

WILLIAMSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SEPTEMBER 17, 2023
16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PRAYER FOR PREPARATION

God, our source and our salvation, in love you made us and by love you have redeemed us. Make your love for us bear fruit in our forgiveness of others, that we may know your all-embracing compassion. In Jesus name. Amen.

THE GATHERING
PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

GREETING AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

MINUTE FOR MISSION: The Carrying Stream Veterans Group

Jason Eritano

PRELUDE

Flute Piece

Hine

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: People of God, bless the Lord,

All: bless God's holy name.

Leader: For as the heavens are high above the earth,

All: so great is God's steadfast love for us.

***HYMN 815**

Give to the Winds Thy Fears

FESTAL SONG

Give to the winds thy fears;
hope, and be undismayed.
God hears thy sighs and counts thy tears;
God shall lift up thy head.

Through waves and clouds and storms
God gently clears the way.
Wait patiently; so shall this night
soon end in joyous day.

(Hymn continues on the next page.)

Leave to God's sovereign sway
to choose and to command.
So shalt thou, wondering, own God's way,
how wise, how strong God's hand!

Let us in life, in death,
thy steadfast truth declare,
and publish with our final breath
thy love and guardian care.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: As loving parents have compassion for their children, God has compassion for us.
Confident in God's love, let us confess our sins.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Loving God, we confess that we have failed to live in harmony with our sisters and brothers. We have been self-righteous in our attitudes, closed-minded in our beliefs, and judgmental in our opinions. We have shunned those whose ways we do not understand, and we have despised those who do not endorse our convictions. Forgive our sins of discord and conceit, and heal our divisiveness and quarreling. Help us to be charitable in our regard for others that we may dwell in peace with Christ, who is Lord of all. Amen.

A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER

*KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy

Schubert



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



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

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Friends, the Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*GLORIA

Glory Be to the Father

Greatorex

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The score consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano line (bass clef). The lyrics are: '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.' The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines.

(11:00) SHARING FAITH

Adrian Williams

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison)

Lord, by the power of your Holy Spirit open our understanding that we may receive the Word of life. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: *Genesis 50:15-21*

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

ROMANS 14:7-9 (Unison)

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

SECOND LESSON: *Psalm 103*

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

MESSAGE

“Bless the Lord, O My Soul”

Pastor John E. Morgan

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN 370**

This Is My Father's World

TERRA BEATA

This is my Father's world,
and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world;
I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,
his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world.
O, let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world.
The battle is not done:
Jesus who died shall be satisfied,
and earth and heaven be one.

*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 PETITION 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 now be found inside the friendship register book. We invite you to make your offering or pledge payment in one of the following ways:

- **You may place your offering in the plates as you exit the sanctuary.**
- Click the "Make Online Offering" button below the video window on the watch worship services page (www.mywpc.org/streaming/).
- Scan the QR code at the right to access the online offering form.
- Mail your offering to the church office at 215 Richmond Rd., Williamsburg, VA 23185.



OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Bless the Lord, O My Soul

Mikhail Ippolitov-Ivanov

Bless the Lord, O my soul.
Blessed art thou, O Lord.
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
Bless the Lord and forget not all his benefits.

