

Williamsburg Presbyterian Church
Communion Sunday • Family Sunday
23rd Sunday after Pentecost
All Saints' Day • November 1, 2026

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

PRAYER FOR PREPARATION

In life and in death you bless us, O God. When trouble overwhelms us, you save us. When sorrow overtakes us, you comfort us. When death overcomes us, you overcome death and raise us to new life. You promise us joy everlasting and, even now, give us glad hope and glimpses of your realm, which is to come when Christ makes all things new. For calling us your children and bestowing upon us such great love, we give you thanks, in Jesus' name. Amen.

THE GATHERING
PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

Greeting and Announcements

Concerns of the Church Mike Smith

Prelude In Paradisum Daniel-Lesur

Call to Worship (responsive)

Leader: Today is a day that is held in tension.
All: We are surrounded by the past yet looking toward the future.
Leader: A past that reminds us of the blessings and presence of God with us in joys as well as in sorrow.

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*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.

All: **And a future filled with promises.**
Leader: A future when death and mourning and crying and pain will be no more.
All: **And God proclaims, "See, I am making all things new."**
Leader: Today we worship the one who was, is and is to come.
All: **Let us worship in word, song and service.**

*Hymn 612 We Praise You, O God KREMSER



The author wrote this text when only nineteen years old in response to a request from the organist of the Brick Presbyterian Church in New York City, who wanted another Thanksgiving text to sing to this Dutch tune. He regarded the usual text (see no. 336) as too full of conflict.

TEXT: Julia C. Cory, 1902, alt.
MUSIC: *Neder-landtsch Gedenck-Clanck,* 1626; harm. Eduard Kremser, 1877

KREMSER
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(this tune in a lower key, 336)

*Call to Confession

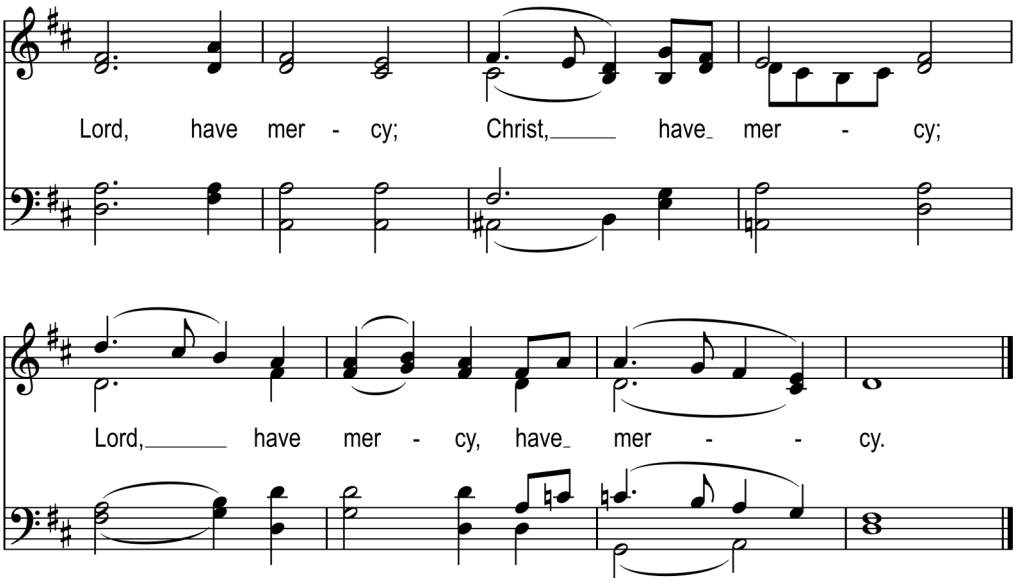
Leader: In the face of God's goodness we recognize our failings. Hungry for God's mercy, let us tell the truth about our lives, that we might receive grace in time of need.

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

Gracious God, you call us your own children and cover us with your love. We would seek to be merciful as you are, and to show compassion as you do, but we fail to live the life to which we have been called. Where we ought to forgive, we condemn; the evil we should shun, we embrace. Forgive our sinful ways, tame our wayward wills, and make us more like Christ, until we are raised in perfection on the last day. Amen.

