

Williamsburg Presbyterian Church
24th Sunday after Pentecost
Kirkin' of the Tartans • November 8, 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

(9:30) New Member Introduction

Concerns of the Church — Nancy Moseley

Minute for Mission: Rise Against Hunger — Jim Kirkpatrick

(9:30) Prelude — Allegretto — Merkel

(11:00) Prelude — Processional of SAS: "Highland Cathedral," Ulrich Roever & Michael Korb, 1982 — Williamsburg Pipes and Drums

*Please rise in body or spirit. The people's responses are in **bold type.**
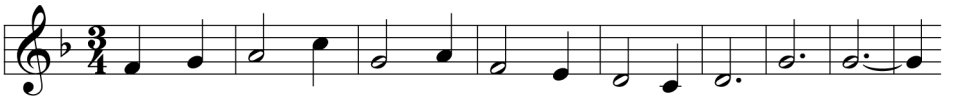
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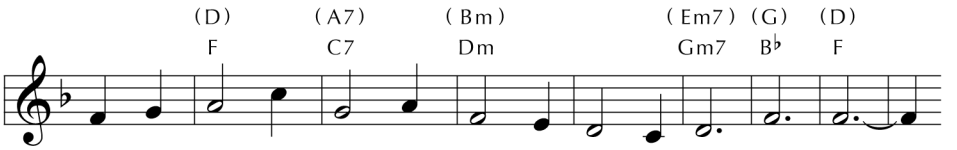
Leader: Honor and majesty are before the Lord.
People: Strength and beauty are in God's sanctuary.
Leader: Give to the Lord, O ye kindreds of people.
People: Give to the Lord glory and strength.
Leader: O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness,
People: Bow before God, all the earth.

From the Book of Common Order, Church of Scotland, 1940

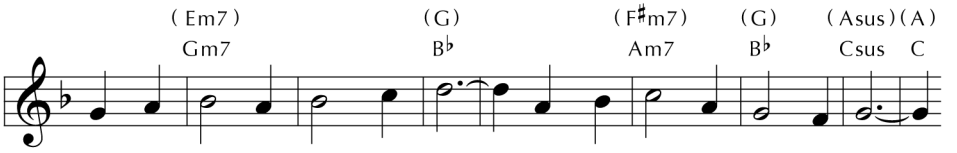
*Hymn 726 Will You Come and Follow Me KELVINGROVE
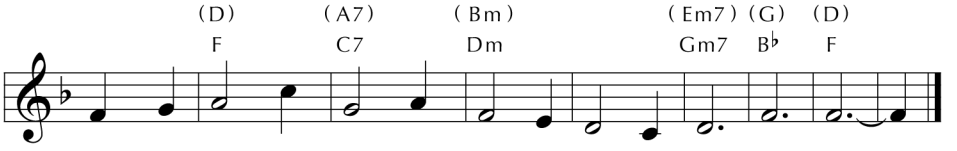


1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call your name?
3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.



Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er be the same?
Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.



will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

The first four stanzas of this ballad-like hymn are understood to be in the voice of Christ, with the fifth reflecting the individual singer's response. Created for this traditional Scottish tune, the text was written to mark the conclusion of a youth volunteer's time of ministry.

TEXT: John L. Bell and Graham Maule, 1987
MUSIC: Scottish melody; arr. John L. Bell, 1987
Text and Music Arr. © 1987 WGRG, Iona Community (admin. GIA Publications, Inc.)

