



Easter tide

WILLIAMSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER • APRIL 14, 2024
YOUTH SUNDAY

PRAYER FOR PREPARATION

I am fascinated by how people come together in community—or not. What is it that draws us together or repels us from one another? It seems to be our ability to see beyond either/or thinking and embrace the paradox of both/and. So as Parker Palmer says: “Living paradoxically is key to personal wholeness, which depends on the ability to embrace one’s self-contradictions.” May we live in this daily.

THE GATHERING PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

DIRECTIONS FOR STORY SHARING

This morning during the anthem and passing of the peace we will be asking you to answer a few questions by sticking the post-its you will find at the end of your pews on the white canvases around the sanctuary. Take some time before worship or at that time to write up your answers and when it is time add them to the proper canvases and take a moment to read what others have added themselves. Choose any number of the following to answer:

1. What is your favorite church memory?
2. How do you connect with God?
3. When has God felt distant in your life?

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE

Montreat Tunes

Cate McLain

***Please rise in body or spirit.**
Bold type face congregation participates in word or song.

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Leader: God thank you for bringing us here together, the sure and unsure.

All: May we recognize the good and bad; explore the unheard and unseen.

Leader: In doing so may we percieve our world anew

All: and through this service and day may we reflect and grow toward a more loving, authentic life with God and each other.

*HYMN 701

Lord, Prepare Me

SANCTUARY

We will sing 3 times.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: We come confessing those places where we need a change in perspective to more align with yours Oh God. Join as we confess together saying:

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Loving God, we confess that our openness to other's perspectives often comes with limits. Too often we downplay the dreams, visions, and resistance of those that forged a better way forward for us all. Forgive our forgetfulness. Sometimes we place importance on the work of some while overlooking the work of others. Forgive us when we leave undone the call to demonstrate your fierce love for all. Convict us with your grace, transforming God, so we may see the world through eyes of justice and love, and live into that vision. Amen.

A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER

*KYRIE

LAND OF REST



Lord, Prepare Me

701

Sanctuary

Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc - tu - ar - y, pure and
 ho - ly, tried and true. With thanks - giv - ing,
 I'll be a liv - ing sanc - tu - ar - y for you.

The lines given here convey the central message of the longer song for which they form the refrain. The principal Scripture reference is 1 Corinthians 3:16–17, Paul’s reminder to the Christians at Corinth that “[they] are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in [them].”

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MUSIC: John Thompson and Randy Scruggs, 1982; arr. Nylea L. Butler-Moore

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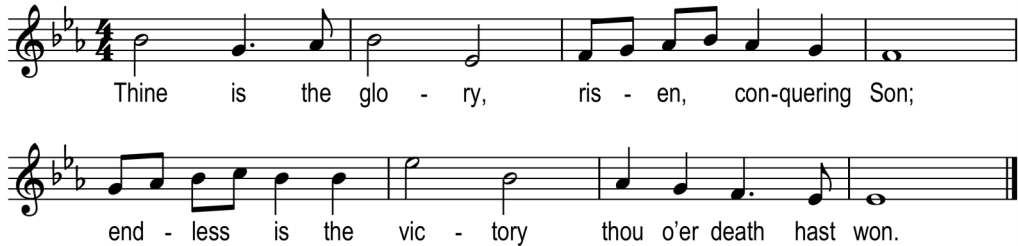
Irregular

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Hear the good news: our redeeming God celebrates the possibility of change, for God's grace stretches over us all. We are forgiven and freed to co-create liberation for all God's beloved. Praise God's ever-expanding love.

GLORIA

THINE IS THE GLORY



Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-que-ri- ng Son;
end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.

**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

Ben Green

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

O Lord, in times of darkness your love and light guides us and gives us the faith and strength to keep moving forward. Please help us to see your light through your word and Christ. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: *Luke 15:1-7*

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

MESSAGE I

"God-nitive Dissonance"

Cate McLain

RESPONSIVE READING: *Lamentations 3:22-33*

Leader: How enduring is God's loyal love; the Eternal has inexhaustible compassion. Every morning, they are here, new again! Great is Your faithfulness.

