

"I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit." – John 15:5

As we begin a new church year, I invite you to reflect with me on how fortunate we are to call Williamsburg Presbyterian Church our church home. WPC touches countless lives—within our congregation, in our community, and around the world.

Through meaningful worship, inspirational music, thoughtful Christian education, innovative family and youth programs, and impactful outreach missions, the church enriches and inspires us in many ways. Our recent Offering Talks have highlighted the difference WPC is making near and far.

As noted in the Stewardship Committee's recent update, we achieved a balanced budget this past year—the first in four years—thanks to the congregation's pledge support. This progress allowed us to strengthen our ministries and make important staff enhancements.

I ask that you prayerfully consider pledging for 2026. Your financial support is critical as we look to the future. One of WPC's greatest strengths has always been the large percentage of members who make this commitment.

By pledging, you strengthen the foundation of our annual operating budget. More importantly, pledging deepens one's spiritual relationship with God and the church's mission. It is a way of truly becoming vested in the life of the church—a blessing that opens doors to new opportunities. I believe our relationship with the church grows in three stages: first, we **attend**; then we **join**; and finally, we **commit more fully by pledging**. An anonymous member of our congregation strongly agrees and has offered a generous incentive to encourage this commitment: \$10,000 for 10 new pledges, \$20,000 for 20, and \$30,000 for 30.

We are grateful for your place in the life of Williamsburg Presbyterian Church and invite you to prayerfully consider a pledge for 2026. Dedication Sunday is October 26. You may bring your pledge card that day, return it by mail, drop it off at the church office, or pledge online at mywpc.org/pledge. Your financial support is critical as we connect in so many meaningful ways with those within our church community and our neighbors in Greater Williamsburg. It is Time to Connect!

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Enclosure