing, and a variety of activities from Bible study to Gaga Ball. Youth group resumes on September 13th with a potluck.

High schoolers in 9th-12th grade are invited to join for a midweek Bible study that will resume in October on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:00pm. The date will be announced in the bulletin announcements. Please reach out to Melody Dillon with any questions.

≈ FAMILY STATEMENT ≈

Every 1st Sunday is WPC Family Sunday! During Sunday School, families are invited to gather upstairs in Room 227 for coffee, breakfast treats, and informal conversation and community building. Then, during the 11:00am service, all kids in preschool-5th grade are invited to sit together and help lead the congregation in Embodying the Psalm. The first WPC Family Sunday of the year will be on October 4th.

≈ ADULT STATEMENT ≈

Check out the topics that WPC Adults are exploring this Fall! There are welcoming opportunities to learn, grow, and connect almost every day of the week. Find out more by picking up one of the 'Explore by Topics' booklets in the Welcome Center, back vestibule, or in the Stevenson Hall desk. There is also information at: <https://www.mywpc.org/adults/>

✧ 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 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.
- **The Caregivers Support Group** will meet in room 222 on **August 31, and 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 for this week. During the week, please call the church office.

Pastor-on-Call

Pastor John E. Morgan • jmorgan@mywpc.org • 757-903-7800.

Upcoming Memorial Services for WPC Members and Friends:

- Robin Hellier, who went to be with Our Lord and Savior on Friday, August 21, 2026. A visitation will be held at Nelsen Funeral Home, 3785 Strawberry Plains Rd., Williamsburg, VA 23188, US, on September 11, 2026, from 12:00pm to 1:00pm; light lunch will be served. A funeral service will be held at 1:00pm followed by a committal service at Williamsburg Memorial Park.
- Dorothy Geyer's mother, Lillian Geyer, who went to be with Our Lord and Savior on Monday, August 24 2026. A memorial service is planned for Saturday, November 7, 2026, in our sanctuary followed by a reception.

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.
- The family of Lillian Geyer, mother of Dorothy Geyer..
- The family of Rita Wright

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 🌀

- Associate Paster Pam Hrnair, is spending time with family for the wedding of her eldest daughter, Hannah.
- Sherry Volk, Director of Communications is spending time with family.
- **Usher and Greeter, Coffee Fellowship, and Flower Sharing Sign Ups in Stevenson Hall TODAY.** Are you looking for an opportunity to share your smile and meet new people? Please stop by the tables in Stevenson Hall between services today through Sunday, September 20th to learn more and sign up. Representatives from these ministries will be available to answer your questions. No previous experience necessary and all ages are welcome! Feel free to sign up online from the comfort of your home by going to: mywpc.org/usher; mywpc.org/greeter; mywpc.org/coffee; mywpc.org/flowers; mywpc.org/tutor.
- **The Nomination Committee has begun identifying and proposing candidates for the Elder and Deacon Class of 2030.** The committee welcomes input from the congregation. If you are interested in being considered as an candidate, or would like to propose someone to be considered, please submit your interest or suggestions by Monday, September 21, 2026, to committee moderator Carolyn Morgan at nominating@mywpc.org. Nominations can also be mailed to the church office, 215 Richmond Rd., 23185, or dropped off at the Church office.
- **Blessings Bags are ready for Fall.** As the weather turns cooler, don't forget to take a bag to give to those who struggle with having enough to eat. The bags are available in the Welcome Center, so remember to share our blessings with others.
- **All Ladies of WPC are invited to the PEVA Women's Fall Gathering: *For the Beauty of the Earth Fellowship*, September 19, 2026, 8:30am at Great Bridge Presbyterian Church, 333 Cedar Rd, Chesapeake, VA 23322, USA.** A time of fellowship, continental breakfast, lunch, workshops. \$10.00 at the door. For more information, contact Cindy Bitterman, 757-739-1909.
- **The Path Ahead: Spirituality and Purpose in Later Life.** *What if growing older is not simply about what we lose, but about what God is still calling us to become? The Path Ahead: Spirituality & Purpose in Later Life* challenges stereotypes of aging as a season of decline and invites us instead to see later life as a time of spiritual growth, renewed purpose, and possibility.
Join Pastor Pam for this six-week class beginning September 16 at 1pm in Room 220. Through conversation and contemplative practices, we'll explore how God's call does not retire when we do. Instead, God invites us to adapt, grow, and discover what faithful living can look like in this season of life. Learn more and register: mywpc.org/pathahead. Look for the purple box!
- **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, discussion and a time of fellowship! For more information contact Megan Davis*.

