

WILLIAMSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 25, 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

Generous God, you give us what we need and satisfy our desires in due season.

Grant that our inner beings may be strengthened through your spirit, and that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith, that you may accomplish within us far more than all we ask or can imagine. Amen.

THE GATHERING PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

PASTORAL GREETING AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing arr. Manz

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: Your creation gives thanks to you, O God.

All: And we, your faithful, bless you.

Leader: We shall speak of the glory of your realm and tell of your power.

All: We shall let all people know your mighty deeds and glorious splendor.

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

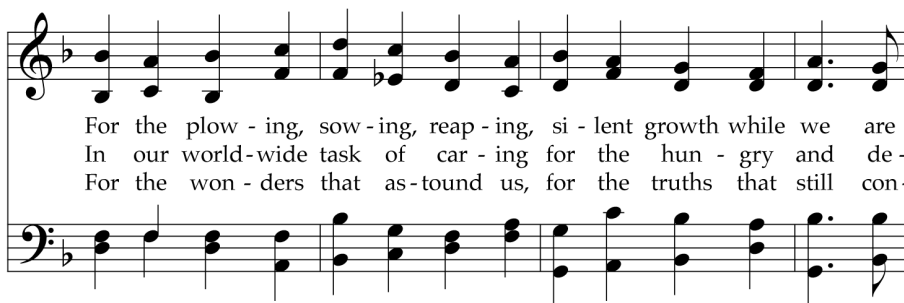
Bold type face indicates that the congregation participates in word or song.



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will be done.
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For the gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will be done.
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are
 In our world-wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de -
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con -



sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 spair - ing, in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will be done.
 found us, most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: Let us confess to our God, for the Lord is just in all his ways and kind in all his doings. The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

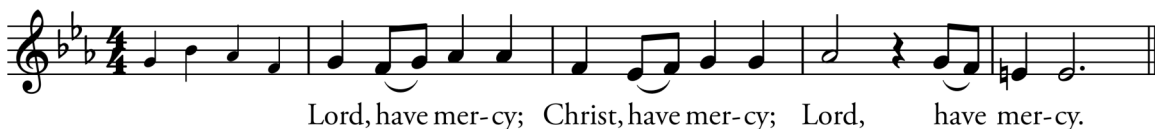
God, you uphold those who are falling and raise up all who are bowed down. Therefore we confess our sins—both things we have done and things we have left undone—in every confidence that you will open your hands to us in an embrace of forgiveness and love. Amen.

A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER

*KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy

Weaver



*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Dearly beloved, through the power of the spirit that is at work within us. God forgives our sins and strengthens our inner beings. So now live knowing the love of Christ, which surpasses all knowledge and fills us with the fullness of God.

GLORIA

Glory Be to the Father

Weaver



THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison)

Holy God, may this your Word give us the power to comprehend, with all the saints, the length and width, the height and depth of the love of Christ and fullness of life in you. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: *2 Kings 4:42-44*

⁴² A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, “Give it to the people and let them eat.” ⁴³ But his servant said, “How can I set this before a hundred people?” So he repeated, “Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, “They shall eat and have some left.” ⁴⁴ He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

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

PSALM 145:10-18 (Responsive)

Leader: All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,
and all your faithful shall bless you.

**People: They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom,
and tell of your power,**

Leader: to make known to all people your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

**People: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.
The LORD is faithful in all his words,
and gracious in all his deeds.**

Leader: The LORD upholds all who are falling,
and raises up all who are bowed down.

**People: The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due season.**

Leader: You open your hand,
satisfying the desire of every living thing.

**People: The LORD is just in all his ways,
and kind in all his doings.**

Leader: The LORD is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.

SECOND LESSON: *Ephesians 3:14-21*

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶ I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷ and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸ I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Faith Synthesized”

Pam Hrcir

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN 543**

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

GREEN TYLER



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
2 Bind to my-self the Name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness -
3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light-ning,
4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to
5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:
light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:
hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur-round me; O Christ, sur-round me.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: FROM THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM** (Unison)

What is true faith?

It is not only a certain knowledge by which I accept as true all that God has revealed to us in his Word, but also a wholehearted trust which the Holy Spirit creates in me through the gospel, that not only to others, but to me also God has given the forgiveness of sins, everlasting righteousness and salvation out of sheer grace solely for the sake of Christ's saving work.

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 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.



