



joined together
in love

WILLIAMSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 22, 2023 • 21TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PRAYER FOR PREPARATION

Holy God, you have made us in your image, and we belong to you alone. Therefore we offer ourselves to you, in service, love, and praise. Use us for the glory of your realm and the good of your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GATHERING PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

GREETING AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

MINUTE FOR MISSION: Stewardship: Joined Together in Love

Faith Shartzter

PRELUDE

The Trumpet of the Morning

Lani Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Sing to the Lord and bless God's name.

All: Tell of God's saving power from day to day.

Leader: Worship the Lord in holy splendor.

All: Tremble before God, all the earth.

*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.

HYMN 1Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*

NICAEA

1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

2 Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

3 Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love and purity.

4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: God does not regard us with partiality, but with the grace of Christ Jesus deals with each of us according to our need. With gratitude for this amazing grace, let us confess our sin.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

What a debt we owe to you, O God. You have given us all things in Christ and yet we withhold from you the honor and glory that are yours. Move us beyond ourselves to hear the cry of the world and to respond with acts and deeds of kindness, mercy and justice. May your grace shine through a church that, even with its shortcomings, accepts the call of Christ to serve and care and love and bring peace. Forgive us, O God, and by your grace restore in us the image of your face; through Christ Jesus our Lord. 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.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems. The first system shows the vocal line and piano accompaniment for the first two phrases: 'Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy;'. The second system shows the vocal line and piano accompaniment for the next two phrases: 'Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.'. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords and some melodic movement in the right hand.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Leader: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice! Let the sea roar with laughter, the fields shout in celebration, and the forests sing with joy: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

***GLORIA**

Glory Be to the Father

Greatorex

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

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 with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is two flats (B-flat and E-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) SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

Lynne Savidis

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison)

Holy One, true and living God, through the message of the gospel and the power of your Spirit make us imitators of the Lord: Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: *Matthew 22:15-22*

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

PSALM 96:1-9 (Responsive)

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.

**All: Sing to the Lord; bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.**

Leader: Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples.

**All: For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;
he is to be revered above all gods.**

Leader: For all the gods of the peoples are idols,
but the Lord made the heavens.

**All: Honor and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.**

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**All: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts.**

Leader: Worship the Lord in holy splendor;
tremble before him, all the earth. O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

SECOND LESSON: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-8

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE “*Work of Faith, Labor of Love, Steadfastness of Hope*” Pastor John E. Morgan

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 716

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

BEACH SPRING

1 God, whose giving knows no ending,
from your rich and endless store,
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,
costly cross, grave's shattered door:
gifted by you, we turn to you,
offering up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever,
gracious donor of our days.

2 Skills and time are ours for pressing
toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
all at peace in health and freedom,
races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor,
lest we strive for self alone.
Born with talents, make us servants
fit to answer at your throne.

3 Treasure, too, you have entrusted,
gain through powers your grace conferred:
ours to use for home and kindred,
and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing,
as we heed Christ's ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming,
serving you by loving all.

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

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

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

How Firm a Foundation

arr. Dan Forrest

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
To you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God, I will still give thee aid;
I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

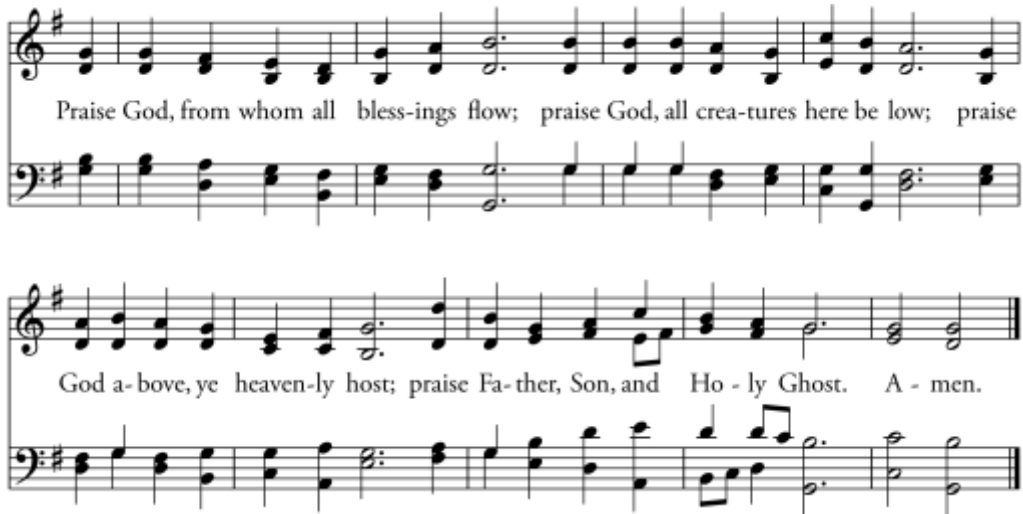
“When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
For I will be with thee, thy trials to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

“When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.

“The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no never, no never forsake!”

