

WILLIAMSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 13, 2021

*We gather in the name of Jesus Christ to worship God and
by the power of the Holy Spirit do God's work in the world.*

PRAYER FOR PREPARATION

God, you are the gardener of all creation. You planted this world with the seeds of your love and grow them with your faithfulness. We are your harvest; we find our meaning and sustenance in you. May our minds listen to you calling, may our hearts be attuned to your will, may our feet follow you in the world, through Jesus, the Word become flesh. Amen.

THE GATHERING PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

PASTORAL GREETING AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE

Gavotte

Wesley

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: It is good to give thanks to the Lord,

Choir: to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

**All: to declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night,**

Choir: To praise you with the music of the lute and the harp, with the melody of the lyre.

**All: For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your
hands I sing for joy.**

*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 36**

For the Fruit of All Creation

AR HYD Y NOS

For the fruit of all creation,
thanks be to God.
For the gifts to every nation,
thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping,
thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor,
God's will be done.
In the help we give our neighbor,
God's will be done.
In our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will be done.

For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all that love has found us,
thanks be to God.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Leader: God will not count our trespasses against us, longing instead for us to be reconciled. We come before God, then, in honesty, humility, and hope.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

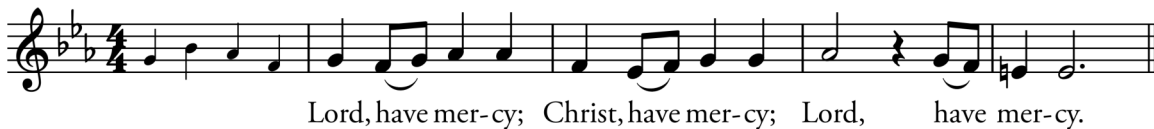
Gracious God,
we so often miss your kingdom at work among us.
Captivated by power and prestige,
we overlook the mustard seeds you have planted all around.
Forgive us for failing to notice
where and how you are at work.
Forgive us when we work against your plans
and purposes—
fostering divisions when you have called us
to a ministry of reconciliation;
beset by apathy when the world has such deep needs;
building walls to keep people out when your branches
offer generous nests.
Help us to grow in faithfulness, we pray,
so that we might reach our fullest height of faith.
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER

***KYRIE**

Lord, Have Mercy

Weaver



***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away;
see, everything has become new!

GLORIA

Glory Be to the Father

Weaver



Glo - ry__ be to the Fa-ther, and__



to__ the__ Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir - it. As it was in the be -



gin - ning is now and ev - er shall be, world with-out end. A - men.

SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

Pam Hrcir

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison)

Holy Spirit, by your mysterious power speak to us your truth and show us your wisdom, that we may know you more deeply and serve you more faithfully, for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: *Ezekiel 17:22-24*

²²Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. ²³On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. ²⁴All the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the LORD have spoken; I will accomplish it.

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

PSALM 92:1-4, 12-15 (Unison)

- ¹ It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;
² to declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night,
³ to the music of the lute and the harp,
to the melody of the lyre.
⁴ For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work;
at the works of your hands I sing for joy.
¹² The righteous flourish like the palm tree,
and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.
¹³ They are planted in the house of the Lord;
they flourish in the courts of our God.
¹⁴ In old age they still produce fruit;
they are always green and full of sap,
¹⁵ showing that the Lord is upright;
he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

SECOND LESSON: *Mark 4:26-34*

²⁶ He also said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, ²⁷ and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸ The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹ But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.”

³⁰ He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹ It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³² yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

³³ With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴ he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Seeds of the Kingdom of God”

John E. Morgan

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN 817**

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

DUNLAP'S CREEK

We walk by faith and not by sight;
with gracious words draw near,
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke:
"My peace be with you here."

We may not touch your hands and side,
nor follow where you trod;
but in your promise we rejoice,
and cry, "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;
and may our faith abound
to call on you when you are near
and seek where you are found.

And when our life of faith is done,
in realms of clearer light
may we behold you as you are,
with full and endless sight.

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

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

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. There are so many people all over the world and within our community who are dealing with loss, loneliness, instability, and injustice. Here at Williamsburg Presbyterian, we want to do our best to show love to others who enduring these hardships just as we are. May our offerings help us be the light for our neighbors and our siblings in Christ all over the world.

We invite you to make your offering or pledge payment in one of the following ways:

- Click the “Make Online Offering” button on the worship page (mywpc.org/streaming).
- Visit www.mywpc.org/give using your web browser.
- Scan the QR code at the right to access the online offering form.
- Mail your offering to the church office.



OFFERTORY

Be Not Afraid

Craig Courtney

Be not afraid: for I have redeemed you;
Be not afraid: I have called you by name.
When you pass through the waters. I will be with you;
When you pass through the floods, they will not sweep over you;
When you walk through the fire, you will not be consumed;
You are mine, you are precious in my sight.

My love for you is everlasting,
My love for you shall have no end.

