

WILLIAMSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JUNE 17, 2018

*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.*

PRAYERS OF 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 Jazz Prelude on *Beach Spring* Utterback

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The kingdom of God is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of seeds on earth;

People: it grows up and becomes the greatest of shrubs, and the birds of the air make nests in its shade.

Leader: Give thanks to God, whose promised reign is coming.

People: Thanks be to God!

*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.

Draw the Welcome Circle Wider

Refrain

Draw the wel - come cir - cle wid - er. Gath - er
 friends and stran - gers in. Formed of ho - ly breath and
 star - dust, born of God, we all are kin.

Verses

1. From the hedge - rows and the high - ways, sum - mon
 2. Doors up - end - ed serve as ta - bles where the
 3. All are ref - u - gees to - geth - er; all are
 4. Stream - ing through the arch - ing gate - way in a
 each un - like - ly guest. Bid the hun - gry eat their
 guests pre - pare to dine. Jus - tice is their right - eous
 wan - d'ers wel - comed home, greet - ed by God's o - pen
 bright, ce - les - tial throng, saints from a - ges gone be -
 D.C.
 fill, and all the wear - y find their rest.
 fare while mer - cy is their rich - est wine.
 arms, with each u - nique, but none a - lone.
 fore us lead the joy - ous ban - quet song:

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 Tune: BEACH SPRING, 8 7 & 7 D; *The Sacred Harp*, 1844

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*CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: When we gather to worship God, we remember that we are God's people, but we have often preferred our way instead of God's. Trusting God's power to make us new persons in Christ, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

All: Holy God, the parable of the mustard seed teaches us that a little faith can produce great work in your kingdom. Yet we are too timid to bear the fruit of your righteousness, for we walk by sight and not by faith. Forgive us, Lord; we do not uphold the poor or the oppressed. We do not advocate for the powerless or the voiceless. We do not sacrifice ourselves for the needs of our neighbors. Renew us with the love of Christ so that we live no longer for ourselves, but for Christ who became the seed of your righteousness in us. Amen.

A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER

*KYRIE

Weaver



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

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: We who walk by faith and not by sight believe the good news—If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! Praise be to God for the mercy and grace that forgives our sins. Alleluia. Amen!

*GLORIA PATRI

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.

(11:00) SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

Adrian Williams

We invite any and all children through the 5th grade to come forward at this time for Sharing Faith with Children.

(11:00) WEE WORSHIP

Children ages 3 through 2nd Grade are invited to go with a leader to the Library for a special time of worship. Children will return to the Sanctuary following the sermon.

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: *1 Samuel 16:4-6, 10-13*

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

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

Leader: It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

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

Leader: to the music of the lute and the harp,
to the melody of the lyre.

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

Leader: The righteous flourish like the palm tree,
and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

**People: They are planted in the house of the Lord;
they flourish in the courts of our God.**

Leader: In old age they still produce fruit;
they are always green and full of sap,

**People: showing that the Lord is upright;
he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.**

SECOND LESSON: *Mark 4:26-34*

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"The Kingdom is Like a Seed"

John E. Morgan

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 36

For the Fruit of All Creation

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

Christ calls us to be disciples. In forming his people and sending them into the world Jesus called individuals to be disciples. They were to share the joy of his companionship, to understand and obey his teachings, and to follow him in life and death. We confess that Christians today are called to discipleship. Life shared with Christ and shaped by Christ is God's undeserved gift to each one of us.

From A Declaration of Faith

PRAYERS OF PETITION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

OFFERTORY

Children of the Heavenly Father

arr. Eric Nelson

Children of the heavenly Father
Safely in his bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven
Such a refuge e'er was given.

God his own doth tend and nourish;
In his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them;
In his mighty arms he bears them.

