

WILLIAMSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
REIGN OF CHRIST
NOVEMBER 22, 2026

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PRAYER FOR PREPARATION

God of majesty, you love us with an everlasting love and show us the way to justice and peace. In Jesus Christ you have reconciled the whole world to you and claimed us as your own, that we may live as his body on earth and, with all the saints, enter into your glory on the last day. Amen.

THE GATHERING
PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — Pastor John E. Morgan

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH — John Andrews

MINUTE FOR MISSION: STEWARDSHIP UPDATE — Pete Osman

PRELUDE — O Worship the King, Joyful Ringers — arr. Dobrinski

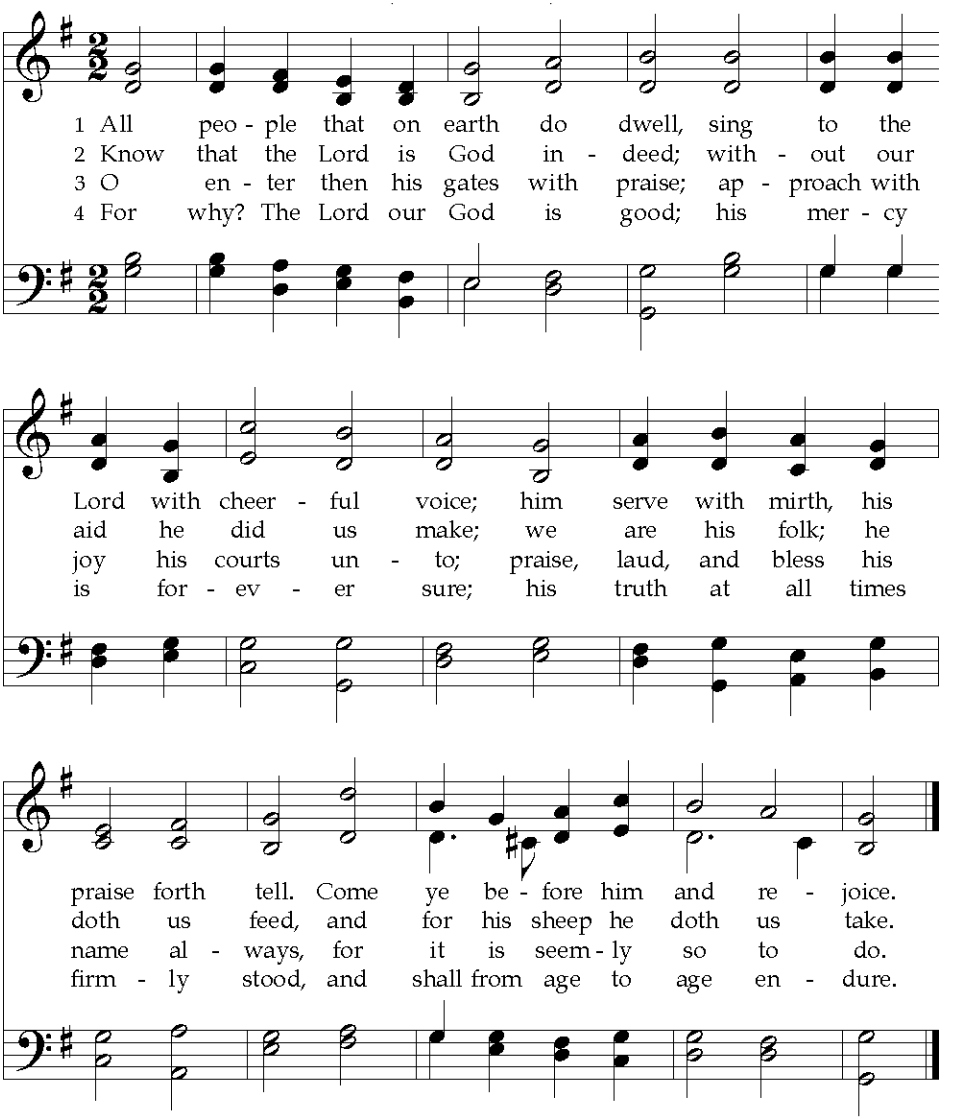
CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord;
All: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Leader: For the Lord is a great God;
All: a great ruler over heaven and earth!

*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.

