



WILLIAMSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 16, 2026

*Joyfully led by the Spirit,
We are revolutionary in our hope and love.
Welcoming all, we nurture and equip people to
Serve God and care for our community in the way of Jesus.*

PRAYER FOR PREPARATION

Lord Jesus, Son of God, your blessings know no boundaries that faith cannot cross. Strengthen us to trust in your mercy, reach out for your healing, and receive your reconciliation. Amen.

THE GATHERING PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Mary Margaret Evans

PRELUDE

The Silence May be Kept

Locklair

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Leader: Come, brothers and sisters. Everyone is welcome here.

All: God's people are many -- of every land and race, of every age and every condition.

Leader: We gather to celebrate God's mercy and revelation to us in Jesus Christ.

All: Through God, we are one big family.

Leader: Let us praise and worship our God!

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



Our sanctuary is equipped with a T-coil hearing loop. Look for the blue sticker on the pews.

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my
 2 The name of Je - sus charms our fears, and
 3 Christ speaks, and lis - tening to his voice new
 4 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -
 5 To God all glo - ry, praise, and love be

dear Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my
 bids our sor - rows cease, sings mu - sic in the
 life the dead re - ceive; the mourn - ful wak - en
 sist me to pro - claim; to spread through all the
 now and ev - er given by saints be - low and

God and King, the tri - umphs of God's grace!
 sin - ner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.
 to re - joice; the poor in heart be - lieve.
 earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.
 saints a - bove, the church in earth and heaven.

SPANISH

1 *Mil voces para celebrar
 a mi Libertador,
 las glorias de su majestad,
 los triunfos de su amor.*

KOREAN

1 만 입이 내게 있으면
 그 입 다 가지고
 내 구주 주신 은총을
 늘 찬송하겠네

This text comes from an eighteen-stanza hymn the author wrote to mark the first anniversary of his life-changing conversion experience. It is now customarily the first hymn in Methodist hymnals worldwide. This tune, adapted from a German composer, is the usual North American setting.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: Let us confess our sins without fear to the One who yearns to embrace us, forgive us, protect us, and bless us.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Forgive us, O God, for thinking we have you all figured out. We pretend we know who is in and who is out of your family, as if your care were not for all of us. We want people to be like us before we help them, and we welcome into our company only those who will benefit us. Forgive us. Reconcile us to those we have treated as worthless or unwanted; mold us into a community where all your children are accepted, included and loved. Amen.

*A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER

*KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy

Weaver



*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: In this, we have assurance of God's forgiveness: While we were sinners, we were reconciled to God through Jesus Christ. Because we have received God's mercy, we are able to grant mercy to those who have wronged us. Thanks be to God.

*GLORIA

Glory Be to the Father

Weaver



(11:00) SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism of Elizabeth Jane Bush and Grace Katherine Bush,
daughters of Amy Leigh and Sean David Bush, and
granddaughters of Joni and Mark Newcomb.

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.**

WEEKLY WONDERING QUESTIONS

Sam Due

I wonder, have your thoughts and words today been clean or unclean?

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Mary Margaret Evans

Merciful Savior, by the power of your Spirit, open our eyes and hearts to your Word of love, mercy, healing, and blessing; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 45:1-15

Mary Margaret Evans

This is the Word of God for the people of God!
Thanks be to God!

PSALM 133:1-3 (NRSV) (unison)

**How very good and pleasant it is
when kindred live together in unity!
It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down upon the beard,
on the beard of Aaron,
running down over the collar of his robes.
It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion.
For there the Lord ordained his blessing,
life forevermore.**

SECOND LESSON: Matthew 15:10-20

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SERMON

“What Comes Out of the Mouth”

