



WILLIAMSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
EASTER SEASON • APRIL 20 TO JUNE 8
2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER • APRIL 27, 2025

PRAYER FOR PREPARATION

God of the Resurrection, you open the tomb and invite us to sing and dance in the new life you give us. In Jesus Christ, whose wounds are not erased but glorified in resurrection, touch our wounds that they may be transformed into channels of healing for others. Holy Spirit, breathe into us the power to forgive so that all may have new life. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

THE GATHERING PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

PRELUDE Siyahamba (We Are Marching in the Light of God) South African Hymn
Carol Choir

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor John E. Morgan

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH Harley Stewart

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Leader: Blessed be the God of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

All: God has given us a new birth in the living hope of the resurrection.

Leader: God has given us an inheritance that is imperishable and unfading.

All: In this we rejoice, even when we suffer trials.

Leader: For although we have not seen Jesus, we love him;
and although we have not seen him, we believe in him.

All: For the outcome of our faith is the salvation of our souls.

*Please rise in body or spirit. The people's responses are in **bold type**.

***HYMN 681** This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made NUN DANKET ALL' UND BRINGET EHR'

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

When we keep our fears and faults locked up inside us, it is hard to be healed and receive new life. So let us open ourselves to God in confession, trusting the Lord's desire to give us peace.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

God of the empty tomb and our empty hearts, when we are afraid to speak our faith in the world, forgive us and help us to find our voice. When we are afraid to forgive and to love again, forgive us and give us the power to forgive. When we are afraid to stand up to misguided authority, join with the weak to make us all strong. When we are confined by our hurts, touch us with your wounded hands and set us free. When we are locked behind our doubts and fears, pass through our barricades, open our hearts, and give us peace. Amen. .

A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER

***KYRIE**

Lord, Have Mercy

LAND OF REST

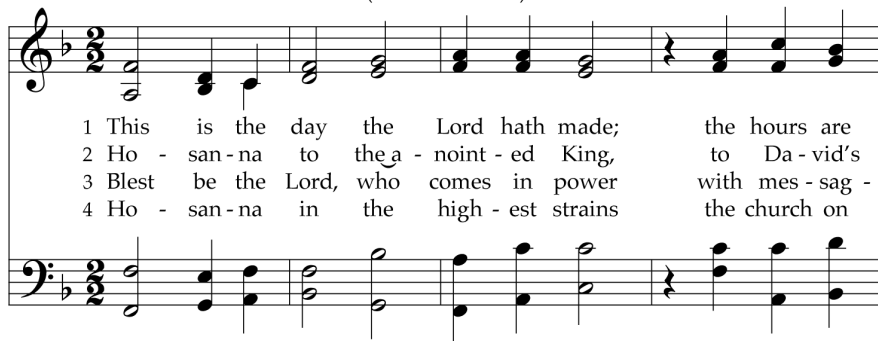


***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Leader: Christ comes with healing light into our locked places and shadowy hurts, resurrecting our spirits and breathing into us new life. As God's own forgiven people, go to bring peace, forgiveness, and new life to the world in the name of Jesus Christ.

681 This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made

(Psalm 118)



1 This is the day the Lord hath made; the hours are
 2 Ho - san - na to the a - nointed King, to Da - vid's
 3 Blest be the Lord, who comes in power with mes - sag -
 4 Ho - san - na in the high - est strains the church on



all God's own. Let heaven re - joice; let
 ho - ly Son! Help us, O Lord; de -
 es of grace, who comes in this ac -
 earth can raise! The high - est heavens in