DOXOLOGYPraise 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 643***Now Thank We All Our God*

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

1 Now thank we all our God
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms,
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

2 O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in God's grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.

3 All praise and thanks to God,
who reigns in highest heaven,
to Father and to Son
and Spirit now be given:
the one eternal God,
whom heaven and earth adore,
the God who was, and is,
and shall be evermore.

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Our Heart Shall Rejoice

Carl Simone

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 loving memory of his son, David Irwin Kale, and her father, John W. Hasty, by Kelly and Wilford Kale.

☞ **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
Sarah Bland, Guest Organist
Chancel Choir

LITURGIST

Elaine McBeth

SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

Lynne Savidis

GREETER

9:30am Bill Riffer
11:00am Terry Backus

USHERS

9:30am Penny Pulley, Tony Annoni, Rebecca Caprio, Harley Stewart
11:00am Bob Bolstad, Ric Cheston, Megan Davis, Sarah Houghland

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Sarah Dulaney, Karen and Tony Annoni

***WILLIAMSBURG LANDING USHERS**

Doris Gilfillan and Linda Eichhorn

***WINDSOR MEADE USHERS**

Paul Hotinger

AUDIO AND VIDEO TECHNICIANS: Matt Slack 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 Hrcir (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 22 – Saturday, October 28

Pastor John E. Morgan
jmorgan@mywpc.org; (757-908-7800)

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

- The family of WPC member Carol Cashen who died on Friday, October 13, 2023. Arrangements 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 wars in Israel and Ukraine.

🌀 ANNOUNCEMENTS 🌀

- Norman Elton, Organist and Assistant Director of Music is spending time with family.
- **Guatemala Update Luncheon: TODAY, Sunday, October 22, Noon in Stevenson Hall.** Enjoy a light lunch and time together as our June, 2023 Guatemala Mission Team members recap the trip. This is a great opportunity to journey alongside our seven missionaries, gain some perspective on the impact of our Guatemala mission over the past decade, and learn about future plans. **No reservations required.**
- **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, who will be joining us for the meeting.
- **Presbyterian Women (PW) Fall Gathering-Thank Offering, October 25, 11:00-Noon, Stevenson Hall.** All women are invited! Get to know other women of the church, enjoy refreshments, and learn more about upcoming PW activities and missions. A collection will be taken to support the PW (PCUSA) Thank Offering. PW offers rich opportunities to learn and study together, care for one another, grow in faith, and to do God's work in the world. You can help ensure PW's value and vitality for all women today! Please sign up in the Welcome Center or online at <https://www.mywpc.org/current-news/presbyterian-women-fall-gathering-thank-offering/>
Thank Offering donations can also be made at <https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/giving-funding/give/thank-offering/>
- **Fall Town Hall Meeting: Saturday, October 28, 2023, 10am in Stevenson Hall. Our congregation is thriving...and all of us want that to continue!** Over the last 18 months, some of you have participated in one-on-one meetings with a "Thriving Congregations" committee member: *Sarah Houghland, Joseph Kinard, Sallie McLain, Diane Schwarz, CW Stacks, and "A" Williams*. You've shared your personal WPC history and what this church means to you. Others of you have joined group Listening Sessions and shared more ideas and aspirations. Now we want to spend time as a congregation discerning what all this great information is pointing towards and what that means for WPC's future. As we learned at our latest Montreat gathering, your words are sacred...theological! **Please join us for a Town Hall meeting on Saturday morning, October 28 at 10am in Stevenson Hall to get an update from the "Thriving Congregations" committee and begin to discern together what we might do next.**
- **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.
- **Many of us have experienced the loss of a beloved pet.** A part of our family and their stories that we still remember and love even after they've crossed the rainbow bridge. **Join us for an Arts & Spirituality event on November 1 at 6:30pm as we will build mini memorials in the Dia De Los Muertos style while sharing stories and prayers with one another.** All ages are welcome and a sign up form can be found on the church calendar.
- **The Squares take a Wet Walk.** What in the world does this comment have to do with the next Squares? Answer: it is about walking on water. Though the Bible does have several stories involving miracles about water there is only one account of someone actually walking on water. So, what does that have to do with your life? Using the account of Peter walking on water in Matthew 14:22-33 the Squares will struggle with the ongoing question of "who am I?" **Join us on November 2, in room 218 or via Zoom. Check with Gary Davis or Jim Kirkpatrick for the Zoom link.**

- **Saturday, November 4th, the Presbyterian Men's Fellowship will have our own Bill Riffer as guest speaker.** A retired Navy submarine commander, former Clerk of Session for WPC, and one of the most popular longtime instructors with the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at William & Mary, Bill is also an avid military historian. His presentation is titled "*Warfare in The Bible.*" With the recent outbreak of war in the Holy Land and a long history of conflict within the region, Bill's timely presentation should give us an insightful perspective on some of the earliest recorded hostilities found in the Old Testament.