*HYMN 385 All People That on Earth Do Dwell OLD HUNDREDTH



In a pairing that began in 1561, this paraphrase of Psalm 100 by a Scot is set to a tune that a French composer originally created for Psalm 134 in the Genevan Psalter of 1551. They have appeared together in nearly every comprehensive English-language hymnal since then.

TEXT: William Kethe, 1560 OLD HUNDREDTH
MUSIC: Attr. Louis Bourgeois, 1551 LM

*Call to Confession

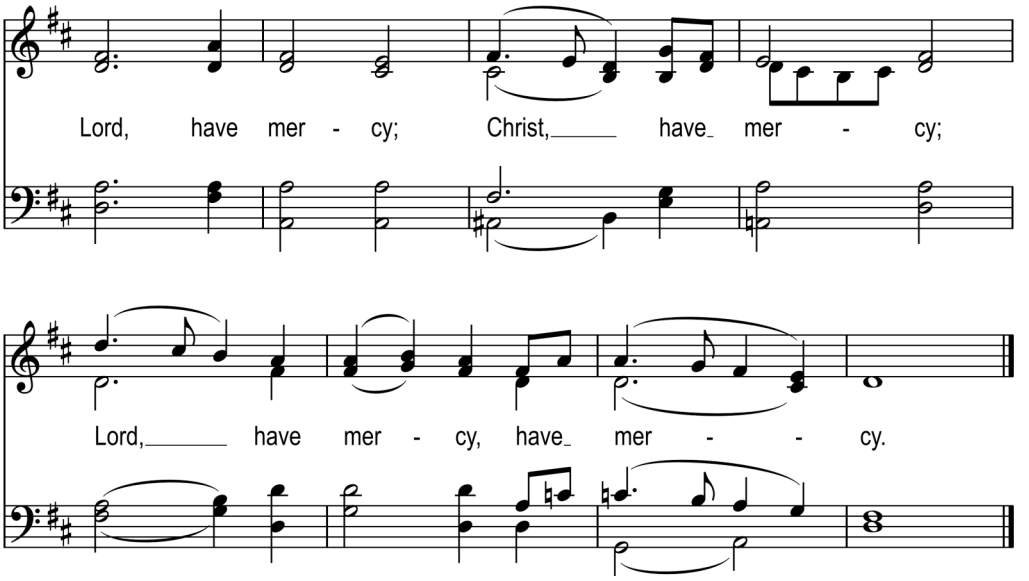
Leader: With sincere and repentant hearts, let us name our sins against Christ and one another.

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

Lord Jesus, Judge of the nations: We confess that we have not seen your face among our neighbors in need. We have not shared our food with the hungry; we have not offered clothes to the destitute or shelter to the homeless. We have not welcomed the stranger, nor have we visited prisoners. We have not paid attention to these, your sisters and brothers, and in our neglect we have failed to serve you. Lord, forgive us; open our eyes to recognize your beloved family, and give us the blessing of sincere repentance that we may know the joy of eternal life with you and all the saints in this world and in the world to come. Amen.

