

**joined together**  
*in love*

**WILLIAMSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
OCTOBER 29, 2023 • DEDICATION SUNDAY**

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**PRAYER FOR PREPARATION**

How can we thank you, O God, for all that you have done? You give us life; you give us hope; you give us your very self. Take our offerings—and our very selves—that your will may be done in our church, in our community, and throughout your wide and beautiful world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

**THE GATHERING  
PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD**

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**(11:00) MINUTE FOR MISSION:**

Noe Ramirez Deleon  
Linda Eaton, Translator

Greetings from the Pastor and Congregation  
of The Central Presbyterian Church of Guatemala City

**PRELUDE**

Simple Gifts

arr. Wood

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Let all who are faithful offer prayers to God. In times of distress, we will not be overwhelmed.

**All: You are our hiding place, O Lord; you preserve us from trouble and surround us with glad cries of deliverance.**

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\*To all who are able, please stand as we offer God thanks and praise.

**Bold type face** indicates that the congregation participates in word or song.

1 A mighty fortress is our God,  
a bulwark never failing.  
Our helper he, amid the flood  
of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe  
doth seek to work us woe.  
His craft and power are great,  
and armed with cruel hate,  
on earth is not his equal.

2 Did we in our own strength confide,  
our striving would be losing,  
were not the right man on our side,  
the man of God's own choosing.  
Dost ask who that may be?  
Christ Jesus, it is he.  
Lord Sabaoth his name,  
from age to age the same,  
and he must win the battle.

3 And though this world, with devils filled,  
should threaten to undo us,  
we will not fear, for God hath willed  
his truth to triumph through us.  
The Prince of Darkness grim,  
we tremble not for him.  
His rage we can endure,  
for lo, his doom is sure.  
One little word shall fell him.

4 That word above all earthly powers,  
no thanks to them, abideth.  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours  
through him who with us sideth.  
Let goods and kindred go,  
this mortal life also.  
The body they may kill;  
God's truth abideth still.  
His kingdom is forever.

## \*CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: In spite of our best efforts to live faithfully, we fall short of what God intends for us. Because God has already promised to be merciful, we dare to tell the truth about our lives. In humility and trust, let us confess our sin.

## \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Generous God, you have given us so much. Give us one more thing. Give us thankful hearts because we know our hearts can be hard and cold. We often hold on when we should let go. We are clutching when we should be spending, hoarding when we could be generous, doubting when we should lean on faith. We are fearful instead of trusting in your everlasting care. Open our hands and our hearts to the bounty of your love, which cares for the flowers of the fields, the birds in the air, each child who toddles, every parent who worries, every adult who struggles. Loving God, you have given us so much. Give us again the assurance of your love and care, and fill us with grateful hearts and open hands. Amen.

## A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER

## \*KYRIE

*Lord, Have Mercy*

Weaver

Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy;

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

## \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Grace flows like a river; mercy like a never-ending stream. Believe the good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**\*GLORIA**

*Glory Be to the Father*

Weaver



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly  
Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er  
shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

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

**(11:00) SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN**

Adrian Williams

## THE WORD

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** (Unison)

**Almighty God, speak your Word to us, and guide our feet, that we might be hearers and doers of your word. Amen.**

**FIRST LESSON:** *Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18*

This is the Word of the Lord!  
**Thanks be to God!**

## PSALM 1 (Unison)

Happy are those  
who do not follow the advice of the wicked  
or take the path that sinners tread  
or sit in the seat of scoffers,  
but their delight is in the law of the Lord,  
and on his law they meditate day and night.  
They are like trees  
planted by streams of water,  
which yield their fruit in its season,  
and their leaves do not wither.  
In all that they do, they prosper.  
The wicked are not so  
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.  
Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment  
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous,  
for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked will perish.

## SECOND LESSON: *Ephesians 4:15-16*

This is the Word of the Lord!  
**Thanks be to God!**

## SERMON

*“Joined Together in Love”*

Rev. John E. Morgan

# RESPONDING TO THE WORD

## \*HYMN 733

*We All Are One in Mission*

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1 We all are one in mission;  
we all are one in call,  
our varied gifts united  
by Christ, the Lord of all.  
A single, great commission  
compels us from above  
to plan and work together  
that all may know Christ's love.

2 We all are called for service  
to witness in God's name.  
Our ministries are different;  
our purpose is the same:  
to touch the lives of others  
by God's surprising grace,  
so every folk and nation  
may feel God's warm embrace.

