



WILLIAMSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 24, 2024

PRAYER FOR PREPARATION

God of salvation, our Lord entered his passion to raise us to life. In this holiest of weeks, help us to walk the way of the cross, that we may be raised in a resurrection like his and dwell forever in you. Amen.

THE GATHERING

PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Gary Davis

MINUTE FOR MISSION: One Great Hour of Sharing

Larry Pulley

PRELUDE

Triumphant Journey
Westminster Ringers

Dobrinski

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Leader: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

All: Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Leader: Lo, your king comes to you;

All: triumphant and victorious is he,

Leader: humble and riding on a donkey,

All: on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

*HYMN 197

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

ELLACOMBE

*Please in rise in body or in spirit.

Bold type face congregation participates in word or song.

1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil-dren sang;
 2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed 'mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,
 3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an-cient song we sing,

through pil - lared court and tem - ple the joy - ful an - them rang.
 the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, and chant-ing clear and loud;
 for Christ is our Re - deem - er; the Lord of heaven, our King.

To Je - sus, who had blessed them, close fold - ed to his breast,
 the Lord of earth and heav - en rode on in low - ly state,
 O may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice,

the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.
 nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on his bid-ding wait.
 and in his bliss - ful pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

The opening two stanzas narrate the first Palm Sunday in the past tense, but the third stanza shifts to the present tense to emphasize what current singers do and believe. The repeated elements in this anonymous German tune suggest the repetitive patterns in a crowd's chant.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Leader: Let us confess our sins to God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

We confess that we have sinned, and although we would like to deny it, we have forsaken you. We are horrified by the suffering we cause—to you, ourselves, and the world you have created. Open the gates of your forgiveness and restore us in your love, for the sake of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER

***KYRIE**

Leader: Lord, have mercy.

People: Christ, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Leader: Sister and brothers, beyond the shadow of doubt, your sins are forgiven. By the mercy of Christ, let us stand together forgiven and free.

GLORIA IN ABEYANCE DURING LENT

(11:00) SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

Lynne Savidis

**At this time any and all children through the 5th grade
are invited to come forward for Sharing Faith with Children.**

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Come Holy Spirit, source of all life. As we hear again the story of Palm Sunday, let the same mind be in us that was in Christ, who was a servant that we might be free. Awaken our ears, open our hearts, and sustain the weary with your Word. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: *Isaiah 50:4-9a*

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

PSALM 118:1-2, 19-29 (responsive)

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever!

**All: Let Israel say,
“His steadfast love endures forever.”**

Leader: Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the Lord.

**All: This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.**

Leader: I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

**All: The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.**

Leader: This is the Lord's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

**All: This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Leader: Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!
O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

**All: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
We bless you from the house of the Lord.**

Leader: The Lord is God,
and he has given us light.

**All: Bind the festal procession with branches,
up to the horns of the altar.**

Leader: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God; I will extol you.

**All: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.**

SECOND LESSON: *Mark 11:1-11*

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN 224**

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

ROCKINGHAM

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

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

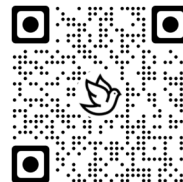
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

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 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 into the plates as you exit the sanctuary
- Visit mywpc.org/offering or scan the QR code at the right to give online
- Mail your offering to the church office at 215 Richmond Road, Williamsburg, VA 23185.



OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.

Sanctus
From *Requiem*

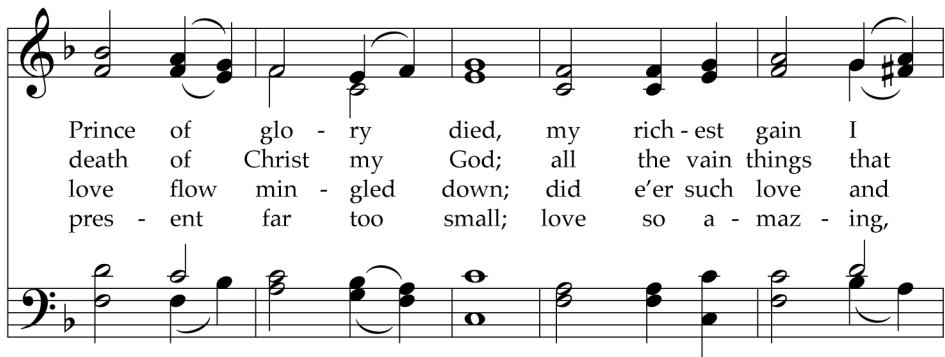
Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)

