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in love

WILLIAMSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OCTOBER 8, 2023 • 19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PRAYER FOR PREPARATION

Creator God, the heavens radiate your glory! You have set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a joyful bridegroom from his wedding canopy. May we emerge from night's waiting with such rampant joy that we too radiate your glory throughout this day. In the name of the Son of righteousness who has risen with healing in his wings.

THE GATHERING PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

GREETING AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

MINUTE FOR MISSION: Stewardship: Joined Together in Love Tommy Michaels

PRELUDE "Amazing Grace" with "Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord" arr. Mayo

Carol Choir and Junior Choir

Praise, praise, praise the Lord,
Praise God's holy name!
Praise, praise, praise the Lord,
Praise God's holy name!

Refrain:

Praise God's holy name, Alleluia!
Praise God's holy name.
Praise God's holy name, Alleluia!
Praise God's holy name.

(Prelude continues on the next page.)

*To all who are able, please stand as we offer God thanks and praise.

Bold type face indicates that the congregation participates in word or song.

Once was lost, now I'm found,
Praise God's holy name.
Once was lost, now I'm found,
Praise God's holy name. (Refrain)

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a sinner like me.
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun. (Refrain)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The heavens declare the glory of God!

All: The skies proclaim God's handiwork.

Leader: The day pronounces God's glory without a sound,

**All: the night expounds God's knowledge without a word,
and yet their voice goes out through all the earth.**

Leader: Let us join our voices with the voice of creation
in declaring God's glory!

***HYMN 625**

O Lord My God

HOW GREAT THOU ART

1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der con-sid-er
2 When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der and hear the
3 And when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing, sent him to
4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion and take me

all the *worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I
birds sing sweet-ly in the trees, when I look down from
die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross, my
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then *I shall bow in

hear the *roll-ing thun-der, thy power through-out the
loft-y moun-tain gran-deur and hear the brook and
bur-den glad-ly bear-ing, he bled and died to
hum-ble ad-o-ra-tion, and there pro-claim, "My

CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: Whatever good we may have done is nothing compared to the righteousness of Christ. Whatever wrong we may have done is nothing compared to the grace of God. With faith in Christ's righteousness and confidence in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

O God, if we carry the name Christian, we are signs of Christ's presence in the world. Yet we confess that we do not always live as joyous, loving and hopeful people in our homes, our workplaces, and our communities. We get so caught up in the values of this world that we do not seek to discern your will for our lives. By your grace and forgiveness, renew us in mind, body and spirit, that we will witness and work for Christ wherever you have placed us. In his name we pray. Amen.

A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER

*KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy

Schubert

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with a whole note chord (F#4, A4, C5) and continues with a melodic line: quarter note G4, quarter note F#4, quarter note E4, quarter note D4, quarter note C4, quarter note B3, quarter note A3, quarter note G3, quarter note F#3, quarter note E3, quarter note D3, quarter note C3. The piano accompaniment consists of a bass line with a whole note chord (F#2, A2, C3) and a treble line with a whole note chord (F#4, A4, C5). The second system also has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line continues with a melodic line: quarter note G4, quarter note F#4, quarter note E4, quarter note D4, quarter note C4, quarter note B3, quarter note A3, quarter note G3, quarter note F#3, quarter note E3, quarter note D3, quarter note C3. The piano accompaniment consists of a bass line with a whole note chord (F#2, A2, C3) and a treble line with a whole note chord (F#4, A4, C5).

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

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

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Righteousness does not come from our own doing or not doing. Righteousness comes from God, by faith. Through the faithfulness of Christ, our Lord, we are forgiven.

***GLORIA**

Glory Be to the Father

Greatorex

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 image shows a musical score for a Gloria. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. 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.'

(11:00) At this time any and all children through the 5th grade are invited to come forward for Sharing Faith with Children.