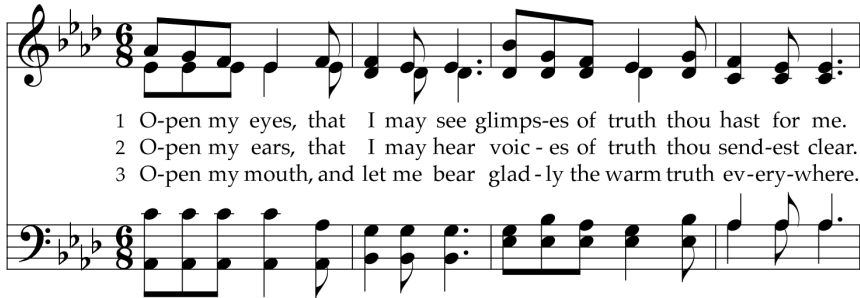
Rev. John E. Morgan

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

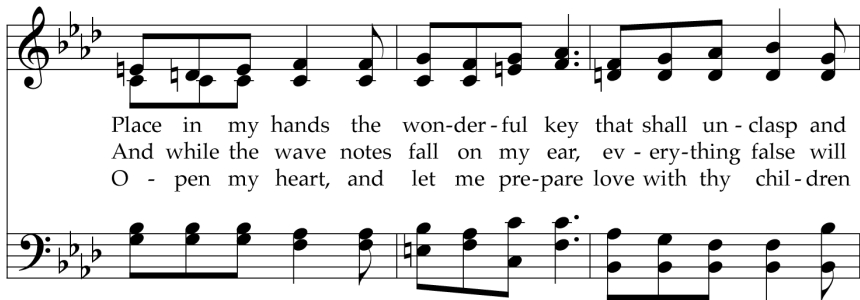
*HYMN 451

Open My Eyes, That I May See

OPEN MY EYES



1 O-pen my eyes, that I may see glimps-es of truth thou hast for me.
2 O-pen my ears, that I may hear voic-es of truth thou send-est clear.
3 O-pen my mouth, and let me bear glad-ly the warm truth ev-ery-where.



Place in my hands the won-der-ful key that shall un-clasp and
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev-ery-thing false will
O - pen my heart, and let me pre-pare love with thy chil-dren



set me free. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy
dis-ap-pear. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy
thus to share. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy



will to see. O-pen my eyes; il-lu-mine me, Spir-it di-vine!
will to see. O-pen my ears; il-lu-mine me, Spir-it di-vine!
will to see. O-pen my heart; il-lu-mine me, Spir-it di-vine!

The first woman to publish a collection of her own anthems, this author/composer has created in this hymn a sung prayer for illumination. It not only asks God to help us understand Scripture but also prays for the strength and courage to make God's love known to others.

***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.

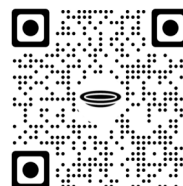
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

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

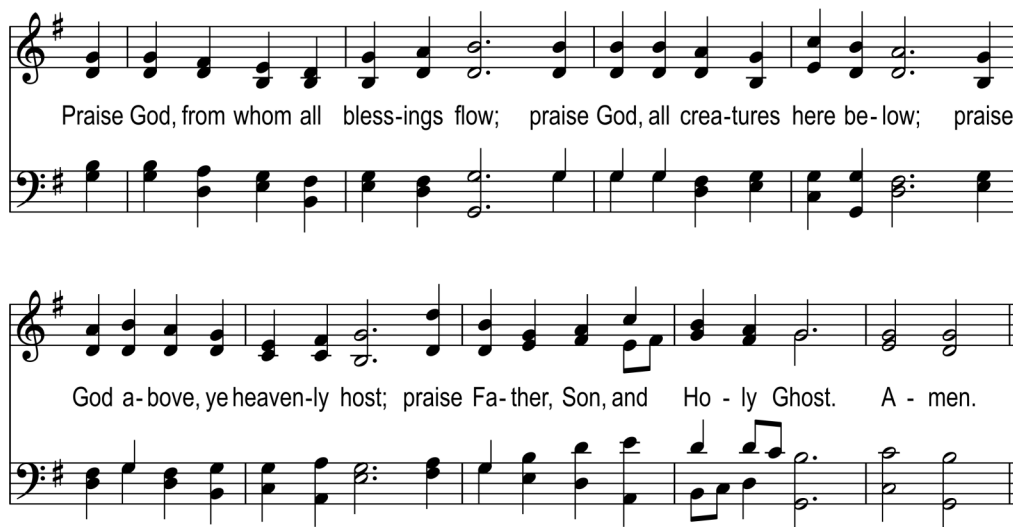
Soliloquy for Organ

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*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.