All: Have courage, for God is all that I will need.

My soul boasts, "Hope in God; just wait."

God is good to those who wait, to those who seek diligently.

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Leader: It is good to wait quietly for Love to make things right again.
It is good when young to stick it out through the hard times.

All: When life is heavy and hard to take, we enter the silence, patiently bearing the burden with God.

When we fall, gape-mouthed in the dust, there may well yet be hope.

Leader: Offer our other cheek, be the butt of jokes, but

All: We are kept in God's care: the Master won't ever walk out and fail to return.

Love wins: even when God's way seems severe, it is also tender.

God's stockpiles of kindness are immense. God takes no pleasure in making life hard.

SECOND LESSON: *Ephesians 3:18-21*

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE II

"Did God Break My Knee?"

Audrey Davis

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN 412**

God, Reveal Your Presence

ARNSBERG

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison)**

I have faith that God is powerful enough to protect my path and guide my perspectives;

I have faith that God is loving enough to show themselves in the world, through friends and people close to our hearts;

I have faith that God is steadfast enough to embrace me even when I falter;

I have faith that God is graceful enough to lead me through the dance of life;

I have faith that God is diverse enough to show love for all created in their image here on earth;

I have faith that God is melodic enough for harmony to be found even in the most diverse places;

I have faith that God is intelligent enough to have a plan no matter what happens here on earth;

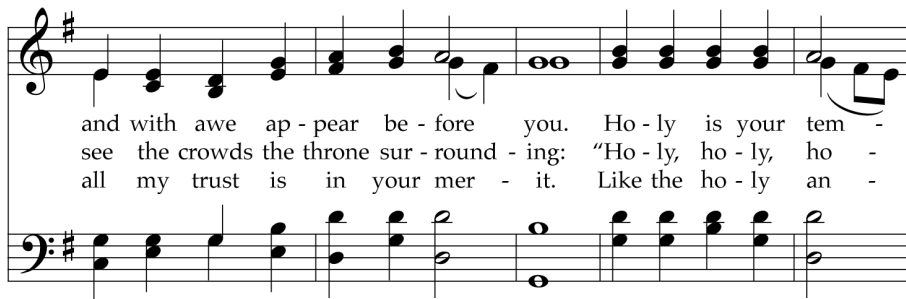
I have faith that God is brave enough to challenge our comfort and comfort those facing challenges.

We have faith in these things because God is enough for us, and we are enough for God.

412 God, Reveal Your Presence



1 God, re - veal your pres - ence: glad - ly we a - dore you,
2 In God's ho - ly pres - ence, hear the harps re - sound - ing;
3 Foun - tain of all bless - ing, pu - ri - fy my spir - it;



and with awe ap - pear be - fore you. Ho - ly is your tem -
see the crowds the throne sur - round - ing: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho -
all my trust is in your mer - it. Like the ho - ly an -



ple: all with - in keep si - lence, hum - bly bow with deep - est
ly!" hear the hymn as - cend - ing, an - gels, saints, their voic - es
gels on your glo - ry gaz - ing, we a - dore, ho - san - nas



rev - erence. You a - lone now we own as our
blend - ing. Turn your ear to us here; hear, O
rais - ing. Let your will ev - er still rule your

Despite multiple layers of translation and revision, this text embodies the mystical piety of one of the German Reformed Church's greatest hymnists and spiritual leaders of the early 18th century. It is set here to a slightly earlier tune from that tradition.

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

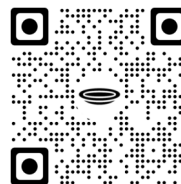
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

LORD'S DAY GREETING AND SHARING OF STORIES

In this time, we are going to invite you to greet one another and to offer a piece of your mind with us this morning on the canvases around the sanctuary. As you do this, we will offer a time of reflection in music.

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.

ANTHEM

All this pain, I wonder if I'll ever find my way.
I wonder if my life could really change, at all.
All this earth, Could all that is lost ever be found?
Could a garden come out from this ground, at all?

