



Easter-tide

WILLIAMSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER • APRIL 7, 2024
CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYER FOR PREPARATION

Breathe in this place, O Lord, by the power of your Holy Spirit, to open our minds, unlock our hearts, and enliven our faith so that we may welcome the risen one among us. Amen.

THE GATHERING
PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Harley Stewart

MINUTE FOR MISSION: Presbyterian Women's Mission Lunch

Karen Lee

PRELUDE I Know That My Redeemer Liveth arr. Held

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Leader: Peace be with you.

All: How good and pleasant it is when we live together in unity.

Leader: Receive the Holy Spirit.

All: It is like precious oil on the head, the blessing of the Lord.

***HYMN 246**

Christ Is Alive!

TRURO

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Leader: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

***Please rise in body or spirit.**

Bold type face congregation participates in word or song.

Christ Is Alive!

246

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
 2 Christ is a - live! No lon - ger bound to dis - tant
 3 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where col - or,
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
 this and ev - ery age, till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - ery place and time.
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

In 1968 Easter fell ten days after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., and this text was written to express an Easter hope while mindful of that terrible event. Buoyed by a triple-arched tune, it affirms the presence of a wounded, risen Christ with all who suffer.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

You have shown yourself to us, O God, by Word and Spirit, with signs and wonders, in flesh and blood, yet we still struggle to live and believe the good news of Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us; forgive us. Enter into our lives and cast out our fear so that we may come to trust in you and have life in Jesus' name. Amen.

A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER

***KYRIE**

LAND OF REST

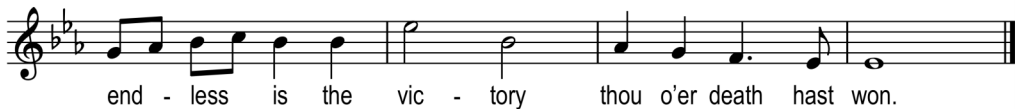
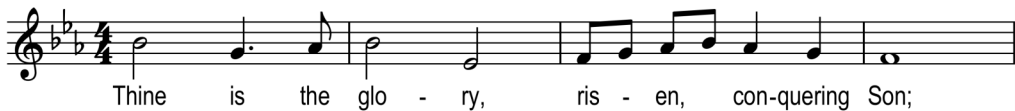


***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Leader: We have an advocate with God— Jesus Christ, the righteous one— who offered his life in love to save the world from sin. This is the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

GLORIA

THINE IS THE GLORY



(11:00) SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Rev. John E. Morgan

Baptism of Abigail Noelle Perkins and William Leo Perkins
Twins of Rachel Arianne Pulley and William Jay Perkins.
Grandchildren of Penny and Larry Pulley

Sung Response by Choir and Congregation:

**Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

(11:00) SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

Jim Kirkpatrick

**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)

God of all who doubt and believe, by the gift of your Spirit enable us to hear with our ears, to see with our eyes, and to touch with our hands your Word of life— Jesus Christ— our Lord and our God. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: *Acts 4:32-35*

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

PSALM 133:1-3 (responsive)

Leader: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

**All: It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard,
on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.**

Leader: It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.

All: For there the LORD ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

SECOND LESSON: *1 John 1:1-2:2*

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

SERMON

“What Now?”

Rev. Pam Hrcir

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 377

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

HOUSTON

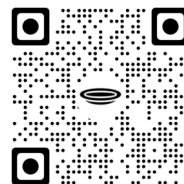
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH FROM THEOLOGICAL DECLARATION OF BARMEN, 8.14 (unison)

As Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is he also God's mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to his creatures.

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

Day of Arising

Carl Schalk, 1999

Text by Susan Palo Cherwien

Day of arising,
Christ on the roadway,
unknown companion walks with his own.

When they invite him,
as fades the first day,
and bread is broken,
Christ is made known.

When we are walking,
doubtful and dreading,
blinded by sadness,
slowness of heart,
yet Christ walks with us,
ever awaiting
our invitation:
Stay, do not part.

(Anthem continues on the next page.)

377 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to fol - low
 2 I want to see the bright-ness of God. I want to look at
 3 I'm look-ing for the com - ing of Christ. I want to be with

Je - sus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The
 Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ-teous-ness, shine on my path, and
 Je - sus. When we have run with pa-tience the race, we

Refrain

star of my life is Je - sus.
 show me the way to the Fa - ther. In him there is no dark-ness at
 shall know the joy of Je - sus.

all. The night and the day are both a - like. The Lamb is the

The author-composer of this unrhymed hymn regards it as a meditation and prayer deeply rooted in many scriptures, most connected with the theme of light: Genesis 1:17; Psalm 139:12; Isaiah 60:19; Malachi 4:2; John 14:8; Ephesians 5:8; Hebrews 12:1-2; 1 John 1:5; Revelation 21:23.

Lo, I am with you,
 Jesus has spoken.
 This is Christ's promise,
 this is Christ's sign:
 when the church gathers,
 when bread is broken,
 there Christ is with us,
 in bread and wine.