Don't miss this opportunity to have breakfast with Bill Riffer and hear what promises to be a highly informative and illuminating presentation. The meeting begins at 8:00am in Stevenson Hall with fellowship and breakfast. All men and women of the Williamsburg community and guests are welcome. **Please make your reservations by Wednesday, November 1st, at the church Welcome Center, or online,** to ensure we have prepared enough home-cooked food for all. A donation of \$10.00 will be requested at the breakfast.

- **Join the Open Door Concert Series in welcoming the Seamus Egan Project at 4:00pm, Sunday, November 5.** From his beginnings as a teen prodigy, to his founding of the powerhouse Celtic band Solas, to his current work as a leading composer and interpreter of the tradition, Egan has inspired multiple generations of musicians and helped define the sound of Irish music today. Since 2018, Egan has toured with friends and musical colleagues as the Seamus Egan Project. More information is available at mywpc.org/concerts. Invite a friend!
- **New! Kids Connect Day Camp Program: First Camp: Tuesday, November 7.** The Christian Education Ministry invites 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. This mission is brand new, and we need the help of caring adult volunteers to make it happen. Families, registration for day campers is now open! The camp is for pre-K through 5th grade. **To learn more, volunteer and/or register visit <https://mywpc.org/daycamp>**
- **We Did It! Through the efforts of our congregation on October 14 we were able to accomplish our goal of packaging 55,296 meals to be distributed to various places around the world.** That got us to our major goal of packaging 500,000 meals with Rise Against Hunger since 2010. Through generous donations we are confident that WPC was able to raise the money to pay for those meals.

We are thankful for the 121 people from WPC who, along with 87 other people from nine other organizations, joined together through work and fun to help feed those who are in need.

Please know that if you would like to help with a financial contribution it is not too late to donate through our website mywpc.org/rah. Thanks also to those who helped to plan and provide this annual Rise Against Hunger event.

- **Second Families:** Are you a college student who is looking for any of the following pieces of home while you are away at school or are you a family who can provide any of these for a college student: a quiet place for studying, hanging out, laundry, etc.; a pet; family meals; rides when needed; people to share life experience or the love of arts or sports, or just a family to check in and love you from time to time. If any of this sounds interesting, sign up for our "Second Family" program students: me.mywpc.org/2family; congregants: me.mywpc.org/secondfamilies
- **Thank you to everyone who donated vases to the Flower Ministry.** Your response is greatly appreciated and has fully restocked our supply closets. The flowers that will fill the vases for our sick and shut-in will bring such joy to them. ~ *Laura Bechtler, Joane Bozek, Leigh Salud or Carol Thomas.*

- **Recently the freezer located in the large kitchen area in the basement was left open. All the meats thawed and had to be thrown out.** We have two freezers (the other is located in the storage area on the main level) that are used to store meats received from the Food Bank to use in the meals our Outreach team prepares for local homeless and hungry. No one should open the freezers other than the Outreach volunteers, but if you do, please make sure the doors are completely closed to prevent this from happening again.
- **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.

***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.

Tickets can now be purchased at <https://secure.vafest.org/2247/2249>. Discounts are offered for students, military or seniors.

↻ WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS ↻

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

- 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
12:00pm Guatemala Update Luncheon / Stevenson Hall
5:30pm Dining Together Potluck / Stevenson Hall
5:30pm Youth Group / CE Wing

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23

- 9:30am Adult Bible Study Disciple Class: Invitations to Romans / LL010 and Zoom
10:00am Grief Share Group - Closed Group / Rm 123
1:00pm Caregiver Support Group / Rm 123
2:00pm Grief Share Group - Closed Group / Rm 227
2:00pm WPC October Book Club / Church Library and Zoom
6:00pm UKirk Dinner and Dialogue / LL012

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24

- 10:00am 135th Stated Meeting of Presbyterian of Eastern VA / Bayside Presbyterian Church, VAB
10:00am Adult Bible Study: Christian Believer-Knowing God with Heart and Mind / Rm 220 and Zoom
7:00pm AA Williamsburg Big Book Study / LL009 and LL049
7:00pm Earth Care Committee Meeting / Zoom

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25

- 7:30pm Men's Bible & Bacon Study / Stevenson Hall
9:00am Dragon Run Kayak Trip / Saluda, VA
9:30am Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team / Stevenson Hall
11:00am Presbyterian Women's Fall Gathering / Stevenson Hall
5:00pm Congregation Nominating Committee / Rm 220
6:00pm Genesis Ringers Rehearsal / Bell Room
7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26

- 9:00am Sanctuary Cleaning
4:30pm Carol Choir and Junior Choir Rehearsal / Children's Choir Room
7:00pm Session Meeting / Stevenson Hall and Zoom
7:30pm Westminster Ringers Rehearsal / Bell Room

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

- 10:00am WPC Fall Town Hall Meeting / Stephenson Hall

↻ NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP ↻

October 29, 2023 • 22th Sunday after Pentecost • Dedication Sunday

The sermon, "*Joined Together in Love*" will be based on Ephesians 4:15-16.

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