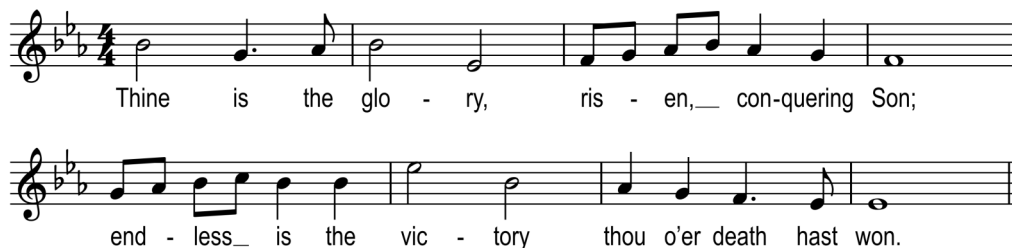
earth be glad, and praise sur - round the throne.
 scend and bring sal - va - tion from the throne.
 cept - ed hour to save our sin - ful race.
 which God reigns shall now re - sound with praise.

These stanzas provide Watts's paraphrase of Psalm 118:24–29 (minus a stanza he inserted about Easter and Pentecost as part of his effort to Christianize the Psalms). They are set to a tune composed for and named by a Paul Gerhardt text, "Now Let All Thank and Bring Honor."

***GLORIA**

Thine Is the Glory

JUDAS MACCABEUS



**(11:00) At this time any and all children through the 5th grade
are invited to come forward for Sharing Faith with Children.**

(9:30) ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

Pastor John E. Morgan

Please see insert for Ordination and Installation liturgy.

(11:00) SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

Melody Dillon

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Harley Stewart

Guiding God, send your Holy Spirit upon the reading of your Word that it may serve to show us the path of life and lead us into your presence where there is fullness of joy. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Acts 5:27-32

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

PSALM 118:14-29 (responsive)

Leader: The LORD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

All: There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD does valiantly;

Leader: the right hand of the LORD is exalted; the right hand of the LORD does valiantly."

All: I shall not die, but I shall live and recount the deeds of the LORD.

Leader: The LORD has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.

All: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

(Psalm continues on the next page.)

Leader: This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

All: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

All: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

Leader: This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

All: Save us, we beseech you, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD. We bless you from the house of the LORD.

All: The LORD is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

Leader: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.

All: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

SECOND LESSON: John 20:19-31

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"Showing Up"

Pastor Pam Hrcir

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN 817**

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

DUNLAP'S CREEK

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH FROM 1 PETER 1:3-5: (unison)**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

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.

817 We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with
 2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
 4 And when our life of faith is done, in

gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
 fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise
 may our faith a - bound to call on you when
 realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you

none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
 we re - joice and cry, "My Lord and God!"
 you are near and seek where you are found.
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.

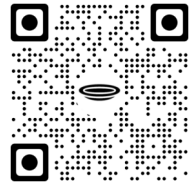
Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

The opening line here is essentially a quotation of 2 Corinthians 5:7, but that affirmation is fleshed out by references to the appearance of the risen Christ to Thomas (John 20:19–29). The shape note tune, named for a stream in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, adds resolution to the words.

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

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

arr. Gordon Young

Rejoice, the Lord is King; your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

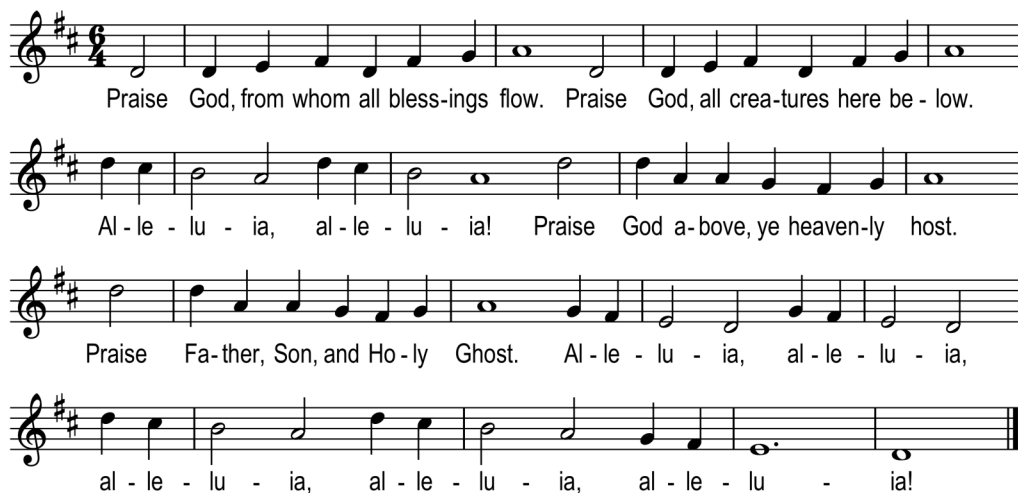
The Lord our Savior reigns, the God of truth and love;
When he had purged our stains he took his seat above:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail, he rules o'er earth and heaven;
The keys of death and hell are to our savior given:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