*A Time for Silent Prayer

*Kyrie — Lord, Have Mercy — Schubert



*Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Sisters and brothers, no one who takes refuge in God will be condemned. Believe the good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***GLORIA** Glory Be to the Father GLORIA PATRI (Greatorex)



WEEKLY WONDERING QUESTION Shames/Schmidt Family

I wonder, what do you think it would be like to worship God together with so many people from every time and place?

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison) Mike Smith

In your Word, O God, show us heaven. By your Spirit, show us truth; through Christ, the Living Word, in whom we see your face. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: I John 3:1-3 Mike Smith
(11:00) Quinn Jones

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

Thanks be to God!

(9:30) PSALM 34:1-5, 8 ICB (responsive) Mike Smith

I will praise the Lord at all times.
His praise is always on my lips.
My whole being praises the Lord.
The poor will hear and be glad.
Tell the greatness of the Lord with me.
Let us praise his name together.
I asked the Lord for help, and he answered me.
He saved me from all that I feared.
Those who go to him for help are happy.
They are never disgraced.
Examine and see how good the Lord is.
Happy is the person who trusts the Lord.

(11:00) EMBODYING PSALM 34:1-5, 8 ICB Pastor Pam Hrncir
WPC Children and Congregation

SECOND LESSON: Revelation 7:9-17

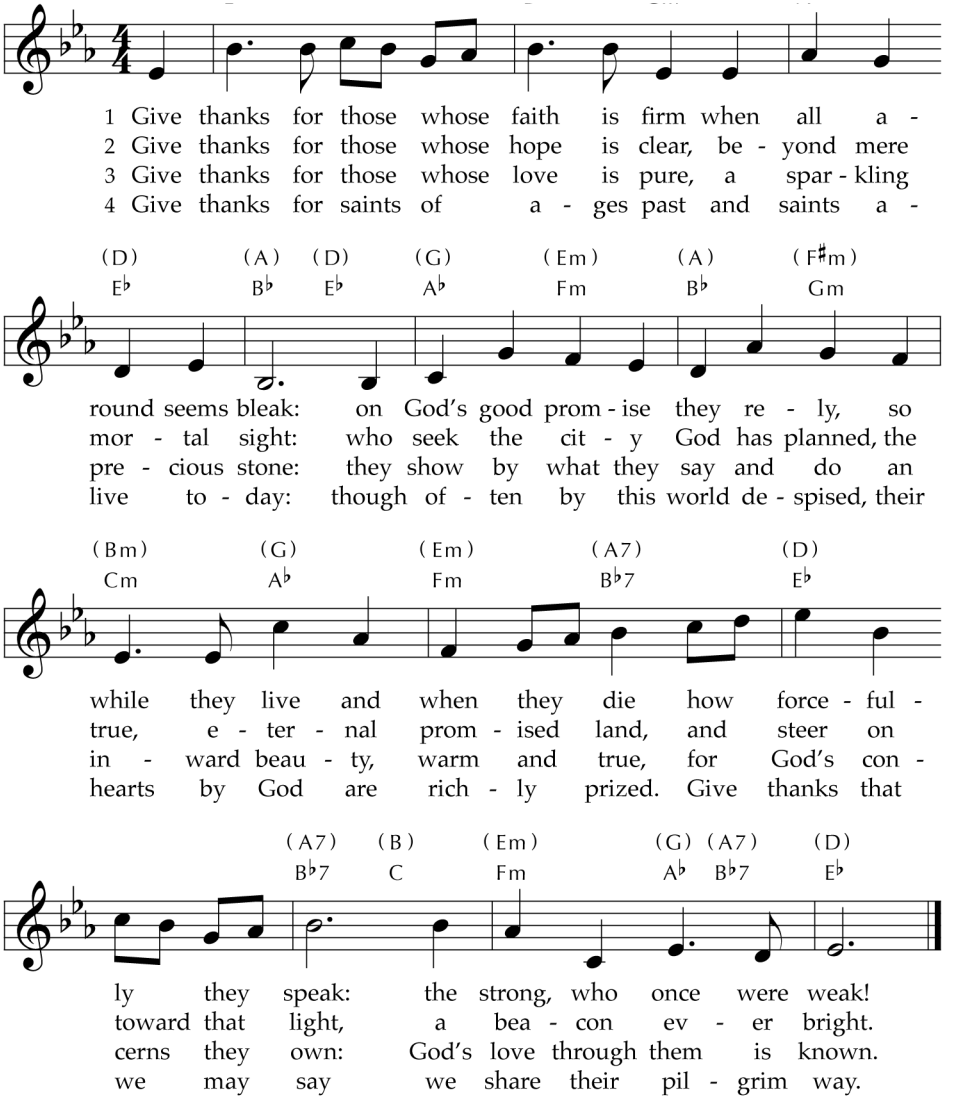
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SERMON "Great Multitude of Nations" Rev. John E. Morgan

