



The Season of ORDINARY TIME

WILLIAMSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 3RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST JUNE 29, 2025

PRAYER FOR PREPARATION

O Holy One, Holy Three, fill us with fervent desire to enter your kingdom.
Lead us by the cross of Christ to live in the love of Christ, now and forever. Amen.

THE GATHERING PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. John E. Morgan

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Jim Kirkpatrick

MINUTE FOR MISSION: Earth Care Water Mission

Joseph Kinard

(9:30) PRELUDE

Music from VBS Waves of Wonder
Directed by Rebecca Elton

VBS Children

(11:00) PRELUDE

Aria

Phillips

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Leader: Let us wait patiently upon the Lord.

All: God leans in towards us and hears our prayers.

Leader: God draws us up from the pit of isolation and despair.

All: The Lord sets our feet securely on the right path.

Leader: God puts a new song in our hearts.

All: We will sing praise to the Lord our God!

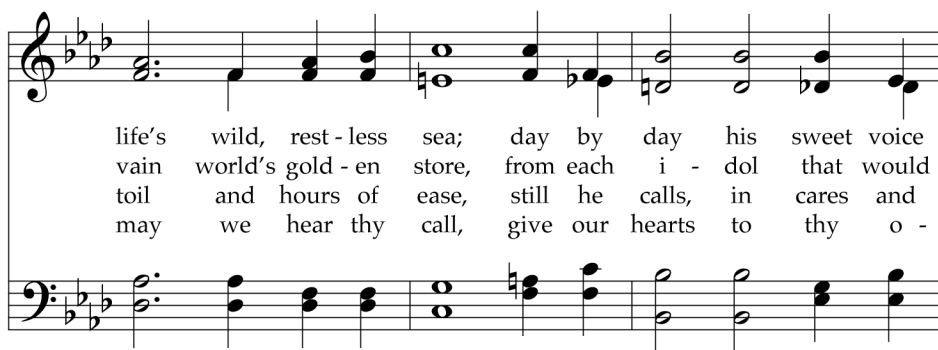
Please rise in body or spirit. The people's responses are in **bold type**.



Our sanctuary is equipped. Look for the blue sticker on the pews.



1 Je - sus calls us: o'er the tu - mult of our
 2 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
 3 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
 4 Je - sus calls us: by thy mer - cies, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea; day by day his sweet voice
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
 may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thy o -



sound - eth say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me."
 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
 be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.

Like many hymns that adults have come to cherish, this text based on Jesus' calling of the disciple Andrew was written for a 19th-century collection of hymns for children. The popular tune used here was composed for these words more than a quarter of a century later.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: Clothed with the mantle of baptism and protected by God's promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sins to God and to one another.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we desire what is not your will. We fear failure and cling to unquestioned habits. We are truly sorry and repent of what we have done and what we have not done. Show us the path of your prophetic way. Open our eyes to new ventures. Help us love our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us and renew us, in the name of life abundant, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER

*KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy

Weaver



*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: The fruits of the spirit are love, joy, and peace given to you through God's grace. We are forgiven. Live in the word of the Lord and be made new. Amen.

*GLORIA

Glory Be to the Father

WEAVER



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

(9:30) SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism of Caroline Grace Johnson,
daughter of Kelilah and Matt Johnson, granddaughter of members Cathy and Davis Johnson.

Sung Response by Choir and Congregation:

**Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

(9:30) SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

Jim Kirkpatrick

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Jim Kirkpatrick

**Your Word, O God, reveals your will for our lives. By the power of your Holy Spirit,
give us each the wisdom to attend to your call every day, and make us ready to hear and
obey. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON: Luke 9:51-62

Jim Kirkpatrick

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

PSALM 16:1-11 (responsive)

Leader: Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

**All: I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord;
I have no good apart from you."**

Leader: As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble ones
in whom is all my delight.

**All: Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows;
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out
or take their names upon my lips.**

Leader: The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.

**All: The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
I have a goodly heritage.**

(Psalm continues on the next page.)

Leader: I bless the Lord, who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.

**All: I keep the Lord always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.**

Leader: Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;
my body also rests secure.

**All: For you do not give me up to Sheol
or let your faithful one see the Pit.**

Leader: You show me the path of life.