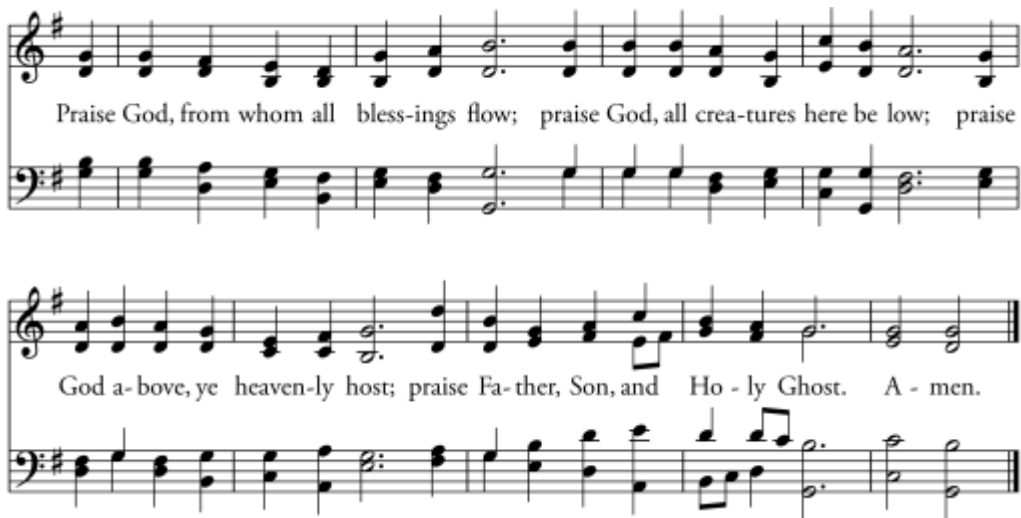
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
And all that is within me bless his holy name.
He is gracious and plenteous in mercy,
He crowneth thee with loving kindness.
He will not always chide nor keep his wrath forever.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
And all that is within me bless his holy name. —Psalm 103:1–3

***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. 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 the "Sign Friendship Register" button below the video window on the watch worship services page (www.mywpc.org/streaming/).
- Scan the QR code at the right to access the online friendship register.



***HYMN 619**

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

Praise, my soul, the God of heaven;
glad of heart your carols raise;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who, like me, should sing God's praise?
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the Maker all your days!

(Hymn continues on the next page.)

Praise God for the grace and favor
shown our forebears in distress;
God is still the same forever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Sing our Maker's faithfulness!

Like a loving parent caring,
God knows well our feeble frame,
gladly all our burdens bearing,
still to countless years the same.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
All within me, praise God's name!

Angels, teach us adoration;
you behold God face to face.
Sun and moon and all creation,
dwellers all in time and space:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace!

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Toccata

Hegarty

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 memory of
Nancy, a loving wife and mother and a warm compassionate friend
by Sam Fletcher.

∞ **THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY** ∞

PASTOR

John E. Morgan, Pastor/Head of Staff
Pam Hrcncir, Covenant Pastor for Congregational Care

MUSIC MINISTRY

Christopher Bechtler, Director of Music Ministries
Norman Elton, Organist and Assistant Director of Music
Chancel Choir

LITURGIST

Walter Schmid

SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

Adrian Williams, Director of Education Ministries

GREETER

9:30am Bill Riffer
11:00am Dick Hubbard

USHERS

9:30am Eric Beckhusen, Pat Underwood, Matthew Underwood, David Littell
11:00am Bob Bolstad, Harley Stewart, Kelly Kirkpatrick, Rebecca Caprio

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Karol Sibley, Cheryl Roettger, Sarah Smith

***WILLIAMSBURG LANDING USHERS**

Barbara Stirling and Bruce Minett

***WINDSOR MEADE USHERS**

Paul Hotinger

AUDIO AND VIDEO TECHNICIANS: Dave McLain and John Schoenberger

*Satellite campuses

WPC Elders & Deacons

SESSION: CLASSES OF 2024, 2025, 2026

Moderator: John E. Morgan Clerk of Session: Diane Schwarz

Administration: Faith Shartzer* (25), Sarah Houghland (25), Margie Newcomer (26), Jaynelle Oehler (24), Larry Pulley (26)

Christian Education: Sallie McLain* (25), Kelly Kirkpatrick (26), JD Due (26)

Christian Outreach: Kay Allen* (24), Karen McKee (24)

Communications: Laura Hild* (24), Martha Squire (24)

Endowment Committee: Al Thomas* (25), Jim Austin (26), Joseph Kinard (26), Martha Squire (24), Hank Vernon (25)

Facilities: Dale Trowbridge* (25), Jerry Howell (26)

Resources: Tommy Michaels* (24), Elaine McBeth (25), Jay Eaton (26)

Worship: Jim Winthrop* (25)

**Moderator*

BOARD OF DEACONS: CLASSES OF 2024, 2025, 2026

Moderator: Janie Moyers (24) **Vice-Moderator:** Copper Perry (25)

