

The Second Sunday of Christmas

January 5, 2025

WILLIAMSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PRAYER FOR PREPARATION

God of glory, your Word made a home with us so that we might be at home in you. Gather your children from the farthest places in the world and lead us to that home where the human race can become a human family; through Jesus Christ and in the Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

The gathering Preparing to hear the word

PASTORAL GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

MINUTE FOR MISSION: Tutoring

PRELUDE

Jazz Prelude on "We Three Kings"

Mark Nixon, trumpet

* Please rise in body or spirit.

The people's responses are in **bold type.**

Glen Berwick

Linda Eaton

Utterback

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader:	: The Word became flesh and lived among us		
All:	And we have seen his glory.		
Leader:	The true light that enlightens everyone		
	has come into the world.		
All:	Glory to God who has blessed us in Christ.		
	Glory to God forever.		
HYMN NO.	43 Angels, from the Realms of Glory REGENT SQUARE		

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Leader: Trusting in God's love made known in the gift of Jesus, let us confess our sins.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

Holy God, we confess that we are a distracted people and forgetful of your love. We make selfish choices, hurt each other, and perpetuate injustice in your world. We have sinned against you and are deeply sorry and repent of our disregard of you, each other, and your creation. By the power of your Spirit, forgive, restore, and strengthen us to live in your light and walk in your truth; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER



JESUS CHRIST: BIRTH



This familiar carol was first published as a poem in the Christmas Eve 1816 issue of a newspaper the author edited in Sheffield, England. The tune name celebrates the location of a prominent Presbyterian Church in London, sometimes called the "Presbyterian cathedral."

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Leader: As children of the Holy One, God forgives you and loves you eternally. By the power of God's Spirit, forgive yourself and forgive others as God in Christ has forgiven you.



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

(11:00) SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

Jim Kirkpatrick

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Spirit of God, in the proclamation of your Word, reveal to us the hidden mystery of your love in Christ, and strengthen our faith that we may approach you with boldness. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 31:7-10

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

PSALM 147:12-20

Leader:	Extol the Lord, O Jerusalem!
	Praise your God, O Zion!
All:	For he strengthens the bars of your gates;
	he blesses your children within you.
Leader:	He grants peace within your borders;
	he fills you with the finest of wheat.
All:	He sends out his command to the earth;
	his word runs swiftly.
Leader:	He gives snow like wool;
	he scatters frost like ashes.
All:	He hurls down hail like crumbs—
	who can stand before his cold?
Leader:	He sends out his word and melts them;
	he makes his wind blow, and the waters flow.
All:	He declares his word to Jacob,
	his statutes and ordinances to Israel.
Leader:	He has not dealt thus with any other nation;
	they do not know his ordinances.
All:	Praise the Lord!

SECOND LESSON: John 1:1–18

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

The True Light

Responding to the Word

What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright *HYMN NO. 152 PUER NOBIS NASCITUR AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven. and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING

Thank you for your continued faithful stewardship to WPC. May our offerings continue to help us be share God's love with our neighbors 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 in the plates as you exit the sanctuary.
- Give online at mywpc.org/offering or scan the QR code at the right.
- Mail your offering to the church office at 215 Richmond Road, Williamsburg, VA 23185.





This 18th-century Latin text calls attention to three kinds of light: the light of the star leading the Magi to the Christ-child, the inward light inspiring their journey, and Christ who is the Light of the world. The simple unison melody unites everything in a gentle arc.

As with gladness men of old Did the guiding star behold; As with joy they hailed its light, Leading onward, beaming bright. So, most gracious Lord, may we Evermore be led by thee.

As they offered gifts most rare At the manger rude and bare; So may we with holy joy, Pure and free from sin's alloy, All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee, our heavenly king.

Holy Jesus, every day Keep us in the narrow way; And, when earthly things are past, Bring our ransomed souls at last, Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds of glory hide.



SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

All who believe in Jesus Christ are welcome to share the Sacrament of the Lords Supper with us today. We receive the elements by means of intinction, taking a piece of bread and dipping it into the cup. For those who desire an individual serving, regular or gluten free, they will be on a table in front of the baptismal font and on the small tables located in the balcony. If you are seated on the main floor of the sanctuary, you are invited to come forward to the chancel area by way of the center aisle and return to your pews by the side aisle. If you are sitting in the balcony, an usher will guide you to the sacrament. If you are unable to come forward easily, please signal to one of the ushers or elders so the communion elements can be brought to your seat.