He all his foes shall quell, shall all our sins destroy,
And every bosom swell with pure seraphic joy:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

DOXOLOGYPraise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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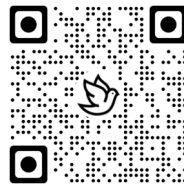
***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

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 35***Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

LOBE DEN HERREN

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION*POSTLUDE***Fanfare on Thine Is the Glory*

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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.

35 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

1 Praise ye the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2 Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous - ly
 3 Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
 reign - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so
 dore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his
 gen - tly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

tem - ple draw near; join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 sires e'er have been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for aye we a - dore him.

This very strong 17th-century German hymn employs many phrases from the psalms, especially Psalms 150 and 103:1-6. It did not receive an effective English translation until the mid-19th century, but has remained popular ever since, thanks in part to its stirring tune.

∞ THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ∞

The flowers are given today to the glory of God and
in honor of their family by Jackie and Gerry Ward.

∞ THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY ∞

PASTORS

John E. Morgan, Pastor/Head of Staff

Pam Hrcir, Associate Pastor

MUSIC MINISTRY

Christopher Bechtler, Director of Music

Norman Elton, Organist and Assistant Director of Music

WPC Chancel Choir

Carol Choir under the direction of Rebecca Elton, Director of Children's Choirs

PROGRAM STAFF AND SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

Melody Dillon, Director of Children and Family Ministries

LITURGIST

Harley Stewart

GREETER

9:30am Bill Riffer, Elizabeth Padgett

11:00am Gerry and Jackie Ward

USHERS

9:30am Shanna Due, JD Due, John VanAken, Carolyn Morgan

11:00am Kathryn Hall, Ric Cheston, Kirk Lovenbury, Rebecca Caprio

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

Jim Carey, Abigail and Roy Knox

***WILLIAMSBURG LANDING USHERS**

Janice and Bill McGuire

***WINDSOR MEADE USHER**

Ray Whitney

AUDIO AND VIDEO TECHNICIANS: Dick Sahlen and John Schoenberger

*Satellite campuses

WPC Elders, Deacons & Staff

SESSION: CLASSES OF 2025, 2026, 2027

Moderator: John E. Morgan

Clerk of Session: Diane Schwarz

Administration: Faith Shartzter* (25), Sarah Houghland (25), Margie Newcomer (26), Larry Pulley (26)

Christian Education: Sallie McLain* (25), Kelly Kirkpatrick (26), JD Due* (26), Kathryn Hall (27)

Christian Outreach: * Jim Winthrop* (25), Joseph Kinard (27)

Communications: Ellen Peters (27)

Facilities: Dale Trowbridge* (25), Jerry Howell (26), Ric Cheston (27)

Resources: Elaine McBeth (25), Jay Eaton (26), Marc Moyers (27)

Worship: Becky Mckinley* (27)

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE:

Hank Vernon* (25), Jim Austin (26), Joseph Kinard (26), Martha Squire (27), Al Thomas* (25)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: CLASS OF 2024-25

