



The Season of ORDINARY TIME

WILLIAMSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST COMMUNION SUNDAY • JULY 6, 2025

PRAYER FOR PREPARATION

Holy God, you are for all the world a river of shelter and nourishment, a city of joy and riches, the defender of those you love. Take us into your arms again this day and feed us with the power of your comfort; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

THE GATHERING PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. John E. Morgan

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Tommy Michaels

PRELUDE

Reginald Fox

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord; praise the name of the Lord.

All: Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time on and forevermore.

Leader: From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the Lord is to be praised.

All: The Lord is high above all nations, and God's glory above the heavens.

Leader: Let us worship and praise 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 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all
 2 What God's al-might - y power has made God's gra - cious mer -
 3 The Lord is nev - er far a - way, but, through all grief
 4 Thus all my toil-some way a - long I sing a - loud

cre - a - tion, the God of power, the God of love,
 cy keep - eth; by morn-ing glow or eve-ning shade
 dis - tress - ing, an ev - er - pres - ent help and stay,
 thy prais - es, that all may hear the grate - ful song

the God of our sal - va - tion. With -
 God's watch - ful eye ne'er sleep - eth. With -
 our peace and joy and bless - ing, as
 my voice un - wea - ried rais - es. Be

heal - ing balm my soul is filled, and ev - ery faith - less
 in the king - dom of God's might, lo! all is just and
 with a moth - er's ten - der hand God gent - ly leads the
 joy - ful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and bod - y,

mur-mur stilled:
 all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry!
 cho - sen band:
 take your part:

The regal divine imagery here will not be new to most singers, but some may not expect the third stanza's image of God as mother. Yet it is part of God's self-description in Isaiah 66:13. This Bohemian Brethren tune resembles both Genevan psalm tunes and French folk songs.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: Secure in the promise of God's knowledge of us, and trusting in God's readiness to forgive, let us confess our sin.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Source of all that gives us life, we have turned away from your authority to our own small concerns. Forgive us for our failure to bear one another's burdens, for boasting of anything but your cross, for believing in our own power to justify our lives, and for denying your call to take comfort in you alone. Lead us to the river of life that in all we do, we may honor your name. Amen.

A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER

*KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy

Weaver



*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: In the name of the one who died and rose for us, I declare to you full forgiveness of your sins for new life in Jesus Christ.

*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.**

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Tommy Michaels

Bring us to the bosom of your Word, O God, and feed us on your truth, that we may have the strength you have promised your children. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Galatians 6:1-10

Tommy Michaels

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

PSALM 66:1-9 (unison)

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;
sing the glory of his name;
give to him glorious praise.
Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!
Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you.
All the earth worships you;
they sing praises to you,
sing praises to your name."
Come and see what God has done:
he is awesome in his deeds among mortals.
He turned the sea into dry land;
they passed through the river on foot.
There we rejoiced in him,
who rules by his might forever,
whose eyes keep watch on the nations—
let the rebellious not exalt themselves.
Bless our God, O peoples;
let the sound of his praise be heard,
who has kept us among the living
and has not let our feet slip.

SECOND LESSON: Isaiah 66:10-14

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

SERMON

"A Mother's Comfort: Called to Comfort"


Rev. John E. Morgan

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 465

What a Friend We Have in Jesus


CONVERSE




1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - ery - thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge; take it to the Lord in prayer!



O what peace we of - ten for - feit; O what need - less pain we bear,
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!

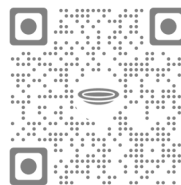


all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - ery - thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak - ness; take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a so - lace there.

This text was written by an Irish-born immigrant to Canada to comfort his mother in Ireland when she was going through a time of special sorrow. The role of prayer as a source of strength and consolation is underscored by its repeated use as a rhyme word in all three stanzas.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED (UNISON)**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.



I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. 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

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

arr. Jack Schrader


Precious Lord, take my hand,
Lead me on, help me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night,
Lead me on to the light.
Take my hand, precious Lord,
Lead me home.

When my way grows drear,
Precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone;
Hear my cry, hear my call,
Hold my hand lest I fall:
Take my hand, precious Lord,
Lead me home.

***DOXOLOGY**

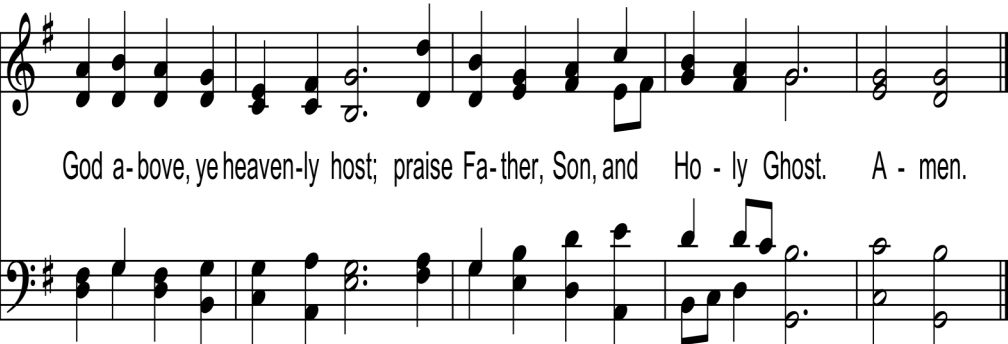
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise God, all crea-tures here be-low; praise

The first system of the musical score consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). It contains a melody of eighth and sixteenth notes. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.