*A Time for Silent Prayer

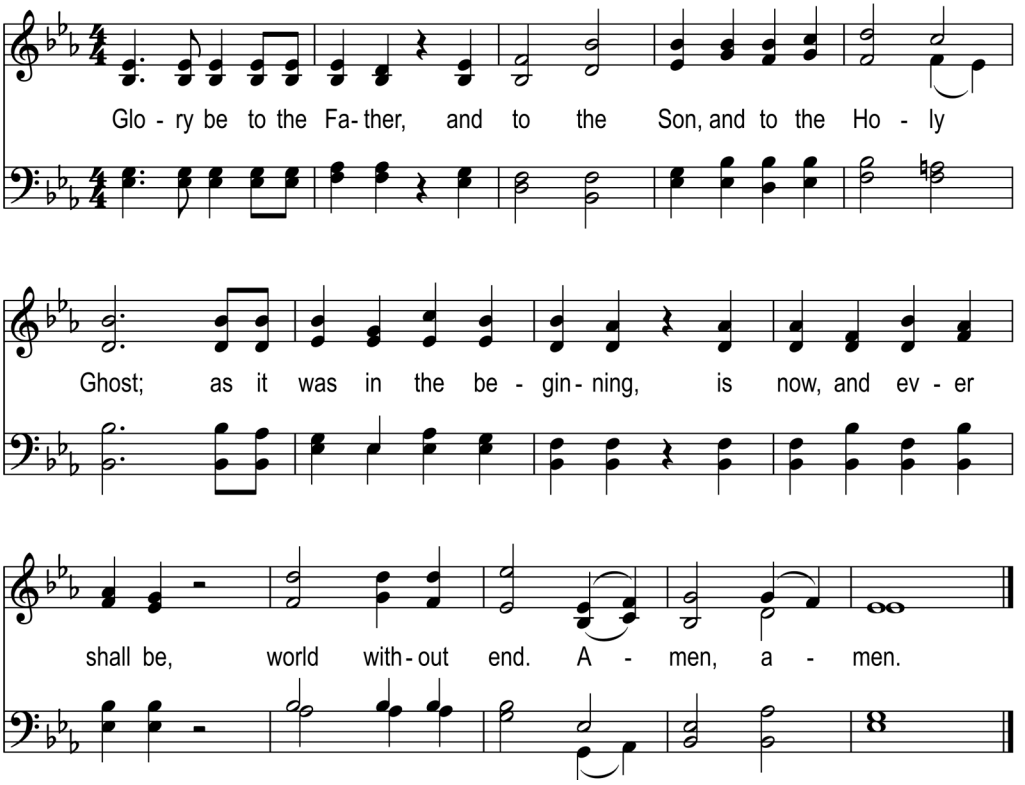
*Kyrie — Lord, Have Mercy — Schubert



*Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Brothers and sisters, God seeks the lost sheep and feeds them with justice. Forgiven and freed, turn, then, and live in Christ, our Lord.

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



WEEKLY WONDERING QUESTION

I wonder, how can you make the most out of today?

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison) John Andrews

Holy God, open your Word. Give us a spirit of wisdom and revelation, that our eyes may be enlightened and we may know the hope to which we have been called; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Ephesians 1:15-23 (NRSVUE) John Andrews

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

Thanks be to God!

PSALM 95:1-7a (responsive) John Andrews

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
All: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
Leader: For the Lord is a great God
and a great King above all gods.
All: In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.
Leader: The sea is his, for he made it,
and the dry land, which his hands have formed.
All: O come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!
Leader: For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture
and the sheep of his hand.

SECOND LESSON: Matthew 25:31-46 NRSVUE Rev. John E. Morgan

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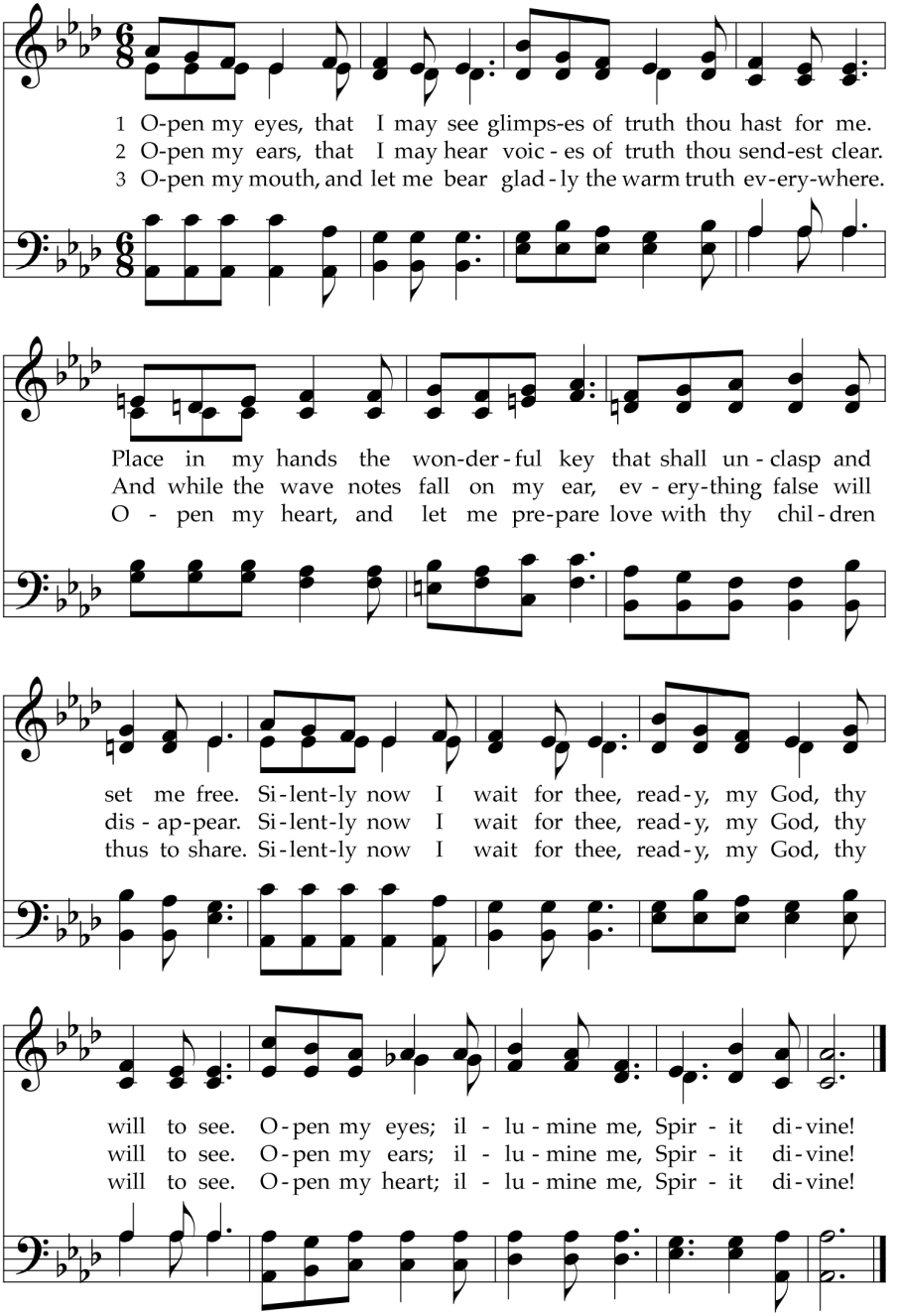
SERMON "When Did We See You?" Rev. John E. Morgan

