



WILLIAMSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 4, 2026

Greater Love

“No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”



PRAYER FOR PREPARATION

Holy God, Maker of heaven and earth, out of your great love for the world you sent us your beloved Son—but we sent him to his death. Have mercy on us, O Lord; forgive us, renew us, restore us so that we may be the people of your vineyard and bear good fruit for your holy realm; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE GATHERING
PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Kathy Young

MINUTE FOR MISSION: Stewardship: Greater Love

Pete Osman

PRELUDE

Meditation on *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Fey

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Leader: The heavens declare the glory of God!

All: The skies proclaim God’s handiwork.

Leader: The day pronounces God’s glory without a sound,

All: the night expounds God’s knowledge without a word,

Leader: and yet their voice goes out through all the earth.

**All: Let us join our voices with the voice of creation
in declaring God’s glory!**

*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 Come, great God of all the a - ges; make your earth - ly
 2 Come, Christ Je - sus, flesh and spir - it, sure foun - da - tion,
 3 Come, great Spir - it, in and with us, tune our ears to
 4 Come, O come, in cel - e - bra - tion, house - hold of the

mis - sion known; speak through ev - ery deed and per - son;
 cor - ner - stone; help us form the church e - ter - nal;
 hear your call; through the mov - ing of your pres - ence,
 one true God; in com - mit - ment and re - joic - ing

let your way and will be shown. Guide the church to true com -
 may your vi - sion be our own. Send a mes - sage to each
 let re - deem - ing love re - call min - is - try in ded - i -
 let us go where Christ has trod; as we act in faith and

mit - ment; give di - rec - tion now, we ask; fit us for the
 fol - lower; lead all peo - ple to your way; urge us to strong
 ca - tion, love em - bod - ied in our deeds; chal - lenge us to
 rev - erence, let us, Lord, the fu - ture see; place us in the

work of build - ing; ded - i - cate us to the task.
 faith and ac - tion as we build the church to - day.
 do your bid - ding, see your pur - pose, fill all needs.
 church tri - um - phant, now and for e - ter - ni - ty.

This text was written in 1987 for the capital cornerstone campaign of the National Presbyterian Church in Washington, DC. It is set here to a mid-20th-century tune created in wartime England to replace a Haydn tune tainted by Nazi associations.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: Whatever good we may have done is nothing compared to the righteousness of Christ. Whatever wrong we may have done is nothing compared to the grace of God. With faith in Christ's righteousness and confidence in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Holy God, we do not understand why you keep on loving us. We hurt our loved ones. We turn our backs on need. We seek revenge for petty wrongs in petty ways. We do not understand why you keep on loving us. Yet even as we speak these words, we know your presence and your love. We are sorry, O God, for we know that sins against one another are sins against you. Make us strong and tender, we pray, that we may live more as you would have us live. Amen.

*A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER

*KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy

Schubert

The musical score is written for a vocal soloist and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The first system consists of two staves. The vocal staff begins with a half note D4, followed by a quarter note E4, a half note F#4, and a quarter note G4. The piano accompaniment consists of a half note D3, a quarter note E3, a half note F#3, and a quarter note G3. The lyrics 'Lord, have mer - cy;' are written under the vocal staff. The second system also consists of two staves. The vocal staff begins with a half note A4, followed by a quarter note B4, a half note C5, and a quarter note B4. The piano accompaniment consists of a half note D3, a quarter note E3, a half note F#3, and a quarter note G3. The lyrics 'Christ, have mer - cy;' are written under the vocal staff. The third system consists of two staves. The vocal staff begins with a half note D5, followed by a quarter note C5, a half note B4, and a quarter note A4. The piano accompaniment consists of a half note D3, a quarter note E3, a half note F#3, and a quarter note G3. The lyrics 'Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.' are written under the vocal staff. The score ends with a double bar line.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Our salvation does not depend on anything we have done, but comes from the grace of God alone through faith in Jesus Christ. This is the good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

*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.