Christ, our companion,
 hope for the journey,
 bread of compassion,
 open our eyes.
 Grant us your vision,
 set all hearts burning
 that all creation
 with you may rise.

***DOXOLOGY** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise God, all crea-tures here be - low.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise God a - bove, ye heaven-ly host.

Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

***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. 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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

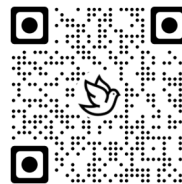
God of Grace, your Son Jesus Christ left us this holy meal of bread and wine in which we share his body and blood. May we who have celebrated this sign of his great love show in our lives the fruits of his redemption; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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 547

Go My Children, With My Blessings

AR HYDY NOS

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Hail Thee, Festival Day

arr. Weber

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 are given today to the glory of God and
in loving memory of Jane Stewart by Harley Stewart and Family.

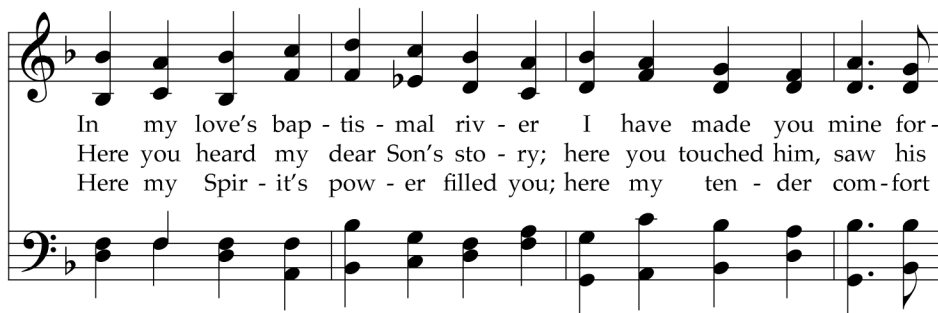
Go, My Children, with My Blessing 547



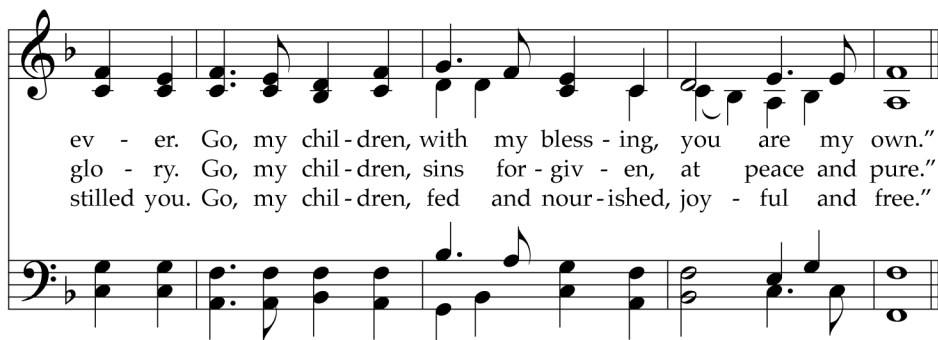
1 "Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, nev-er a-lone.
2 "Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure.
3 "Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos-er to me.



Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy-ful and free.



In my love's bap-tis-mal riv-er I have made you mine for-
Here you heard my dear Son's sto-ry; here you touched him, saw his
Here my Spir-it's pow-er filled you; here my ten-der com-fort



ev-er. Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, you are my own."
glo-ry. Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure."
stilled you. Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, joy-ful and free."

Because this Welsh melody usually sets evening texts, the author was asked to create one for use in daytime. His recasting of the Aaronic blessing in Numbers 6:22-27 imagines that passage as a benediction that might be spoken by God at the conclusion of a worship service.

☞ THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY ☞

PASTORS

John E. Morgan, Pastor/Head of Staff

Pam Hrcir, Associate Pastor

MUSIC MINISTRY

Norman Elton, Organist and Assistant Director of Music

WPC Chancel Choir

LITURGIST

Harley Stewart

SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

Jim Kirkpatrick

GREETER

9:30am Jim Winthrop

11:00am Jackie and Gerry Ward

USHERS

9:30am Cynthia Young, Bob Bolstad, David Littell, Rebecca Caprio, Anne Nicastro, Nick Nicastro

11:00am Gene D'Orsogna, Ellen D'Orsogna, Pat Murray, Rick Murray

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOST

Happy Simmons, Ralph Simmons, Matt Slack

COMMUNION SERVERS

Elders and Deacons

***WILLIAMSBURG LANDING USHERS**

Dick Sahlen, Harold Herring, Dottie Teuber

***WINDSOR MEADE USHER**

Paul Hotinger;

***WINDSOR MEADE COMMUNION SERVERS**

Marian Dawson and Carl Stein

AUDIO AND VIDEO TECHNICIANS: Dave McLain 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, April 7 – Saturday, April 13

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

Upcoming Memorial Service:

- A Memorial Service for WPC member Duncan McIver, who died on Thursday, March 7, 2024, will be held in our sanctuary **Friday, April 12, 2024, 2pm** followed by a reception in Stevenson Hall. Please continue to keep the family in your prayers.

