

WILLIAMSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

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



PRAYER FOR PREPARATION

Generous God, you come to us again and again, no matter how late it is in the day or in our lives. Calling to us, gathering us in, you give us your good work to do, daily bread, and boundless grace. Increase in us a generous spirit so that we may do your work with joy alongside others whom you also love. In Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

THE GATHERING
PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Jeff Teucke

MINUTE FOR MISSION: Tutoring

Linda Eaton

PRELUDE

This Is the Day
Carol Choir and Junior Choir

Mark Burrows

Refrain:

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

(Anthem continues on the next page.)

*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.

This is a day for worship,
This is a day for song,
A day to praise our gracious Lord,
Who loves us all life long. (Refrain)

This is a day for sharing,
This is a day for prayer,
A day to talk with one who listens,
The one who's always there. (Refrain) \

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Leader: Whether we embrace God's call in our lives or try to avoid it,

All: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Leader: Whether we are longtimers or latecomers in the life of faith,

All: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Leader: Whether our lives in Christ are comfortable or bring hardship,

**All: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
We praise God's name forever and ever!**

1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will be done.
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.

For the gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will be done.
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.

For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de -
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con -

sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 spair - ing, in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will be done.
 found us, most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Originally called "Harvest Hymn," this text is much more comprehensive than that title implies. It also deals with stewardship, thanksgiving, and God's endless gifts that continue to astound us. It is set to a familiar Welsh tune whose name means "throughout the night."

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: Because we do not always live our lives in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, we confess before God and one another our sins and shortcomings.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of abundant goodness, we confess that we want your grace for ourselves but often do not extend it to others. We judge the efforts and motives of others while ignoring the faults of our own. Forgive us, we pray, when we let jealousy overtake us. Forgive us, we pray, when we are petty even in the presence of your generosity. Forgive us, we pray, when we feel slighted by you. May we ask once again for your mercy? Will you help us to be more merciful toward one another? We pray in the name of Christ Jesus, by whose grace we are saved. Amen.

*A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER

*KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy

Schubert

The musical score is written for a vocal part and piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The vocal line is in the treble clef, and the piano accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy." The score consists of two systems of music. The first system covers the first two lines of the lyrics, and the second system covers the last two lines. The piano accompaniment features a steady, rhythmic pattern of eighth and sixteenth notes, providing a harmonic foundation for the vocal melody.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: God extends to us mercy beyond our deserving, grace beyond our ability to earn it. Believe the good news of the gospel, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*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 Henry Patteson Schmidt,
Catherine McKay Schmidt, and William O'Neil Schmidt,
children of Elizabeth Anne Schmidt, and Matthew McKay Schmidt.

WEEKLY WONDERING QUESTIONS

Laura Bechtler

I wonder, why do you think the man paid every person the same amount?

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Jeff Teucke

Let the wisdom of your Word rain down on us like manna and feed us, that we may be strengthened to do the work to which we are called, for the glory and honor of your name.
Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Philippians 1:21-26

Jeff Teucke

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

PSALM 145:1-8 (NRSV) (responsive)

Jeff Teucke

Leader: I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.

**All: Every day I will bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.**

Leader: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;
his greatness is unsearchable.

**All: One generation shall extol your works to another
and shall declare your mighty acts.**

Leader: They will recount the glorious splendor of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works I will meditate.

**All: They will proclaim the might of your awesome deeds,
and I will declare your greatness.**

Leader: They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

**All: The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

SECOND LESSON: Matthew 20:1-16

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

SERMON

Sermon Series:

Rev. John E. Morgan

“The Parable of the Vineyard Workers”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 42

Your Faithfulness, O Lord, Is Sure

WINCHESTER NEW

1 Your faith - ful - ness, O Lord, is sure in
2 The eyes of all are fixed on you; by
3 Lord, you are just in all your ways, and
4 My mouth shall speak your praise, O Lord; my

all your words, your gra - cious deeds; you gen - tly lift all
you their wants are all sup - plied; your o - pen hand is
kind in ev - ery - thing you do; for - ev - er near you
soul shall bless your ho - ly name; let all things liv - ing

bur - dened souls and well pro - vide for all our needs.
boun - ti - ful and ev - ery soul is sat - is - fied.
stand to hear and help all those who call on you.
join the song of praise, from age to age the same.