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN 451** Open My Eyes, That I May See OPEN MY EYES



The first woman to publish a collection of her own anthems, this author/composer has created in this hymn a sung prayer for illumination. It not only asks God to help us understand Scripture but also prays for the strength and courage to make God's love known to others.

TEXT and MUSIC: Clara H. Scott, 1895

OPEN MY EYES
8.8.9.8.8.8.8.4

*Affirmation of Faith (unison)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

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 — For This Joy — arr. Susan LaBarr

Thomas DeRose, whistle

Praise for the sun, who by day gives us warmth and enlightens;
Praise for the moon, who the darkest night cheerfully brightens;
Each glittering star shining from ages afar,
Driving away all that frightens.

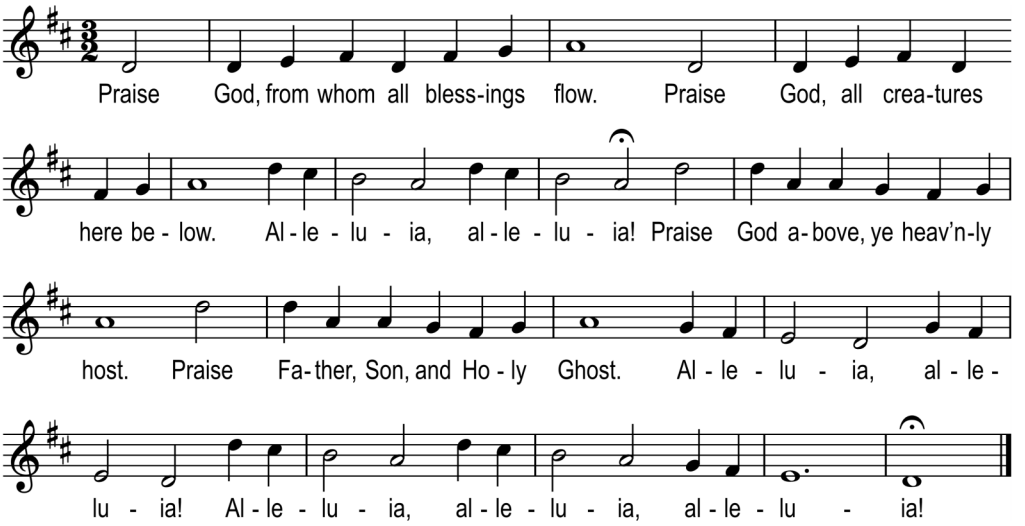
Praise for the sky under heaven that widely contains us;
Our fertile earth, and her harvest that gently sustains us;
Birds on the wing, lifting their voices to sing,
Free us from all that restrains us.