The image shows a musical score for a Gloria Patri. It consists of three systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system covers the first line of lyrics, the second system covers the second line, and the third system covers the third line. The music is written in a simple, accessible style, likely for a church choir or congregation.

WEEKLY WONDERING QUESTION

(9:30) Laura Bechtler

(11:00) Melody Dillon

I wonder, what do you do when things are hard and confusing?

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Kathy Young

God of all wisdom, give us your Word and send us your Spirit so that we may know Christ.
Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Philippians 3:4b-14

(9:30) Kathy Young

(11:00) Sarah Lowekamp

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

Thanks be to God!

PSALM 19 (ICB) (unison)

Kathy Young

(11:00) EMBODYING PSALM 19 (ICB)

Rebecca Elton

WPC Children and Congregation

The heavens tell the glory of God.

And the skies announce what his hands have made.

Day after day they tell the story.

Night after night they tell it again.

They have no speech or words.

They don't make any sound to be heard.

But their message goes out through all the world.

It goes everywhere on earth.

The Lord's teachings are perfect.

They give new strength.

The Lord's rules can be trusted.

They make plain people wise.

The Lord's orders are right.

They make people happy.

They are worth more than gold,

even the purest gold.

They are sweeter than honey,

even the finest honey.

SECOND LESSON: Matthew 21: 33-46

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 Owner's Son"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 515

I Come with Joy

DOVE OF PEACE



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
2 I come with Chris-tians far and near to find, as all are
3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call, in
fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
Christ's com-mu - nion bread, in Christ's com-mu - nion bread.
strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text affirms that Christian unity is not achievement but gift, one renewed each time we gather for the Lord's Supper. Each of us enters as an "I" and leaves as part of "we." The unadorned language of this text is well matched to the simple shape note tune that sets it here.

TEXT: Brian Wren, 1968; rev. 1993
MUSIC: American folk melody; arr. Austin C. Lovelace, 1977
Text © 1971, rev. 1995 Hope Publishing Company
Music Arr. © 1977 Hope Publishing Company

DOVE OF PEACE
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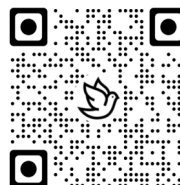
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED (unison)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. 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

Teach Me, O Lord

Thomas Attwood (1765-1838)

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes;
And I shall keep it unto the end.

—Psalm 119:33

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

Musical notation for the Doxology, consisting of two systems of staves. Each system has a treble and bass staff joined by a brace. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are written below the staves.

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

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Williamsburg Presbyterian Church welcomes all who believe in Jesus Christ to share the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper with us today. We receive the elements by means of intinction, taking a piece of bread and dipping it into the cup. For those who desire an individual serving, regular or gluten free, they will be on a table in front of the baptismal font and on the small tables located in the balcony. If you are seated on the main floor of the sanctuary, you are invited to come forward to the chancel area by way of the center aisle and return to your pews by the side aisle. If you are sitting in the balcony, an usher will guide you to the sacrament. If you are unable to come forward easily, please signal to one of the ushers or elders so the communion elements can be brought to your seat.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor: Eternal God...

LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE MEAL

COMMUNION ANTHEM

As We Gather at Your Table

K. Lee Scott (b. 1950)

As we gather at your table, as we listen to your word,
Help us know, O God, your presence: let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own;
Teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's victory known.
Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life;
Send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is strife.

(Anthem continues on the next page.)

Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave;
May we still behold your image in the world you died to save.

Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that feast
Where triumphant Love will welcome those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us, nor will pride our peace destroy,
As we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

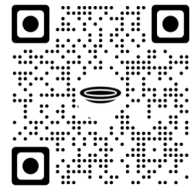
God of glory, in this holy feast you have made us one with Christ and with that great multitude of the faithful. Lead us in the paths of righteousness and guide us to the springs of living water of life, until we join the choir of the redeemed, singing: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb: Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

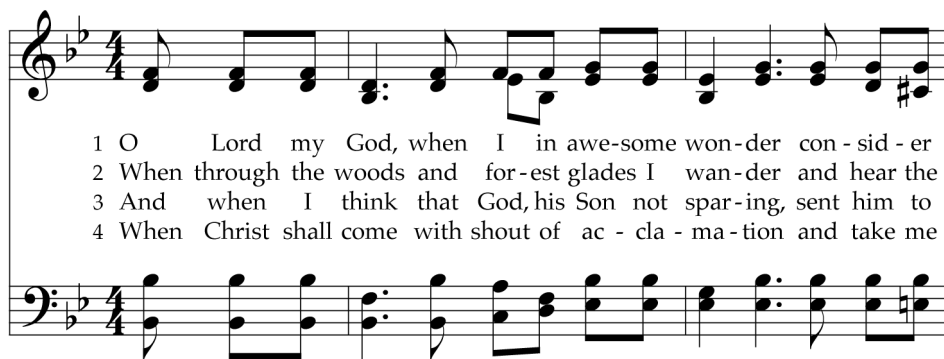
GOING OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

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

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

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





1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der con-sid-er
 2 When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der and hear the
 3 And when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing, sent him to
 4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion and take me



all the *worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I
 birds sing sweet-ly in the trees, when I look down from
 die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross, my
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then *I shall bow in



hear the *roll-ing thun-der, thy power through-out the
 loft-y moun-tain gran-deur and hear the brook and
 bur-den glad-ly bear-ing, he bled and died to
 hum-ble ad-o-ra-tion, and there pro-claim, "My

**Author's original words are "works," "mighty," and "shall I bow."*

(Hymn continues on the next page.)

This tuneful retelling of the salvation story began in Swedish and was translated into German and then into Russian before reaching its English form. Despite such linguistic and musical revisions, it continues to be a meaningful source of comfort to many people.

u - ni - verse dis - played:
 feel the gen - tle breeze: Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to
 take a - way my sin: God, how great thou art!"

thee: How great thou art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my
 Sav - ior God, to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art!

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

arr. Payne

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.

❧ WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY ❧

We celebrate World Communion Sunday today with breads made by members of our WPC Family. Covering the communion table is an indigo cloth from India donated by *Sue and Denny Yeingst*. The breads represent family heritage or family favorites and have been baked by *Nancy Hubbard, Karen Lauritzen, Laura Osman, and Mike Savidis*. Thank you for making this Sunday even more meaningful for our WPC Family.

❧ TODAY'S MUSIC NOTE ❧

Thomas Attwood was organist at St. Paul's Cathedral in London when he wrote our offertory anthem in 1797. He was a favorite student of Mozart and later in life was a friend of Felix Mendelssohn. Attwood composed many operas, anthems, and glees, and "Teach Me, O Lord" is his most well-known work today.

"As We Gather at Your Table" is a Trinitarian prayer to feel God's presence, Jesus' compassion, and the love of the Holy Spirit. Composer K. Lee Scott is a teacher, church musician, and composer from Birmingham, Alabama. He has published over 300 compositions, and his hymns have appeared in many hymnals, including ours (no. 226, "There in God's Garden").

❧ THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ❧

The flowers are given today to the glory of God and in memory of long time WPC member Robert H. Cropp, by his wife, Gloria Cropp, and their sons Jeffery, Gregory, David, Kevin and Brian.

⌘ 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

9:30am Kathy Young

11:00am Sarah Lowekamp

GREETERS

9:30am Bill Riffer, Molly Lawrence

11:00am Jim Marshburn, Jim Winthrop

USHERS

9:30am Matthew Underwood, Pat Underwood, Rebecca Caprio, Bruce Graham

11:00am Penny Marshburn, Shanna Due, Nate Green, Rebecca Caprio

WEEKLY WONDERING QUESTION

9:30am Laura Bechtler

11:00am Melody Dillon

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOST

Jim Carey, Ford Moseley, Skip Perry

***WILLIAMSBURG LANDING USHERS AND COMMUNION SERVERS**

Dick Sahlen, Ric Cheston, Linda Eichhorn

***WINDSOR MEADE USHER**

Ray Whitney and Peter Moriarty

WINDSOR MEADE COMMUNION SERVERS

Happy & Ralph Simmons

AUDIO AND VIDEO TECHNICIANS

Roy Knox, Dave McLain, Charles Starr

*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.