(9:30) INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Pastor Pam Hrcirc

(11:00) SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

Laura Bechtler

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison)

God who speaks, your law is perfect, reviving the soul; your commandment is clear, enlightening the eyes. May your Spirit illumine this Word that our eyes may be opened and our souls revived. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: *Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20*

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

PSALM 19:1-10 (Unison)

The heavens are telling the glory of God,
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares knowledge.
There is no speech, nor are there words;
their voice is not heard;
yet their voice goes out through all the earth
and their words to the end of the world.
In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,
which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,
and like a strong man runs its course with joy.
Its rising is from the end of the heavens
and its circuit to the end of them,
and nothing is hid from its heat.
The law of the Lord is perfect,
reviving the soul;
the decrees of the Lord are sure,
making wise the simple;
the precepts of the Lord are right,
rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear,
enlightening the eyes;
the fear of the Lord is pure,
enduring forever;
the ordinances of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.
More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey
and drippings of the honeycomb.

SECOND LESSON: *Philippians 3:4b-14*

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

"Press On Toward the Goal"

Pastor John E. Morgan

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN 361**

O Christ, the Great Foundation

AURELIA

1 O Christ, the great foundation
on which your people stand
to preach your true salvation
in every age and land:
pour out your Holy Spirit
to make us strong and pure,
to keep the faith unbroken
as long as worlds endure.

2 Baptized in one confession,
one church in all the earth,
we bear our Lord's impression,
the sign of second birth:
one holy people gathered
in love beyond our own,
by grace we were invited;
by grace we make you known.

3 Where tyrants' hold is tightened,
where strong devour the weak,
where innocents are frightened,
the righteous fear to speak,
there let your church awaking
attack the powers of sin
and, all their ramparts breaking,
with you the victory win.

4 This is the moment glorious
when he who once was dead
shall lead his church victorious,
their champion and their head.
The Lord of all creation
his heavenly kingdom brings:
the final consummation,
the glory of all things.

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

In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

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

Take Me to the Water

arr. David Cherwien

Take me to the water, Take me to the water,
Take me to the water to be baptized.

None but the righteous, None but the righteous,
None but the righteous shall see, see God.

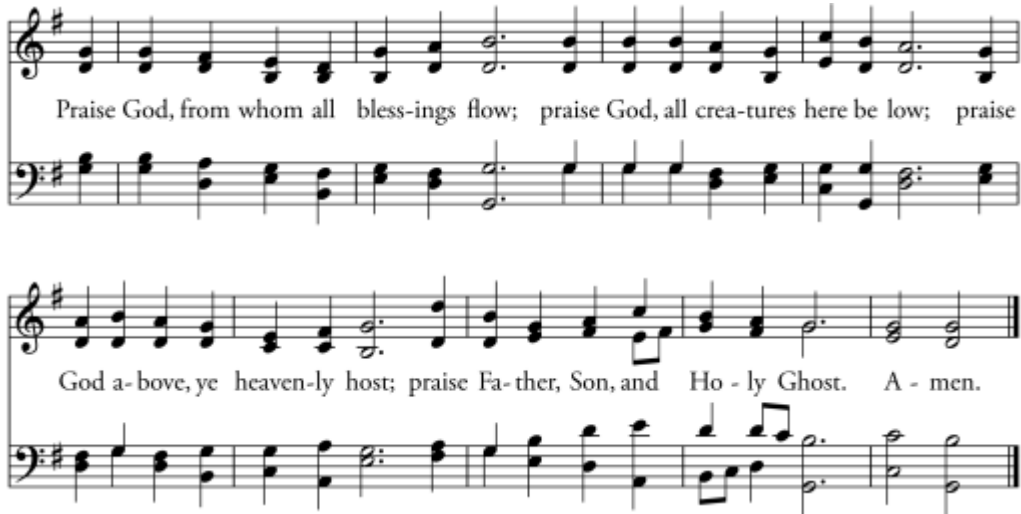
I love Jesus, I love Jesus,
I love Jesus. Oh, yes, I do.

He's my Savior, He's my Savior,
He's my Savior. Oh, yes, he is.

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDRETH



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. Amen.

***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 846**

Fight the Good Fight

DUKE STREET

1 Fight the good fight with all thy might.
Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right.
Lay hold on life, and it shall be
thy joy and crown eternally.

