

WILLIAMSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CONFIRMATION SUNDAY DAY OF PENTECOST • MAY 19, 2024

PRAYER FOR PREPARATION

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love so that in hearing and seeing the gifts of this life, we may know the way to live in thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

THE GATHERING PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

PASTORAL GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Dave McLain

MINUTE FOR MISSION: ODCS: The Windborne Singers

Norman Elton

PRELUDE

Go to the World

arr. Lloyd Larson

Genesis Ringers

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, come. Be the wind and fire that transform our lives.

All: Breathe upon us as we study your word of life.

Leader: Kindle faith from our believing doubt.

All: Cleanse us from our waywardness.

Leader: Deepen our passion for sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ.

All: Give us voice to proclaim your mighty works in every tongue.

Leader: Fill your church with power. Come, Holy Spirit, come!

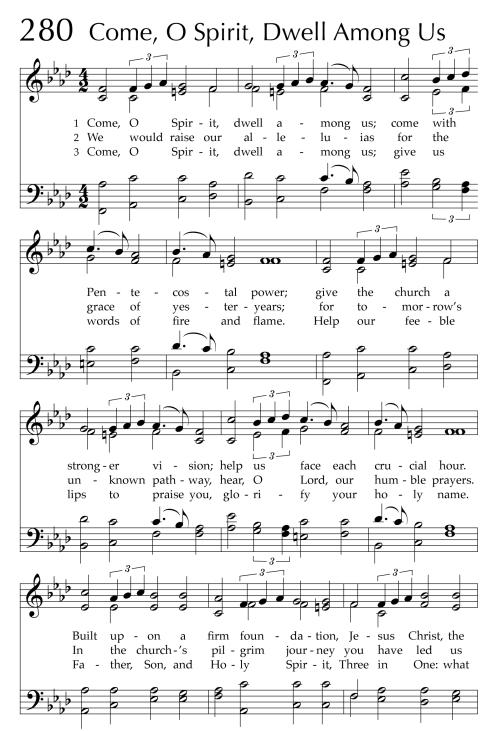
*Hymn 280

Come. O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

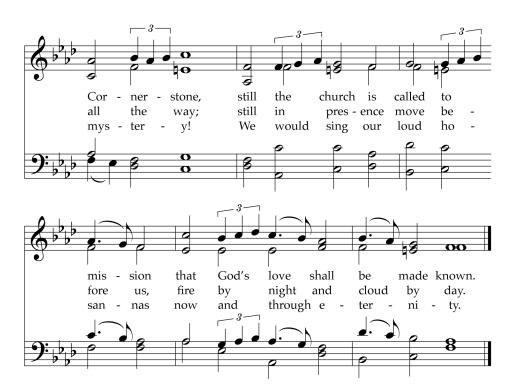
EBENEZER

Bold type face congregation participates in word or song.

^{*}Please rise in body or spirit.



This 20th-century text was written by a Presbyterian layperson and poet, who in her later years became interested in writing hymns for the seasons of the church year and prepared a collection of them for her congregation. It pairs effectively with this sturdy Welsh tune.



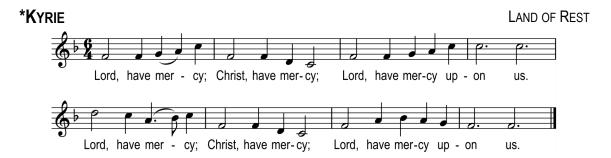
*CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: Let us call on the name of the One who invites us to speak the truth about ourselves and our relationships and promises to show us mercy.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

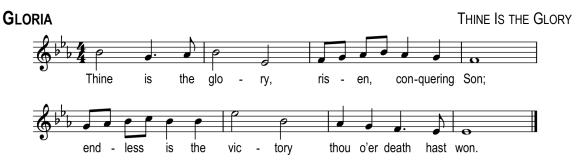
Holy and Merciful God, we do not know how to pray as we ought, and we know too well our constant failures to do as you have commanded and to hold fast to your word. Forgive us for the divisions we nurture, guide us to your way, keep us in your care, and lead us into faith. We trust your word that the Spirit of truth will show us all things and grant us courage and peace. Amen.