3 Now let us be united  
and let our song be heard.  
Now let us be a vessel  
for God's redeeming word.  
We all are one in mission;  
we all are one in call,  
our varied gifts united  
by Christ, the Lord of all.

### **\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: FROM A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH (Unison)**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

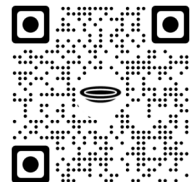
### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)**

**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](http://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.



## LITANY OF STEWARDSHIP

Leader: Now there are various gifts, but the same Spirit.

**All: With grateful hearts, we dedicate, not only these intentions of giving, but the gifts of ourselves, acknowledging that all that we are and all that we have are gifts from God.**

Leader: There are varieties of service, but the same Lord.

**All: Stirred by the Spirit, we dedicate ourselves to the work of Christ's church in this place, recognizing and honoring among us the array of services necessary to meet a hurting and needy world.**

Leader: There are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.

**All: With renewed conviction, we commit to seek out and be receptive to new and fresh opportunities to make known God's message of reconciliation in this community and beyond.**

**May God's Spirit work within us and among us to strengthen our bonds with one another, as we endeavor to serve the Lord with gratitude and enthusiasm.**

*At this time you are invited to come forward and place your pledge card in the basket as an act of worship and dedication. If you pledged online or already turned in your card, you may also come forward and touch the basket as your dedication.*

## OFFERTORY

The Gift of Love

Hal Hopson

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,  
Though I may speak with bravest fire,  
And have the gift to all inspire,  
And have not love, my words are vain,  
As sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess,  
And striving so my love profess,  
But not be given by love within,  
The profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,  
Our spirits long to be made whole.  
Let inward love guide every deed;  
By this we worship, and are freed. .

**\*DOXOLOGY***Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here be low; praise

God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

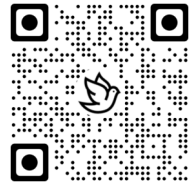
**\*DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS AND PLEDGE CARDS**

## 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](http://mywpc.org/friendship) or scan the QR code at the right to access the online friendship register.

**\*HYMN 366***Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

HYFRYDOL

1 Love divine, all loves excelling,  
 Joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
 fix in us thy humble dwelling;  
 all thy faithful mercies crown.  
 Jesus, thou art all compassion;  
 pure, unbounded love thou art;  
 visit us with thy salvation;  
 enter every trembling heart.



2 Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit  
into every troubled breast;  
let us all in thee inherit;  
let us find the promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be;  
end of faith, as its beginning,  
set our hearts at liberty.

3 Come, Almighty, to deliver;  
let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return, and never,  
nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.

4 Finish then thy new creation;  
pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee:  
changed from glory into glory,  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

## **\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

### **POSTLUDE**

The Adventure Begins  
Westminster Ringers

Mallory

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

## ∞ THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ∞

The Chancel Flowers are given today to the glory of God and  
in honor of their 50th Wedding Anniversary by Jackie and Sam Bowlin.

## ∞ THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY ∞

### **PASTORS**

John E. Morgan, Pastor/Head of Staff

### **MUSIC MINISTRY**

Christopher Bechtler, Director of Music

Norman Elton, Organist and Assistant Director of Music

Westminster Ringers directed by Norman Elton

### **LITURGIST**

Bill Riffer

### **SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN**

Adrian Williams, Director of Educational Ministries

### **GREETER**

9:30am: Lee Underwood

11:00am: Harley Stewart

### **USHERS**

9:30am Lynn Newcomer, Pat Underwood, Matt Underwood, David Littell

11:00am Tom Cobb, Ruth Cobb, Kathryn Hall, Rebecca Caprio

### **COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOST**

Sue Rennagel, Gail and Ned Frey

### **\*WILLIAMSBURG LANDING USHERS**

Boyd Knowles

### **\*WINDSOR MEADE USHER**

Paul Hotinger

**AUDIO AND VIDEO TECHNICIANS:** Dick Sahlen and John Schoenberger

\*Satellite campuses

## ≈ SUPPORT FOR OUR MEMBERS ≈

- **Stephen Ministry offers help, hope, healing:** Are you going through a difficult time? A Stephen Minister can help. Stephen Ministers are members of our congregation who listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support to people going through difficult times or crisis. To learn how you can receive a Stephen Minister's confidential care, please contact pastor Pam Hrcncir (phrncir@mywpc.org). Learn more about this ministry at [mywpc.org/stephen](http://mywpc.org/stephen).
- **In need of one-on-one prayer?** After the 9:30am and 11:00am Sunday morning services, a Stephen Minister will be available in the Church Library to talk and pray with you. No need to sign up. All interactions and conversations with a Stephen Minister are confidential.
- **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](http://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 ([handbellringer@cox.net](mailto:handbellringer@cox.net)). 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, October 29 – Saturday, November 4

Pastor John E. Morgan  
[jmorgan@mywpc.org](mailto:jmorgan@mywpc.org); (757-903-7800)

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

- The family of WPC member Evelyn Sailer, who died on Friday, October 20, 2023. A memorial service followed by a reception will be held in our sanctuary on Thursday, November 2, at 2:00pm followed by a reception in Stevenson Hall.