OFFERTORY

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Hal Hopson

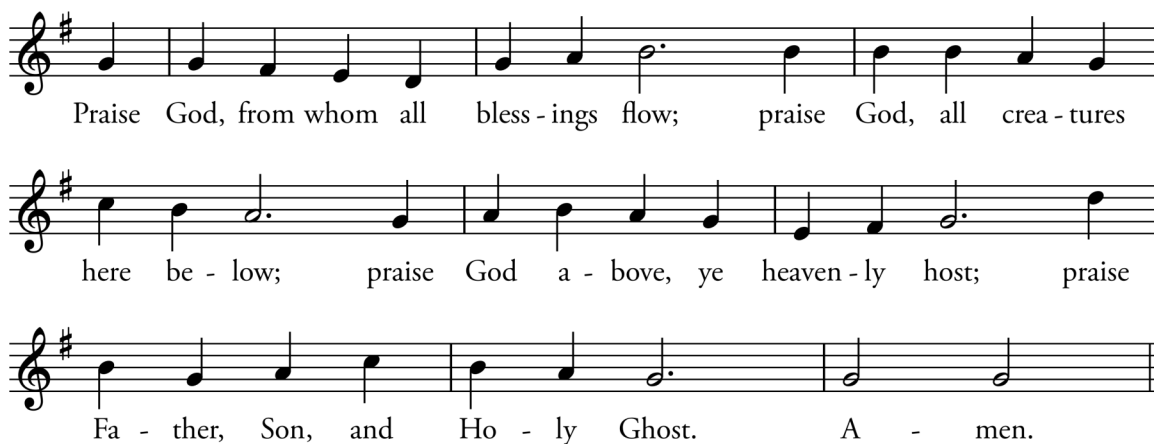
Come, thou Fount of every blessing; Tune my heart to sing thy grace; Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, Sung by flaming tongues above; Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, Mount of God's unchanging love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer;
Hither by thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wandering from the fold of God; He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, Bind my wandering heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love; Here's my heart; O take and seal it; Seal it for thy courts above.

*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

GOING OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

*INVITATION AND LORD'S DAY GREETING

We are glad you are worshipping 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 1**

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

NICAEA

Descant

4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore thee,

2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark-ness hide thee,

3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

ho - ly,

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.

cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;

though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,

All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in power, in love and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccatina for a Flute Stop

Yon

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 to the glory of God and in memory of her daughter,
Colleen Louise Trimble by Pat Trimble

≈ THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY ≈

PASTOR

Rachel Hébert, Associate Pastor for Community Care

Pam Hrnčíř, Covenant Pastor for Congregational Care

GREETERS

9:30am Cheryl Roettger

11:00am Dave McLain

USHERS

9:30am Rick Murray, Pat Murray, Frank Saxton, David Littell, Anne Nicastro, Nick Nicastro

11:00am Ruth Cobb, Rebecca Caprio, Nancy Archibald, Kirk Lovenbury

MUSIC MINISTRY

Christopher Bechtler, Director of Music

Norman Elton, Organist

Chancel Choir

AUDIO AND VIDEO TECHNICIANS: Dave McLain **and** John Schoenberger

DEACON-ON-CALL SUNDAY, JULY 25 – SATURDAY, JULY 31

Lynn Newcomer (757-253-7656; margie.lynnnewcomer@verizon.net)

❧ ANNOUNCEMENTS ❧

- A Williams is on a mission trip with the youth.
- **Meal Ministry starting at WPC!** If you are able to provide a few meals a year to families recovering from illness, surgery or life event, please email Pastor Pam (phrncir@mywpc.org) or Marilyn Schmid (mmschmid6@gmail.com). Thank you for being a caring congregation.
- **Back to School - The Salvation Army is once again providing school supplies and backpacks for children in the local area.** Around 600 children are expected to be served this year – up from over 500 last year. You can help by dropping off supplies at the Salvation Army Office, 216 Ironbound Road, or making a monetary contribution to the Salvation Army. You may also drop off supplies at WPC in the designated box in Stevenson Hall. A list of supplies most needed includes: Binders (2" or 3"), Ticonderoga #2 pencils, pencil boxes, ball-point pens, notebook paper (college & wide ruled), composition books (wide), spiral notebooks (college ruled) , index cards, Post-it notes, sheet protectors (10 pk), pocket folders with prongs, subject dividers (8), pink erasers, Elmer's glue & glue sticks, highlighters, Crayola crayons (12 or 24), washable markers, dry erase markers, and flash drives.

Thank you for helping children in our community get the school year off to a good start. Questions, please contact Judy Austin (757-645-4098).