KELVINGROVE
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*Call to Confession

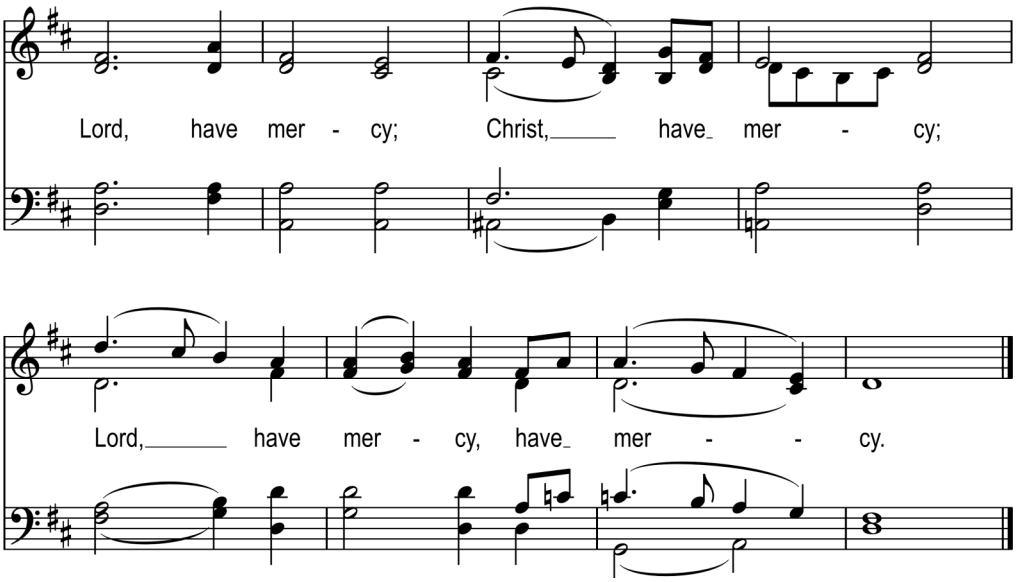
Leader: Jesus loves us and frees us from our sins; therefore, let us confess our sins to God.

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

O God, we pray that you will teach us how to live, that we may provide an example to all the world. Yet we confess before you the bigotry and the intolerance that plague us. We confess to you our disinclination to enjoy brotherhood and sisterhood with all, for we have withheld the spirit of it from many around us. O God, forgive us.
We remember that you did bid us to do good, to love mercy, to walk humbly with our God. Give us such a vision of ministry that we can select for our philanthropy, for the expression of our love, those who cannot possibly recompense us at all. Then only shall we discover what love really is, what brotherhood and sisterhood actually mean.
Show us what you would have us do today to make that discovery, we ask in the name of the Author of Love, Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen. *—Peter Marshall*

*A Time for Silent Prayer
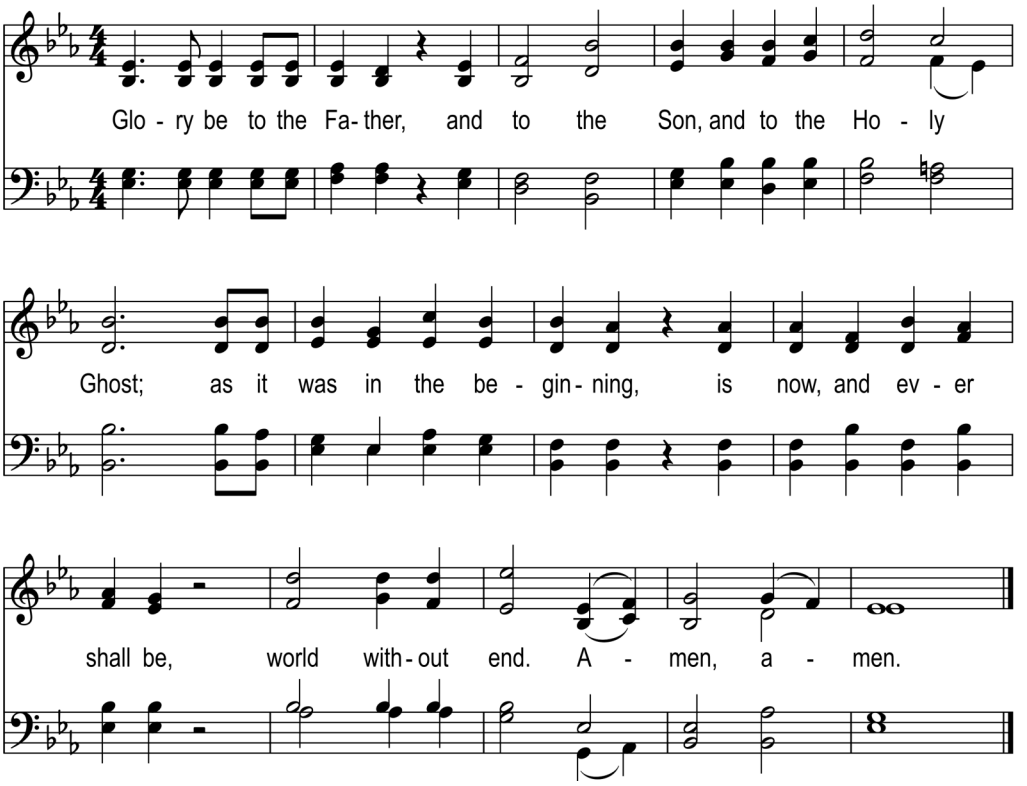
*Kyrie — Lord, Have Mercy — Schubert



*Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Friends, hear and believe the good news of the Gospel. We are saved by grace through faith. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen!

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



WEEKLY WONDERING QUESTION Laura Bechtler

I wonder, what was the last thing you had to wait for?
Is waiting hard or easy for you?

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison) Nancy Moseley

O heavenly God, your word is our source of light, enlightening our paths, erasing our blindness. In our reading, shine your truth. Speak to us boldly once again, that we may proclaim your truth with courage. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-15 Nancy Moseley

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

PSALM 78:1-7 NRSV (unison) Nancy Moseley

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will utter dark sayings from of old,
things that we have heard and known,
that our ancestors have told us.
We will not hide them from their children;
we will tell to the coming generation
the glorious deeds of the Lord and his might
and the wonders that he has done.
He established a decree in Jacob
and appointed a law in Israel,
which he commanded our ancestors
to teach to their children,
that the next generation might know them,
the children yet unborn,
and rise up and tell them to their children,
so that they should set their hope in God,
and not forget the works of God,
but keep his commandments.

SECOND LESSON: Matthew 25:1-13
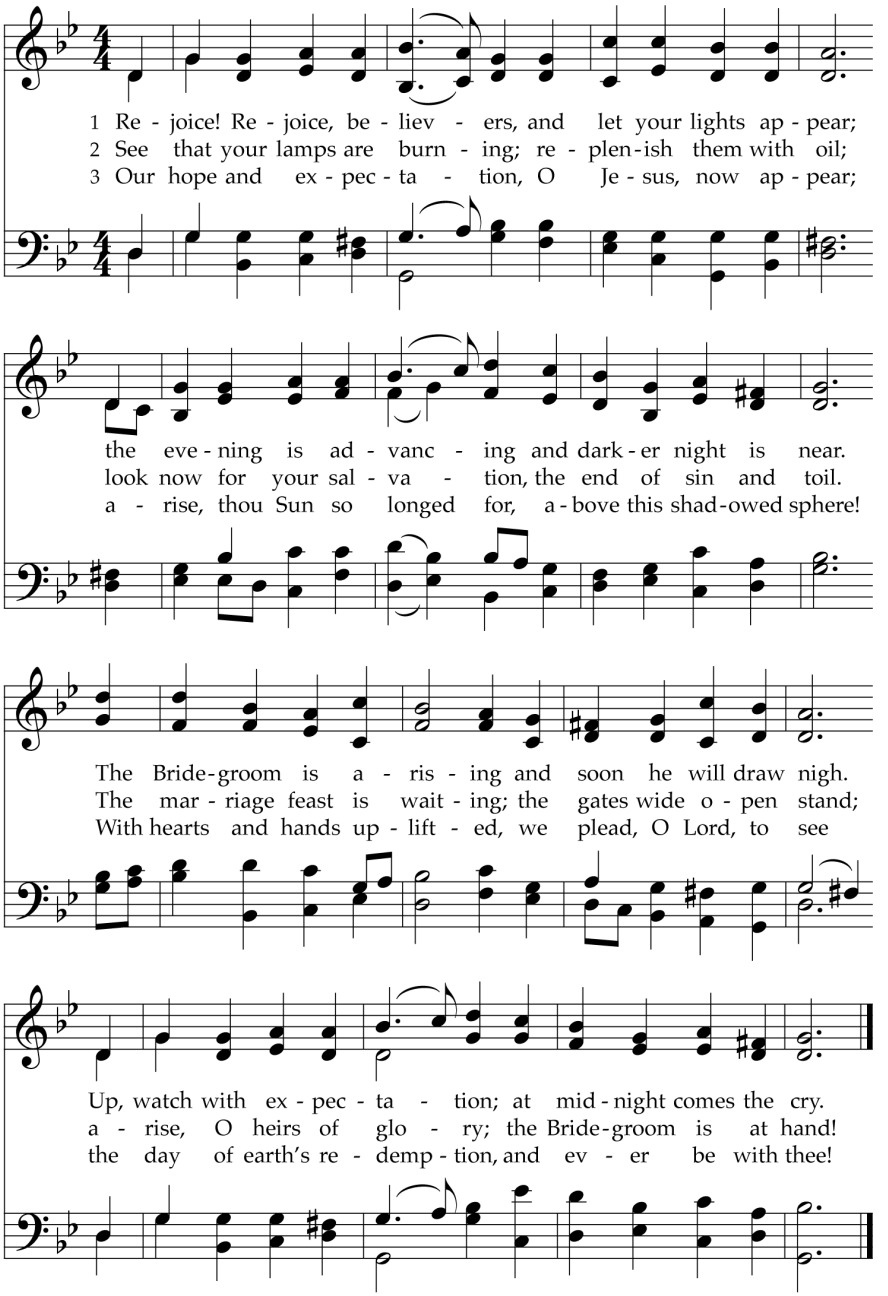
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SERMON "Bridesmaids" Rev. John E. Morgan

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn 362 Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers LLANGLOFFAN