### **Please pray for:**

- Bob Siclari, Ellie Thuermer, Courtney, Craig, Evelyn Sailor, Rice Trolan, Steve Custer, Mary Voorhess, Richard Friese, Jean Young, Don Swain.
- 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 affected by the wild fires in Maui.
- Those serving our country in the military services and their families.
- Those affected by the wars in Israel and Ukraine.

## 🌀 ANNOUNCEMENTS 🌀

- Pastor Pam Hrcir, Covenant Pastor for Congregational Care, is spending time with family.
- **Stewardship 2024 “Joined Together in Love”.** **TODAY is Dedication Sunday.** During both services, together we will bring forward our 2024 pledge cards during worship. Placed at the end of each pew are a few pledge cards in case you did not receive one in the mail. You may also ask an Usher for a card. Thank you for continued support of the mission and ministry of WPC.
- **The WPC Trunk or Treat is TODAY, Sunday, October 29, 4:00-5:30pm! Who’s ready for a fun-filled spooktacular of trick-or-treating in a safe, family-friendly environment?** This is a free event for all, and all are welcome! Kids will trick or treat from trunk to trunk in the big parking lot behind the church. youth will also be leading games and fun activities in the courtyard. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact \*Jill Walton or \*Jodie Davis.
- **Advent/Christmas/Winter issue of the Kirk Connections:** Each issue of the Kirk Connections follows the flow of the church calendar. **The next issue of the Kirk Connections Newsletters is scheduled for publication on Friday, November 17, 2023. The submission date for this issue is Tuesday, October 31, 2023. All articles and news items should be submitted to publications@mywpc.org.** Questions can be directed to Church Secretary, Vanessa Gamble in the church office, 757-229-4235. If you have questions about the potential format(s) of your content, please ask! Our Director of Communications, \*Sherry Volk is here to support you.
- **Many of us have experienced the loss of a beloved pet.** A part of our family and their stories that we still remember and love even after they’ve crossed the rainbow bridge. **Join us for an Arts & Spirituality event on November 1 at 6:30pm as we will build mini memorials in the Dia De Los Muertos style while sharing stories and prayers with one another.** All ages are welcome and a sign up form can be found on the church calendar.
- **The Squares take a Wet Walk.** What in the world does this comment have to do with the next Squares? Answer: it is about walking on water. Though the Bible does have several stories involving miracles about water there is only one account of someone actually walking on water. So, what does that have to do with your life? Using the account of Peter walking on water in Matthew 14:22-33 the Squares will struggle with the ongoing question of “who am I?” **Join us on November 2, in room 227 or via Zoom. Check with Gary Davis or Jim Kirkpatrick for the Zoom link.**
- **Saturday, November 4th, the Presbyterian Men’s Fellowship will have our own Bill Riffer as guest speaker.** A retired Navy submarine commander, former Clerk of Session for WPC, and one of the most popular longtime instructors with the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at William & Mary, Bill is also an avid military historian. His presentation is titled “*Warfare in The Bible.*” With the recent outbreak of war in the Holy Land and a long history of conflict within the region, Bill’s timely presentation should give us an insightful perspective on some of the earliest recorded hostilities found in the Old Testament.

Don’t miss this opportunity to have breakfast with Bill Riffer and hear what promises to be a highly informative and illuminating presentation. The meeting begins at 8:00am in Stevenson Hall with fellowship and breakfast. All men and women of the Williamsburg community and guests are welcome. **Please make your reservations by Wednesday, November 1, at the church Welcome Center, or online,** to ensure we have enough food for all. A donation of \$10.00 will be requested at the breakfast.