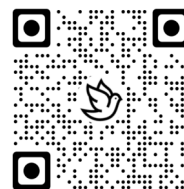
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GOING OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

*INVITATION AND THE LORD'S DAY GREETING

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

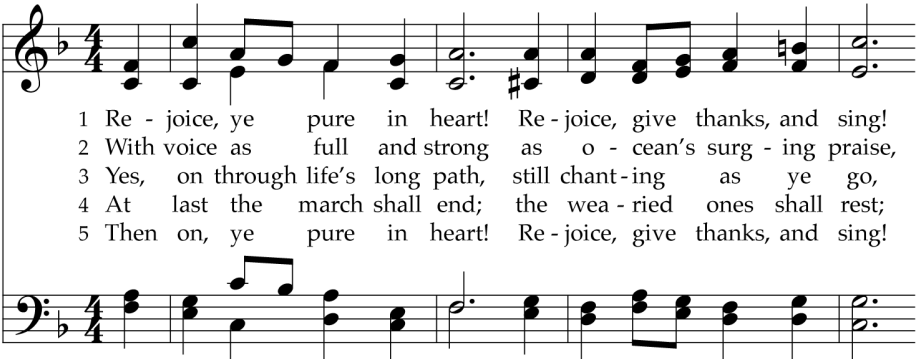
- Click on the *Welcome to WPC!* Click here to sign the Friendship Register banner at the top of the website page
- Visit mywpc.org/friendship or scan the QR code at the right to access the online friendship register.



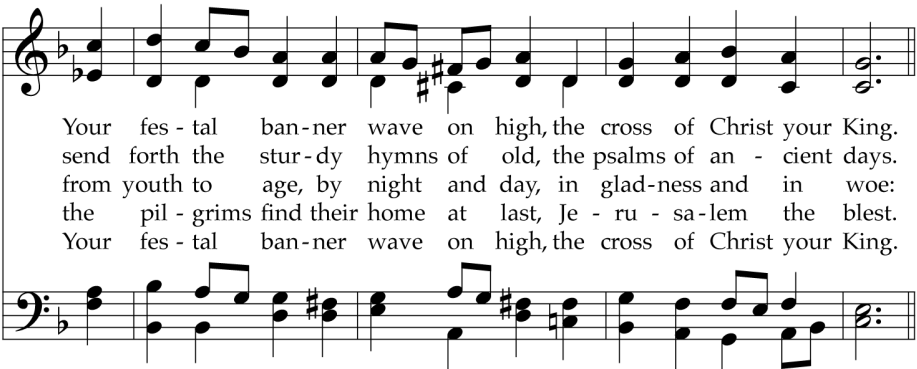
***HYMN 804**

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

MARION

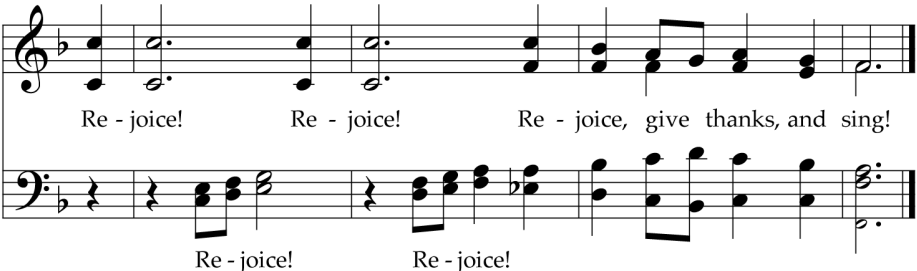


1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!
 2 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,
 3 Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as ye go,
 4 At last the march shall end; the wea - ried ones shall rest;
 5 Then on, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!



Your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
 send forth the stur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.
 from youth to age, by night and day, in glad - ness and in woe:
 the pil - grims find their home at last, Je - ru - sa - lem the blest.
 Your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.

Refrain



Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!
 Re - joice! Re - joice!

These stanzas are drawn from a much longer hymn created for the processional at an English choir festival in 1865. The original text lacked the refrain that gives the hymn so much of its energy and interest. That feature was added by the composer of this tune in 1883.

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

The People Respond—Amen!

Locklair

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.

✧ TODAY'S MUSIC NOTE ✧

This morning's prelude and postlude are drawn from a collection entitled *Rubrics*, featuring selections inspired by the instructions (rubrics) for Anglican worship in the Book of Common Prayer. Composer Dan Locklair is Professor of Music Emeritus at Wake Forest University in North Carolina.