(Anthem continues on the next page.)

Our tender hearts, which so wondrously in chambers deeping,
Cherish the joys of new love and, at death's call, the weeping.
Sorrow and pain turn to rejoicing again;
Love now in memory keeping.

Praise for this joy in our hearts as we sing of creation!
Wondrous are all things from firmament down to foundation!
Joyful our praise as all our voices we raise
Singing in glad celebration!

***Doxology** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow LASST UNS ERFREUEN



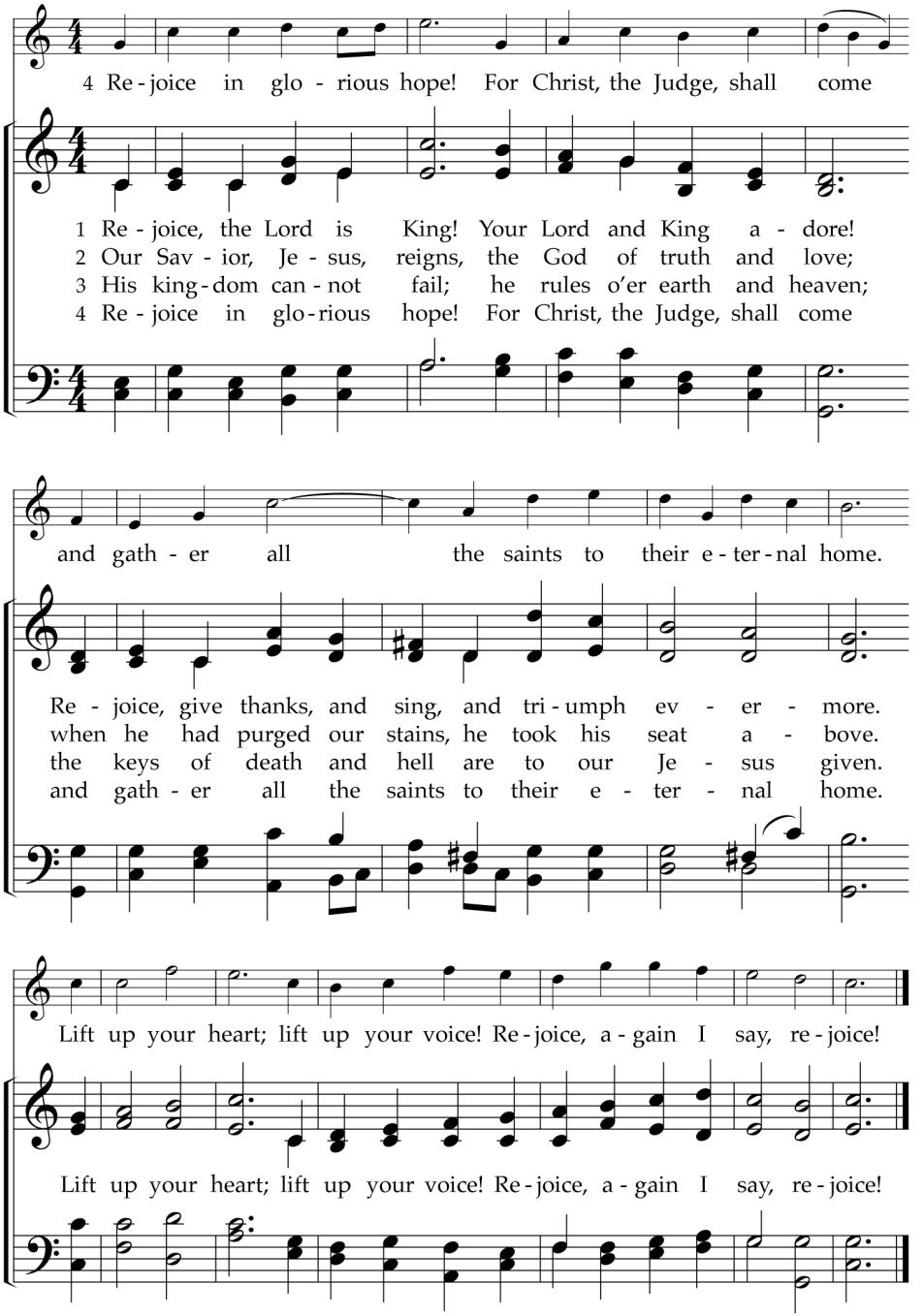
***Prayer of Dedication**

GOING OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

***Invitation and 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.



Each stanza of this enthronement text prepares for the final line of the refrain, based on Philippians 4:4. "Lord" is here a title of Christ rather than a reference to the undivided Trinity. The late 18th-century tune (first used with Psalm 148) captures the mood well.