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 🌀

- Christopher Bechtler, Director of Music, is spending time with family.
- **Lunch Social for those on the grief journey. The monthly grief group is coordinating a lunch on Tuesday, April 16 at Opus 8 at 11:00am.** This event is open to all who have lost a loved one. If you would like to connect with others on the grief journey, you are welcome. Please let Pastor Pam or Bruce Minett* know by Friday, April 12.
- **Join us for the annual Local Mission Luncheon, sponsored by Presbyterian Women (PW) on April 21, 2024, noon in Stevenson Hall.** This year's luncheon will raise awareness and monetary support for FISH, Inc., the local nonprofit, all-volunteer organization that has helped our neighbors in need with food, basic clothing and housewares for almost 50 years. A free luncheon will be hosted by PW Circles. A short program by Maura Rush, FISH Vice President, will update us on recent FISH successes and challenges, and why our support is urgently needed now. Register in the back lobby between services or online at mywpc.org/fish. Learn more about FISH at fishwilliamsburg.org. Monetary donations will be accepted at the luncheon, by the church office (checks payable to Williamsburg Presbyterian Church with PW Local Mission in the memo line), and mywpc.org/fish.
- **The WPC Book Club will meet on Monday, April 22, 2024, at 2 pm** in Room 220 (and on Zoom) to discuss *Crossing to Safety*, by Wallace Stegner.
- **Paint Night is back with a twist! WPC Families is again hosting a paint night.** While still remaining at the "child- and beginner-friendly" artist level, we are trying something different this year. We will be painting drinking glasses (stemless wine glasses and alternatives). Join us on **Monday, April 22, at 5:30pm.** Dinner will be available for all who attend, and childcare will be available for children preschool age and under (if they do not wish to paint). All supplies are provided, and there is no fee or cost to attend. Please go to www.mywpc.org/calendar, and click on the event link to register. All artists (and attempting-to-be artists!) are welcome!
- **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*
- **Save the Date for Earth Care talk at the May Fellowship Breakfast sponsored by the Presbyterian Men.** WPC's Earth Care Team is joining with the Presbyterian Men to invite Dr. James Perry, VIMS Professor of Marine Science, Emeritus to give a talk entitled "*Introduction to Social and Environmental Justice*" at the May Fellowship Breakfast. Women and men are invited to join us for fellowship, a delicious breakfast, and an enjoyable Earth Care talk Saturday, May 4, 8am.
- **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. If **you have any questions, please contact one of the Team Leaders: Pastor John, Ellen Peters or CW Stacks***. 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.

∞ **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.

☞ THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF EVENTS ☞

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

9:30am

In-person Worship / Sanctuary; Live-Stream Worship; visit mywpc.org to access

10:30am

Fellowship Coffee Hour / Stevenson Hall

11:00am

In-person Worship / Sanctuary; Broadcast on FM93.5 The Burg and AM740 or wmbgradio.com

5:30pm

Youth Group / CE Wing

MONDAY, APRIL 8

1:00pm

Caregiver Support Group / Rm 123

1:00pm

Presbyterian Women's Circle 3—Miriam / Stevenson Hall

5:15pm

Communications Ministry / Zoom

7:00pm

Hunger and Homeless Meeting / LL10

7:00pm

Williamsburg Choral Guild Rehearsal / Choir Rm

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

10:00am

Adult Bible Study / Rm 220

1:00pm

In-person Staff Meeting / Stevenson Hall

1:30pm

Kirk Krafters / Church Library

5:30pm

Resources Ministry Mtg / Rm 255

6:00pm

Stephen Ministry Mtg/Training / Rm 220 and LL010

6:30pm

Presbyterian Women's Circle 5—Eunice, Rm 222

7:00pm

AA Williamsburg Big Book Study / LL009 and LL049

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

7:30am

Men's Bible Bacon Study / Stevenson Hall

10:00am

Presbyterian Women's Circle 14 / Rm 220

6:00pm

Genesis Ringers Rehearsal / Bell Rm

7:30pm

Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Rm

THURSDAY, APRIL 11

9:00am

Sanctuary Cleaning

9:30am

Presbyterian Women Circle 7 / Rm 220

12:00pm

HART Lunch Meeting / Stevenson Hall

4:30pm

Carol and Junior Choir Rehearsals / Children's Choir Rm

7:00pm

Deacon's Meeting / Stevenson Hall

7:30pm

Westminster Ringers / Bell Rm

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

9:00am

Gathering Space Planning Mtg / Stevenson Hall

12:00pm

Organ Lessons / Sanctuary

2:00pm

Duncan McIver Memorial Service and Reception / Sanctuary, Stevenson Hall, Kitchen

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

2:00pm

90 Plus Birthday Celebration / Stevenson Hall, Kitchen

☞ NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP ☞

April 14, 2024 • 3rd Sunday of Easter • Youth Sunday

The sermon will be based on Ephesians 3:18-21.

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

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