Moderator: Jerry Howell*, Ric Cheston**, Roban Graham, Ellen D'Orsogna, Jay Hardy, Dave McLain, Bev Whitley

**Moderator **Second Chair*

BOARD OF DEACONS: CLASSES OF 2025, 2026, 2027

Moderator: Copper Perry (25) **Vice-Moderator:** Eric Beckhusen (26)

Pastoral Advisor: Pam Hrcir, Associate Pastor

Secretary: Jo Ann Youhas (25)

CARE TEAMS

Care Connections: Harold Herring (25), Jennifer LaDow (26), Suzanne Stuart (27)

Grief: Copper Perry (25), Bev Whitley (27)

Brookdale and Other Asst. Living: Robin Sabo (26)

Patriot's Colony: Sue Rennagel (25)

Williamsburg Landing: Doris Gilfillan(26), Carolyn Lodzieski (26)

Windsor Meade: Happy Simmons (25), Martha Burian (26)

MINISTRY TEAMS

Celebrations and Concerns: Sarah Horner (25), Laura Osman (27)

Christian Fellowship: Happy Simmons (25), Sue Rennagel (25), Sarah Dulaney (25), Jim Carey (27)

Flower Sharing: Laura Bechtler (25): Leigh Sutherland (26), Carol Thomas (26)

New Member: Deborah Rockafellow (25), Eric Beckhusen (26), Rodney Lawrence (27)

Memorial Receptions: Rebecca Caprio (26), Jo Ann Youhas (25), Karen Lauritzen (27), Julia Smith (27)

Memorial Services: Ford Mosely (27), Jack Lassiter (27), Kathy Chambers (27), Dave Littell (25)

STAFF

Pastoral Staff: John E. Morgan, Pastor/Head of Staff; Pam Hrcir, Covenant Pastor for Congregational Care

Program Staff: Melody Dillon, Director of Children and Family Ministries

Music Staff: Chris Bechtler, Director of Music; Norman Elton, Organist, Assistant Director of Music; Rebecca Elton, Carol Choir Director

Administrative Staff: Stephen Foster, Director of Finance and Administration; Vanessa Gamble, Church Secretary; Martha Reier, Administrative Assistant; Sherry Volk, Director of Communications; Barbara Walker, Accounting Assistant

Facility Staff: Elbert Fleming, Facility Manager; Hugh Jamerson, Sexton

Audio Booth: John Schoenberger, Technician

✧ 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!

✧ 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.
- **Monthly grief support group** meets the first Wednesday of the month at 10am in room 220 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.

✧ 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, prayer chain or will be 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 (handbellringer2@gmail.com). Please notify Jo Ann when you would like to remove your name from the prayer chain.

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 below for this week. During the week, please call the church office.

Sunday, April 27 – Saturday, May 3 • Pastor John • jmorgan@mywpc.org • 757-903-7800

Please pray for:

- Gene Dorsogna, Denny Yeignst, Bob Siclari, Nell Stowe, and families who have recently lost loved ones.

Please pray for those:

- Recovering from various surgeries, who are homebound, who have family and friend concerns, affected by the recent airplane tragedies, affected by the fires in California, still affected by Hurricanes Helene and Milton, attending and serving in the school systems, serving our country in the military services and their families, serving our country in leadership roles, affected by the possibility of job loss, homelessness and hunger, affected by the wars in Gaza, Israel, Sudan, and Ukraine.

⌘ ANNOUNCEMENTS ⌘

- The **Local Mission Luncheon is TODAY, right after 11am worship, in Stevenson Hall, and ALL are invited.** The Luncheon, sponsored by Presbyterian Women (PW), will raise awareness and monetary donations for Edmarc, a highly regarded nonprofit organization providing comprehensive in-home healthcare and hospice for seriously ill children, patient and family support, and bereavement services, at no cost to families.