This paraphrase of verses from the latter part of Psalm 145 celebrates God's providential care for all creation, especially for those in any need or trouble. This anonymous German tune was apparently introduced to English hymnody by John Wesley in a 1742 music collection.

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

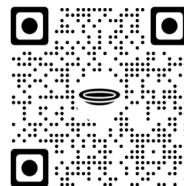
We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

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

Jesus Christ the Apple Tree

Elizabeth Poston
arr. Carl Schalk

The tree of life my soul hath seen,
Laden with fruit and always green;
The tree of life my soul hath seen,
Laden with fruit and always green:
The trees of nature fruitless be
Compared with Christ the apple tree.

His beauty doth all things excel;
By faith I know, but ne'er can tell,
His beauty doth all things excel;
By faith I know, but ne'er can tell
The glory which I now can see
In Jesus Christ the apple tree.

(Anthem continues on the next page.)

For happiness I long have sought,
 And pleasure dearly I have bought;
 For happiness I long have sought,
 And pleasure dearly I have bought:
 I missed of all; but now I see
 'Tis found in Christ the apple tree.

I'm weary with my former toil,
 Here I will sit and rest a while;
 I'm weary with my former toil,
 Here I will sit and rest a while:
 Under the shadow I will be
 Of Jesus Christ the apple tree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive,
 It keeps my dying faith alive;
 This fruit doth make my soul to thrive,
 It keeps my dying faith alive;
 Which makes my soul in haste to be
 With Jesus Christ the apple tree.

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise

God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

GOING OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

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

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

- Click on the *Welcome to WPC!* Click here to sign the Friendship Register banner at the top of the website page
- Visit mywpc.org/friendship or scan the QR code at the right to access the online friendship register.



*HYMN 65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

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.

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehova

Manz

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

≈ TODAY'S MUSIC NOTE ≈

This morning's prelude is a brief composition by Anton Reicha, a composer and theorist who lived in France after being born in Prague and educated in Bavaria. His life and music is not widely known today, but he served as a teacher to later composers including Liszt, Berlioz, and Franck. This particular selection takes the shape of a palindrome, an obscure form of music that reads the same forwards and backwards. It was chosen today as a nod to our parable, where the first shall be last and the last shall be first.

Intrigued? Refer to the "crab canon" movement from J. S. Bach's *Musical Offering*, a virtuosic masterpiece written in response to a musical challenge from Frederick The Great. Modern composer John Adams also used the palindrome form in his 40-minute composition *Become Ocean*, inspired by the oceans of the Pacific Northwest. Both examples are readily available on YouTube.

≈ THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ≈

The flowers are given today to the glory of God and
in memory of her husband, Phillip Trimble, by Pat Trimble.

⌘ THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY ⌘

PASTOR

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

Rev. Pam Hrnir, Associate Pastor

MUSIC MINISTRY

Chris Bechtler, Director of Music

Norman Elton, Organist and Assistant Director of Music

WPC Chancel Choir

LITURGIST

Jeff Teucke

GREETERS

9:30am Harley Stewart, Janie Cortina

11:00am Patty Yewcic, Elizabeth Padgett

USHERS

9:30am Matthew Underwood, Pat Underwood, Karen Lauritzen, David Littell

11:00am Mike Hawley, Donna Powell, Rebecca Caprio

WEEKLY WONDERING QUESTION

Laura Bechtler

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOST

Steve Young, Jackie Spiegel, John Spiegel

***WILLIAMSBURG LANDING USHERS**

Bill & Janice McGuire, and William McGuire.

***WINDSOR MEADE USHER**

Ray Whitney and Peter Moriarty

AUDIO AND VIDEO TECHNICIANS

Matt Slack 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 with a potluck has resumed on.

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. For more information or questions, contact Becky McKinley*
- **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. For more information or questions, contact Pastor Pam, phrncir@mywpc.org
- **The Caregivers Support Group** weekly meetings are held on Tuesday at 1pm in room 222 on the second level. For more information or questions, contact Rita Cooper*

✧ 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 Pam Hrncir • phrncir@mywpc.org • 757-508-4668.