✧ THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ✧

The flowers are given today to the glory of God and in honor of Sarah's sister, Kitty Keenan and Chips' cousin, Sue Avery,
by Sarah and Wright "Chips" Houghland.

✧ THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY ✧

PASTOR

Rev. John E. Morgan

Rev. Pam Hrnair, Associate Pastor

MUSIC MINISTRY

Chris Bechtler, Director of Music

Norman Elton, Organist and Assistant Director of Music

Bev Whitley, guest pianist

GREETERS

9:30am Jim Austin

11:00am Jim Austin

USHERS

9:30am Matt Underwood, Pat Underwood, Rebecca Caprio, Carolyn Morgan

11:00am Bob Bolstad, Donna Powell, Rebecca Caprio, Kelly Kirkpatrick

WEEKLY WONDERING QUESTION

Sam Due

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOST

Jeff Brenegan, Jay Hardy, Rodney Lawrence

***WILLIAMSBURG LANDING USHERS**

Bill & Janice McGuire, William McGuire

***WINDSOR MEADE USHER**

Ray Whitney and Peter Moriarty

AUDIO AND VIDEO TECHNICIANS

Dave McLain, and John Schoenberger

*Satellite campuses

✧ CHILDREN'S STATEMENT ✧

Children are welcome at WPC! The nursery for children ages 3 and below is only open during the 9:30am service until August. 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!

✧ YOUTH STATEMENT ✧

Sunday School and regular youth group activities are paused during the summer. Sunday School will resume on August 30. If you would like more information about youth group summer trips and activities, please reach out to Melody Dillon.

✧ FAMILY STATEMENT ✧

WPC Family Sunday will resume in the fall at our 11am service. Thank you for supporting our monthly Family Sunday.

✧ WORSHIP: WEEKLY WONDERING QUESTION ✧

In our effort to be an intentional and intergenerational church, last Sunday, we implemented a new weekly worship practice called "**Weekly Wondering Question.**" During this time, you are encouraged to apply your own meaning to a faith concept from the sermon. You are invited to engage with the Weekly Wondering Question by either wondering silently to yourself, or by turning to your neighbor and having a quiet discussion.

We hope this new practice will help all ages to think differently about their faith and engage in non-judgmental curiosity. There is no "right" or "wrong" answer to these questions, so feel free to use your imagination! It is our prayer that this practice will help us live out our WPC purpose statement to be joyful, revolutionary, and welcoming as we seek to follow the way of Jesus.

✧ 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 pictured here.



✧ 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.
- **The monthly grief 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.
- **During the Summer months, the Caregivers Support Group** will meet every other week in July and August at 1:00pm in room 222 on the second level. **Mark your calendars with the following meeting dates: July 20, August 3, 17, 31, September 14.**

✧ 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, added to the prayer chain, or 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.*

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.

Pastor-on-Call

Pastor Pam Hrncir • phrncir@mywpc.org • 757-508-4668

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

- Tanya Wilson on the death of her husband, Sid Wilson, went to be with Our Lord and Savior on Saturday, August 1, 2026. A private graveside service will be held at a later date.

Please pray for:

- Those who have lost loved ones: the family of Nell Stow, mother of Dru Stowe; and the family of Dennis Lykins, husband of Kathy Lykins.
- Barbara Coughlan
- Gail Jamerson and Edward Woodley, wife and brother-in-law of our sexton, Hugh Jamerson
- Barb Timko’s brother’s surgery went well and he is facing chemo and radiation next. Please continue to pray for his strength during treatment.

Please pray for those recovering from various surgeries; who are homebound; who have family and friend concerns; affected by fires and natural disasters; serving in the military services and their families; serving our country in leadership roles; experiencing homelessness and hunger; affected by the wars in Iran, Gaza, Israel, Sudan, and Ukraine.

❧ ANNOUNCEMENTS ❧

- **Back-to-School Bash Returns on Sunday, August 23 at 12:30pm in the parking lot. Let's Welcome the Community!** WPC is hosting the annual Community Back-to-School Bash on Sunday, August 23, along with our Williamsburg Baptist Church neighbors. ***The youngest among us will enjoy games, snacks, an inflatable, a petting zoo, and more! Please come out to help us welcome the community and enjoy some ice cream or sherbet (courtesy of Christian Fellowship). Bring your friends and neighbors!*** Contact Melody Dillon with questions.
- **Blessing of the Backpacks** is on August 23 during the 11am service! Students, teachers, parents, and school staff are all encouraged to bring their backpacks to the service for a special blessing and backpack tag to carry with them all year. After the service, we hope everyone will stay for the Back-to-School bash!
- **Rally Day is August 30!** Join us during Coffee Fellowship to discover the many opportunities for adults to deepen their faith, grow in Christian community, and build meaningful relationships. Learn about more than ten different ways to connect as we seek to experience the hope, love, and way of Jesus together. Whether you're new to Williamsburg Presbyterian or have been here for years, there's a place for you. We can't wait to help you find the group that's right for you!