2 Run the straight race through God's good grace;
lift up thine eyes, and seek Christ's face.
Life with its way before us lies;
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.

(Hymn continues on the next page.)

3 Cast care aside; lean on thy guide.
God's boundless mercy will provide.
Trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove
Christ is its life, and Christ its love.

4 Faint not nor fear: God's arms are near.
God changeth not, and thou art dear.
Only believe, and thou shalt see
that Christ is all in all to thee.

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Finale from *Firebird Suite*

Stravinsky/arr. Besley

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.

✧ NOTES ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC ✧

The *Firebird* is a ballet and orchestral work by Igor Stravinsky (1882-1971). It was adapted for organ in 1922 by English organist, Maurice Besley. Organ adaptations of orchestral works have had a checkered history. In the early twentieth century, enormous crowds flocked to hear their favorite music adapted for organ. Large pipe organs were considered technological marvels, built to mimic the entire resources of a symphony orchestra. The Organ Reform Movement, in the middle of the twentieth century, found organists and organbuilders returning to their roots, focusing on historically authentic performance practices. Orchestral transcriptions fell out of vogue in favor of "true" organ music. It wasn't until the twenty-first century that such transcriptions became fashionable again, now featured on organ recitals and competitions around the world.

✧ THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ✧

The Chancel Flowers are given today to the glory of God and in loving memory of her husband, Howard Teubner by Dottie Teubner.

∞ THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY ∞

PASTOR

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

MUSIC MINISTRY

Christopher Bechtler, Director of Music Ministries
Norman Elton, Organist and Assistant Director of Music
Carol Choir and Junior Choir directed by Rebecca Elton
Chancel Choir

LITURGIST

Fritz Ober

SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

Laura Bechtler

GREETER

9:30am Cheryl Roettger
11:00am Karen Annoni

USHERS

9:30am Matthew Underwood, Pat Underwood, Tony Annoni, Rebecca Caprio
11:00am Megan Davis, Jean Scott, Rebecca Caprio, Ric Cheston

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Happy & Ralph Simmons, Tamra Sessa

***WILLIAMSBURG LANDING USHERS**

Terry Backus, Doris Gilfillan, Linda Eichhorn

***WINDSOR MEADE USHERS**

Paul Hotinger

AUDIO AND VIDEO TECHNICIANS: Mike Squire and John Schoenberger

*Satellite campuses

☞ 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, October 8 – Saturday, October 14

Pastor Pam Hrncir

phrncir@mywpc.org; (757-508-4668)

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

- WPC members Meg and David Calderwood and family on the death of their son, Graham Niles Calderwood, who died Tuesday, September 26, 2023. Graham is the nephew of WPC members Faith and Len Shartzter. A celebration of life will be held on Thursday, October 12, 2023 at 1:00pm in our sanctuary followed by a reception in Stevenson Hall. A private committal will be held on Friday, October 13.
- WPC member Cynthia McCraw and family on the death of her husband, WPC member John McCraw, who died on Tuesday, September 3, 2023. Arrangements are pending.

Please pray for:

- Bob Siclari, Ellie Thuermer, Courtney, 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 🌀

