

Leader: God of life, we need you now,

All: Grant us grace where shame restricts us. Grant us life where pain takes hold. Grant us wisdom where we would settle for easy answers. Grant us love, rooted in the eternal, the living, in you!

Leader: God bless us as we gather, in the name of the Creator, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***HYMN 340**

This is My Song

FINLANDIA

This is my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
but other hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine.
But other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
and skies are everywhere as blue as mine.
So hear my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for their land and for mine.

This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms:
thy kingdom come; on earth thy will be done.
Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him,
and hearts united learn to live as one.
So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations:
myself I give thee; let thy will be done.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Leader: God of Hope, you proclaim that blessed are the poor, the persecuted, the poor in spirit. Blessed are the hungry, the thirsty, the peacemakers, the least, the last, the lost. We know these proclamations of blessings remain unfulfilled desires when we fail to take heed to your call to “do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly” with you.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

God who loves us and calls us, we confess that we have spent more of our lives stumbling in comfort than walking in the humble path of justice. We confess that we oppress one another, press one another down, so it is impossible to walk upright, together, hand-in-hand, or in kindness. We have failed to love. We seek out our own pleasure and ignore our neighbors' pain. We treat our weaker members with contempt, and we tear your body apart. Conform our hearts to you, give us desire for your Reign of Love, that we may look past our own pleasures and pains toward the good of all Creation. Release us from the bondage of fear, and the fences and iron bars that come with it. Turn our walls into banquet tables. Give us fruits of love, of your Spirit, and of the joy and nourishment of all creation. Amen.

A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER

*KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy

Weaver



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

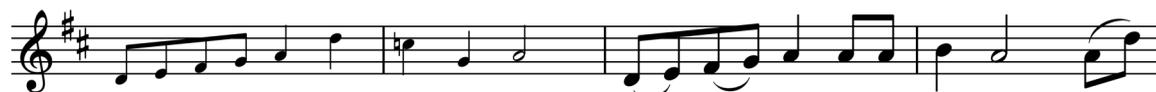
*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God, your spirit of life calls us out of locked rooms and into new life: "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom." God may free us from all that suppresses our appetite for God's Reign of Justice and Love. We are free! Forgiven! Made new! We have been freed to live into God's desire for Creation, for there is nothing that can separate anyone from God's love. In the name of the Creator, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison)

Draw us close, Holy Spirit, as the Scriptures are read and the word is proclaimed. Let your word be on our lips and in our hearts, and let all other words slip away. May there be one voice we hear today — your voice of truth and grace. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: *Mark 6:1-13*

6 He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ²On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands!

³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. ⁴Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” ⁵And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

Adrian Williams

PSALM 123 (Responsive)

Leader: To you I lift up my eyes,
O you who are enthroned in the heavens!

People: **As the eyes of servants
look to the hand of their master,
as the eyes of a maid
to the hand of her mistress,
so our eyes look to the Lord our God,
until he has mercy upon us.**

Leader: Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
for we have had more than enough of contempt.

People: **Our soul has had more than its fill
of the scorn of those who are at ease,
of the contempt of the proud.**

SECOND LESSON: *Ezekiel 2:1-5*

2 He said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. ²And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. ³He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. ⁴The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, “Thus says the Lord GOD.” ⁵Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

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

SERMON

“Prophets of Action”

Adrian Williams

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN 346**

For the Healing of the Nations

ST. THOMAS

For the healing of the nations,
Lord, we pray with one accord;
for a just and equal sharing
of the things that earth affords;
to a life of love in action
help us rise and pledge our word.

Lead us forward into freedom;
from despair your world release,
that, redeemed from war and hatred,
all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness
fear will die and hope increase.

All that kills abundant living,
let it from the earth be banned:
pride of status, race, or schooling,
dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice
may we hallow life's brief span.