Pastoral Advisor: Pam Hrcir, Covenant Pastor for Congregational Care

Secretary: Jo Ann Youhas (25)

Care Teams

Care Connections: Margie Ambrose (24), Jennifer LaDow (26), Lee Saxton (26)

Grief: Copper Perry (25) Dave Littell (25)

Welcoming a Child, Illness, Surgery, Hospice (WISH): Linda Eichhorn (24), Harold Herring (25)

Brookdale Plus: Robin Sabo (26)

Patriots Colony: Sue Rennagel (25)

Williamsburg Landing: Joane Bozek (24) Doris Gilfillan(26)

Windsor Meade: Shirley Randolph (24), Happy Simmons (25)

Ministry Teams

Celebrations and Concerns: Dougie Winthrop (24), Phoebe Williams (24), Sarah Horner (25)

Christian Fellowship: Happy Simmons (25), Sue Rennagel (25), Nate Green (24), Sarah Dulaney (25)

Flower Sharing: Joane Bozek (24), Laura Bechtler (25): Leigh Salud (26), Carol Thomas (26)

New Member: Nancy Archibald (24), Deborah Rockafellow (25), Eric Beckhusen (26), Martha Burian (26)

Memorial Receptions: Nancy Moseley (24), Jo Ann Youhas (25), Janie Moyers (24), Rebecca Caprio (26)

Memorial Services: Terry Backus (24), Lynn Newcomer (24), Nancy Miller (24), Duncan McIver (26)

☞ 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 HrnCir (phrnCir@mywpc.org). Learn more about this ministry at 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, 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). 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, September 17 – Saturday, September 23

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

Please pray for:

- Bob Siclari, Ellie Thuermer, Lee Beach, 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 war in Ukraine.

↻ ANNOUNCEMENTS ↻

- **Parking at Williamsburg Baptist Church is not allowed on Sunday mornings.** Over the last couple of weeks members have been observed parking in the church parking of WBC and walking over to WPC for service. They are in need of their entire parking lot on Sunday mornings to accommodate their growing congregation and the W&M students who rent parking spaces from them. If you are unable to secure a parking place in of our lots or on the street on Sunday morning, you have two options for parking. You may park at the Williamsburg Public Library or at one of the parking garages: Prince George Street Parking, 230 N Henry Street; City Square Parking Terrace 401 N. Boundary Street. Thank you for your cooperation.
- **Holy Land Presentation TODAY, September 17, 3:00pm in Stevenson Hall.** Join us as our Pilgrims share their exciting and thought-provoking trip to Israel and the West Bank. Each Pilgrim will share a special memory from our time walking where Jesus walked. There will be slides of the places we visited. We also want to share our experience of meeting "Living Stones," people who are working for peace in this divided country. **The presentation will also be shared on Zoom and you can find the link on the WPC Events Calendar.**
- **The Nomination Committee has commenced its task of identifying and proposing candidates for the Elder and Deacon Class of 2027.** To aid us in this effort, the committee welcomes input from those in the congregation. **If you are interested in being considered as an Elder or Deacon candidate or would like to propose someone to be considered as a candidate, please submit your interest or suggestions by TODAY, Sunday, September 17, 2023.** Submissions can either be emailed to the committee moderator, *Sarah Houghland or mailed to the church office (215 Richmond Road, Williamsburg, VA 23185).
- **Grateful Thanks to all WPC members and friends who contributed to the success of 2023 Summer Meals for Kids project.** We just completed 10 weeks of serving meals to children in our school system who needed food during the summer vacation. Many, many thanks to all who provided food items, funding, prepared meals and packed lunch on Wednesdays. Thank you also to our partners : Williamsburg Community Chapel, Williamsburg Baptist Church (next door to us) and Walnut Hills Baptist Church.
- **Coffee Fellowship, Usher, and Greeter Sign Ups in Stevenson Hall continues TODAY!** Have you been looking for an opportunity to get involved in the Sunday morning action at WPC? Please stop by the tables in Stevenson Hall today learn more and sign up to host Coffee Fellowship, Usher, or Greet during the months of September, October, and November. No previous experience necessary and all ages are welcome!
- **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and the Presbytery of the Pacific respond to deadly fires on Maui.** Please join in praying for the affected communities. If you would like to make a donation by check, please make it out to WPC and in the memo line write "PDA Wildfires or visit <https://pda.pcusa.org/situation/hawaii-wildfires/>