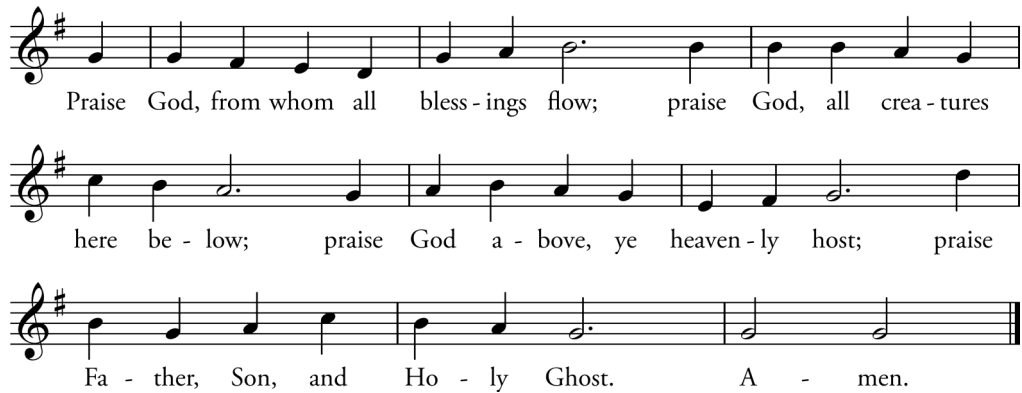
Neither life nor death shall ever
From the Lord his children sever;
Unto them his grace he showeth,
And their sorrows all he knoweth.

Praise the Lord in joyful numbers,
Your Protector never slumbers;
At the will of your Defender
Every foe then must surrender.

No more a stranger or a guest,
But like a child at home.
Children of the heavenly father
Safely in his bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven
Such a refuge e'er was given.

*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

*HYMN 774

There Is Now a New Creation

STUTT GART

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Tocatta on Beach Spring

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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.

PASTORS

John E. Morgan, Pastor

Rachel Hébert, Associate Pastor for Community Care

Harold McKeithen, Covenant Pastor for Congregation Care

MUSIC MINISTRY

Christopher Bechtler, Director of Music

Norman Elton, Organist

Rebecca Elton, Director of the Carol Choir

DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION MINISTRIES

Adrian Williams

GREETER

9:30am: Happy and Ralph Simmons

USHERS

9:30am: Dawn Schaible, Betsy Anderson, Ann Snead, Nancy Greene, Joyce and Dan Patterson

11:00am: Elaine and Mike McBeth, Ellen and Gene D'Orsogna, Pat and Rick Murray

LITURGIST

Gina Waddell

SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

Adrian Williams

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOST:

Jessica Carcich, Sarah Houghland, Cherie Wodarski

AUDIO TECHNICIANS: John Schoenberger and Duncan McIver

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Chase and Conor Piper by Don Piper.

DEACON-ON-CALL WEEK OF SUNDAY, JUNE 17 – SATURDAY, JUNE 23

Patricia Underwood (216-905-5903; pwu@case.edu)

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SESSION: CLASSES OF 2019, 2020, 2021

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

Administration: Jaynelle Oehler* (19); Dorothea Shannon (20), Ford Moseley, (21)

Christian Education: Brennan Harris** (19), Elizabeth Padgett** (20), Jill Walton (21)

Christian Outreach: Deidre Lenderking* (19), Carolyn Weeks (19), Nick Nicastro (20), Diane Schwarz (20), Jane Black¹ (19)

Communications: Tom Bozek (19), Bill Vardeman (21)

Facilities: Bond Carter**, Dan Patterson (20), Michael McBeth (21)

Resources: Hank Vernon* (19), Beth Parziale (21), Jean Scott (21)

Welcoming: Sam Bowlin* (20)

Worship: Tom Bozek* (19), Sam Bowlin (20)

*Moderator **Co-Moderator ***Moderator not currently serving on Session ¹Youth Elder

BOARD OF DEACONS: CLASSES OF 2019, 2020, 2021

Moderator: Allen Hogge (19) **Vice-Moderator:** Jim Coomer (20) **Clergy:** Harold McKeithen

Secretary: Pat Underwood(20)

Celebrations & Concerns: Eleanor Knowles* (19), Carolyn Condon (19), Gina Waddell (20), Jane Wason (20)