Upcoming Memorial Services for WPC Members and Friends:

- 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
- The family of Robin Hellier

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 🌀

- **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.
- **WPC Fall Clean-Out TODAY 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!**
- **What's Cooking?!? Your cooking time and talents can bring a smile and nourishment to the soul and tummies of our college UKirk students at their Tuesday Dinner and Dialogues!**

This year it's even easier to participate. You can sign up to provide part of the dinner – an entrée, salad, a side or a dessert - for the group. Gather friends, join with a group, or jump in solo. Your time and talent are warmly welcomed! There's even the added benefit as volunteers are invited to stay, eat, and spend some time getting to know our wonderful students during dinner.

Look for the direct sign-up link in the WPC weekly Looking Ahead email or you may connect through Sign Up Genius at this link for WPC UKirk Dinners:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0445A5AD23A7F5C07-64548435-ukirk#/>

Thank you for being a part of an amazing year of shared faith and fellowship with our William & Mary students!

- **Help wanted to greet or usher for one or more Open Door concerts in the coming season.** Easy hours - a Sunday, 3:15-6pm and free admission to the free concert. See the Open Door Concert schedule at www.mywpc.org/concerts. Contact Dick Hubbard* or Tom Bozek*
- **The Women's Thank Luncheon will be on Thursday, October 8 at 11am.** Our guest speaker is Rev. Dr. Melissa (Lissa) Sumner Long, General Presbyter of the Presbyterian of Eastern Virginia. The cost for the lunch is \$ 8. Please sign up on Sunday at church or e-mail Lynn Curtin*
- **The Nominating 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.
- **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.

Location Change: Join Pastor Pam for this six-week class beginning September 16 at 1pm in Stevenson Hall. 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!

- **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 Shartzer*.

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.

- **Your Family can be a part of World Communion Sunday. How?** Whether you bake or not, your family probably has a favorite bread. Maybe it is Wonder Bread, bagels, English muffins, or maybe it is something you make at home - whatever it is, YOU are invited to share it with your WPC FAMILY on October 4, 2026. The breads will be assembled into a centerpiece for all to see. If you have questions or want to volunteer to provide bread, please contact Ruth Cobb* by September 28.
- **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.

- **Save the Date:** Planning has begun for the 9th Annual HART Multifaith Thanksgiving Service. Join is for this Williamsburg community tradition, held at **Walsingham Academy, Sunday, November 22, 7pm.** HART, the Historic Area Religions Together, brings together people of all faiths and backgrounds to celebrate and give thanks.

***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 20 • FISH SUNDAY

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 • <i>Live-Stream Worship; visit mywpc.org to access</i>
9:30am	Short Course: Why is Jesus Revolutionary? / LL049
10:30am	Coffee Fellowship Hour / Stevenson Hall
10:30am	Floral Guild Sale / Stevenson Hall
11:00am	In-person Worship / Sanctuary • <i>Listen at FM93.5 The Burg.com</i>
12:00pm	UKirk Family Lunch / Stevenson Hall
5:30pm	WPC Youth Group / Rm 227

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

1:00pm	Caregiver Support Grp / Rm 222
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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

10:00am	Tuesday Bible Study / Rm 220
1:00pm	Staff Mtg / Zoom
5:30pm	Resources Ministry Mtg / Rm 220
6:30pm	UKirk Dinner & Dialogue / Stevenson Hall and Kitchen
7:00pm	AA Williamsburg Big Book Study / LL009 and LL049

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

7:30am	Bible & Bacon Study / Stevenson Hall
9:30am	Presbyterian Women's Coordinating Team Mtg / Rm 220
10:30am	WPC Library Committee / Church Library
1:00pm	Short Course: The Path Ahead / Stevenson Hall
5:00pm	Nominating Committee Mtg / Rm 220
6:00pm	Joyful Ringers Rehearsal / Bell Rm
7:30pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Rm

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

9:00am	Sanctuary Cleaning
4:30pm	Carol Choir and Junior Choir Rehearsal / Children's Choir Rm
7:00pm	Session Mtg / Stevenson Hall
7:30pm	Westminster Ringers Rehearsal / Bell Rm Lower Level

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

11:00am	Religious Freedom Polegreen Church Field Trip / Off-Site Location: Hanover County, VA
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✧ NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP ✧

SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

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

"The Parables of Two Sons" is based on Matthew 21:23-32.