- **The Fellowship Class will resume meeting each Sunday at 9:30am beginning August 1 in Room LL009.** Fellowship Class is a time of Christian fellowship and a lively in-depth discussion of God's Word. Led by a group of teachers with a life-long commitment to education, we seek to learn how we might be faithful Christian servants in our contemporary world. The only requirement for the class is a desire to explore the Bible more fully in the company of Christian friends. Bibles are provided! Leaders Allen Hogge 757-208-0983 and Larry Pulley 757-220-1199 are happy to talk with you if you have any questions. Please join us! The name says it all!
- **Discovery on Adventure Island VBS 2021 has come and gone!** It was such a treat to welcome our WPC children back into the building! Our young Island Explorers (and teen volunteers) had a fun and exciting week getting back together with old and new friends! Many, many thanks to the incredible and dedicated volunteers who stepped up to make sure our Island Explorers were able to find all of the Infinity Lanterns, and learn to ***Arise! Shine with Love, Trust, Faith, Joy and Hope!*** So many committed and creative church members gave their time to kick off each morning during the Opening, act out the daily stories during the Bible Stories, sing and dance to our fantastic and uplifting music, help the kids out with amazing crafts and exciting games, teach super-cool science lessons, and put together a delicious virtual snack station! And our Island Guides kept all of the Explorers active and engaged as they led them from station to station.

The Christian Education Committee hopes you will consider volunteering your time next year. Planning will begin in January! Check your bulletin, the Kirk, and the WPC Facebook page for updates! And mark your calendar now for next year! VBS 2022 will tentatively take place during the week of June 20-24! Hope to see you there! There has been talk of food trucks. . .

- **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.
- **WPC families are invited to a TROPICAL PARTY potluck luau!** In order to include all families with kids at WPC, MOPS is becoming a yet-to-be-named family group! And to celebrate our old/new group, we are kicking off the 2021-2022 season with a potluck luau! **Join us on Saturday, August 21, 4-6pm, in Stevenson Hall.** [Click here](#) to RSVP for the Tropical Party. Questions? Contact Jodie Davis (jdavis@mywpc.org)
- **Save the Date - Habitat for Humanity Fall Trip:** The Hunger and Homeless Team is gearing up for a fall trip to the Eastern Shore to help with Habitat for Humanity's 51st home build. Watch for more information and sign ups in late August. **For now, please save the date: September 30 thru October 2, 2021.** If you want to stay in the loop for this trip, future trips, or Habitat local build days, add your name to the CO1-08: Habitat for Humanity group through the ShelbyNext Church Directory/Management System, or contact Chuck to get on the list. Questions? Contact Chuck Timko (908-410-7089; chuck.timko@gmail.com). Let's keep 'building it forward!'
- **The refrigerator and the freezer located in the kitchen across from Stevenson Hall has been cleaned out.** If you plan any food items for future use in either the refrigerator or freezer, please make sure you have marked them with the date, your name and the ministry name. All items not marked properly will be disposed of. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

❧ ANNOUNCEMENTS ❧

- PEVA (Presbytery of the Eastern VA) invites you to "Save the Date" for a Prayer Walk at Ft. Monroe, Saturday, September 18, 2021, at 10:00am. The walk will be a time for PEVA members to pray for racial justice, equity, and healing on the site of so many important events, including the first arrival of enslaved Africans in English North America, and a safe haven for freedom seekers during the American Civil War. This event is open to the public.

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 Hrncir (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 WPC member, Mary Hoffman, who died on Sunday, July 18, 2021. Arrangements are pending. Please keep the Hoffman family in your prayers.

Please pray for:

- Vanessa Gamble, our WPC Secretary, who had surgery on Friday and is at home recovering.
- 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.

Thank you:

Dear Williamsburg Presbyterian Church,

Forget the story of the fishes and loaves. For Williamsburg Presbyterian Church it's about the multiplying of delicious casseroles! Thank you all so much for the outpouring of meals following my mother's open-heart surgery for five bypasses. Your thoughtfulness enabled me to fully focus on her care and maintain my dad's schedule. The cards have also been a source of joy and encouragement for her. She continues to progress and regain her stamina and energy. We are grateful for the church's continued prayers and support... we hope to see and thank you all personally on a Sunday in the near future.

Thankfully,

Emily Oehler, daughter of Jaynelle Oehler

✧ OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS ✧

SUNDAY, JULY 25

9:30am Fellowship Bible Study Class / Online via ZOOM

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

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

10:00am Food Collection / On-site

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

MONDAY, JULY 26

1:00pm Summer Meals for Kids / Off-site at Wmsbg. Indoor Sports Complex

1:00pm **Caregiver Support Group / Rm 222**

TUESDAY, JULY 27

2:30pm From His Hands Outreach Food Prep / Kitchen

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28

THURSDAY, JULY 29

3:00pm **Grief Journey Group / Stevenson Hall**

FRIDAY, JULY 30

SATURDAY, JULY 31

✧ NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP ✧

AUGUST 1, 2021 - TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The sermon, “Soul Food: Nonperishable Food Items” will be based on John 6:24-35.

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

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