- **New Member Orientation Luncheon: Sunday, October 1, 2023; Noon-2pm, Stevenson Hall.** Is the Spirit nudging you to join WPC? Please contact Pastor Pam or the church office to learn more. All are welcome here.
- **The Christian Education Ministry could use your help on Monday, October 2!** We invite 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. On those days, we would like to provide a fun day camp for our families (think one-day VBS). The first one will be on October 2. We can only offer this new service with support from our extended WPC family members. The volunteer commitment is 9am to 4pm (all day or in overlapping 4-hour shifts) and lunch will be provided. You can sign up in the Welcome Center or by contacting *Jodie Davis. **With enough volunteers, we can begin registering children on Sunday, September 17. Thank you!**
- **October 8 Fall Gathering.** You are a vital piece! Come enjoy clever ministry-themed food, a scavenger hunt to get to know WPC ministries, and find where you fit in the puzzle.
- **RISE AGAINST HUNGER is here.** This major food packaging event is a WPC favorite, so put **Saturday, October 14** on your calendar. Everyone from 4 to 104 can help eradicate World Hunger by participating. This year we plan to package 55,296 meals and to raise \$22,000 to purchase that food (this will be a record breaker for us). You may visit mywpc.org/rah/ to register as a volunteer or to donate to RAH. Or you may use this QR code. For more information please contact *Gary Davis or *Jim Kirkpatrick.

***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.

❧ 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 kingsingers.com.

Discounted tickets sales has been EXTENDED through Monday, September 18, 5:00pm.

WPC members and students still have an opportunity to purchase tickets at a reduced price **until 5pm, Monday, September 18** The tickets are normally \$55 but will be \$44 for adults and \$41.25 for students under 25.

↻ WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS ↻

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

- 9:30am In-person Worship / Sanctuary; Live-Stream Worship; visit mywpc.org to access
10:30am Coffee Fellowship / Stevenson Hall
11:00am In-person Worship / Sanctuary; Broadcast on FM93.5 The Burg and AM740
or wmbgradio.com
3:00pm Holy Land Trip Presentation / Stevenson Hall and Zoom
5:30pm Youth Group / CE Wing

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

- 10:00am Adult Bible Study Disciple Class: Invitations to Romans / LL010 and Zoom
1:00pm Caregiver Support Group / Rm 123
3:30pm Legacy Giving Donations and Fund Management / Rm 255
6:00pm UKirk Dinner and Dialogue / LL012
7:00pm Williamsburg Choral Guild Rehearsal / Sanctuary

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

- 10:00am Adult Bible Study: Christian Believer-Knowing God with Heart and Mind / Rm 220 and Zoom
1:00pm Staff Meeting / Zoom
7:00pm AA Williamsburg Big Book Study / LL009 and LL049

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

- 5:00pm Congregation Nominating Committee / Rm 220
6:00pm Genesis Ringers Rehearsal / Bell Room
6:30pm Administration Ministry Meeting / Rm 220 and Zoom
7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

- 9:00am Sanctuary Cleaning
4:00pm UKirk Mental Health Affinity Group / LL012
4:30pm Carol Choir and Junior Choir Rehearsal / Children's Choir Room
7:00pm ARC GymGuyz / Stevenson Hall
7:00pm Christian Outreach Ministry Meeting / LL010
7:30pm Westminster Ringers Rehearsal / Bell Room

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

UKirk Retreat at Lake Gaston through September 24

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

↻ NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP ↻

September 24, 2023 • 17th Sunday after Pentecost

The sermon, "*Life Worthy of the Gospel*" will be based on Philippians 1:21-30.

*9:30am service is live-streamed on mywpc.org. **11:00am service is broadcast on FM93.5 The Burg and AM740