You, Creator God, have written
your great name on humankind;
for our growing in your likeness,
bring the life of Christ to mind,
that by our response and service
earth its destiny may find.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: FROM KUPU WHAKAPONO (Unison)**

We believe in God the Son, Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour, truly human and truly divine, who lived among us full of grace and truth. For our sin he was crucified and by the power of God was raised from death, forgiving us, setting us free and bringing to birth God's new creation. Now ascended, he calls us to repentance and faith and restores us to God and to one another. We believe in God the Holy Spirit, the giver of life at work in all creation, who inspired the Scriptures and makes Christ known, who transforms hearts and minds and gathers us into the community of Christ, empowering the Church in worship and in mission. We belong to this triune God, all genders, all ages, from many nations, in Christ we are one people, witnesses to God's love in word and action, servants of reconciliation, and stewards of creation.

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:

- **You may place your offering in the plates as you exit the sanctuary.**
- 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

O God, Beyond All Praising

arr. Richard Proulx

O God, beyond all praising, we worship you today
And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
For we can only wonder at every gift you send,
At blessings without number and mercies without end:
We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
We honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

(Offertory continues on the next page.)

The flower of earthly splendor in time must surely die,
Its fragile bloom surrender to you, the Lord most high;
But hidden from all nature the eternal seed is sown—
Though small in mortal stature, to heaven's garden grown:
For Christ the man from heaven from death has set us free,
And we through him are given the final victory.

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
That we who know your favor may serve you as our King;
And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
We will triumph through our sorrows and rise to praise you still:
To marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Williamsburg Presbyterian Church welcomes all who believe in Jesus Christ to share the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper with us today. This morning you should have picked up prefilled communion elements from the table as you entered the sanctuary. If you did not, please let an usher know so they can bring you one. Once the Words of Institution are spoken you will be invited to open the bread and eat it, followed by the cup.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: Holy God...

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE MEAL

ORGAN MEDITATION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (Unison)

Help us to see beyond the temporary to the eternal so that we do not lose heart. Through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, help us to trust that our frailty is received into your hospitable house in the heavens. Renew us day by day until we come again into your presence, where the weight of your glory lifts us in grace and light. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

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 747

The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

ENVIADO

The Lord now sends us forth
with hands to serve and give,
to make of all the earth
a better place to live.

The Lord now sends us forth
with hands to serve and give,
to make of all the earth
a better place to live.

The angels are not sent
into our world of pain
to do what we were meant
to do in Jesus' name;
that falls to you and me
and all who are made free.
Help us, O Lord, we pray,
to do your will today.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

The Washington Post March

arr. Gower

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 flowers this morning are given today to the glory of God and in loving memory of their parents, Leo & Clarice Skidmore and William & Helen Richter by Louise and Jim Skidmore.

The flowers in the narthex last Sunday were given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of his wife Joyce by Don Darnton.

∞ **THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY** ∞

PASTOR

Pam Hrnrcir, Covenant Pastor for Congregational Care

GUEST PREACHER

Adrian Williams, Director of Educational Ministries

GREETERS

9:30am Happy Simmons

11:00am Pat Murray

USHERS

9:30am Harley Stewart, Nancy Harwood, Ralph Simmons, Rebecca Caprio

11:00am Tom Cobb, Ruth Cobb, Rick Murray, Rebecca Caprio, Ray Whitney, Ric Cheston

MUSIC MINISTRY

Christopher Bechtler, Director of Music

Norman Elton, Organist and Assistant Director of Music

Chancel Choir

SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

Adrian Williams

AUDIO AND VIDEO TECHNICIAN: Mike Squire and John Schoenberger

DEACON-ON-CALL SUNDAY, JULY 4 – SATURDAY, JULY 10

Ellen D'Orsogna (757-565-2751; eedorsogna@msn.com)