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: Eternal 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

COMMUNION ANTHEM

What Wondrous Love Is This

arr. Charles McKinley

Becky McKinley, soprano

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, What wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul, To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, To God and to the Lamb, I will sing; To God and to the Lamb who is the great I am, While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing; While millions join the theme, I will sing!

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be, And through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; And through eternity I'll sing on.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

Holy God, you gave your Son to die and raised him to give us eternal life. Grant that we who have received his body and blood may live in him and serve you as your children. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Going Out to be the Church

***INVITATION AND THE LORD'S DAY GREETING**

Thank you for joining us in worship! Your presence today has been a blessing.

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 NO. 151

We Three Kings of Orient Are

KINGS OF ORIENT

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Hark the Herald Angels Sing Mark Nixon, trumpet Utterback

か THE CHANCEL FLOWERS <</p>

The Chancel Flowers are given today to the Glory of God by Jodie and Gary Davis in honor of their twenty-fourth anniversary on January 1.



Although Christians had begun by the 2nd century to speak of these visitors from eastern countries (Matthew 2:1–12) as "kings," perhaps because of passages like Psalm 72:10 and Isaiah 60:3, it is more accurate to think of them as magi or astrologers, the scholars of their day.

৯ THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY র্জ

PASTORS

John E. Morgan, Pastor/Head of Staff

MUSIC MINISTRY

Chris Bechtler, Director of Music Norman Elton, Organist The WPC Chancel Choir Becky McKinley, soprano soloist Mark Nixon, trumpet

GREETERS

9:30 a.m. George Gilfillan and Lynn Newcomer 11:00 a.m. Gerry Ward and Jackie Ward

<u>Ushers</u>

9:30 a.m. Rebecca Caprio, Carolyn Lodzieski, John VanAken, and David Littell 11:00 a.m. Bob Bolstad, Pat Underwood, Matthew Underwood, and Kelly Kirkpatrick

<u>LITURGIST</u> Glen Berwick

<u>SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN</u> Jim Kirkpatrick

<u>COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS</u> Sue Rennagel, Sarah Houghland, and Doris Gilfillan

*Williamsburg Landing Ushers

Dick Sahlen, Harold Herring, and Linda Eichhorn

*WindsorMeade Ushers

Ray Whitney, Happy and Ralph Simmons

Audio and Video Technicians

Roy Knox and John Schoenberger

*Satellite campuses

冷 WPC ELDERS, DEACONS AND STAFF ≪

SESSION: CLASSES OF 2025, 2026, 2027

Moderator: John E. Morgan **Clerk of Session:** Diane Schwarz Administration: Faith Shartzer* (25), Sarah Houghland (25), Margie Newcomer (26), Larry Pulley (26) Christian Education: Sallie McLain* (25), Kelly Kirkpatrick (26), JD Due* (26), Kathryn Hall (27) Christian Outreach: Jim Winthrop* (25), Joseph Kinard (27) Communications: Ellen Peters (27) Facilities: Dale Trowbridge* (25), Jerry Howell (26), Ric Cheston (27) Resources: Elaine McBeth (25), Jay Eaton (26), Marc Moyers (27) Worship: Becky McKinley* (27) **Endowment Committee:** Hank Vernon^{*} (25), Jim Austin (26), Joseph Kinard (26), Martha Squire (27), Al Thomas^{*} (25) Nominating Committee: Class of 2024-25 Moderator: Jerry Howell*, Ric Cheston**, Roban Graham, Ellen D'Orsogna, Jay Hardy, Dave McLain, Bev Whitley *Moderator **Second Chair BOARD OF DEACONS: CLASSES OF 2025, 2026, 2027 Moderator: Copper Perry (25) Vice-Moderator: Eric Beckhusen (26) Pastoral Advisor: Pam Hrncir, Associate Pastor

Secretary: Jo Ann Youhas (25)