Holy, Holy, Holy,
Lord God of Hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross 223



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a



Prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
death of Christ my God; all the vain things that
love flow min - gled down; did e'er such love and
pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

This familiar text from the beginning of the 18th century grew out of Isaac Watts's desire to give Christians the ability to sing about gospel events. It is set here to a very restrained tune from the early 19th century inspired by the patterns of Gregorian chant.

DOXOLOGYPraise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

TALLIS' CANON

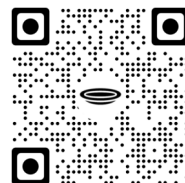
***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

GOING OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

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

We are glad you are worshiping with us today. 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 196***All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

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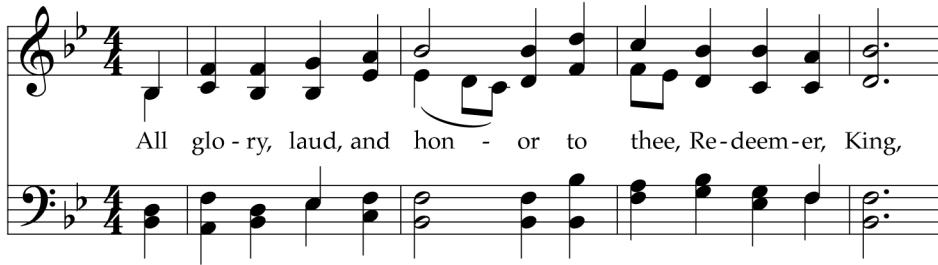
CHARGE AND BENEDICTION*POSTLUDE***Toccata on All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

Burkhardt

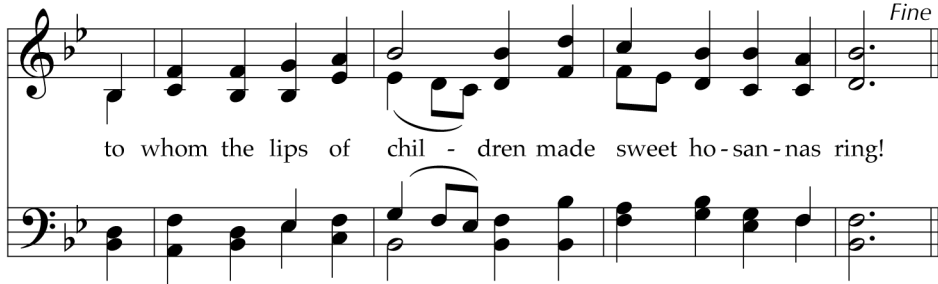
The service of worship concludes after the postlude. The music can be enjoyed or used as an opportunity for prayer. You may remain seated; if you wish to depart, please do so quietly and without disturbing those who choose to stay.