∞ ANNOUNCEMENTS ∞

- John E. Morgan, Pastor/Head of Staff, through Sunday, July 26 and Rachel Hébert, Associate Pastor for Community Care, through Wednesday, July 7, are spending time with their families.
- **Setting the Lord's Table for Holy Communion:** Please contact Linda Eichhorn (757-221-8214; linda8214@gmail.com) if you can join a team who sets the Lord's Table on a regular, alternating schedule.
- **We have some exciting news.** The family of Pastor Harold McKeithen has been working with WPC member, Wilford Kale to publish "*I Love to Tell the Story*" a collection of sermons delivered by Pastor Harold. Once the book has been released, copies will be available in the church office for \$15. Watch future WPC publications for availability dates. If you would like to pre-order a copy of the book, send your request to secretary@mywpc.org. All proceeds from the sale of the book will cover the publishing costs – no one is making money off of this project – but everyone will have the opportunity to enjoy this inspiring collection.
- **Your WPC Endowment Fund has \$15,500 available for grants from the Charitable Account. Charitable Account grants are to help support community organizations that are not included in our church budget.** Some examples of previous Endowment Fund grants include Latisha's House, Edmare, Inc., Respite Care at WMC, Williamsburg Youth Harp Society, Summer Meals for kids and many others. Any WPC member may submit a Grant Application. Contact Jim Austin (judyandjimaustin@verizon.net; 610-212-2617) or any other member of your Endowment Committee – *George Gilfillan, Beth Parziale, Al Thomas, and Martha Squire* to receive a grant application form. We will be reviewing new grant applications during our September meeting.
- **WPC In Person Food Collection for the Summer Feeding Program. On consecutive Sunday mornings: July 11 and July 18; WPC Christian Outreach team members will be collecting food at the rear entrance to the church in the well known "red shopping cart."** The focus of this food collection is to support WPC's participation in the 2021 Summer Meals for Kids Program. The program is sponsored by the Greater Williamsburg Outreach Mission (GWOM). GWOM coordinates the program in partnership with Williamsburg Meals On Wheels. Every Monday throughout the summer WPC volunteers will provide 200 lunches a day to needy local students. This is our fourth year participating in this program.

The volunteers need drinks and snacks for the lunches, e.g., juice boxes, salty snack bags, cheese crackers (Goldfish), fruit cups, pudding cups, fruit snacks, raisins, granola bars, rice krispy treats, cookies, etc. Home baked cookies would also be gladly accepted, but please avoid including any nuts or peanut butter. Of course, any other donated food will also be gladly accepted and provided to one of our local food resources such as the House of Mercy, Grove Christian Outreach Center, or the Salvation Army who are always in need of protein-rich foods such as peanut butter and canned tuna, chicken, etc.

The Christian Outreach Committee urges you to consider participating in this food collection to help less fortunate children living right here. As a PC(USA) "Hunger Action Congregation" WPC is committed to alleviating hunger internationally, nationally, and of course, locally. If you have any questions please contact Hazel Whitney or Jim Winthrop. Thank you for your support.

✧ 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 Pastor John Morgan (757-903-7800), Pastor Rachel Hébert (757-903-5488) or Pastor 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:

- The family of Jane Bradway, who died on Monday, June 21, 2021. A private graveside service will be held on Monday, July 12, 2021.

Please pray for:

- Richard Eichhorn, as he continues to recover from surgery; Jaynelle Oehler, who is recovering at home from a recent surgery. At this time the Oehler family is requesting no phone calls or visits. Cards are welcome.
- 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.
- 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 ∞

COMMUNION SUNDAY, JULY 4

9:30am and 11am In-person Worship / Sanctuary

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

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

MONDAY, JULY 5

Church Office is closed for the 4th of July Holiday.

The office will reopen on Tuesday, July 6.

1:00pm

Caregiver Support Group / Rm 222

TUESDAY, JULY 6

WEDNESDAY, JULY 7

THURSDAY, JULY 8

3:00pm Grief Journey Group / Stevenson Hall

7:00pm Board of Deacons / Stevenson Hall

FRIDAY, JULY 9

SATURDAY, JULY 10

∞ NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP ∞

JULY 11, 2021 - SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The sermon will be based on Amos 7:7-15.

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

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