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1746, alt.
MUSIC: John Darwall, 1770; desc. Sydney Hugo Nicholson, 20th cent.
DARWALL'S 148TH
6.6.6.6.8.8
Music Desc. © 1985 Hymns Ancient & Modern (admin. Hope Publishing Company)

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** Rev. John E. Morgan

POSTLUDE Rejoice, the Lord is King! arr. Albrecht

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

"For This Joy" is a setting of the tune LOBE DEN HERREN, which we know as "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty," a hymn that is often sung on Reign of Christ Sunday. The new text, by poet and composer Charles Anthony Silvestri, focuses on the richness of creation and the joy that is found in all aspects of life. Arranger Susan LaBarr is a composer living in Springfield, Missouri.

The Chancel Flowers

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of her father, Bob Bland, and her grandparents, James Field "Dan Dad" and Martha "Mom Mom" Thomas Bland by Robin Bland.

Those Serving in Worship Today

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

Music Ministry
Chris Bechtler, Director of Music Ministries
Norman Elton, Organist and Assistant Director of Music
Joyful Ringers Directed by Chris Bechtler
Thomas DeRose, whistle
WPC Chancel Choir

Liturgist
John Andrews

Greeters
9:30am Bill Riffer, Suenell Dufort
11am Cheryl Roettger, Jeri Hardy

Ushers
9:30am Kathy Chambers, David Littell, Pat Underwood, Rebecca Caprio
11am Donna Powell, Mike Hawley, Rebecca Caprio

Coffee Fellowship Host
Karol Sibley, Laura Osman, Pete Osman

***Williamsburg Landing Ushers**
Linda Eichhorn

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

Audio and Video Technicians
Roy Knox, 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 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.*

NEED A PASTOR AFTER HOURS?
If you have an emergency and need to reach a pastor after hours or on the weekend, please contact one of the pastors listed below. During regular hours, please call the church office.

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

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

WPC Family extends its deepest Christian sympathy and prayers to:

- Edir Sant'Anna and family on the death of her husband, Xel Sant'Anna, went to be with Our Lord and Savior on Saturday, November 7, 2026. A Memorial Service will be held on December 5 at 11am at Sandston Presbyterian Church, 13 North Confederate Ave. Sandston Virginia.

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
- 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.

- Pastor Pam Hrncir, Associate Pastor, is spending time with family.
- **The Outreach Ministry invites you to adopt a child or senior in support of the local Salvation Army Angel Tree program.** You can make Christmas Day memorable for someone less fortunate. The success of the program depends on people like you adopting an Angel and buying gifts for that child or senior. In that way, we demonstrate the true meaning of Christmas and share God's gift of love with that Angel. **In Stevenson Hall, starting TODAY, November 22, you will find a Christmas Tree, decorated with angels, and instructions. Plan to stop by and take one of the angels. Gifts should be returned by December 9 to the Salvation Army or WPC.**

  If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Margie Ambrose*, Ellen D'Orsogna*, Judy Austin*, or Sarah Avellar*. Thank you for your generous and loving support.
- **Join this evening for the 9th Annual HART Multifaith Thanksgiving Service. This is a 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 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.
- **The annual Family Christmas Eve Pageant is coming soon! All children, PreK-5th grade, are invited to join for the WPC Family Christmas Eve service at 11am on Christmas Eve, which features the children in a special pageant.** We will be practicing every Sunday of December during the normal Sunday School hour (9:30-10:30), starting December 6th. If your child would like to participate in the pageant, we strongly encourage you to come to Sunday School during December! However, even if you cannot come to any practices, all children are still welcome to show up on Christmas Eve and participate as sheep, shepherds, or angels.
- **The Squares Men's Monthly Bible Study:** Did you grow up in a happy place? If so, then why did you leave? Could God have been involved in your leaving? Thinking of Abram, and using Genesis 12:1-9, The Squares will consider these life questions. The discussion could provide greater understanding of your past and maybe direction for the future, or it could just be a fun time with a good group of men. **You are invited to join The Squares on Thursday, December 3, 7:00pm in room 227 on the second floor.**
- **Volunteers are the driving force behind our Adult Education classes and programs at WPC!** Do you have an interest, skill, or talent you'd enjoy sharing with others? We'd love to hear from you! We're always looking for fresh ideas and new opportunities to enrich the lives of adults at Williamsburg Presbyterian Church. Interested in getting involved? Contact Mary Margaret Evans*