- **Photographer Needed:** Looking for someone who loves to take pictures to capture the Rise Against Hunger food packaging event on Saturday, October 14, beginning at 11am and throughout the event. If you are available, please contact *Gary Davis, *Jim Kirkpatrick or *Jay Hardy.
- **WPC Fall Gathering is this afternoon from 4-6pm in .** There will be an organ tour led by Norman Elton at 3:45pm. Then come to Stevenson Hall to enjoy delicious food, wonderful conversations, and discover the many ways God is at work in and through WPC through a scavenger hunt. You are a vital piece to our Fall Gathering. We look forward to seeing you there !
- **Gabrielle Goodman and the Duke Ellington Celebration Band** headlined the September 24 Open Door Concert. She writes: *Thank you so much for inviting me and my band to perform for your open concert series. You and everyone at the church were so welcoming. You made us feel "at home."*
- **RISE AGAINST HUNGER:** 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. For more information please *Gary Davis or *Jim Kirkpatrick.
- **Our next FISH collection will be Sunday, October 15.** FISH's needs now includes hot cereals and individual apple sauces along with grape jelly, canned pastas (ravioli), and beef stew. Toothpaste/ toothbrushes, shampoo, laundry detergent, feminine hygiene products and donations of hotel toiletries are also needed. Please place your donations in or near the red shopping cart located by the rear entrance.
- **Sometimes we just need a little help getting back on our feet!** If you are willing to supply a meal for members who are recovering from surgery or illness, please contact *Linda Eichhorn. It does not have to be homemade.
- **The Hybrid WPC Book Club will meet on Monday, October 23, 2023, at 2pm in the WPC Library** to discuss *I Want to Go Home*, by Cindy L. Freeman, a local author, will be joining us for the meeting.
- **Join A Prison Ministry – Bake Cookies.** On October 25 we will be participating in a Prison Ministry weekend at Sussex II State Prison in Waverly, Virginia. As part of this weekend ministry thousands of homemade cookies are given out to all the residents in Sussex II prison and for that we need your help. Your homemade cookies tell the residents that someone who doesn't even know them still cares enough to give them something without wanting something in return. We need 20 volunteers to make three dozen cookies each. You can pick up instructions and Ziploc bags for the cookies in the Welcome Center. Any questions, please contact *Joe Avellar.
- **WPC Trunk or Treat: Sunday, October 29, 4-5:30pm.** This is a free event for all, and all are welcome! WPC members, guests, and community members are invited to decorate a trunk and pass out goodies to our youngest congregation and community children! Kids will trick or treat from trunk to trunk in the big parking lot behind the church. Sign up online to host a trunk as a family, as a Sunday School class, Church Ministry, or any other group. No need to sign up to attend as guests or trick or treaters. Questions, contact *Jill Walton or *Jodie Davis.



***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

🌀 WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS 🌀

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

- 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
4:00pm WPC Congregational Fall Gathering / Stevenson Hall

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9

- 9:30am Adult Bible Study Disciple Class: Invitations to Romans / LL010 and Zoom
1:00pm Caregiver Support Group / Rm 123
1:00pm Presbyterian Woman's Circle 3-Miriam / Stevenson Hall and Zoom
5:15pm Communication Ministry / Zoom
6:00pm UKirk Dinner and Dialogue / LL012
7:00pm Hunger and Homeless Meeting / LL010
7:00pm Williamsburg Choral Guild Rehearsal / Sanctuary

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10

- 10:00am Adult Bible Study: Christian Believer-Knowing God with Heart and Mind / Rm 220 and Zoom
1:00pm Staff Meeting / Zoom
1:30pm Kirk Krafters / Stevenson Hall
5:30pm Resource Ministry Meeting / Zoom
6:30pm Presbyterian Women's Circle 5-Eunice / Rm 222
7:00pm AA Williamsburg Big Book Study / LL009 and LL049

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

- 7:30am Men's Bible and Bacon Study / Stevenson Hall
10:00am Presbyterian Women's Circle 14-Martha / Rm 220
5:00pm Congregation Nominating Committee / 220
6:00pm Genesis Ringers Rehearsal / Bell Room
7:00pm Christian Fellowship Committee / Rm 200
7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12

- 9:00am Sanctuary Cleaning
1:00pm Memorial Service and Reception for Graham Calderwood / Sanctuary and Stevenson Hall
4:30pm Carol Choir and Junior Choir Rehearsal / Children's Choir Room
5:00pm Worship Ministry Meeting / Rm 220
7:30pm Westminster Ringers Rehearsal / Bell Room
7:30pm The Squares / Rm 227

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

- 11:00am Rise Against Hunger Food Packaging Event / Stevenson Hall and Sanctuary, Kitchen Parking Lot
Shifts: 11:00am - 1:00pm; 1:30pm - 3:30pm

🌀 NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP 🌀

October 15, 2023 • 20th Sunday after Pentecost

The sermon, "*The Invitation*" will be based on Matthew 22:1-14.

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