High schoolers in 9th-12th grade are invited to join a midweek Bible study held on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:00pm. 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 church year will be on October 4th, World Communion Sunday.

≈ 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 Hrnrcir • phrnrcir@mywpc.org • 757-508-4668.

The WPC Family extends its deepest Christian sympathy and prayers to:

- Barbara Lowden and family on the death of her husband, John Lowden, went to be with Our Lord and Savior on Saturday, 26, 2026. A Memorial Service will be held at a later date.

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 Stowe, 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 continue to pray for:

- Mary Jo Siclari, Bob Gustafson, 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 ⌘

***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.

- Pam Hrcir, Associate Pastor, is spending time with family through Monday, October 5, 2026.
- **PLEASE READ: We all know parking at WPC can be a challenge!** We are grateful to our neighbors at Williamsburg Baptist Church, who generously allow us to use the middle spaces in their parking lot on Wednesdays for those attending Pastor Pam's Short Course, The Path Ahead. **Please remember that this parking is available only on Wednesdays for the Short Course and is not available to us at any other time.** Please help us be good neighbors by leaving their parking lot open for their congregation on Sundays. Thank you for your cooperation and for helping us maintain a good relationship with our neighbors!
- **Presbyterian Women's Fall Luncheon and Thank Offering: "It All Started with a Children's Sermon."** Join us for the PW annual Fall Luncheon and Thank Offering on **Thursday, October 8 at 11am.** Rev. Dr. Melissa (Lissa) Sumner Long, General Presbyter of the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia, is our guest speaker. Enjoy a delicious lunch and wonderful fellowship in Stevenson Hall—all for just \$8! Come hungry, bring a friend, and enjoy this special time together. **Sign up by Sunday, October 4 using the online form at mywpc.org/pw-fall, or paper forms in the Welcome Lobby and during coffee fellowship.** Questions? Contact Lynn Curtin.*
- **All WPC Families and UKirk students are invited to gather on Tuesday, October 6 for a "Happy Un-Birthday Service Project Party!"** Starting at 5pm, children and students will participate in a service project to pack birthday boxes containing everything a family would need to recognize a special birthday. The boxes will be donated to Grove Christian Outreach Center. Once the boxes are packed, everyone is welcome to stay for dinner! RSVPs are required so we can ensure that we have enough for everyone, please sign up at mywpc.org/unbirthday. Contact Melody Dillon (mdillon@mywpc.org) or Caroline Johnston (cjohnston@mywpc.org) with questions.
- **Fall Town Hall Meeting: Saturday, October 10, 10am to noon in Stevenson Hall.** Mark your calendar and plan to join us for our Fall Town Hall! We'll begin with a time for representatives from our various ministries to share brief updates and communications. Then we'll enjoy a fun "community-building" activity designed to bring us together and strengthen our connections as a church family. We hope you'll join us!
- **Help wanted to greet or usher for one or more Open Door concerts, and especially the Tuba Skinny concert on October 18.** Easy hours - a Sunday 3:15pm - 6pm, and enjoy a fabulous foot tappin' concert. See the Open Door Concert schedule at www.mywpc.org/concerts. Contact Dick Hubbard* or Tom Bozek* for more information

