



Easter tide

WILLIAMSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER • APRIL 21, 2024

PRAYER FOR PREPARATION

We are your people, O God—the sheep of your pasture, the flock you have gathered. Lead us beside still waters; teach us the way of righteousness; and feed us at your table; through Jesus Christ, our good shepherd. Amen.

THE GATHERING PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

PASTORAL GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Merle Murphy

MINUTE FOR MISSION: Open Door Concert

Norman Elton

GREETINGS FROM CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN GUATEMALA CITY

SALUDOS DE LA IGLESIA CENTRAL PRESBITERIANA DE LA CIUDAD DE GUATEMALA

Vicente Castañeda, International Fellowship
Noe Ramirez, Moderator Christian Education

PRELUDE

Scherzo

Jesús Castillo

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Leader: The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

All: He lays down his life for his sheep.

Leader: The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

All: He knows us, and we belong to him.

Leader: The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

All: He speaks, and we listen for his voice.

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

***HYMN 610**

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

Please join in singing the Spanish text at the bottom of the hymn in place of verse 5.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Leader: If we are honest with ourselves, our hearts condemn us. But God, who knows everything, is greater than our hearts; and God's deep desire for us is mercy, love, and peace. Therefore let us confess our sin.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

Lord, have mercy on us. We talk about love, but our actions betray us. We talk about love, but we neglect the poor. We talk about love, but we fail to love one another. Lord, have mercy on us. Forgive us, and abide in us by the power of your Spirit so that our lives may show our love for Jesus Christ, in whose body we live and in whose name we pray. Amen.

A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER

***KYRIE**

LAND OF REST

Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy up - on us.

Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy up - on us.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Leader: We seek God's grace with boldness because we trust in Jesus Christ, the One who loves us and laid down his life for us. This is the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

GLORIA

THINE IS THE GLORY

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

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

(11:00) SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

Lynne Savidis

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Lord God, good shepherd, by the leading of your Spirit, help us to listen for your voice and follow in your paths all the days of our lives; in Jesus' name. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: *John 10:11-18*

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

PSALM 23 (unison)

**The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.**

(Psalm continues on the next page.)

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long.

SECOND LESSON: *I John 3:16-24*

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

SERMON

“Love in Truth and Action”

Rev. John E. Morgan

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN 801**

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

CRIMOND

We will sing the entire hymn and then sing verse 1 in Spanish.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED** (Unison)

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.

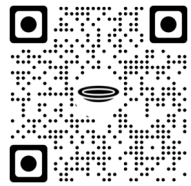
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

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

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

arr. Mack Wilberg

My shepherd will supply my need;
Jehovah is his name;
In pastures green he makes me feed,
Beside the living stream.
He brings my wandering spirit back
When I forsake his ways,
And leads me for his mercy's sake
In paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death,
Thy presence is my stay;
One word of thy supporting breath
Drives all my fears away.
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes,
Doth still my table spread;
My cup with blessings overflows,
Thine oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God
Attend me all my days;
O may thy house be my abode
And all my work be praise!
There would I find a settled rest
While others go and come,
No more a stranger or a guest,
But like a child at home.

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!

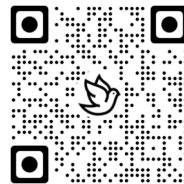
***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

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 1***Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*

NICAEA

We will sing the entire hymn and then sing verse 1 in Spanish.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION*POSTLUDE**

Festive Gloria

Aaron David Miller

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.

❧ NOTES ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC ❧

This morning's prelude is by Guatemalan composer Jesús Castillo (1877-1946). The Scherzo is one movement of a larger work, *Suite Indijena*. It was originally written for piano, and is based on a Son, a traditional rhythm. Castillo would go on to write orchestral and operatic works, often drawing inspiration from Mayan mythology.

Our postlude was first improvised by noted organist, Aaron David Miller. Dr. Miller serves as Director of Music and Organist at House of Hope Presbyterian Church in St. Paul, Minnesota. You won't want to miss his concert, part of the Open Door Concert Series here in the sanctuary, this afternoon at 4:00pm.

❧ THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ❧

The flowers are given today to the glory of God and in loving memory of her mother, Ruth Bathe's, birthday by Ellen Peters.