You make beautiful things, You make beautiful things out of the dust.
You make beautiful things, You make beautiful things out of us.
All around, Hope is springing up from this old ground.
Out of chaos life is being found, in you.

You make beautiful things, You make beautiful things out of the dust.
You make beautiful things, You make beautiful things out of us.
Oh, you make beautiful things, You make beautiful things out of the dust.
You make beautiful things, You make beautiful things out of us.

You make me new, You are making me new.
You make me new, You are making me new.
(Making me new)

DOXOLOGYPraise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below.

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Praise God above, ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia,

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

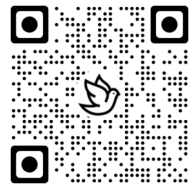
***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Lord of our heart, we thank you for our eyes of which you allow us to see your grace in everything we do. We thank you for our hands, as dirty or as clean, that allow us to hold and lift up our neighbors. We thank you for our voice that allows us to spread your word and sing your praises. We thank you for our mind that allows us to be thoughtful of others and courteous in our actions with you as our shepherd. Our hearts are made full and we give you our thanks for living a heavenly life with you.

GOING OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

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 775***I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

WALK WITH ME

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**BENEDICTION RESPONSE • HYMN 549***May the Love of the Lord*

SOON TI

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me 775

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

I want Je - sus to walk with me;
in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
when my heart is al - most break - ing,
when my head is bowed in sor - row,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

The two equal phrases in each line suggest that this African American spiritual shares some characteristics of work or field songs that were used to coordinate the efforts of slaves involved in tasks (road clearing, ditch digging, etc.) that needed combined rhythmic strokes.

May the Love of the Lord 549

唯願神的愛撫慰你的靈

G2 C2/G G2 C2/G
May the love of the Lord rest up-on your soul.
唯願神的愛撫慰你的靈。

G2 C2/G D2 G2
May God's love dwell in you, through-out ev-ery day.
每時刻他的愛住在你心裡，

G2 G2/B C6 G2/B Am7 C/D G2
May God's coun-tenance shine up-on you and be gra-cious to you.
他的榮光照耀你，慈愛伴隨你，

G2 G2/B C6 G2/B Am7 C/D G2
May God's Spir-it be up-on you as you leave this place.
無論何處他的靈都永遠伴隨你。

The tune ("pure knowledge of God"), named for the son of the composer, was created to be a lullaby. The infant stopped breathing at one day old but was revived by the prompt action of nurses. The thankful mother wrote the English version of the Aaronic blessing (Numbers 6:24-26).

POSTLUDE

Simple Gifts

Katie Bechtler

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 honor of
Charlene & Matthew Ballard's marriage at WPC on April 11, 2015
by Elizabeth Padgett.

☞ 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

GREETER

9:30am Bruce Powell

11:00am Megan Davis, Rebecca Caprio

USHERS

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

11:00am Bob Bolstad, Pat Cowan, Jennifer LaDow, Donna Powell

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOST

Sue Rennagel, Barbar Bellows, Karol Sibley

***WILLIAMSBURG LANDING USHERS**

Doris Gilfillan, Linda Eichhorn

***WINDSOR MEADE USHER**

Paul Hotinger;

AUDIO AND VIDEO TECHNICIANS: Mike Squire 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 14 – Saturday, April 20

Pastor John E. Morgan • jmorgan@mywpc.org • 757-903-7800

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 ↻

- **VBS Camp Firelight will be open this June! It is time to register!** Plans for *Camp Firelight: A Summer Camp Adventure with God* are underway. Our exciting week will take place during the week of June 24-28, 2024, from 9am to noon. Registration is OPEN! Please go to www.mywpc.org/vbs to register your children (ages 3 through rising 5th grade), or as a volunteer (youth OR adult). If you are looking for a way to get to know the children and the youth of WPC, this is it. And they would love to get to know you, too. There is a place for everyone at VBS. If you have any questions, please contact Jodie Davis*.
- **Usher, Greeter, and Coffee Fellowship Sign Ups in Stevenson Hall TODAY!** Have you been looking for an opportunity to get involved in the Sunday morning action at WPC? Please stop by the tables in Stevenson Hall today through April 28 to learn more and sign up to host Coffee Fellowship, Usher, or Greet during the months of April, May, and June. No previous experience necessary and all ages are welcome!