Enjoy a FREE lunch hosted by PW Circles, and a short program by Debbie Stitzer-Brame, Edmarc Executive Director. Learn about Edmarc's history (and unusual name), mission, and recent expansion in the Williamsburg area. Monetary donations will be accepted at today's Luncheon, by the Church Office (make checks payable to Williamsburg Presbyterian Church, Memo: PW-Local Mission) and online at mywpc.org/edmarc through May 19, 2025.

- **Join us for Senior Recognition May 4 at our 11am worship service. At that time, we will recognize our seniors graduating from high school and college. In addition to our local schools, we'd like to recognize our members who are graduating from other colleges. If you know of a member graduating from other colleges, please let Vanessa (vgamble@mywpc.org) or Pastor Pam (phrncir@mywpc.org) know by Wednesday, April 30. You may also contact the church office.**
- **The Open Door Concert Series welcomes folk singer and storyteller David Wilcox, whose spinning lyrics quietly cut deep, paired with melodies that usher the listener through plot twists and turns.** From his Ohio roots and North Carolina youth, through critically acclaimed albums and countless live performances, Wilcox inspires audiences through his charm, wit, and charisma. **Join your friends for this free concert at 4PM on Sunday, May 4. Details at mywpc.org/concerts.**
- **The Flourish Tree is ready to bloom! With the arrival of Easter and vibrant spring growth all around us, our "flourish tree" wall graphic in the Welcome Lobby at the back of the church is ready for the season.** Inspired by nature, please pick up a flower from the basket or from the friendship register pad and add it to the tree with your response to the question, *"Where is God blossoming in your life and in the world?"*
- **The WPC Book Club will meet on Monday, April 28, 2025, at 2 pm in Room 220 (and on Zoom) to discuss *Good Night, Irene*, by Luis Alberto Urrea.**
- **Monthly Men's Bible Study:** The Squares consider God's role in one's life. Picture yourself far out in the back yard cutting grass and your older brother comes out and tells you to come in. He tells you that the Supreme Court judge is there and says he wants you to run for President of the United States. What do you think? Does that sound real? Maybe, so on Thursday, May 1, 7:00 pm in room 227 the Squares will consider a time when something bigger than that actually happened to a 15-year-old boy. You won't want to miss this story, so come and join us.
- **Explore Paul's journey with the Adult Fellowship Class:** Beginning TODAY, April 27 the Fellowship Class lead a part-lecture, part-discussion study of Paul's journey, but rather than watch a show you can participate with others in an exploration that promises to provide insights into the lives and history of biblical figures and places! On Sunday morning there are about 30 friendly adults ready to dive into an insightful study led by a prepared guide. You can attend each week or jump in anytime! Come along as the class discovers how the encounter with Jesus changed Paul's life and how it impacted the entire world with the 'good news' message of Jesus Christ. **The class meets every Sunday at 9:30am in Room 009 on the lower level. Have questions or want to know more? Please contact one of the class coordinators: Larry Pulley* or Allen Hogge*.**