The Latin original of this text based on the parable of the wise and foolish maidens (Matthew 25:1–13) consisted of ten stanzas, but this briefer version is more appropriate for its message of urgency. It is set to a spirited minor Welsh tune named for a Pembrokeshire village.

TEXT: Laurentius Laurenti, 1700; trans. Sarah Borthwick Findlater, 1854; alt. *The Hymnal 1982* LLANGLOFFAN
MUSIC: Welsh folk melody; *Llwybrau Moliant,* 1872; harm. *The English Hymnal,* 1906 7.6.7.6.D

*Affirmation of Faith: The Scots Confession, 1560 (unison)

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by God's inscrutable providence for such end as God's eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of God's own glory.

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.

(11:00) Kirkin' o' the Tartans

Presentation of Tartans

We invite all who have brought family tartans, or other fabric representative of family heritage, Scots or otherwise, to come forward at this time and stand across the front of the nave at the foot of the steps for the special blessing. Please remain there until after the Kirkin' Prayer.

Bagpipe Solo Abide With Me — Henry Francis Lyte
Scottish born Anglican clergyman, 1847
Lynn Newcomer, Piper

Blessing of Tartans

Leader: Almighty God, who did command the tribes of ancient Israel to pitch their tents beneath the standards and ensign of their parents, and who set over your holy church the banner of the Cross of Christ: let your blessing rest upon all tartans set before you here today. Bless all families who claim a tartan as their own and keep them loyal to the standards which their tartans represent and faithful in their love and service to Christ and his Kirk; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord unto whom with you, O God, and the Holy Spirit, be all power and majesty both now and forevermore. Amen.