- **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 8:30pm to 2:30pm.** 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!
- **WPC Fall Clean-Out: Finding New Homes for Old Things, Sunday, September 20 during Coffee Fellowship in Stevenson Hall.** We're cleaning out some of WPC's storage spaces and looking for new homes for items we no longer need. Stop by during Coffee Fellowship in Stevenson Hall on September 20 to browse an assortment of surplus flower guild items, office supplies, games, household items and other odds and ends. No prices will be on the items - donate what the item is worth to you. Monies from the sale will go into the general fund of WPC. **Meanwhile, if you have brought something to WPC and forgot to take it home, now is the time to claim it!**
- **FISH Sunday: September 20 is our next FISH food collection day.** WPC has contributed over 700 pounds of food and toiletries to FISH thus far this year. Our donations also contribute to the Williamsburg community's #250FoodDrive, which is a mission – during our semiquincentennial - to collect 250,000 pounds of food to benefit our local food banks, including FISH. That effort ends this month.

FISH currently needs *cold cereals (especially kids cereals); peanut butter and jelly; canned chicken, tuna, and beef stew; canned fruit and vegetables; canned soups; brownie mix; pancake mix and syrup; deodorant; shampoo; toothpaste; feminine hygiene products; diapers (size 4, 5, 6), and laundry detergent (42oz).* Please place your donations in or near the red shopping cart located by the rear entrance. The Outreach Committee thanks you for your generous participation.
- **Older Adults Resource Room Launches September 27.** We are pleased to announce the opening of the Older Adults Resource Room, an initiative of **WPC's Aging on Purpose Ministry**, on September 27, 2026! Stop by the Resource Room, Room 123, across from the Nursery, between services or following 11am worship to take a look, learn more about our vision, and meet the Resource Guides: *Allen Hogge, Nancy Moul, Ann Schulte, Diane Schwarz, and Faith Shartzler.*

The Resource Room has a collection of information on local resources related to lifestyle and housing options, health and safety, financial and legal matters, personal and in-home care, and more. Beginning October 1, 2026, Resource Guides will accept appointments to provide personal assistance for those seeking to plan and prepare for retirement, meet current or emerging needs for care, or address other issues related to aging well. We look forward to your input and collaboration as we seek to care and support one another in the way of Jesus.
- **Be a part of World Communion Sunday.** The Worship Ministry invites you to participate by providing bread that represents your heritage or that is a family favorite. The breads will be assembled into a centerpiece for October 4, 2026. **If you have questions or want to volunteer to provide bread, please contact Ruth Cobb by September 28, 2026.**

- **Send Your Cookies and Prayers to Prison. Showing God's Love in Prison.** In October WPC members will be joining a group of Kairos Prison Ministry Volunteers going to Greenville Correction Center. Their purpose is to remind the prisoners that God loves them.

One of the ways of showing God's love is through cookies. While the cookies aren't God's love, they are a symbol of his love or Agape. The inmates don't realize this at the beginning of the workshop on Thursday morning but they do by Sunday afternoon after four days of talks, discussion and prayers. The Holy Spirit is at work and all who attend see it for themselves.