Care Teams

Care Connections: Harold Herring (25), Jennifer LaDow (26), Suzanne Stuart (27) Grief: Copper Perry (25), Bev Whitley (27) Brookdale and Other Asst. Living: Robin Sabo (26) Patriot's Colony: Sue Rennagel (25) Williamsburg Landing: Doris Gilfillan (26), Carolyn Lodzieski (26) Windsor Meade: Happy Simmons (25), Martha Burian (26) <u>Ministry Teams</u> Celebrations and Concerns: Sarah Horner (25), Laura Osman (27) Christian Fellowship: Happy Simmons (25), Sue Rennagel (25), Sarah Dulaney (25), Jim Carey (27) Flower Sharing: Laura Bechtler (25): Leigh Sutherland (26), Carol Thomas (26) New Member: Deborah Rockafellow (25), Eric Beckhusen (26), Rodney Lawrence (27) Memorial Receptions: Rebecca Caprio (26), Jo Ann Youhas (25), Karen Lauritzen (27), Julia Smith (27) Memorial Services: Ford Moseley (27), Jack Lassiter (27), Kathy Chambers (27), Dave Littell (25)

<u>STAFF</u>

Pastoral Staff: John E. Morgan, Pastor/Head of Staff; Pam Hrncir, Covenant Pastor for Congregational Care

Program Staff: Melody Dillon, Director of Children and Family Ministries

Music Staff: Christopher Bechtler, Director of Music Ministries; Norman Elton, Organist and Assistant Director of Music; Rebecca Elton, Carol Choir Director

Administrative Staff: Stephen Foster, Director of Finance and Administration; Vanessa Gamble, Church Secretary; Martha Reier, Administrative Assistant; Sherry Volk, Director of Communications; Barbara Walker, Accounting Assistant

Facility Staff: Elbert Fleming, Facility Manager; Hugh Jamerson, Sexton

Audio Booth: John Schoenberger, Technician

🗇 CHILDREN'S STATEMENT 🔝

Children are welcome at WPC! We have Sunday School for all ages at 9:30 a.m. and a nursery for children ages 3 and below during both services. We also have children's worship bags and sensory objects available to be borrowed while in the building. Please ask an usher if you need assistance in locating anything.

The way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God, and to one another. Let them know, and let us show them, that they are at home in this house of worship. Parents, feel free to sit near the front where children can see, explain the parts of the service to them, and invite them to learn by watching and copying. And relax, God put the wiggle in children, so don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome!

る SUPPORT FOR OUR MEMBERS

- Stephen Ministers. In need of one-on-one prayer? Please look for a Stephen Minister in the Fellowship Hall or the church foyer after the morning services. They will find a private place to talk and pray with you. Just look for the blue Stephen Ministry name tags.
- Monthly grief support group meets the first Wednesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. 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 <</p>

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 at (757) 229-4235 with your request. The Prayer Chain Coordinator is Jo Ann Youhas (handbellringer2@gmail.com). 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, January 5 – Saturday, January 11

Pastor John Morgan • jmorgan@mywpc.org • 757-907-7800

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

- The families of WPC who have lost beloved family members or friends recently.
- Vanessa Gamble, WPC Secretary, who is recovering from an accident.

Please pray for our sick and homebound:

• Denny Yeingst, Bob Siclari, Carol Sorensen, George Harris, Lee Beach, Clara Crumbly, Wolf Koenig, Nell Stowe, and Carole McNeel

• Lynne and Mike Savidis as Lynne recovers from neck surgery at home.

Please pray for those:

• Recovering from various surgeries and our sick and shut-ins who are at home or facility bound, who have family and friend concerns, affected by Hurricanes Helene and Milton, attending and serving in the school systems, serving our country in the military services and their families, affected by the wars in Gaza, Israel, Sudan, Lebanon and Ukraine.