A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER



*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: People of God, body of Christ, sisters and brothers, the Spirit of God's truth has come upon creation and upon you, to interpret the mysteries of eternal time. Know that your sin is completely forgiven. Be at peace with one another because of God's mercy.



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

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Holy Spirit, come again. As long ago you inspired, astonished, and confused the people, come to us now to fill our ears with the sound of your breath, fill our eyes with the brilliance of your presence in each other, fill our hearts with your good Word. Amen.

PSALM 104: 30-34, 35b (responsive)

Leader: When you send forth your spirit, they are created,

and you renew the face of the ground.

All: May the glory of the Lord endure forever;

may the Lord rejoice in his works—

Leader: who looks on the earth and it trembles,

who touches the mountains and they smoke.

All: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

Leader: May my meditation be pleasing to him,

for I rejoice in the Lord.

All: Let sinners be consumed from the earth,

and let the wicked be no more.

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

SECOND LESSON: Romans 8:22-27

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON "Holy Spirit Prayers" Rev. John E. Morgan

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn 282

Come, Down, O Love Divine

DOWN AMPNEY

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: FROM A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH (unison)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

(9:30) CONFIRMATION: A REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISMAL COVENANT

PRESENTATION OF CONFIRMANDS

Leader: These confirmands are presented by the session for the confirmation and reaffirmation of the baptism covenant into which they are baptized:

Katherine A. Bechtler, Kaylee G. Green, Kailani S. Salud

They now have chosen to profess publicly their faith and take on new responsibilities in their lives, the Church, and God's mission throughout the world.

Pastor:

We rejoice in your desire to declare your faith publicly and to share with us in our common ministry. Baptism symbolizes God's claim on you as part of Christ's church. Through this community and the people who make up the body of Christ, you seek and find God's purpose for you and for all creation as you discover the spirit of God in and around you. You are nurtured at the table of our Lord and are called to witness to the Good News of new life brought by and shown through Jesus Christ. We recognize the image of God in you. Hear these words of Scripture: But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. ~1 Peter 2: 9-10

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and

renounce evil and its power in the world?

Confirmands: I do with God's help.

282 Come Down, O Love Divine



This *lauda spirituale*, a kind of vernacular Italian sacred song from the late Middle Ages and Renaissance, was translated into English in the 19th century but received little notice until this tune (named for the composer's birthplace) was created for *The English Hymnal*.

Pastor: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in

his grace and love?

Confirmands: Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

Pastor: Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love?

Confirmands: I will.

Pastor: Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, share in its worship and

ministry through your prayers and gifts, your study and service, and so fulfill

your calling to be a disciple of Jesus Christ?

Confirmands: I will.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Kaylee G. Green, Kailani S. Salud

WELCOME TO CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray. Ever-living God, guard these your servants with your protecting hand, and let your Holy Spirit be with them forever. Lead them to know and obey you so they may serve you in this life and know that you are with them forever.

All: Amen.

Pastor: By publicly professing their faith, these young people have expressed their intention to continue in the covenant God made with them in their baptism. Let us welcome them as they join with us in the worship and mission of the church.

All: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in him.

PRESENTATION OF STOLES

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 TALK Rebecca Elton

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

The Breath of God

arr. Mark Schweizer (1956-2019)

Reader: Jackson Black

Come Holy Ghost, our souls inspire, and lighten with celestial fire, thou the anointing Spirit art, who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.

Reading: Acts 2:1-4

Thy blessed unction from above is comfort, life, and fire of love. Enable with perpetual light the dullness of our blinded sight.

Reading: Acts 2:5-11

Anoint and cheer our soiled face with the abundance of thy grace. Keep far from foes, give peace at home: where thou art guide, no ill can come.

Reading: Acts 2:12-21

Teach us to know the Father, Son, and thee, of both, to be but One, that through the ages all along, this may be our endless song.

Praise to thy eternal merit, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.



*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 <u>mywpc.org/friendship</u> or scan the QR code at the right to access the online friendship register.