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn 731 — Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm — Repton



Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

The first three stanzas of this text are organized around the three great virtues—faith, hope, and love—mentioned in 1 Corinthians 13:13. These have indeed been the marks of the faithful people of God always and everywhere, and the final stanza sums up our gratitude for them.

TEXT: Martin E. Leckebusch, 1998
MUSIC: C. Hubert H. Parry, 1888
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REPTON
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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 — Beautiful Savior — arr. Michael Burkhardt

Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee,
Truly I'd serve thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair are the meadows,
Fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flowers of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer,
He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

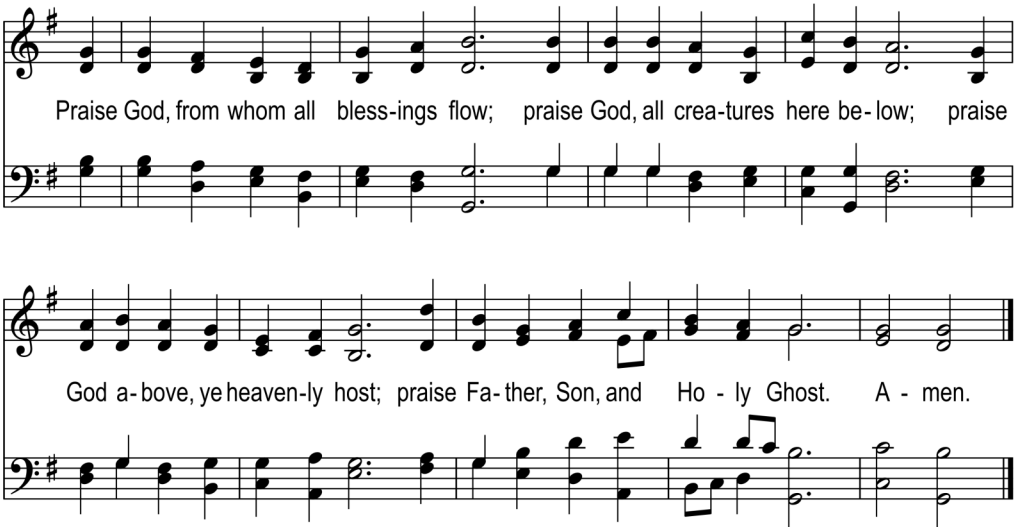
Fair is the sunshine,
Fair is the moonlight,
Bring the sparkling stars on high;

(Anthem continues on the next page.)

Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
Praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be thine!

***DOXOLOGY** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow OLD HUNDREDTH



***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 Nearer, My God to Thee arr. Tom Trenney

Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!
Even though it be a cross that raiseth me;
Still all my song shall be
Nearer, my God, to thee.
Nearer, my God, nearer to thee!

Yea, though the vale I tread, thou art with me.
When shadows cloud my head, thou anointest me.
Thy rod and staff shall be
Comfort to shepherd me
Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee.

Though waters foam and roar, though mountains quake,
Thou art my refuge sure, though the earth should shake.
Lord, strengthen and shelter me
Nearer, my God, to thee,
Nearer, my God, nearer to thee.

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.

*Hymn 326 For All the Saints Sine Nomine



The broad and sweeping tune with which this hymn is so closely identified was created to be sung during a reverent but dramatic procession at the beginning of an All Saints' Day service, an enacted representation of the enduring "fellowship divine" celebrated by this text.