م ANNOUNCEMENTS ج

- Pastor Pam Hrncir is away for continuing education.
- **Preschool Dance and Play Winter Session.** We are having so much fun with our preschoolers during these Wednesday afternoon sessions that it's time to do it again! This class is an excellent way to invite new families into the building and cultivate community between parents of young children. The next session will run January 15 March 19, on Wednesdays at 1:30pm in Room 130. Children can be registered online at mywpc.org/danceandplay. Registration deadline is January 8.
- MLK Service: The annual gathering of the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia commemorating the life and ministry of The Rev. Dr. Martin L. King, Jr., will be held on Sunday, January 19, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. at Royster Memorial Presbyterian Church, 6901 Newport Avenue, Norfolk, Virginia. Please sign up in the welcome center if you would like to carpool. If we have enough Pastor John will drive the church bus.
- Grief Journey Group. Pam will facilitate a six-week grief journey group beginning the week of January 20th. This group is for anyone grieving the loss of a loved one recently or not recently (it doesn't matter how long it has been since the loss). Please let Pastor Pam know if you are interested. A day and time will be determined by participants' schedules.
- New Volunteer Seminar Sunday, January 26. The Hunger & Homeless team of WPC's Outreach Ministry invites all who are interested to learn more about volunteer opportunities in our community with Meals on Wheels and the Salvation Army. Learn about the missions and needs of these two vital organizations, how WPC continues to support them, and how you can connect. The seminar is offered during both the 9:30 and 11am worship services, allowing you to attend the service and worship at your preferred time. Contact Jan Russell* with any questions.
- Our next New Member Orientation Luncheon is scheduled for Sunday, February 23, immediately after the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Come and enjoy great food and great conversation with members and staff as you get to know the people and ministries of WPC. If the Holy Spirit is nudging you to become a part of this church community, reach out to Pastor Pam (phrncir@mywpc.org) after the service.
- Children aged 4 through 5th grade are invited to join King's Kids Worship Dance with Melody Dillon beginning this January! Learn some fundamentals of dance and ways that dance can be an expression of worship, and prepare a dance together for Children's Sunday on March 16. This group will meet each Thursday from 5:30-6:00pm, following Children's Choir, from January 9-March 13. Registration is not required, but please reach out to Melody with questions and to let her know you're coming!
- The Flower Calendar for 2025 has 3 Openings. They are February 16, July 6, and November 30. The Master Flower Calendar for 2025 is in the back of Stevenson Hall. Please fill in the information by the date of your choice. Please contact Ruth Cobb* if you would like more information.

• Volunteers are needed for WPC hosting of COFM Winter Homeless Shelter. WPC will be hosting the winter homeless shelter January 12–19, 2025. WPC will staff the shelter with our own members and friends on Sunday–Monday, January 12–13; Monday–Tuesday, January 13–14; and Saturday–Sunday, January 18–19 (partner churches will staff the remaining nights). We need volunteers for the following tasks and times for the three days:

Shift 1: Check in crew from 5:15 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Shift 2: Dinner crew from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m..

Shift 3: Overnight crew from 8:45 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.

Shift 4: Breakfast crew from 5:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m.

If you can help or have any questions, please contact Jim Winthrop* or Joe Avellar.*

*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 at mywpc.org/calendar.

か THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF EVENTS <</p>

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

9:30 a.m12 p.m.	Nursery open during both worship services
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School / Christian Education Wing
9:30 a.m.	In-person Worship / Sanctuary; Live-Stream Worship; visit mywpc.org to access
11:00 a.m.	In-person Worship / Sanctuary; Broadcast on FM93.5 The Burg and AM740 or
	wmbgradio.com

MONDAY, JANUARY 6

10:00 a.m.	Campus Ministry Meeting / Rm 220
1:00 p.m.	Caregiver Support Group / Rm 123

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

10:00 a.m.	Adult Bible Study / Rm 220 and Zoom
1:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting / Zoom
7:00 p.m.	Presbyterian Women Circle 4 / Zoom
7:00 p.m.	Admin. Search Committee / Rm 220
7:00 p.m.	EarthCare Committee Meeting / Library
7:00 p.m.	AA Williamsburg Tuesday Night Big Book Study / Rm LL049

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

7:30 a.m.	Men's Bible and Bacon Study / Stevenson Hall
10:00 a.m.	Presbyterian Women Circle 14 / Rm 220
7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9

9:00 a.m.	Sanctuary Cleaning
10:00 a.m.	Presbyterian Women Circle 7 / Rm 220
4:30 p.m.	Carol Choir and Junior Choir Rehearsals / Children's Choir Room
5:00 p.m.	Worship Ministry Meeting / Rm 220
5:30 p.m.	King's Kids Worship Dance / Children's Choir Room

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10

<u>SATURDAY, JANUARY 11</u>

🗞 NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP 🐔

January12, 2024 • Baptism of the Lord

Pastor John's sermon, "You Are Mine," will be based on Isaiah 43:1-7.