- **Honoring Grief and Embracing Hope |Friday, December 4 | 11:00 a.m.| Light lunch to follow.** The holiday season brings beauty, warmth, and cherished traditions, but it can also be a complicated time. Amid the celebrations, we may be carrying grief, loneliness, uncertainty, or simply a weariness that makes the season difficult.

  If this season feels especially tender or challenging, for whatever reason, we invite you to a gentle gathering where we can acknowledge what we carry, find comfort in community, and open ourselves to the hope and peace of God's presence.

  Through simple liturgy, reflective writing, and guided prayer, we will make room for all that this season holds and discover glimmers of peace and hope along the way. There is no pressure to share — simply come as you are. To plan for lunch, please signup in lobby by the elevator or online at mywpc.org/hope.

  "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it." — John 1:5

- **There are many ways to glorify God when we worship. A visual way is flowers for our Sunday worship.** Available Sundays in 2027 are January 24 and 31; February 14; May 23; June 27; October 31; and November 7, 14 and 21. **The Master Flower Calendar is now located on the brown WPC Board in the Elevator Lobby.** Just sign your name by the date you would like, along with your phone number. Questions? Contact Ruth Cobb*

- **The Joyful Season of Christmas: We anticipate and celebrate our Lord's birth with worship, music, workshops and decorations here at WPC.** The Worship Ministry is inviting all members and friends who would like to participate in the decorations to sponsor the purchase of a poinsettia. The requested donation is $16 per poinsettia. Funds collected in excess of the cost of poinsettias will be used to offset the expense of purchasing additional fresh greenery, the Christmas tree, wreaths and other items to complete our decorations. You can find ordering envelopes inside the Friendship Register and in the Church Welcome Center. Orders may also be placed online at mywpc.org/poinsettias. **All orders for poinsettias must be received by Sunday, December 6.**

- **St Mark Lutheran Church and Sine Nomine Presents the Virginia Handbell Consort (VHC) on Saturday, December 5, 2026 at 7pm.** The VHC, directed by Alan Reese, heralds the season of Advent as we prepare to celebrate the birth of the Christ. The program is free and open to the public. Donations will be accepted to help support the concert series. Bring your friends, neighbors, workmates and treat them to a sparkling program and introduce them to St Mark and the Virginia Handbell Consort.

- **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.*

  The programs for this year are as follows:

  - Alzheimer's Association
  - Avalon – a Center for Women
  - Colonial Casa
  - Community of Faith Mission (COFM) - Faith-based Emergency Winter Shelter
  - Dream Catchers
  - Edmarc – Helping families with pediatric illness, loss and bereavement.
  - Faith in Action
  - Families of the Wounded
  - FISH
  - Grace Inside Prison Ministry
  - Grove Christian Outreach
  - Housing Partnerships, Inc.
  - Hospice House of Williamsburg
  - Lackey Clinic
  - Literacy for Life
  - Meals on Wheels - includes Summer Meals for Kids
  - Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands
  - Saint Francis Service Dogs
  - Salvation Army

This Week's Schedule of Events

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

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*
5:30pm	WPC Youth Group / Rm 255

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23

1pm	Caregiver Support Grp / Rm 123
2pm	WPC Book Club / Rm 220 and Zoom

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

10am	Disciple Bible Study / Rm 220
1pm	Staff Mtg / Zoom
7pm	AA Williamsburg Big Book Study / LL009 and LL049

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

10:30am	WPC Library Committee / Library

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26 • HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL!

The Church Office is closed for the Holiday.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27

The Church Office is closed for the Holiday.
We will reopen on Monday, November 30, 2026 at 9am

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Next Sunday in Worship

November 29, 2026

1st Sunday of Advent

Pastor John E. Morgan's sermon, "Doorkeepers" will be based on Mark 13:24-37.