All Glory, Laud, and Honor 196

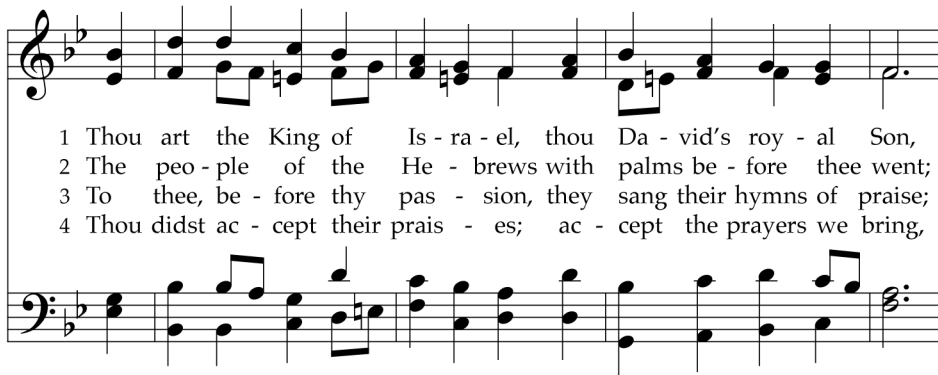
Refrain



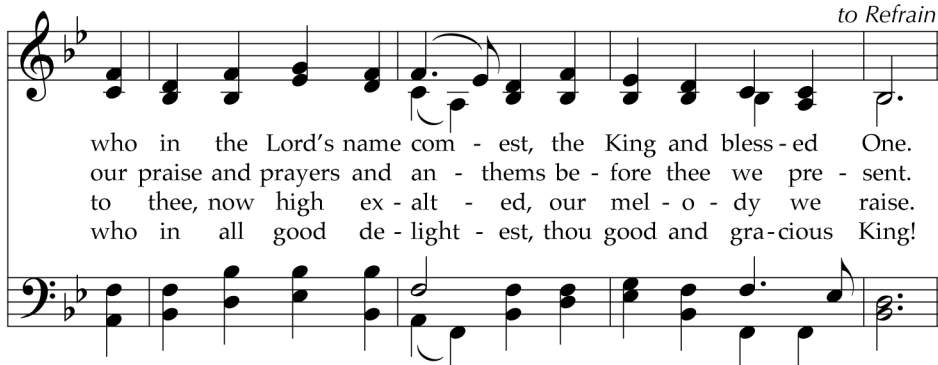
All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re-deem-er, King,



to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho-san-nas ring!



1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
 3 To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
 4 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,



who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One.
 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
 to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King!

These stanzas for Palm Sunday have been selected and translated from a much longer Latin poem written by a bishop who was the leading theologian in Charlemagne's court. They are sung to a 17th-century German chorale, as adapted for these words in the mid-19th century.

∞ NOTES ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC ∞

The text of the Sanctus, "Holy, Holy, Holy" in English, is traditionally said during the communion service at the end of the prayer of thanksgiving. We sing it this Sunday in anticipation of the institution of the Lord's Supper that we will celebrate this week on Maundy Thursday.

Faurés Requiem is one of the most beloved pieces of music for choir and orchestra, and the composer's best-known work. The Sanctus section is very light in texture, with the voices singing simple three-note melodies accompanied by a dreamy harp figure. The music expands and the vocal lines gradually ascend, reaching their highest notes on the word "excelsis" (Latin for "highest"). The piece culminates with a fanfare-like "Hosanna," and the harp returns at the end as the choir sings "Sanctus" (Holy) once again.

∞ THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ∞

The flowers are given today to the glory of God and in memory of her father, by Gini and Sandy Cambell.

✧ THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY ✧

PASTORS

John E. Morgan, Pastor/Head of Staff

Pam Hrcir, Associate Pastor

MUSIC MINISTRY

Christopher Bechtler, Director of Music

Norman Elton, Organist and Assistant Director of Music

Westminster Ringers under the direction of Norman Elton

WPC Chancel Choir

LITURGIST

Gary Davis

GREETER

9:30am Len Shartzter

11:00am Laura Osman, Rebecca Caprio

USHERS

9:30am Matthew Underwood, Pat Underwood, Rebecca Caprio

11:00am Bob Bolstad, Megan Davis, Pat Cowan, Ric Cheston

SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

Lynne Savidis

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOST

Sarah Dulaney, Karol Sibley, Copper Perry

***WILLIAMSBURG LANDING USHERS**

Barbara and Boyd Knowles

***WINDSOR MEADE USHER**

Paul Hotinger

AUDIO AND VIDEO TECHNICIANS: Matt Slack and John Schoenberger

*Satellite campuses

❧ SUPPORT FOR OUR MEMBERS ❧

- **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 10am 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 ❧

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 (757) 229-4235 with your request. The Prayer Chain Coordinator is: Jo Ann Youhas (handbellringer@cox.net). 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, March 24 – Saturday, March 30

Pastor Pam Hrnrcir • phrnrcir@mywpc.org • 757-508-4668

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

- The family of WPC member Rice Trolan, who died on Sunday, March 10, 2024. A memorial service will be held at WPC at a later date.
- Lynn Curtin and Family on the death of her husband, WPC member Richard (Dick) Curtin, who died on Sunday, March 17, 2024. A memorial service will be held at WPC at a later date.
- Margaret McMillen and Family on the death of her husband, former WPC member Philip Johnson, who died on Wednesday, February 18, 2024. A memorial service was held on Saturday, March 16, 2024, at Tower Hill Presbyterian Church, Red Bank, NJ.