God a-bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

The second system of the musical score also consists of two staves in the same key and time signature as the first. The melody in the upper staff concludes with a double bar line. The lower staff continues the accompaniment, also ending with a double bar line.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Williamsburg Presbyterian Church welcomes all who believe in Jesus Christ to share the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper with us today. We receive the elements by means of intinction, taking a piece of bread and dipping it into the cup. For those who desire an individual serving, regular or gluten free, they will be on a table in front of the baptismal font and on the small tables located in the balcony. If you are seated on the main floor of the sanctuary, you are invited to come forward to the chancel area by way of the center aisle and return to your pews by the side aisle. If you are sitting in the balcony, an usher will guide you to the sacrament. If you are unable to come forward easily, please signal to one of the ushers or elders so the communion elements can be brought to your seat.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor: Eternal God...

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE MEAL

COMMUNION ANTHEM

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

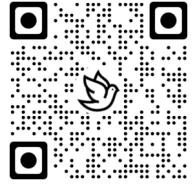
Holy Spirit, you have filled us with your life. Christ our Savior, you have embraced us in your love. God our Mother, you have fed us with your grace. Now send us out into your beloved world to share your life, your love, your grace with all. Amen.

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 546*Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing**

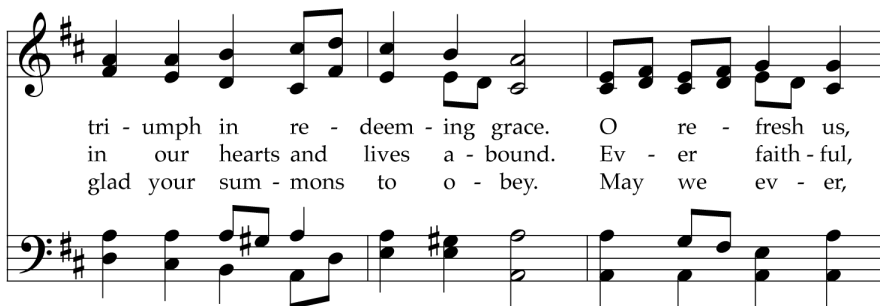
SICILIAN MARINERS



1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless-ing; fill our hearts with
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's
3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us, from our strug - gling



joy and peace; let us each, your love pos - sess - ing,
joy - ful sound; may the fruits of your sal - va - tion
pil - grim way, let no fear of death ap - pall us,



tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us,
in our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,
glad your sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,



O re - fresh us, trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.
ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.
may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

This hymn of corporate benediction is one of several using the same first line. It was written by a Baptist pastor who dedicated his entire ministry to a small church in rural Yorkshire. The tune used here was first transcribed from Sicilian sailors in the late 18th century.

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Reginald Fox

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 joy for the love, belonging and support of family by Matt and Jane Vogel.

∞ THOSE SERVING THIS MORNING ∞

PASTOR

John E. Morgan, Pastor, Head of Staff

Pam Hrnclir, Associate Pastor

MUSIC MINISTRY

Christopher Bechtler, Director of Music

WPC Chancel Choir

GUEST ORGANIST

Reginald Fox, Director of Music, First Baptist Church, Williamsburg

PROGRAM STAFF

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

SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

Jim Kirkpatrick

LITURGIST

Tommy Michaels

GREETER

9:30am Harley Stewart, Liz Favre

11:00am Bruce Powell, Sarah Avellar

USHERS

9:30am Matthew Underwood, Pat Underwood, Penny Marshburn, Rebecca Caprio

11:00am Maxine Cunningham, Penny Marshburn, Donna Powell, Rebecca Caprio

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

Steve Young, Cheryl Roettger, Kathy Lykins

***WILLIAMSBURG LANDING USHERS AND COMMUNION SERVERS**

Dick Sahlen, Ric Cheston, Linda Eichhorn

***WINDSOR MEADE USHER**

Ray Whitney and Peter Moriarty

***WINDSOR MEADE COMMUNION SERVERS**

Happy and Ralph Simmons

AUDIO AND VIDEO TECHNICIANS: Matt Slack 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!



☞ T-LOOP ENABLED ☞

Did you know you can receive amplified sound in the Sanctuary with a t-loop enabled hearing aid? The "loop" signal is strongest in certain pews along the center aisle. Look for the blue symbol.

☞ 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, July 6 – Saturday, July 12 • Pastor John • jmorgan@mywpc.org • 757-903-7800

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

TODAY, 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 ❧

- Norman Elton, Organist and Assistant Director of Music, is spending time with family.
- **Williamsburg Landing Satellite Church Ushers Needed:** When we can't get to church, we can still worship God. When we can't get to church, we don't get to see and speak to friends. We don't have an opportunity to personally say "thank you!" to our Pastors, Choir Members, Music Directors, Ushers, Fellowship hosts, Greeters, those who make us feel good with a smile. At Williamsburg Landing, our church service is streamed every Sunday for Residents who have no way to attend our church in person. We need volunteers 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.
- **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 ☞

COMMUNION SUNDAY, JULY 6

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

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

10:30am Called Congregational Meeting / Sanctuary

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

MONDAY, JULY 7

1:00pm Caregiver Support Group / Rm 222

TUESDAY, JULY 8

10:00am Communications Committee Mtg / Rm 220

1:00pm Staff Meeting / Zoom

2:00pm Stewardship Committee Mtg / Rm 220

5:30pm Resources Ministry Mtg / Rm 220

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9

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

8:00am Summer Meals for Kids / Kitchen

THURSDAY, JULY 10

9:00am Sanctuary Cleaning

5:00pm Worship Ministry Mtg / LL010

7:00pm Deacon Monthly Mtg / Rm 220

FRIDAY, JULY 11

SATURDAY, JULY 12

☞ NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP ☞

July 13, 2025 • 5th Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor Pam Hrnclir's sermon will be based on Galatians 6:1-16.