*Hymn 295 Go to the World Sine Nomine

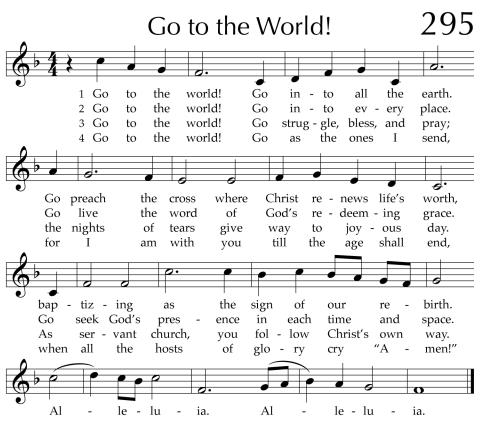
*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Postlude

Come, God Creator, Holy Ghost

J. S. Bach

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.



Based on Christ's great commission (Matthew 28:19–20), this text was written for a Convocation of Emmanuel College in Toronto, the largest theological school of the United Church of Canada, a denomination formed by the union of Methodists, Congregationalists, and Presbyterians.

TEXT: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1985 MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906 Text © 1991 GIA Publications, Inc. SINE NOMINE 10.10.10 with alleluias

≫ THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ≪

The flowers are given today to the glory of God and in celebration of Pentecost and in honor of Judy Austin and the women of Priscilla Circle by Lisa and Arch Marston.

> NOTES ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC ◆

Our service begins with a handbell arrangement of the hymn tune SINE NOMINE, which we all know as "For All the Saints." Our Genesis Ringers prepared this piece for our annual handbell festival in March, and we are happy to get to share it with you in worship. Our closing hymn is another setting of the same tune, to the text "Go to the World," which calls us to go out into the world to preach and live the Gospel.

Our offertory anthem is a setting of VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS or "Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire." The 9th-century Plainsong chant is accompanied by a wind machine and bells (like wind chimes) that evoke the movement of the breath of God and the "rush of a violent wind" from Acts 2:2. Composer-arranger Mark Schweizer was a singer, composer, professor of music, and president and editor of St. James Music Press. He's also the author of the *St. Germaine Mysteries*, a series of thirteen humorous mystery novels involving churches and their musicians.

This morning's postlude is one of Bach's Great Eighteen chorale preludes, written during the last decade of the his life. They are large-scale preludes on hymn tunes that would have been familiar to the listener. This selection consists of two variations on the hymn "Come, God Creator, Holy Ghost," bridged together with a brief interlude. The hymn appears in our hymnal, albeit with a slightly different title, on page 278. The first variation places a heavy emphasis on the third division of every beat, creating a somewhat lopsided rhythm. Bach was intentionally emphasizing the third person of the Holy Trinity, the "Holy Ghost."

>> THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY ◆

PASTOR

John E. Morgan, Pastor/Head of Staff

Pam Hrncir, Associate Pastor

MUSIC MINISTRY

Christopher Bechtler, Director of Music

Norman Elton, Organist and Assistant Director of Music

Genesis Ringers under the direction of Christopher Bechtler

Jackson Black, Offertory Reader

GREETER

9:30am Bill Riffer

11:00am Bruce Powell. Rebecca Caprio

USHERS

9:30am Debby Philp, Cyndi Young, Harley Stewart, Rebecca Caprio 11:00am Bob Bolstad, Donna Powell, Megan Davis, Sarah Houghland

LITURGIST

Dave McLain

SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

Adrian Williams

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOST

Happy and Ralph Simmons, Copper Perry

*WILLIAMSBURG LANDING USHERS

Martha Jean and Jerry Howell

*WINDSOR MEADE USHER

Paul Hotinger

AUDIO AND VIDEO TECHNICIANS: Dick Sahlen and John Schoenberger

^{*}Satellite campuses

≫ WPC Elders & Deacons ⋖

SESSION: CLASSES OF 2025, 2026, 2027

Moderator: John E. Morgan Clerk of Session: Diane Schwarz

Administration: Faith Shartzer* (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)

Endowment Committee: Al Thomas* (25), Jim Austin (26), Joseph Kinard (26), Hank Vernon (25)

Facilities: Dale Trowbridge* (25), Jerry Howell (26), Ric Cheston (27) **Resources**: Elaine McBeth (25), Jay Eaton (26), Marc Moyers (27)

Worship: Becky Mckinley* (27)

*Moderator

Board of Deacons: Classes of 2025, 2026, 2027

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

Pastoral Advisor: Pam Hrncir, Associate Pastor

Secretary: Jo Ann Youhas (25)

Care Teams

Care Connections: Harold Herring (25), Jennifer LaDow (26), Lee Saxton (26), Suzanne Holliday (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 Salud (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)

>> 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. To reach a Pastor during the week, please call the church office.