Please pray for:

- Tom Cobb, Carole McNeel, Bob Siclari, Ellie Thuermer, Stephen Custer.
- 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 affected by the wars in Gaza, Israel and Ukraine.

❧ ANNOUNCEMENTS ❧

- **One Great Hour of Sharing reaches out to bring relief and hope to a needy world.** Your gifts to this special offering helps to provide food, shelter, water, and more to those who are suffering. We see images of those in despair in Ukraine, Syria, The Middle East, and here at home. The needs are great. Jesus calls us to provide for “those who have the least.” Please help make a difference. Envelopes are available in the bulletin today for your gifts. Checks may be written to WPC with “One Great Hour of Sharing” on the memo line. Or you may give to special offerings on the mywpc.org website.
- **The Cross on Richmond Road during Lent: Did you notice the cross in front of the sanctuary today? It is currently draped with a purple cloth.** For many centuries purple has represented the message of repentance and thus has been the color of Lent. On Easter morning we will drape a white cloth over the cross, symbolizing the resurrected Christ. Please help us to decorate the cross on Easter morning by bringing flowers of your choosing. Flowers will also be available to decorate the cross. The decorated cross is the perfect setting for a family picture.
- **Volunteers Needed:** How nice it is to help those who can't get to Sunday worship! At Williamsburg Landing, Assisted Living, our church service is streamed every Sunday. Volunteers are needed to "push the start button" for the service and hand out bulletins to those who can attend. Please volunteer if you can. Contact Linda Eichhorn*
- **Holy Land Trip 2025:** You have been hearing about the wonderful trip members of WPC took to visit the Holy Lands in 2023. We would like to share this life-changing experience with others. Team Leaders *Pastor John, Ellen Peters*, and *CW Stacks* are planning a trip for the Spring of 2025. We know that right now there is a lot of tension in Israel, but we hope the situation will calm down by the time we travel. Sunlight Tours has offered a generous full refund policy if the trip has to be canceled by Sunlight Tours or if for safety reasons you need to cancel. Consider being a part of this unique and meaningful trip. **Tour leaders, Ellen Peters and CW Stacks, will be available in Stevenson Hall during Coffee Fellowship TODAY to answer questions.** Visit mywpc.org/holyland for more information and to find a link to a video of the presentation the 2023 group shared with our members after their return. You can also view the video directly on our YouTube channel at mywpc.org/holyland2023.
- **The WPC Book Club** will meet on **Monday, March 25, 2024, at 2 pm** in Room 220 (and on Zoom) to discuss *The Displacements*, by Bruce Holsinger.
- **Fellowship Breakfast Meeting: Saturday, April 6, the Presbyterian Men's Fellowship will be hosting its Church Fellowship Breakfast featuring Peter Lees, who is pursuing his MBA at the Mason School at William & Mary, as guest speaker.** Having had several leadership positions during his military career, Pete has a keen interest in what constitutes good leadership. His presentation, “*Leadership Lessons: Reflections on Self-awareness, Growth Mindset, and Humility*” is based on his own beliefs, studies, and individual lessons learned. The views expressed during this event are solely of Pete's personal ideals and life experiences and do not necessarily represent the views of the Department of Defense, the United States Government, or its third-party service providers. If you are interested in hearing a highly informative approach on leadership in the 21st

century, you won't want to miss this opportunity to meet Pete, listen to his presentation, and join him for breakfast.

The meeting begins at 8:00 a.m. in Stevenson Hall with fellowship and breakfast. All men and women of the Williamsburg community and guests are welcome. There is a time for fellowship, a delicious catered breakfast, and a hymn sing. Please make your reservations by Wednesday, April 3rd, by registering online so that we can have enough food for all. A donation of \$10.00 will be requested at the breakfast.