- **Earthcare Picnic at York River State Park: Sign up now! Saturday, May 3 • 12-3pm.** Join the picnic sponsored by the Earth Care committee to enjoy God's bounty of living water that is the York River. This is a family-friendly event that will include a ranger talk and tour of the Living Shoreline project in the park. **The picnic will begin at noon, followed by a guided ranger talk and tour of the Living Shoreline project.** Our Earth Care team will supply sandwiches, fruit and vegetable trays, and water. Optionally, we invite participants to bring any sides or desserts to share. See mywpc.org/picnic to learn more and register. Contact Bev Whitley* or the Church Office with any questions.
- **Response to Hurricane Helene: A Mission Trip has been planned for May 15-18, 2025.** Hurricane Helene struck the western part of North Carolina in late September 2024. Residents in the path continue to recover from the devastating storm, and now WPC family members have the opportunity to help in person. We are putting together a team of volunteers to travel to Montreat/Black Mountain, NC in May. Our team will work with Black Mountain Presbyterian Church, possibly clearing downed trees, performing home repairs, and clearing away trash and debris. To learn more about the mission trip and how to participate, or contact trip coordinator Jim Kirkpatrick.*
- **Our next New Member Orientation Luncheon is scheduled for Sunday, June 8, 2025, immediately after the 11:00am worship service.** Come and enjoy great food and great conversation with members and staff as you get to know the people and ministries of WPC. If the Holy Spirit is nudging you to become a part of this church community, reach out to Pastor Pam (phrncir@mywpc.org) after the service.
- **All children are invited to sign up for Camp Hanover!** Sleepaway camp options are available for rising 2nd–12th graders throughout the summer and you can register for whatever week works in your schedule. Groups are organized by age and each group gets to choose their own activities for the week. WPC is offering a \$200 scholarship for all campers with additional funding available. We know camp can be expensive and we are committed to making sure that every child that wants to can go to camp. Email Melody Dillon with questions or scholarship requests.
- **Williamsburg Landing Church Ushers Needed:** At Williamsburg Landing, our church service is streamed every Sunday for residents who have no way to attend our church in person. Volunteers are needed to serve as ushers at Williamsburg Landing. Ushers welcome all who attend the service, operate the computer to show the service on the big screen, hand out bulletins, and help all feel glad to worship God together. **Please contact Linda Eichhorn* to volunteer.**

*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.

➤ **UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENT** ➤

An Opportunity from HART, Sunday, May 4 • 2:30 - 4pm • St. Martin's • 1333 Jamestown Road: Join Historic Area Religions Together (HART) for an afternoon of storytelling, solidarity-building, and dialogue. We'll explore how the shared values of our religious traditions can empower us to stand up for ourselves and others, combat bullying, and promote kindness, fairness, and respect for human dignity in our community. We'll leave with renewed hope and connection and ideas for next steps to keep moving forward with this essential work. Space is limited! **contact the Church Office to register for the event.**

✧ THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF EVENTS ✧

SUNDAY, APRIL 27

9:30am-12pm Nursery open during both worship services

9:30am Sunday School / Christian Education Wing

9:30am In-person Worship / Sanctuary; Live-Stream Worship; visit mywpc.org to access
Ordination and Installation of Church Officers

11:00am In-person Worship / Sanctuary; Listen at FM93.5 The Burg and AM740 or wmbgradio.com

12:00pm Presbyterian Women's Local Mission Luncheon / Stevenson Hall

4:30pm Youth Choir Rehearsal / Choir Rm

5:30pm Youth Group / CE Wing

MONDAY, APRIL 28

1:00pm Caregiver Support Group / Rm 123

2:00pm WPC Book Club / Rm 220

6:30pm Williamsburg Choral Guild Rehearsal / Sanctuary

TUESDAY, APRIL 29

10:00am Adult Bible Study / Rm 220

1:00pm Staff Meeting / Zoom

2:00pm From His Hands Motel Ministry Meal Prep / Kitchen

6:00pm ARC Yoga / Stevenson Hall

7:00pm AA Williamsburg Big Book Study / LL009 and LL049

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

3:00pm Endowment Committee Meeting / Rm 220

6:00pm Joyful Ringers Rehearsal / Bell Rm

7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Rm

THURSDAY, MAY 1

9:00am Sanctuary Cleaning

9:30am Presbyterian Women's Circle 1 / Stevenson Hall

4:30pm Carol and Junior Choir Rehearsal / Youth Choir Rm

7:00pm The Squares Men's Bible Study / Rm 227

7:30pm Westminster Ringers / Bell Rm

FRIDAY, MAY 2

10:30am Soul Feast Class / Rm 220

SATURDAY, MAY 3

12:00pm Earth Care Living Shoreline Picnic / York River State Park

***9:30am service is live-streamed on mywpc.org.**

****11:00am service is broadcast on FM93.5 The Burg and AM740**

✧ NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP ✧

May 4, 2025 • 3rd Sunday of Easter

Pastor John's sermon, "Breathing Threats and Murder" will be based on Acts 9:1-6 (7-20).



ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

Incoming Ruling Elders:

- Megan Davis, Carolyn Morgan, Patricia Murray, Len Shartzter, C. W. Stacks, Greg Walton

Incoming Deacon:

- Bruce Graham, Dave McLain, Skip Perry, Cheryl Roettger, Barbara Smith, Jack Snell, Jane Snyder, Linda Stewart, Barb Timko, Patty Yewcic, Steven Young

“The service of ordination and installation shall focus upon Christ and the joy and responsibility of serving him through the mission and ministry of the Church.” *Book of Order G-2.0403*

RESPONSIBILITIES OF SERVING AS AN ELDER

Ruling Elders serve on the Session, which is the governing body of a Presbyterian congregation. Their responsibilities include: all aspects of worship, including the sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper; all aspects of education, including Church School and special training; all aspects of mission, including local outreach and international evangelism; all aspects of fellowship and nurture of the spiritual life within the congregation; all aspects of church administration, including buildings, finances, and stewardship. These responsibilities are normally carried out through Ministries assigned to these various needs and tasks.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF SERVING AS A DEACON

Deacons help provide pastoral care for members of the church. In many respects, the Deacons are the “heart and hands” of the church, comforting, supporting and caring for the congregation. In addition, our Deacons strive to create an active and caring church by involving members in various social activities designed to help them to better know and appreciate the church and each other. The Diaconate consists of six ministry teams and six care teams whose work is carried out by deacons and volunteer church members.

LITANY OF SERVICE

Leader: There are different gifts,

People: But it is the same Spirit who gives them.

Leader: There are different ways of serving God,

People: But it is the same Lord who is served.

Leader: God works through different people in different ways,

People: But it is the same God who fulfills these purposes through them all.

Leader: Together we are the body of Christ,

People: And individually members of Christ.

INTRODUCTION OF RULING ELDERS AND DEACONS

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS TO OFFICERS

(After each question, ruling elder and/or deacon will respond I do or I will.)

Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you?

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our Church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?

Will you fulfill your office in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?

Will you be governed by our Church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?

Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the Church?

Will you seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

(For Ruling Elders)

Will you be a faithful ruling elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in governing bodies of the Church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

(For Deacons)

Will you be a faithful deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people's help to the friendless and those in need? In your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

QUESTIONS TO CONGREGATION

Do you the members of the church, accept as ruling elders and deacons, these members chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

Congregation: We do.

Do you agree to pray for them, encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

Congregation: With God's help, we will serve Christ through this church family.

LAYING ON OF HANDS

All teaching elders and ruling elders are invited to come forward and lay hands on those being ordained as a sign of setting apart and of blessing.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Pastor: Almighty God, in every age you have chosen servants to speak your word and lead your loyal people. We thank you for these men and women you have called to serve you. Give them special gifts to do their special work; and fill them with your Holy Spirit, so they may have the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, and be faithful disciples as long as they live. Give them strength, wisdom and love to work for Christ joyfully.

People: **God of grace, who called us to a shared ministry as ambassadors of Christ, trusting us with the message of reconciliation: give us courage and discipline to follow where your servants lead us, that together we may declare your wonderful deeds and show your love to the world, through Jesus Christ the Lord of all. Amen.**

STATEMENT OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

Pastor: You are now ruling elders and deacons in the Church of Jesus Christ and for this congregation. Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Amen.

WELCOME OF NEW ELDERS AND DEACONS

All teaching elders, ruling elders and deacons may greet those newly ordained and installed.

The congregation is invited to greet our new elders and deacons following the worship service during Coffee Fellowship in Stevenson Hall.