- **Our annual Trunk or Treat Fall Festival will be back on Sunday, October 25, 2026, from 4:30 -6:30pm!** Everyone is invited to come out that night for Trunk or Treating, pumpkin decorating, face painting, glitter tattoos, popcorn, hot dogs, hot cocoa, and a giant inflatable obstacle course! We need LOTS of help to make this event a success. You can sign up to host a trunk or to be a general volunteer helping with crowd control and additional activities. **We also encourage everyone to donate candy! Last year we actually ran out of candy, so this is a huge need!** Candy can be donated to the bin in the front office. You can find all the information and signups at mywpc.org/trunk.
- **The WPC Book Club will meet on Monday, October 26, at 2 pm in Room 220 (and on Zoom) to discuss *The Correspondent*, by Virginia Evans.**
- **WPC Prayer Chain:** Looking for a simple way to become more involved in the life of our church? **Consider joining the WPC Prayer Chain.** Each week, you will receive an email with the names of people who need prayer. Simply pray for them as often and for as long as the Lord directs. It's that easy! **Prayer requests and names are confidential and are to be shared only with God.**
To join this important ministry, email Jo Ann Youhas* with your name, phone number, and email address. If you have questions, please contact Jo Ann. We welcome you to this meaningful ministry of prayer!.
- **Fluvanna Prison Christmas Gifts:** For the 6th year, WPC Women are collecting 5 prescribed gift items for the inmates of the Fluvanna Correctional Center for Women. Giving these simple personal items sends the women a message that someone cares – God cares - about them, even though they have made mistakes. There are two ways members of the congregation can join us: by monetary donations (cash in an envelope designated for Fluvanna or check made out to WPC with Fluvanna on the memo line) or by contributing the requested items to the box designated for Fluvanna in the Welcome Center. **Cash/check is due by October 18 and actual items are due by October 23. The prison is very strict and set limits cannot be exceeded. They are:**
 - ⇒ **One toothbrush (in its original container)**
 - ⇒ **6 oz toothpaste (in its original container)**
 - ⇒ **18 oz shampoo**
 - ⇒ **18 oz body lotion (we usually can't find more than 10-12 oz)**
 - ⇒ **2.6 oz stick deodorant (Walmart Suave is the best bet)**

Travel size items will not be accepted. This program has been so meaningful to recipients that, after release, many have encouraged their churches to participate. If you have questions, contact Pat Underwood*.
- **Save the Date:** Planning has begun for the 9th Annual HART Multifaith Thanksgiving Service. Join us 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.

✧ **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, OCTOBER 4

- 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, OCTOBER 5

- 1:00pm Caregiver Support Grp / Rm 222
5:30pm Christian Education Ministry Mtg / Rm 227

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6

- 10:00am Tuesday Bible Study / Rm 220
1:00pm In-person Staff Mtg / Stevenson Hall
2:00pm PW Circle 10 - Priscilla / Off-site (Contact Judy Austin for location.)
5:00pm Happy Unbirthday / Stevenson Hall
6:30pm UKirk Dinner & Dialogue / Stevenson Hall and Kitchen
7:00pm AA Williamsburg Big Book Study / LL009 and LL049
7:00pm Earth Care Committee / Library and Zoom

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

- 10:00am Finding Hope Grief Support Grp / Rm 227
10:30am WPC Library Committee / Church Library
1:00pm Short Course: The Path Ahead / Stevenson Hall
5:00pm Nominating Committee / Rm 220
6:00pm Joyful Ringers Rehearsal / Bell Rm
7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Rm

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

- 9:00am Sanctuary Cleaning
11:00am Presbyterian Women's Annual Fall Luncheon / Stevenson Hall
4:30pm Carol Choir and Junior Choir Rehearsal / Children's Choir Rm
5:00pm Worship Ministry Mtg / LL010
7:00pm Diaconate Mtg / Stevenson Hall
7:30pm Westminster Ringers Rehearsal / Bell Rm Lower Level

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

- 9:30am PW Circle 7 - Elizabeth / Rm 220

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

- 10:00am WPC Fall Town Hall Mtg / Stevenson Hall

⌘ NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP ⌘

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Pastor Pam Hrcir's sermon, "People are Watching," is based on Philippians 4:1-9.