Christian Fellowship: Sarah Houghland* (19), Nancy Harwood (19), Carroll Creech (20), Tracy Trueblood (20), Catherine Blessing (21), Karol Sibley (21)

Confirmation: Karen Lee* (19), Judy Austin (20), Jay Hardy (20), Laura Bechtler (21)

Family Deacon: Nancy Patron* (19), Carley Brubaker (20), Pat Underwood (20), Gay Boles (21)

Flower Sharing: Janet Wallington* (19), Mary Lib Puller (19), Linda Stewart (21)

Membership: Margie Ambrose** (19), Doris Gilfillan ** (19), Larry Gaskins (20), Cynthia McCraw (20), Gary Davis (21), Roban Graham (21)

Memorial Reception: Pam Maloof* (20), Richard Cheston (21), Donna Herring (21), Nancy Lee (21), Cheryl Roettger (21), Robin Warren (21)

Memorial Service: Harley Stewart,* (19), Allen Hogge (19), Ellen Maurer (19), Jim Coomer (20), Carolyn Morgan (20), Rebecca McKinley (21)

*Chair

**Co-Chair



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☞ WORDS OF WELCOME AND INFORMATION ☞

- **Welcome to Williamsburg Presbyterian Church!** Any Usher (designated with a name tag) will be glad to answer your questions, help you find your way around, or help you find ways to connect with the ministries and people in this community of faith. Please feel free to ask an usher for large-print worship bulletins and hymns, directions to the nursery, restrooms, coat racks or access ramps.
- **We offer a nursery for infants and toddlers during the worship services.** Please see an usher for assistance. At our 11am worship service, children 3 years old through second grade begin in the main service, and then go to “*Wee Worship*,” a worship experience designed especially for children.
- **Restrooms are located in the Narthex** and through the side doors on the left near the front of the sanctuary. An usher will be happy to direct you.
- **If you would like invitations to special events and concerts,** please sign your name and email address in the Friendship Folder at the end of each pew. We will be happy to send you information—and hope to see you again!
- **For those of you with a T-coil option** installed in your hearing aid, our sanctuary includes two loop systems allowing you to better understand the spoken word. Although you may find adequate reception in many pew seating locations on the main floor, the highest signal levels will be between the two lines shown in the photo (4th-6th rows) and extends from the center aisle to the pew divider in each row.
- **The Christian Education Ministry provides worship bags for children to use during the worship service. You will find them hanging on a rack outside the side door to the sanctuary.** They include worship bulletins with space to color, pipe cleaners for busy and creative hands, and book marks to help children mark the pages for the hymns and scripture of the day.
- **WPC accepts cashless offerings** through the following methods:



- 1) Use PayPal send your offering to giving@mywpc.org.
- 2) Text the dollar amount you wish to give to 757-607-4675; be sure to include the dollar sign before the amount. Within minutes you will receive a response to lead you to the next steps.
- 3) Scan the QR code at left to access the WPC online giving page, mywpc.org/give.

- **Did you know?** WPC is an eligible AmazonSmile charity! Learn more at smile.amazon.com.

≈ 223rd GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A) ≈

St. Louis, Missouri

Saturday, June 16 - Saturday, June 23

- Today's opening hymn was commissioned for the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, which is in session today. "Draw the Welcome Circle Wider" incorporates the General Assembly's theme "**Renewing the Vision: Kingdom Building for the Twenty-First Century**" with biblical metaphors, social justice themes, and even a surprising nod to the Assembly's location this year in St. Louis. We hope that singing this hymn will help us all to connect with the General Assembly as it is sung in Presbyterian worship services across the country today.
- Yesterday the biennial meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) began in St. Louis Missouri. Please keep our commissioners in your prayers as they seek God's guidance for our denomination. To follow the proceedings go to www.pcusa.org.