- **Join the Open Door Concert Series in welcoming the Seamus Egan Project at 4:00pm, Sunday, November 5.** From his beginnings as a teen prodigy, to his founding of the powerhouse Celtic band Solas, to his current work as a leading composer and interpreter of the tradition, Egan has inspired multiple generations of musicians and helped define the sound of Irish music today. Since 2018, Egan has toured with friends and musical colleagues as the Seamus Egan Project. More information is available at [mywpc.org/concerts](http://mywpc.org/concerts). Invite a friend!
- **New! Kids Connect Day Camp Program: First Camp: Tuesday, November 7.** The Christian Education Ministry invites everyone to be part of a new opportunity to support our WPC children, parents, and families during scheduled teacher workdays for WJCC and York County schools. This mission is brand new, and we need the help of caring adult volunteers to make it happen. Families, registration for day campers is now open! The camp is for pre-K through 5th grade. **To learn more, volunteer and/or register visit <https://mywpc.org/daycamp>**
- **Second Families:** Are you a college student who is looking for any of the following pieces of home while you are away at school or are you a family who can provide any of these for a college student: a quiet place for studying, hanging out, laundry, etc.; a pet; family meals; rides when needed; people to share life experience or the love of arts or sports, or just a family to check in and love you from time to time. If any of this sounds interesting, sign up for our “Second Family” program students: [me.mywpc.org/2family](http://me.mywpc.org/2family); congregants: [me.mywpc.org/secondfamilies](http://me.mywpc.org/secondfamilies)
- **The WPC Book Club will meet on Monday, December 4, 2023 (NOTE DATE CHANGE),** at 2 pm in the WPC Library (and on Zoom) to discuss *This is God's Table: Finding Church Beyond the Walls*, by Anna Woofenden. Adrian Williams, Director of Educational Ministries, will facilitate the discussion.

**\*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/](http://mywpc.org/news/) or on the church calendar.**

### ∞ SPECIAL EVENT AT WILLIAMSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ∞

**Sponsored by the Virginia Arts Festival, The King's Singers will perform their holiday concert in our Sanctuary, Thursday, December 14, 2023 7:30pm.** The group, made up of 6 singers, have represented the gold standard in a cappella singing on the world's greatest stages for over fifty years. They are renowned for their unrivaled technique, versatility and skill in performance, and for their consummate musicianship, drawing both on the group's rich heritage and its pioneering spirit to create an extraordinary wealth of original works and unique collaborations. To learn more about the King's Singers and their history, visit [kingssingers.com](http://kingssingers.com).

Tickets can now be purchased at <https://secure.vafest.org/2247/2249>. Discounts are offered for students, military or seniors.

☞ OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS ☞

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29 • DEDICATION SUNDAY**

- 9:30am In-person Worship / Sanctuary; Live-Stream Worship; visit [mywpc.org](http://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](http://wmbgradio.com)  
4:00pm Trunk or Treat / WPC Back Parking Lot  
5:30pm Youth Group / CE Wing

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 30**

- 9:30am Adult Bible Study Disciple Class: Invitations to Romans / LL010 and Zoom  
10:00am Grief Share Group - Closed Group / Rm 123  
1:00pm Caregiver Support Group / Rm 123  
2:00pm Grief Share Group - Closed Group / Rm 227  
6:00pm UKirk Dinner and Dialogue / LL012

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31**

- 10:00am Adult Bible Study: Christian Believer-Knowing God with Heart and Mind / Rm 220 and Zoom  
12:00pm Staff Mtg / Zoom  
2:00pm From His Hands Motel Meals Prep / Kitchen  
7:00pm AA Williamsburg Big Book Study / LL009 and LL049

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1**

- 9:00am Feeding Faith: College Breakfast  
10:00am Monthly Grief Support Group / Rm 220  
6:00pm Genesis Ringers Rehearsal / Bell Rm  
5:00pm Congregation Nominating Committee / Rm 220  
7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Rm

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2**

- 9:00am Sanctuary closed for weekly cleaning  
9:30am Presbyterian Women's Circle 1 / Stevenson Hall  
2:00pm Evelyn Sailer Memorial Service and Reception / Sanctuary and Stevenson Hall  
4:30pm Carol and Junior Choir Rehearsals / Choir Rms  
7:30pm Squares Men's Bible Study / 227  
7:30pm Westminster Ringers / Bell Rm

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4**

- 8:00am Presbyterian Men's Monthly Fellowship Breakfast: Speaker: Bill Riffer / Kitchen & Stevenson Hall

☞ NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP ☞

**November 5, 2023 • 23rd Sunday after Pentecost**

Celebration of the Lord's Supper will be served at all worship services.

**Sermon Series: The Gospel According to Barbie: "Everyday is the Best Day Ever."**

The sermon will be based on Ephesians 3:20-21.

\*9:30am service is live-streamed on [mywpc.org](http://mywpc.org). \*\*11:00am service is broadcast on FM93.5 The Burg and AM740