**All: In your presence there is fullness of joy;
in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

SECOND LESSON: 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

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

SERMON

“Passing the Mantle: Called to Connection”

Rev. John E. Morgan

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 688

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

MORECAMBE

1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
 2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,
 3 Hast thou not bid us love thee, God and King;
 4 Teach me to feel that thou art al - ways nigh.
 5 Teach me to love thee as thine an - gels love,

wean it from earth; through all its puls - es move;
 no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,
 all, all thine own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
 Teach me the strug - gles of the soul to bear,
 one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame;

stoop to my weak - ness, might - y as thou art,
 no an - gel vis - i - tant, no o - pening skies;
 I see thy cross; there teach my heart to cling.
 to check the ris - ing doubt, the reb - el sigh.
 the bap - tism of the heaven - de - scend - ed Dove,

and make me love thee as I ought to love.
 but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
 O let me seek thee, and O let me find!
 Teach me the pa - tience of un - an - swered prayer.
 my heart an al - tar, and thy love the flame.

This reflection on Galatians 5:25 was written by a literary Anglican clergyman whose preaching drew people of many social classes to one of the formerly poorer London churches. The tune was created for "Abide with Me" (no. 836) but more often appears with the present text.

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

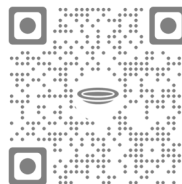
In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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

Offertory

John Ness Beck (1930-1987)

With what shall I come before the Lord,
And bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
Shall I come before him with yearling calves?

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
With ten thousand rivers of oil?
Shall I give him my firstborn for my transgressions,
The fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

He has shown you, O man;
He has shown you what is good.

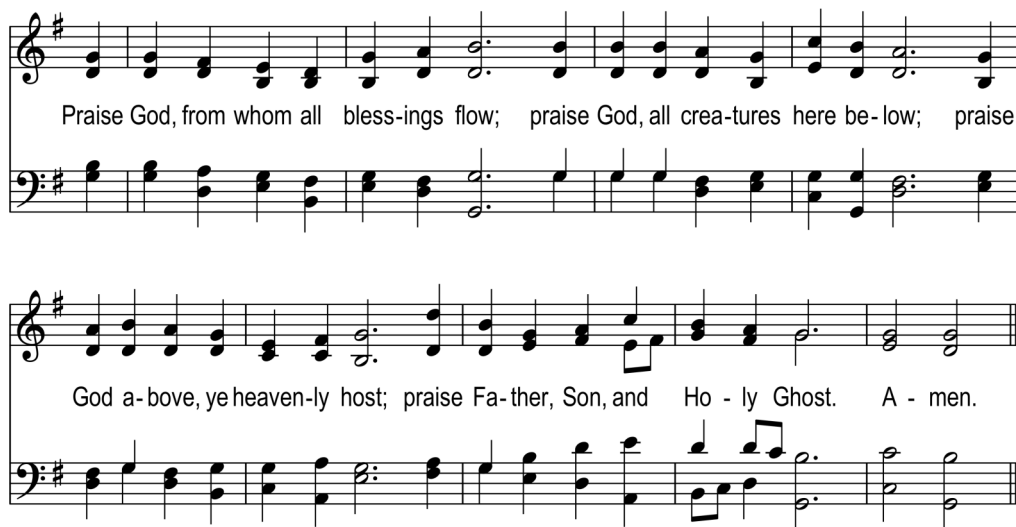
And what does the Lord require of you
But to do justice and to love kindness,
And to walk humbly with your God?

—Micah 6:6–8

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise God, all crea-tures here be-low; praise
God a-bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

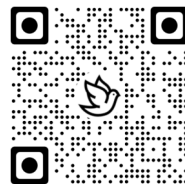
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GOING OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

*INVITATION AND THE LORD'S DAY GREETING

We are glad you are worshiping with us today. If you are joining us online, please remember to 'sign' our online friendship register:

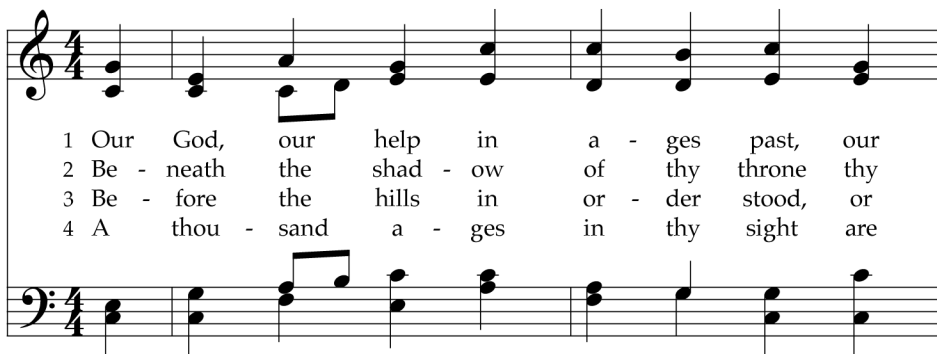
- Click on the *Welcome to WPC!* Click here to sign the Friendship Register banner at the top of the website page
- Visit mywpc.org/friendship or scan the QR code at the right to access the online friendship register.



***HYMN 687**

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE



1 Our God, our help in a - ges past, our
 2 Be - neath the shad - ow of thy throne thy
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are



hope for years to come, our shel - ter from the
 saints have dwelt se - cure; suf - fi - cient is thine
 earth re - ceived its frame, from ev - er - last - ing
 like an eve - ning gone, short as the watch that



storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 thou art God, to end - less years the same.
 ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

- 5 Time, like an ever rolling stream, 6 Our God, our help in ages past,
 bears all our years away; our hope for years to come,
 they fly forgotten, as a dream be thou our guard while life shall last,
 dies at the opening day. and our eternal home.

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

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune in D Major

Johnson

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 flowers are given today to the glory of God and in loving memory
of Robert G. and Betty J. Armstrong by her friends and family.

∞ THOSE SERVING THIS MORNING ∞

PASTOR

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

MUSICAL GUESTS

VBS Children directed by Rebecca Elton, Carol and Junior Choir Director

PROGRAM STAFF

Melody Dillon, Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries

SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

Jim Kirkpatrick

LITURGIST

Jim Kirkpatrick

GREETER

9:30am Liz Favre, Skip Perry

11:00am Dick Hubbard, Jim Austin

USHERS

9:30am Karen Lauritzen, Harley Stewart, David Littell, Matthew Underwood

11:00am Sarah Houghland, Kathryn Hall, Maxine Cunningham. Bob Bolstad

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

Julia Smith, Jim Carey

***WILLIAMSBURG LANDING USHERS**

Dick Sahlen, Ric Cheston, Linda Eichhorn

***WINDSOR MEADE USHER**

Ray Whitney and Peter Moriarty

AUDIO AND VIDEO TECHNICIANS: Jim Marshburn and John Schoenberger

*Satellite campuses

✧ CHILDREN'S STATEMENT ✧

Children are welcome at WPC! We have a nursery for children ages 3 and below during our 9:30am service. Also, during our 9:30am service we have Sharing Faith with Children. There are 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 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.
- Care Giver Support Group is held every Monday at 1pm in room 222.

✧ 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, June 29 – Saturday, July 5 • Pastor Pam • phrncir@mywpc.org • 757-508-4668

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

- The family of WPC member Lois Howland, who went home to be with our Lord and Savior, Friday, June 13, 2025. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, July 5, 2025, 1:00pm, at Windsor Meade followed by a reception.
- The family of WPC member William "Bill" Sessoms, who went home to be with our Lord and Savior, Sunday, June 15, 2025. A visitation for Bill will be held Friday, June 27, 2025 from 4:00pm to 7:00pm at Nelsen Funeral Home. A Memorial Service will be held 11:00am, Tuesday, July 1, 2025 in our sanctuary followed by a reception in Stevenson Hall.

Please pray for:

- Anne Nicastro, Bond Carter, Denny Yiengst, 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 natural disasters, country in the military services and their families, serving our country in leadership roles, experiencing homelessness and hunger, affected by the wars in Gaza, Israel, Sudan, and Ukraine.

❧ SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT FROM SESSION ❧

CALLED Congregational Meeting

Sunday, July 6, 2025 at 10:30am in the Sanctuary

This Congregational Meeting is called for the purpose of electing WPC Members Wray Russell and Mike Smith to serve on the Endowment committee as members-at-large for a three-year term beginning immediately. All members of WPC are invited to attend.