(The blessing comes from "God Guide Me," one of the prayers collected by Alexander Carmichael in the *Carmina Gadelica*.)

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 — Be Thou My Vision — arr. Alice Parker

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

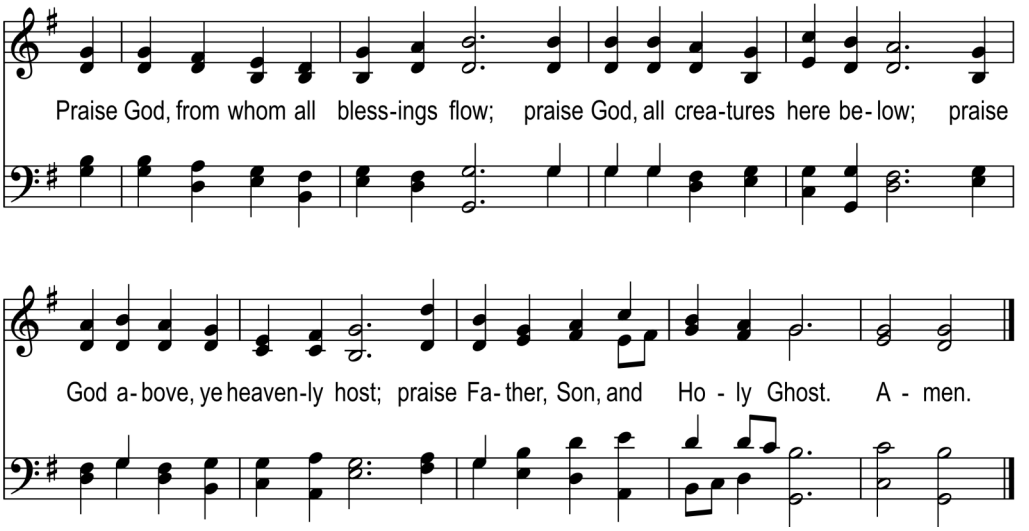
Be thou my wisdom and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise.

Thou mine inheritance, now and always;Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all