*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

Musical notation for the Doxology, consisting of three staves of music in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are written below the notes.

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 LORD'S DAY GREETING**

We are glad you are worshipping with us today. Please remember to 'sign' our online friendship register: www.mywpc.org/friendship, or scan the QR code at the right to access the online friendship register.



***HYMN 307**

God of Grace and God of Glory CWM RHONDDA

God of grace and God of glory,
on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story;
bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days, for the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness;
bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore.
Let the gift of thy salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Peter Lutkin

The Lord bless you and keep you;

The Lord lift his countenance upon you and give you peace;

The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

Amen.

***POSTLUDE**

God of Grace, and God of Glory

arr. Manz

The service of worship concludes after the postlude. The music can be enjoyed or used as an opportunity for prayer.

≈ NOTES ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC ≈

This morning's prelude is by Samuel Wesley, an English composer and organist who lives from 1766 to 1837. He was the son of the prolific Methodist hymn writer, Charles Wesley, and a contemporary of Mozart. This tune is in the form of a *gavotte*, a quick French dance in duple meter, having two beats to the measure (as opposed to a *waltz*, with three).

The postlude is by Paul Manz (1919-2009), the rockstar of Lutheran organ music in the twentieth century. He was most well known for his hymn festivals, recitals consisting solely of congregational singing to his imaginative improvisations. Many such improvisations have since been published, this setting of *God of Grace* being one of the most well-loved.

≈ THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ≈

The flowers this morning are given today to the glory of God and in honor of their 57th anniversary by Kay and Jim Loy.

⌘ THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY ⌘

PASTOR

John E. Morgan, Pastor
Rachel Hébert, Associate Pastor for Community Care
Pam Hrncir, Covenant Pastor for Congregational Care

GREETERS

Cheryl Roettger

USHERS

9:30am Harley Stewart, Betsy McCarter, Kerry McCarter, Jim Winthrop, Frank Saxton,
Rebecca Caprio
11:00am Bob Bolstad, Ruth Cobb, Rick Murray, Pat Murray, Richard Cheston

MUSIC MINISTRY

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

SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

Pam Hrncir

AUDIO AND VIDEO TECHNICIAN: Dick Sahlen and John Schoenberger

DEACON-ON-CALL SUNDAY, JUNE 13 – SATURDAY, JUNE 19

Shirley Randolph (757-259-0429; shirley.w.randolph@gmail.com)

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SESSION: CLASSES OF 2022, 2023, 2024

Moderator: John E. Morgan **Clerk of Session:** Bill Riffer

Administration: Marsha Hahn* (22), Kerry McCarter (23), Dawn Schaible (24), Kay Allen (24)

Christian Education: Karen Lee* (23), Martha Squire (24)

Christian Outreach: Tom Moul* (22), Jim Austin (23), CW Stacks (23), Karen McKee (24)

Communications: Bill Vardeman* (22), Laura Hild (24)

Facilities: Fred Whitley* (22)

Resources: Richard Eichhorn* (22), Sarah Avellar (23), Tommy Michaels (24)

Youth Elder: Abby Trowbridge

Worship: Harley Stewart* (22), Joan Seamon (23)

**Moderator*

BOARD OF DEACONS: CLASSES OF 2022, 2023, 2024

Moderator: David McLain (22) **Vice-Moderator:** Ellen Peters (22)

Pastoral Advisor: Pam Hrcir, Covenant Pastor for Congregational Care

Secretary: Ric Cheston (22)

Celebrations & Concerns: Cammie Vardeman* (22), Robin Bland (23), Deb Bussert (23), Dougie Winthrop (24)

Christian Fellowship: Sarah Smith* (22), Jason Eritano (22), Nancy Kistler (23), Emily Krogh (24), Shirley Randolph (24), Matt Slack (23)

Confirmation: Len Shartzter* (23), Lori Brown (22), Kristin Sanders (23), Nate Green (24)

Family Deacon: Duncan McIver** (22), Dave McLain (22), Ellen Peters (23), Marilyn Schmid (23)

Flower Sharing: Ellen D'Orsogna* (22), Barb Coughlan (22), Cherie Brown (23), Joane Bozek (24)

Membership: Gerry Ward* (22), Debbie Boggio**, (23), Greg Walton (22), Jim Loy (23), Phoebe Williams (24), Nancy Archibald (24)

Memorial Reception: Linda Eichhorn* (24), Boyd Knowles (22), Andy Andre (23), Janie Moyers (24), Nancy Moseley (24)

Memorial Service: Barclay Poling* (22), Tim Newens (23), Terry Backus (24), Nancy L. Miller (24), Lynn Newcomer (24)

**Chair*

***Co-Chair*

🌀 ANNOUNCEMENTS 🌀

- **TODAY, Sunday, June 13 is the LAST DAY to register all kids ages 3 and up for Discovery on Adventure Island: Quest for God's Great Light, which will take place in-person at WPC from Monday, June 28- Thursday, July 1, from 9:30 to 11:30am.** On Friday, July 2, Day 5 videos and activities will be available for a virtual VBS day for all.