Sunday, May 19 - Saturday, May 25

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

Touch Note:

• Many thanks for the prayers, calls, food and visits during my time of healing. Your care and concern have helped both me and Ruth through this process. ~Tom Cobb

Please pray for:

- Jean Austin, sister of Fred Whitley, Doris Gilfillan, Carole McNeel, Ellie Thuermer, Stephen Custer.
- Those who have recently lost loved ones, those recovering from various surgeries and our sick and shut-ins who are at home or facility bound.
- Those serving our country in the military services and their families.
- Those affected by the wars in Gaza, Israel and Ukraine.

> Congregational Meeting • Sunday, May 26, 2024 ←

A Congregational Meeting of the Congregation for the purpose of electing one Elder to serve on the Session and three Deacons for the Class of 2027, will be held on Sunday, May 26, 2024, immediately following our 9:30am worship service. All members of WPC are invited to attend.

➢ ANNOUNCEMENTS ≪

- The Open Door Concert Series wraps up its season with the Windborne Singers at 4pm TODAY, Sunday, May 19. Windborne draws from the deep roots of vocal harmony, bringing old songs to the present with their bold harmonies, youthful energy, and engaging personalities. This talented vocal quartet effortlessly shifts between different styles of music. National Public Radio hails them as "the best musical discovery of the year ... stunningly powerful ... setting a new bar for harmony singing today!". Be sure to meet one another, and the performers, at the reception immediately following the program. Details at mywpc.org/concerts.
- All are invited to the Presbyterian Women's luncheon and birthday celebration on Wednesday, May 22, 11am in Stevenson Hall. We will enjoy a musical program presented by Chris Bechtler and Norman Elton and the PW birthday offering will be collected. Please sign up by May 19th (online or in the Welcome Center) so that we can plan enough lunch for all. \$5 will be collected at the door to offset the cost of lunch.
- The nursery for our youngest set will be available during the 9:30 worship service from Memorial Day Weekend, May 26th, through Labor Day Weekend! The nursery will not be open during the 11:00am service.
- Registration for the Spring Roundtable Pulpit Series beginning Wednesday, May 22 and concluding Wednesday, June 19. The Roundtable Pulpit is a group of lay persons that meets each week with Pastor John. The 5-week session will be held on Wednesday, from 7:00 8:30pm in the Church Library, to discuss the biblical text for the upcoming week's sermon. The group is limited to 15 people. If you are interested in diving deeper into scripture and contributing to the sermons preached at WPC on Sunday morning or have any question about The Roundtable Pulpit Series, please email Pastor John (jmorgan@mywpc.org). Feel free to pass this information along to others, WPC members and non-members are welcome. If you participated in a previous session, consider signing up again!
- The WPC Book Club will meet on Monday, June 3, 2024, at 2pm in Room 220 (and on Zoom) to discuss The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post, by Allison Pataki.
- New Member Orientation Luncheon June 9, immediately after the 11am worship service. If the Holy Spirit is nudging you to become part of this church community, please reach out to Pastor Pam (phrncir@mywpc.org) or the church office (757-229-4235).
- The bus is almost full! We have ten spots left for anyone wanting to join us to see Daniel at the Sight and Sound Theatre in PA, October 9 + 10, 2024. Please reach out to Janie Moyers for details.
- VBS Camp Firelight will be open this June! It is time to register! Plans for Camp Firelight: A Summer Camp Adventure with God are underway! Our exciting week will take place during the week of June 24-28, 2024, from 9am to noon. Registration is OPEN! Please go to www.mywpc.org/vbs to register your children (ages 3 through rising 5th grade), or as a volunteer (youth OR adult). If you are looking for a way to get to know the children and the youth of WPC, this is it! And they would love to get to know you, too! There is a place for everyone at VBS! If you have any questions, please contact "A" Williams (awilliams@mywpc.org).