- **The Story of DANIEL at the Sight & Sound Theater:** Have you ever wondered what it would be like to experience first-hand the stories of the Bible? Now is your chance! You are invited to immerse yourself as if you were there when we travel via motorcoach to this most unique experience scheduled **for October 9-10, 2024**. It will be held at the beautiful **Sight & Sound Theater** in Lancaster, PA. From the fiery furnace to the infamous den of lions, **the Story of DANIEL** is a spectacular theatrical experience for the whole family. Witness one of the Bible's most hope-filled stories as it comes to life.

The trip includes show ticket, meals (including a dinner at an Amish Smorgasbord), transportation, and overnight stay at a hotel a short distance from the theater. All-inclusive cost is \$330.00 per person single occupancy; \$280.00 per person double occupancy. Costs are based on 45 participants. A minimum deposit of \$150 per person is due by Monday, April 15 with final payment due by Thursday, July 1, 2024. Seats are limited. Visit mywpc/daniel to register. Questions? Please contact *Janie Moyers.

ALL-INCLUSIVE TRIP COST INCLUDES (per person):

- Motor coach bus to Lancaster, PA and return trip to Williamsburg, VA and all transport, including to the dinner and show
- One dinner - Miller's Smorgasbord, Wednesday, October 9
- Ticket to The Story of Daniel at Sight & Sound Theatre, Wednesday, October 9
- One night accommodation at the Best Western Plus Revere Inn & Suites, Paradise, PA
- Breakfast at the hotel, Thursday, October 10
- One boxed lunch

❧ SUPPORT OUR YOUTH IN THE COMMUNITY ❧

- Jamestown High School Theatre presents *Mary Poppins* at 7pm on April 11, April 12, April 13 and 2pm on April 13. WPC member Rebecca Elton teaches at JHS in the Biology Department.
- Toano Middle School presents a production of *Disney's Aladdin, Jr.*, at 7pm on April 26, April 27 and at 2pm on April 28. WPC youth Kailani Salud, daughter of Deacon Leigh Salud and Kaylee Green, niece of Deacon Nate Green.

***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.

∞ HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES ∞

New This Year

**Family Good Friday Worship Service
March 29 • 5pm • Stevenson Hall**

**Good Friday Worship Service
March 29 • 7pm***

**Easter Sunday Worship Services
March 31 • 8am, 9:30am* and 11am****

The sermon, *"Who Will Roll the Stone?"* is based on John 20:1-18.

***Service is live-streamed on mywpc.org.**

****Service is broadcast on FM93.5 The Burg and AM740.**

∞ THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF EVENTS ∞

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 24

9:30am In-person Worship* / Sanctuary
10:30am Fellowship Coffee Hour / Stevenson Hall
11:00am In-person Worship** / Sanctuary
5:30pm Youth Group / CE Wing

MONDAY, MARCH 25

1:00pm Caregiver Support Group / Rm 123
2:00pm WPC Book Club / Rm 220
6:00pm UKirk Dinner & Dialogue
7:00pm Williamsburg Choral Guild Rehearsal / Choir Rm

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

10:00am Adult Bible Study / Rm 220
1:00pm Staff Meeting / Zoom
7:00pm Incoming Elders Training / Rm 220
7:00pm AA Williamsburg Big Book Study / LL009 and LL049

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

7:30am Men's Bible & Bacon Study / Stevenson Hall
9:30am Presbyterian Women's Coordinating Team / Stevenson Hall
6:00pm Genesis Ringers Rehearsal / Bell Rm
7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Rm

THURSDAY, MARCH 28

9:00am Sanctuary Cleaning
4:30pm Carol Choir and Junior Choir Rehearsal / Children's Choir Rm
7:00pm **Maundy Thursday Worship Service* / Sanctuary**
Celebration of the Lord's Supper will be served.
8:00pm Westminster Ringers Rehearsal / Bell Rm

FRIDAY, MARCH 29

12:00pm Organ Lessons / Sanctuary
5:00pm **Good Friday Family Service / Stevenson Hall**
7:00pm **Good Friday Worship Service* / Sanctuary**

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31

8:00am In-person Worship / Sanctuary
9:30am In-person Worship* / Sanctuary
11:00am In-person Worship** / Sanctuary

∞ NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP ∞

March 31, 2024 • Easter Sunday

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

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