Cookie Kits, for making 3 dozen include 3-quart freezer bags, special instructions and directions for baking cookies, are available in the Welcome Center. Please stop by and pick up one.

- **On Saturday, September 26, members and friends of WPC are invited to step into a remarkable chapter of Presbyterian—and American—history with a visit to Historic Polegreen Church in Hanover County.** Our day will take us from the story of religious dissent and the struggle for freedom of conscience at Polegreen to Union Presbyterian Seminary, where we'll share lunch and explore the role clergy played in the American Revolution. We'll begin at 11am with a guided visit to Historic Polegreen Church, followed by lunch and a presentation by Pastor John Morgan at Union Presbyterian Seminary.

Participants can travel directly to Polegreen or meet at WPC to carpool or ride the church bus. Carpool and transportation arrangements will be confirmed with participants after signing up. A boxed lunch from Richmond's Garnett's Cafe is \$15 per person; selections will be made when registering. Learn more and register at mywpc.org/polegreen.

***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.

✧ A WARM INVITATION FROM OUR NEIGHBOR ✧

First Baptist Church : At the Heart of the 250th Anniversary Season

- **A Legacy of Faith and Freedom • 1776-2026 • First Baptist Church, 727 Scotland Street**
Thursday, October 8, 6-7pm: Commemorative Spirituals Celebration: An evening celebration honoring the sacred spiritual tradition and the enduring role of music in the congregation's journey of faith and freedom.
- **Unveiling of the African Baptist Meeting House • Nassau Street, Colonial Williamsburg**
Friday, October 9, 9-10am: Gather for the unveiling and dedication of the newly constructed African Baptist Meeting House and sacred burial ground at the congregation's original Nassau Street place of worship.
- **250th Anniversary Worship Service • First Baptist Church, 727 Scotland Street**
Sunday, October 11, 11am: A spirit-filled and unforgettable worship service with Rev. Dr. Reginald F. Davis delivering a message of determination, resilience, and hope.

For more information, visit <https://firstbaptistchurch1776.org/250th-anniversary/#fbc250-weekend-schedule>

∞ THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF EVENTS ∞

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

- 9:30am Nursery open during both worship services
9:30am Sunday School for Children, Youth and Adults / CE Wing and Lower Level
9:30am In-person Worship / Sanctuary • *Live-Stream Worship; visit mywpc.org to access*
10:30am Coffee Fellowship Hour / Stevenson Hall
11:00am In-person Worship / Sanctuary • *Listen at FM93.5 The Burg.com*
5:30pm WPC Youth Group / Rm 227

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

- 1:00pm Presbyterian Women's Circle 3-Miriam / Rm 220
1:00pm Caregiver Support Grp / Rm 222
5:00pm Christian Education Ministry Mtg / Rm 227

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

- 10:00am Tuesday Bible Study / Rm 220
1:00pm Staff Mtg / Zoom
5:30pm CE Children's Subcommittee / Rm 227
6:30pm UKirk Dinner & Dialogue / Stevenson Hall and Kitchen
7:00pm AA Williamsburg Big Book Study / LL009 and LL049

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

- 1:00pm The Path Ahead Short Course / Rm 220
5:00pm Nominating Committee Mtg / Rm 220
6:00pm Joyful Ringers Rehearsal / Bell Rm
6:30pm Facilities Ministry Mtg / Stevenson Hall
7:00pm Administration Ministry Mtg / Rm 220
7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Rm

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

- 9:00am Sanctuary Cleaning
4:30pm Outreach Tutoring Committee / Rm 220
4:30pm Carol Choir and Junior Choir Rehearsal / Children's Choir Rm
5:00pm Christian Outreach Ministry Mtg / Rm LL010
7:30pm Westminster Ringers Rehearsal / Bell Rm Lower Level

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

∞ NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP ∞

SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

Pastor John E. Morgan continues a 4-week sermon series on the Parables.

"The Parables of the Vineyard Workers" is based on Matthew 20:1-16.