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



***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**
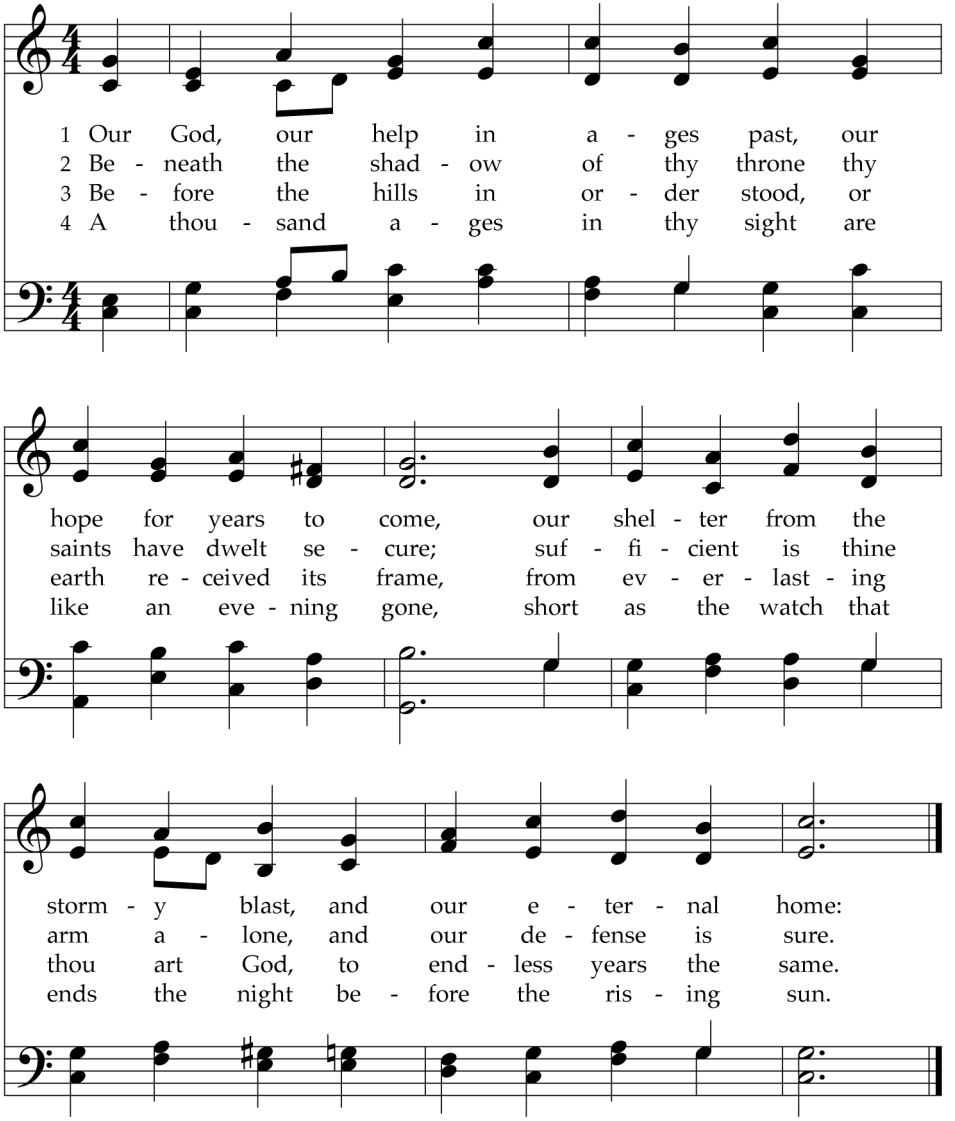
GOING OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

***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 687 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past St. Anne



5 Time, like an ever rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.

6 Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while life shall last,
and our eternal home.

Many people sing this hymn unaware that it paraphrases Psalm 90, partly because this text speaks so immediately to the human condition. Since the middle of the 19th century, it has usually been joined to this tune named for the London parish where the composer was organist.

TEXT: Isaac Watts, 1719, alt.
MUSIC: Attr. William Croft, 1708

ST. ANNE
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***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

(9:30) POSTLUDE Festival of Praise Hughes

(11:00) POSTLUDE Scotland the Brave Marion McClurg, 1878
Williamsburg Pipes and Drums

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 KIRKIN' O' THE TARTANS

The Kirkin' o' the Tartans is a Scottish-American tradition that dates back to the early 20th century. *Kirk* is the Scots word for "church," and *kirkin'* can be translated as "blessing." Its roots are often traced to the 1745 Jacobite Rebellion, when Scottish clans were prohibited from wearing their distinctive tartans by the British government.

The service was introduced to America in 1941 by Rev. Peter Marshall, pastor of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington, D.C. Originally conceived as a Presbyterian ceremony, today it is observed throughout the United States by a variety of Christian denominations. It is most often celebrated on or near the Feast of St. Andrew on November 30.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of
Mary Zimmerman Inskeep and in thankfulness for friends and family.

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP

NOVEMBER 15, 2026

25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST • YOUTH SUNDAY • CONFIRMATION (9:30AM)

WPC Youth Sam Due's sermon will be based Matthew 6:25-34

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

Special Music
11am St. Andrew's Society
Williamsburg Pipes and Drums

Liturgist
Nancy Moseley

Weekly Wondering Question
Laura Bechtler

Greeters
9:30am Bill Riffer
11am Terry Backus, Mike Hawley

Ushers
9:30am Karen Lauritzen, Bruce Graham, Matthew Underwood, Rebecca Caprio
11am Bob Bolstad, Jeri Hardy, Tom Moul, Rebecca Caprio

Coffee Fellowship Host
Steve Young, John Speigel, Jackie Speigel

***Williamsburg Landing Ushers**
Linda Eichhorn

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

Audio and Video Technicians
Matthew Slack, Daniel Owen O'Quill, 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. he 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

Please pray for the families who have lost loved ones:

- The family of John Lowden
- The family of Lillian Geyer, mother of Dorothy Geyer
- The family of Dottie Diesing
- The family of Margaret Yates

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; 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.