☞ THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY ☞

PASTORS

John E. Morgan, Pastor/Head of Staff

Pam Hrcir, Associate Pastor

VISITORS FROM GUATEMALA

Vicente Castañeda, International Fellowship

Noe Ramirez, Moderator Christian Education

MUSIC MINISTRY

Christopher Bechtler, Director of Music

Norman Elton, Organist and Assistant Director of Music

GREETER

9:30am Bill Riffer

11:00am Cyndi Young, Dick Hubbard

USHERS

9:30am Jay Hardy, Jeri Hardy, John VanAken, David Littell

11:00am Ford Moseley, Nancy Moseley, Kirk Lovenbury, Megan Davis

LITURGIST

Merle Murphy

SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

Lynne Savidis

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOST

Sarah Dulaney, Laura Osman, Pete Osman

***WILLIAMSBURG LANDING USHERS**

Doris Gilfillan, Linda Eichhorn

***WINDSOR MEADE USHER**

Ric Cheston

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 (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, April 21 – Saturday, April 27

Pastor John E. Morgan • jmorgan@mywpc.org • 757-908-7800

Touch Note from Pastor Pam:

- Dear Church Family, Since the tragic loss of my brother Bart, you have held me in bountiful prayer. My heart is overflowing in the love you have shared with me through text messages, emails, cards, and hugs. Your care for me during this sudden time of grief has given me the time and energy to support Bart's children as they care for their mom Beckie and sort through the ongoing paperwork. I am deeply touched by your poetic and profound words which give me much comfort and peace. Your kindness and support make a measurable difference in my life.

I am filled with gratitude for each of you. Our congregation is blessed with the gift of caring for others. May we continue share Christ's love with all who are hurting.

Praising and thanking God for our community of faith, *Pam*

Update on Beckie – she will go home any day now. Please pray for her as she goes back to her home for the first time since losing her dear husband Bart.

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

- WPC member, Jack Gilliland, whose wife, WPC member, Dee (Dorothy) Gilliland, died on Monday, April 15, 2024. At this time arrangements are pending.

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 ↻

- **Please attend the Local Mission Luncheon TODAY in Stevenson Hall directly following 11am worship service.** You'll enjoy a delicious lunch and learn more about FISH, Inc., the all-volunteer organization that has helped to feed the hungry and clothe the needy in our community for almost 50 years. Your donations of financial support, in-kind food, clothing, and small housewares, and volunteer service, are tangible reflections of Christ's love in service to our neighbors.

Monetary donations will be accepted at the Luncheon OR by the Church Office (make checks payable to Williamsburg Presbyterian Church with PW-Local Mission in the Memo line), or online, mywpc.org/fish.

- **The Open Door Concert Series welcomes organist Aaron David Miller for a concert this afternoon at 4pm.** Dr. Miller is critically acclaimed for his interpretations of organ repertoire, as well as remarkable ability to improvise new music in front of a live audience. For this special occasion, we also welcome Michael Barone, host of public radio's Pipe Dreams. In addition to recording this concert for inclusion in a future episode of his radio show, Michael will open the second half of the program with a special surprise. Stick around to meet friends and performers at the reception immediately following the concert. Be sure to invite a friend!
- **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**.

- **Our WPC Ladies Golf Group is eager to start the 2024 season!** If you missed our Fall event and would like to be included on our list for a 9-Hole play day (with lunch) sometime this summer, please contact Faith Shartzter*.
- **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.
- **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.
- **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*

- **Carrying Stream Gathering: Sunday, April 28 • 3:00pm, Rm 123.** Open to all veterans and veteran families, the Carrying Stream group meets four times per year to socialize and swap stories. In this meeting we will continue to get to know one another. New attendees have the opportunity to introduce themselves and talk about their background.

Topics for discussion: *Who is the most memorable person, positive or negative, you served with and why? Reading suggestions and movie recommendations.*

We also have a new logo with a custom tartan! Gather with us on Sunday, April 28 to learn what's behind it! Contact Jay Eritano with any questions, and to RSVP.

- **Save the Date for Earth Care talk at the Saturday, May 5 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 21

- 9:30am** Guatemala Team Visit
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**
12:00pm Local Mission Lunch / Stevenson Hall
4:00pm Open Door Concert • Aaron David Miller with Pipedreams Live / Sanctuary
5:30pm Youth Group / CE Wing

MONDAY, APRIL 22

- Guatemala Team Visit**
1:00pm Caregiver Support Group / Rm 123
2:00pm WPC Book Club / Rm 220
5:30pm WPC Family Event: Paint Night / Stevenson Hall
7:00pm Williamsburg Choral Guild Rehearsal / Choir Rm

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

- 10:00am Adult Bible Study / Rm 220
10:00am 137th Stated Meeting of Presbyterian of Eastern VA / Kirkwood Presbyterian Church
2:00pm From His Hand Motel Meals Prep / Kitchen
3:00pm Endowment Committee Quarterly Meeting / Rm 220
7:00pm AA Williamsburg Big Book Study / LL009 and LL049

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

- 9:00am Sanctuary Cleaning
6:00pm Session Meeting / Stevenson Hall
7:30pm Westminster Ringers / Bell Rm

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

- 12:00pm Organ Lessons / Sanctuary

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

↻ NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP ↻

April 28, 2024 • 5th Sunday of Easter

Installation of our incoming Church Officers at the 9:30am worship service.
The sermon, "*Perfect Love Casts Our Fear*", will be based on I John 4:7-21.

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

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