TEXT: William Walsham How, 1864
MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

SINE NOMINE
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***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE For All the Saints Weber

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

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS

The flowers are given to the glory of God by Suzanne Koehler and Charles Starr.

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP

NOVEMBER 8, 2026

24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST • KIRKIN' OF THE TARTANS (11AM)

Pastor John E. Morgan's sermon, "*Bridesmaids*," is based on Matthew 25:1-13.

Those Serving in Worship Today

Pastor
Rev. John E. Morgan, Pastor and Head of Staff
Rev. Pam Hrncir, Associate Pastor

Music Ministry
Chris Bechtler, Director of Music
Norman Elton, Organist and Assistant Director of Music
WPC Chancel Choir

Liturgist
Mike Smith

Reader
Quinn Jones

Weekly Wondering Question
Shames/Schmidt Family

Greeters
9:30am Jim Winthrop, Molly Lawrence
11:00am Amanda Pavlik, Len Shartzer

Ushers
9:30am Matthew Underwood, Pat Underwood, John VanAken, Rebecca Caprio
11:00am Nate Green, Patty Yewcic, Maxine Cunningham, Rebecca Caprio

Youth Ushers
Quinn Jones, Nora Jones, Vyolette Martin, Graham, Hannah, and Hailey Carlson

Coffee Fellowship Host
Jim Carey, Jim Winthrop, Jack Snell

***Williamsburg Landing Ushers**
Dick Sahlen, Ric Cheston, and Linda Eichhorn

***Windsor Meade Usher**
Ray Whitney and Peter Moriarty

Audio and Video Technicians
Charles Starr, Charlie Vance, 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 **ONLY DURING OUR 9:30AM SERVICE**. 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. **Today is Family Sunday**. The next WPC Family Sunday is December 6.

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 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 Monday 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 John E. Morgan • jmorgan@mywpc.org • 757-908-7800

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

- The family of WPC member Dottie Diesing, who went to be with Our Lord and Savior on Wednesday, October 28, 2026.
- The family of WPC member Margaret Yates who went to be with Our Lord and Savior on Friday, October 23, 2026. Margaret is the sister-in-law of WPC member Nancy Rose, widow of WPC member Graham Rose. A graveside service was held on Friday, October 30, 2026, at Williamsburg Memorial Park Cemetery.

Upcoming Memorial Services for WPC Members and Friends:

- WPC member 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 11am, Saturday, November 7, 2026, in our sanctuary followed by a reception.

Please pray for the families who have lost loved ones:

- The family of John Lowden
- The family of Lillian Geyer, mother of Dorothy Geyer

Please continue to pray for:

- Bob Gustafson, who is now home at Brookdale.
- 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;

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.

- **TODAY New Member Luncheon—November 1. Join us immediately following the 11am worship service in Stevenson Hall for a relaxed and joyful luncheon**. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know others, meet the pastors and church leaders, and discover the many ways you can connect with our community to worship, grow in our faith, and serve our community.
- **All 6th-12th graders are invited to join on November 6th for a high-energy late-night party called Midnight Madness!** There will be food, games, and a service project field trip. Youth are invited to wear comfy clothes (we will be leaving the church) and be ready for a late night of mirth, merriment, and meaning. This event begins at 6pm and ends promptly at midnight. Please email Melody Dillon with questions or to RSVP.
- **Saturday, November 7, all kids and their families are invited to join us for Playground Church at 4pm on the playground!** Designed especially for preschool and elementary-age children, Playground Church offers a safe and welcoming space for play, connection, and faith formation. **After Playground Church, please stay for the Dining Together church potluck at 5:30!** Contact Melody Dillon with questions. We hope to see you there!"
- **Office Hours with Rev. Dr. Melissa (Lissa) Sumner Long:** We are pleased to welcome Rev. Dr. Long, General Presbyter for the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia (PEVA), to WPC on Wednesday, November 18, from 9 a.m. to noon. Everyone is welcome to stop by for conversation, connection, and fellowship. **Office hours with Rev. Long will be held in the Older Adult Resource Room (Room 123), across from the nursery.** We hope you'll take a few moments to stop by and connect with Lissa!
- **Rise Against Hunger – Sign Up Today! Join us for WPC's annual meal-packaging event on Saturday, November 21, in Stevenson Hall.** Help us to package 50,000 meals to bring our lifetime total to 650,000! This intergenerational event is a WPC favorite. You can still help even if you can't make it in person! **We hope to raise $20,000 to underwrite the costs of the food and supplies for our event.** Donations can be made on our web page or by using the special envelopes available at the church. **Learn more and sign up to work a shift and/or donate at mywpc.org/rah.** Questions? Contact Ric Cheston*.
- **The WPC Book Club will meet on Monday, November 23, at 2pm in Room 220** (and on Zoom) to discuss "*The Book Club for Troublesome Women*" by Marie Bostwick.