❧ ANNOUNCEMENTS ❧

- Vanessa Gamble, Church Secretary, is spending time with family through July 7, 2025.
- **Nursery workers are needed!** In order to keep our nursery open through the summer, we are in need of two adults to staff it every week. The nursery is only open from 9am-10:45am each week during the summer, so you will still be able to attend part of coffee fellowship and the 11am service.
Please visit this link to sign up for as many weeks as you are able: mywpc.org/summernursery. Thank you for providing the ministry of childcare for our young families! Contact Melody Dillon with questions.
- **Summer Meals for Kids Update: Thank you to all who have signed up on SignUp Genius to help with the Summer Meals for Kids program throughout the summer.** We have had a wonderful response but the signup is always mutating as various schedule changes occur in people's lives. Please continue to check the SignUp Genius on the WPC website (mywpc.org/volunteer/) each week if you would like to help out. Your volunteer time is very much appreciated and needed.
- **The team going to Guatemala is getting ready, but we need your prayers.** We leave Friday, July 11. The team is *CW Stacks, Bill and Cammie Vardeman, Nancy and Bob Archibald, and two great Ukirk members, Amelia Connally and Atticus Gore*. Sign a card this Sunday during coffee hour for us to take and pray for a successful week!
- **Hearing aid help:** 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 blue symbol on the end of the pew towards the aisle.
- **Presbyterian Women (PW) gratefully thanks everyone for their generous support of the 2025 Local Mission Luncheon to benefit Edmarc, the local nonprofit organization providing comprehensive, compassionate care and support for seriously ill children and their families.** Our \$7,300 donation will further Edmarc's mission to ease the trauma of a child's illness or death, and reduce the disabling effects of pediatric illness, loss and bereavement on families. Learn more about Edmarc, including volunteer opportunities at, <http://edmarc.org/>

- **Preschool Dance and Play – Fall Session Registration Now Open:** Children ages 3–5 and their parents are invited to join us this fall for WPC's 10-week Preschool Dance and Play program! **Experience fun, movement, and connection every Wednesday at 1:30pm, September 10–November 12.** The program is taught by our Director of Children, Youth, and Families Ministries, Melody Dillon. Cost: \$95. Learn more and register at mywpc.org/danceandplay. Questions? Contact Melody at mdillon@mywpc.org.
- **Help Support Events in Stevenson Hall:** The Communications Ministry seeks volunteers to assist with A/V setup and provide tech support during events. Training included—learn to use the projector, mics, lighting, and more. This is a great way to support church ministries in action, as you are available! Contact Sherry Volk at svolk@mywpc.org to learn more.
- **Summer with the WPC Book Club: Mark your calendars and plan to join us.** The WPC Book Club gathered for their first informal "book chats" on Monday, June 23. All are invited to join us on **Monday, July 28, at 2pm in room 220.** Bring your favorite book (or whatever you're currently reading) and enjoy a free-wheeling conversation!
In August we will hold a joint evening meeting with the Earth Care Committee on Monday, August 18, 2025, at 7pm in Room 220 (and on Zoom). We will discuss the classic *Beautiful Swimmers: Watermen, Crabs and the Chesapeake Bay*, by William W. Warner.
- **The Hunger and Homeless Team** is hosting a fall work weekend at Habitat for Humanity's Eastern Shore site on October 9-11, 2025. Space is limited. Contact Chuck Timko* to sign up.

*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, JUNE 29

9:30am ONLY Nursery open during 9:30am worship service

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

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

MONDAY, JUNE 30

9:00am Wonderfully Made Dance Camp / Rooms 218, 220, 222

1:00pm Caregiver Support Group / Rm 222

TUESDAY, JULY 1

9:00am Wonderfully Made Dance Camp / Rooms 218, 220, 222

11:00am William "Bill" Sessoms Memorial Service followed by a reception in Stevenson Hall

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

7:00pm Earth Care Committee Mtg / Church Library and Zoom

WEDNESDAY, JULY 2

8:00am Summer Meals for Kids / Kitchen

9:00am Wonderfully Made Dance Camp / Rooms 218, 220, 222

10:00am Finding Hope Grief Support Group / Rm 227

THURSDAY, JULY 3

9:00am Wonderfully Made Dance Camp / Rooms 218, 220, 222

9:00am Sanctuary Cleaning

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

FRIDAY, JULY 4

SATURDAY, JULY 5

☞ NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP ☞

July 6, 2025 • 4th Sunday after Pentecost • Communion Sunday

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

Pastor John E. Morgan's sermon, "*A Mother's Comfort: Called to Comfort*"
will be based on Isaiah 66:10-14.