- **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.
- **Harvest Sunday/FISH Sunday – a Time to Share our Personal Harvest:** The Sunday before Thanksgiving, November 22, is Harvest Sunday when the chancel area is decorated with seasonal items. This year the Worship and Outreach ministries invite the congregation to actively participate in creating an even greater visual display of our personal bounty by donating food to aid our neighbors in need. Thus, WPC's monthly collection for FISH in November will be moved to that date.

  So in addition to the pumpkins, gourds, and mums, WPC's red shopping cart will also become part of the cornucopia and will be "relocated" to the chancel. We invite the congregation to bring their donations into the sanctuary as they arrive for worship. In this effort we are reminded of Jesus's words that "whatever you do for the least of these, you do for me." Matthew 25:40.

  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).* The Worship and Outreach Ministries thank you for your generous participation.

- **Volunteers are the driving force behind our Adult Education classes and programs.** Do you have an interest, skill, or talent you'd enjoy sharing with others? We'd love to hear from you! We are always looking for new ideas and opportunities to enrich the lives of adults at Williamsburg Presbyterian. **Interested? Contact:** Mary Margaret Evans.*
- **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.*
- **Sanctuary Flowers for 2027:** There are openings to donate flowers in many months next year. The Master Flower Calendar will be on a table in the Elevator Lobby today. Just sign your name by the date you would like, along with your phone number. Questions? Contact Ruth Cobb.*
- **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.
- **The Gift of Christmas Program 2026 begins on Sunday November 29 and continues until Christmas. This** program is a wonderful way to honor your family, grandchildren, neighbors and friends by making a donation in their honor to one of the **19 helping organizations listed below** for this year. Separate checks must be made out to the individual Programs you are supporting (not to WPC.) QCD checks are also welcome. For more information contact Karen Annoni.*

This Week's Schedule of Events

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

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*

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9

1pm	PW Circle 3-Miriam
1pm	Caregiver Support Grp / Rm 123
5:30pm	Hunger and Homeless Mtg / Rm LL010

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

10am	Disciple Bible Study / Rm 220
12pm	PW Circle 8-Deborah
1pm	Staff Mtg / Zoom
1:30pm	Kirk Krafters / Church Library
2pm	Stewardship Committee Mtg / Rm 220
4pm	Endowment Committee
5pm	CE Children's Subcommittee
6:30pm	Stephen Ministry Meeting
6:30pm	PW Circle 5 - Eunice
6:30pm	UKirk Dinner & Dialogue / Stevenson Hall and Kitchen
7pm	AA Williamsburg Big Book Study / LL009 and LL049

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

7:30am	Men's Bible & Bacon Study / Stevenson Hall
10am	PW Circle 14 - Martha / Rm 227
1:30pm	Older Adult Resource Rm Team / Rm 123
5pm	Nominating Committee
6pm	Joyful Ringers / Bell Rm
7:30pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Rm

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12

9am	Sanctuary Cleaning
9:30am	PW Circle 7 - Elizabeth
2pm	PEVA Trustee Meeting
4:30pm	Carol Choir and Junior Choir Rehearsal / Children's Choir Rm
5pm	Worship Ministry Meeting
7pm	Diaconate Monthly Meeting
7:30pm	Westminster Ringers Rehearsal / Bell Rm Lower Level

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

9am	WPC Session Retreat / Stonehouse PC