- **Older Adults Resource Room:** All members and friends are invited to get acquainted with this new resource, part of the Williamsburg Presbyterian Church **Aging on Purpose Ministry**.

  The purpose is to provide information and tools to help adults and older adults plan and prepare for successful aging, and connect with community programs that support older adults' health and well-being in the Williamsburg area and beyond.

  The Resource Room, located in room 123 (across from the nursery on the main level), offers a growing collection of books and local program information, and is open for browsing when not otherwise in use. As the most current and reliable information is often online, Resource Guides are available by appointment to help with your search. Recommendations, suggestions and comments that may help others are also appreciated. Contact the Guides directly using the church online directory or call the Church office, 757-229-4235. **Resource Guides:** *Allen Hogge, Nancy Moul, Ann Schulte, Diane Schwarz, Faith Shartzer.*

- **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.

Dining Together: More Ways to Connect!
All-Church Potluck Dinner | Saturday, November 7 | 5:30pm
TODAY IS THE SIGNUP DEADLINE!

Dining Together is taking on a new look this year! For more than a decade, this WPC tradition has brought people together around the table to share meals, build friendships, and strengthen connections. Now we're expanding the invitation to bring more of our church family together. Whether you are a college student, a family with children, a young couple, or an older adult, everyone is welcome at the table!

Join us on **Saturday, November 7 beginning at 5:30pm**, for an all-church potluck dinner as we kick off a new chapter of Dining Together! We'll share a meal, enjoy some fun activities, and have opportunities to reconnect with old friends and make new ones.

Interested in small-group dining? When you sign up for the potluck, you can also indicate your interest in joining a smaller dining group. We'll organize groups of 6–8 people who will sit together at the potluck to get acquainted. From there, each group will make its own plans for gatherings throughout the year—whether in homes, restaurants, or wherever the group chooses! **Can't make it on November 7?** Use the sign-up form to add your name to the small-group list and indicate you cannot attend on the 7th.

This Week's Schedule of Events

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

9:30am	Nursery open during 9:30am worship ONLY
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
11am	In-person Worship / Sanctuary • *Listen at FM93.5 The Burg.com*
12pm	New Member Orientation Luncheon / Stevenson Hall

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2

9am	Kids Connect Day Camp / Throughout WPC
1pm	Caregiver Support Grp / Rm 123
5:30pm	Christian Education Ministry / Rm 227

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

10am	Finding Hope Grief Support Group
10:30am	WPC Library Committee
6pm	Joyful Ringers Rehearsal / Bell Rm
7:30pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Rm

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5

9am	Sanctuary Cleaning
9:30am	PW Circle 4 - Anna / Rm 220
9:30am	PW Circle 1 - Ruth / Library
2pm	Stewardship Committee Meeting / Rm 220
4:30pm	Carol Choir and Junior Choir Rehearsal / Children's Choir Rm
5pm	UKirk Friendsgiving / Rm 220
5:30pm	Communications Ministry / Zoom
6pm	ARC W&M Literacy Program / Stevenson Hall
7pm	The Squares Men's Bible Study / Rm 225
7:30pm	Westminster Ringers Rehearsal / Bell Rm Lower Level

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6

6pm	Midnight Madness Youth Party / Throughout WPC

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

11am	Memorial Service and Reception for Lillian Geyer / Sanctuary and Stevenson Hall
4pm	Playground Church / WPC Playground
5:30pm	Dining Together Potluck Dinner / Stevenson Hall