Sunday School for age 4–12th grade resumes on Rally Day as well! All ages must register, and pre-registration is strongly encouraged for accurate planning. Please go to mywpc.org/sundayschool to register your child(ren).
- **Volunteers Needed to Help at Grove Christian Outreach Center on United Way Day of Caring.** WPC's Outreach Ministry is sponsoring a work day at the Grove Christian Outreach Center as part of the United Way Day of Caring on Friday, September 18 from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm. There are indoor jobs (shopping with neighbors, organizing the pantry and clothing closet) and outdoor jobs (painting, yard cleanup, and gardening). If you can help us in this worthwhile endeavor, please contact Tom Moul* and let him know if you would like to work inside or outside and your t-shirt size. Thanks for volunteering!
- **Get to know Presbyterian Women (PW)!** PW Circles provide a rich opportunity to learn and grow in faith and develop caring, supportive relationships within our large church. PW also actively works to help our neighbors through community and international missions. PW's power and effectiveness rely on the myriad talents and gifts of our members. Please contact Gini Campbell,* PW Membership Chair, to learn how to join and consider ways you can contribute in ways large and small to ensure PW is welcoming and relevant to all women!

- **Calling the Women of Williamsburg Landing: The Presbyterian Women at Williamsburg Presbyterian Church would like to organize a circle for those who live at the Landing.** The Circle will meet once a month on the second Thursday at 1:00 pm (This date and time can be changed once we know who is participating). If you are interested in being a member of this new circle, please let Carolyn Lodzieski* or Gini Campbell* know. You can also contact Vanessa in the church office. We would be glad to have you participate. I look forward to leading this circle in the coming year. —Rev. Gini Campbell
- **WPC Book Club and Earth Care Committee Host Book Discussion Monday, August 17.** All are invited to join the WPC Book Club and Earth Care Committee as participants discuss *Second Nature: A Gardener's Education*, by Michael Pollan. The meeting will be at 7:00 pm in Room 220 and on Zoom. Contact Ellen Peters* for more information.
- **Assisi Pilgrimage—April 13–23, 2027.** A pilgrimage is much more than a sightseeing tour—a pilgrimage is an intentional spiritual journey; an opportunity to step away from the routines of daily life, walk where St. Francis and St. Clare lived and served, and worship together, pray, reflect, and listen for God's leading. We will stay in a Franciscan convent, where we will experience the warmth of Christian hospitality and the peaceful rhythm of this community. Twelve pilgrims have already registered, and **nine spaces remain available**. Is God nudging you to join us? For more information, please contact Pastor Pam Hrnecir or visit our web page www.mywpc.org/assisi. **Registration deadline: December 1, 2026.**
- **New Member Luncheon—Nov 1.** Join us immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service in Stevenson Hall for a relaxed and joyful luncheon. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know others, meet the pastors and church leaders, and discover the many ways you can connect with our community to worship, grow in our faith, and serve our community.

***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, AUGUST 16 • FISH SUNDAY

- 9:30am 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.com

MONDAY, AUGUST 17

- 1:00pm Caregiver Support Group / Rm 227
7:00pm WPC and Earth Care Book Club / Rm 220

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18

- 12:00pm In-person Staff Mtg / Stevenson Hall
5:30pm Resources Ministry Mtg / LL010
7:00pm AA Williamsburg Big Book Study / LL009 and LL049

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19

- 6:30pm Facilities Ministry Mtg / Stevenson Hall

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20

- 9:00am Sanctuary Cleaning
5:00pm Christian Outreach Ministry Mtg / LL010

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21

✧ NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP ✧

AUGUST 23, 2026

Pastor Pam Hrcir's sermon "*Practicing Revolution*"
will be based on Romans 12:1-8.