- Our WPC Ladies Golf Group is eager to start the 2024 season! If you missed our Fall event and would like to be included on our list for a 9-Hole play day (with lunch) sometime this summer, please contact Faith Shartzer*.
- Join A Prison Ministry Bake Cookies and Consider Attending the Closing Ceremony. On October 25 we will be participating in a Prison Ministry weekend at Sussex II State Prison in Waverly, Virginia. As part of this weekend ministry thousands of homemade cookies are given out to all the residents in Sussex II prison and for that we need your help. Your homemade cookies tell the residents that someone who doesn't even know them still cares enough to give them something without wanting something in return. We need 46 volunteers to make three dozen cookies each. You can pick up instructions and Ziploc bags for the cookies in the Welcome Center.

You can also attend the Kairos Weekend Closing Ceremony on October 29 at 12:30pm in the prison. Anyone male or female over 18 years of age can attend. If you would like to participate, you will need to complete a background check form no later than October 13. Contact Joe Avellar* for a copy of the form and Department of Correction rules for visitors or with any questions.

- Summer Meals for Kids Returns: This program supporting hungry students in the Williamsburg/James City County school system is in its 7th year of service. This year we are partnering with Williamsburg Community Chapel, Walnut Hills Baptist, and Williamsburg Baptist churches to prepare lunches for 300 children who are hungry because they are the recipients of meals at school when schools are in session.
 - * Volunteering is easy and fun! Please volunteer.
 - * Lunches are prepared at the Meals on Wheels location (at WISC, 5700 Warhill Trail)
 - * We start at 8.30am and are finished by 11am
 - * Our teams are responsible for Wednesdays, June 17 August 23
 - * Contributions of home baked cookies for the lunches are also welcome and a great outlet for your baking talents!
 - *Donate by making checks payable to Williamsburg Area Meals on Wheels (subject line- Summer Meals for Kids) P.O. Box 709, Williamsburg, VA 23187

Learn more and sign up at mywpc.org/volunteer. This is a great opportunity to serve those in need. Remember, Jesus said when we help the least of these, we are doing HIS will. It is also a great way to meet fellow Christians and to have fun as you work. Please go to the website and sign up for one or two Wednesdays this summer.

• Volunteers Needed: Please help as you can with streaming our church service to residents in Assisted Living at Williamsburg Landing. You will need to arrive at the AL at 9:30am; the service for the residents begins at 10:00am, and finishes at 11:00am. A computer is provided to start the session (previously set by a Williamsburg Landing Chaplain). Prior to the service (Friday or Saturday) you will pick up bulletins from the workroom at church to give to AL residents for the service. To sign up, please contact Linda Eichhorn, 703-517-6448.

*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.

>> THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF EVENTS ≪

SUNDAY, MAY 19

9:30am In-person Worship / Sanctuary; Live-Stream Worship; visit mywpc.org to access

10:30am Fellowship Coffee Hour / Stevenson Hall

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

4:00pm Open Door Concert Series: Windborne / Sanctuary

5:30pm Youth Group / CE Wing

MONDAY, MAY 20

1:00pm Caregiver Support Group / Rm 123

TUESDAY, MAY 21

1:00pm Staff Meeting / Zoom

6:00pm ARC Games and Crafts / Stevenson Hall 6:30pm Presbyterian Women's Circle 5 / Rm 222

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

7:30am Men's Bible & Bacon Study / Stevenson Hall

9:30am Presbyterian Women's Coordinating Team / Rm 220

11:00am Presbyterian Women's Spring Gathering Luncheon / Stevenson Hall

6:00pm Genesis Ringers Rehearsal / Bell Rm

7:00pm Spring Roundtable Pulpit with Pastor John / Church Library

7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Rm

THURSDAY, MAY 23

9:00am Sanctuary Cleaning

4:30pm Carol and Junior Choir Rehearsals / Children's Choir Rm

7:00pm Session Meeting / Rm 220

FRIDAY, MAY 24 SATURDAY, MAY 25

➢ NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP ≪

May 26, 2024 • Trinity Sunday

The sermon, "Night Vision", based on John 3:1-17, is the first in the Spring Roundtable Pulpit Series with Pastor John: More Than Meets the Eye.