Feel free to sign up online for any Sunday in 2024 from the comfort of your home by going to: <https://signup.com/go/iGCDndF> for **usher and greeters** and <https://signup.com/go/yOsEWmJ> for **coffee fellowship**.

- **FISH Food Collection: Our next FISH collection will be Sunday, April 21.** FISH currently needs vegetable oil, flavored oatmeal, pancake mix and syrup, brownie/cake mix, as well as mayonnaise, grape jelly, canned pastas (ravioli), beef stew, shampoo, laundry detergent, deodorant, and feminine hygiene products. We also welcome donations of hotel toiletries. Please place your donations in or near the red shopping cart located by the rear entrance.

WPC has been collecting food for FISH for many years on the third Sunday of each month. To learn more about FISH and other ways you can support FISH, please consider attending the Presbyterian Women's free luncheon on April 21 after the 11:00am service.

- Don't miss the **Local Mission Luncheon, next Sunday, April 21, at Noon in Stevenson Hall.** Each year, Presbyterian Women (PW) sponsors the luncheon annually to raise awareness and financial support for one worthy local charity. This year's selection is **FISH, Inc.**, the nonprofit, all-volunteer organization that has been providing food, clothing and basic housewares to our neighbors in need since 1975. PW Circles will host a free lunch and Maura Rush, FISH Vice President, will inform and enlighten about current community needs and increased requests for services. Register in the back lobby today, or online, mywpc.org/fish. Monetary donations will be accepted at the luncheon, by the Church Office (make checks payable to FISH with PW-Local Mission in the Memo line), and online, 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.
- **You are invited to an estate planning "lunch and learn" on Sunday, May 5 in Stevenson Hall, brought to you by WPC's Legacy Giving team.** This is a great opportunity to learn about the current practices and laws surrounding estate planning, and get an update on the Legacy Giving initiative at WPC. A light lunch will be provided.

Our guest speaker will be attorney Trey Parker, Managing Principal of the Williamsburg Office of Carrell, Blanton, Ferris & Associates, PLC. Trey has been assisting clients with their estate planning needs for over a decade and has extensive experience in preparing basic and complex estate planning documents, including Wills, Powers of Attorney, Advance Medical Directives, Revocable Trusts, Irrevocable Trusts, and more.

Please register at mywpc.org/legacy or on the sign-up sheet provided in the Welcome Center.

***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.

SUPPORT OUR YOUTH IN THE COMMUNITY

- 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.

☞ THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF EVENTS ☞

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

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 15

1:00pm

Caregiver Support Group / Rm 123

7:00pm

Williamsburg Choral Guild Rehearsal / Choir Rm

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

10:00am

Adult Bible Study / Rm 220

1:00pm

Staff Meeting / Zoom

7:00pm

AA Williamsburg Big Book Study / LL009 and LL049

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

Guatemala Team Visit Begins

6:00pm

Genesis Ringers Rehearsal / Bell Rm

7:00pm

Administration Ministry Meeting / Rm 220

7:30pm

Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Rm

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

9:00am

Sanctuary Cleaning

4:30pm

Carol and Junior Choir Rehearsals / Children's Choir Rm

7:00pm

Christian Outreach Ministry Meeting / LL101

7:30pm

Westminster Ringers / Bell Rm

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

12:00pm

Organ Lessons / Sanctuary

5:00pm

Cochet and Sessa Wedding Rehearsal and Dinner / Sanctuary, Stevenson Hall, Kitchen

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

5:00pm

Cochet and Sessa Wedding and Reception / Sanctuary, Stevenson Hall, Kitchen

☞ NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP ☞

April 21, 2024 • 4th Sunday of Easter

Visitors from Guatemala will be joining us in worship.

The sermon "*Love in Truth and Action*" will be based on I John 3:16-24.

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

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