≈ ANNOUNCEMENTS ≈

- **Sign-Ups for Ushers/Greeters/Coffee Host:** Please visit the sign-up tables in Stevenson Hall between Services today to sign-up to serve as an Usher, Greeter or Coffee Fellowship Host during July, August or September. If you have not previously served before and would like more information, please stop by and talk with our Usher Coordinators or Coffee Fellowship Deacons. They will be happy to answer your questions
- **Church Office Summer Hours:** **Now through August 10**, the Church Office will have limited hours on Fridays from 9:00am – 12:00pm. Monday through Thursday, Church Office hours remain the same, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm.
- **Save the Date for United Way Day of Caring:** On Friday, September 7, Williamsburg Presbyterian Church is partnering with United Way for their annual "Day of Caring." This yearly event, a long-standing tradition of United Way, kicks off their annual campaign and is a volunteer outreach day that matches local projects to volunteer groups and individuals.

More specifics about the projects will be available later this month, but for now we need to know if you would like to participate. Please join us for a day of fellowship and service to our community. If you have any questions and to sign-up please email Patty & Terry Hancock (tjhancock1@cox.net.)

- **Lunch and Learn about the YAV Program:** We are excited that WPC will be sponsoring 2 students in the Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) program. Lauren Hoak will be going to Scotland and Miguel Petrosky will be going to Zambia. **Please join us on June 24th after the 11:00am service in Room 220 for lunch.** We will hear from the students and understand how our congregation can support them on this mission opportunity. While there is no cost to the luncheon, please sign up in the Welcome Center by June 17th if you plan to attend.
- **Men's Evening Bible Study:** Gentlemen, before we embark on our summer adventures, do not forget to mark your calendars now as the recently-revitalized Squares Evening Bible Study will **begin on Thursday, September 6, at 7:30pm in Room 255.**

If you would like to attend the Squares Evening Bible Study, please contact Gary Davis, (gadavis90@gmail.com; 747-903-4424.) Remember: *Don't just be there, be Square!*

✧ 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. You may also submit a prayer request on-line at www.mywpc.org.

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

If you are in need of a pastor after hours or on the weekend with an emergency request, contact:

- Rev. Harold McKeithen (757-345-6910)**
- Rev. John Morgan (757-903-7800)**
- Rev. Rachel Hébert (757-903-5488)**

Congratulations to:

- Katherine (Kate) Horner and James Dunham on the celebration of their marriage, Friday, June 1, 2018. Kate is the daughter of Sarah and Jesse Horner.

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

- Brian Hodge and family in the loss of her brother, Walter Glen Hodge, who died on Sunday, May 27, 2018, in Stone Mountain, GA.
- Sally and Dennis Sissel and family in the loss of their daughter-in-law, Leann Sissel, who died on Sunday, June 10, 2018, in Iowa City, Iowa. A Celebration of Life Service will be held on Saturday, July 7.
- Hildegard Demmert and family on the death of her husband, Donald “Don” Demmert, who died on Monday, June 11, 2018. A Memorial Service for Don will be held at 2:00pm on Wednesday, June 20, 2018, at WPC followed by a reception in Stevenson Hall.

Please pray for:

- Our homebound and those facility bound and those serving our country in the military services and their families.

☞ **WPC WEEKLY CALENDAR** ☞

SUNDAY, JUNE 17

FOOD SUNDAY

9:00am

Nursery for Infants and Toddlers through 3 years of age

9:30am

Church School for Adults

9:30 and 11am

Worship Services / Sanctuary

10:30am

Coffee Fellowship / Stevenson Hall

MONDAY, JUNE 18

8:00am

Summer Meals for Kids / Kitchen

12:00pm

Announcement Deadline

TUESDAY, JUNE 19

1:30pm

Staff Meeting / Stevenson Hall

7:00pm

Facilities Ministry / Library

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20

2:00pm

Memorial Service for Donald "Don" Demmert followed by a reception in Stevenson Hall

6:30pm

Admin. Ministry / Rm 255

THURSDAY, JUNE 21

7:00pm

Christian Outreach Connections / LL010

FRIDAY, JUNE 22

Church Office Summer Hours: 9am-12pm (Fridays only through August 10)

SATURDAY, JUNE 23

☞ **NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP** ☞

June 24 - 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The sermon is based on Mark 4:35-41.

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

**11:00am service is broadcast on WMBG FM97.7 and AM740.