[Click here](#) to register students AND volunteers for VBS.

If you have any questions, or want to participate as a virtual family instead of an in-person family (we have a plan!), please contact Jodie Davis (jdavis@mywpc.org).

- **Many thanks for the generosity of WPC congregation!** The WPC 2021 One Great Hour of Sharing offering totaled \$9,181.71. The fund helps communities world-wide recover from disasters, enabled community development, and encouraged development of land and resources in rural communities. During this time of pandemic, societal unrest, unemployment, illness, and death, our congregation has reached and followed God's command, *"Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to act."* Proverbs 3:27
- **Ushers and Greeters needed for worship services. Can you help?** Are you planning to attend in-person worship services this summer? If so, please visit the tables in the elevator lobby area between services today through June 20th to sign-up to serve as an Usher or Greeter during June, July, and August. Six ushers and one greeter are needed for each service. No previous experience is necessary. Contact Rebecca Caprio, Usher Coordinator, for more information (ushers@mywpc.org; 703-732-1830).
- **Remove your mask and pin on your name tag!** As we prepare for the return to in-person worship, now is the time to find your name tag and have it ready to wear on Sunday morning. It's been over a year since we've been together at WPC and wearing your name tag will aid in putting a name to a mask less face. If you need another name tag or never received one, please email Martha Reier (mreier@mywpc.org) with your information and they will be available for pickup on Sunday. We looking forward to welcoming you back!
- **Restocking Cookies for Memorial Receptions:** Please consider volunteering to provide cookies for upcoming Memorial Receptions. The cookies can be homemade or store bought, and are very much appreciated. Contact Linda Eichhorn (757-221-8214) to have your name added to this volunteer list.
- **New MYWPC Website Arriving Soon!** The Web Team is working hard to redesign the MYWPC website. There will be a new and exciting format that will focus on events, church life and support our online life today. These efforts will also enable exciting and new features for the future. More information to come soon as we near the debut.
- **The Summer Meals for Kids program is starting soon.** Volunteers are vital to this program This will be our 4th year. This year we will be working out of Williamsburg Indoor Sports Center - WISC. The program begins on Monday June 21st.—and will continue weekly through August. WPC is scheduled for Mondays to make sandwiches, pack lunches and deliver the meals. Please be on the lookout for signups on the WPC website. For more information, please contact Hazel Whitney (757-221-0312).

✧ PRAYER CONCERNS, JOYS, & TOUCH NOTES ✧

Contact the Church Office (229-4235, secretary@mywpc.org) with any concern, special joy or touch note you may have. Go to <http://www.mywpc.org/prayerrequest> to submit a prayer request on-line. Prayer chain requests are kept confidential unless it has been asked to share the request with the membership. Then it will appear on the white board and in this section of the worship bulletin.

The Prayer Chain Coordinator is: JoAnn Youhas (handbellringer@cox.net).

Contact Rev. John Morgan (757-903-7800), Rev. Rachel Hébert (757-903-5488) or Rev. Pam Hrcir (757-508-4668) if you are in need of a pastor after hours or on the weekend with an emergency request.

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

Former WPC member Bob Mandal's wife, Linda Mandal, who died on Thursday, June 3, 2021, in Greenville, SC.

Please pray for:

- Jaynelle Oehler, Margaret Adams, Jean Young and Irene Faubion as they continue to recovery from various health issues.
- 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 serving our country in the military services and their families.
- Those who reside in assisted living communities being affected by COVID-19 outbreaks and with their families as they determine the best arrangements for their loved ones.
- All those who continue to be affected by the COVID-19 in our local community, the United States and around the World.

✧ OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS ✧

SUNDAY, JUNE 13

9:30am In-person Worship / Sanctuary

9:30am Live-Stream Worship; visit mywpc.org to access

11:00am In-person Worship / Sanctuary

11:00am Worship / Broadcast on FM93.5 The Burg and AM740. or wmbgradio.com

MONDAY, JUNE 14

10:00am Presbyterian Women's Kitchen Committee / Kitchen

12:00pm Circle 11 / Off-site Event

TUESDAY, JUNE 15

1:00pm Staff Mtg / Online via ZOOM

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16

11:00am Worship Ministry / Online via ZOOM

6:30pm Administration Ministry / Online via ZOOM

7:30pm Chancel Choir / Choir Room

THURSDAY, JUNE 17

2:00pm Grief Journey Group / Stevenson Hall

7:00pm Board of Deacons / Stevenson Hall

7:00pm Outreach Ministry / Online ZOOM

FRIDAY, JUNE 18

SATURDAY, JUNE 19

✧ NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP ✧

JUNE 20, 2021 - FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The sermon, "*Be Still My Soul*" will be based on Mark 4:35-41.

***9:30am service is live-streamed on mywpc.org.**

****11:00am service is broadcast on FM93.5 The Burg and AM740.**