

# WILLIAMSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FAMILY WORSHIP SUNDAY JANUARY 19, 2025

# PRAYER FOR PREPARATION

Holy God, through signs of grace you reveal your glory to all the world. Open our eyes to the hidden and surprising wonders you perform, that we may believe with our minds and trust in our hearts that you alone are Lord of all creation. Though Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen.

# THE GATHERING PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

# PASTORAL GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH** 

MINUTE FOR MISSION: Open Door Concert

PRELUDE

What Wondrous Love Is This

Martha Jean Howell

Norman Elton

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CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Leader: How precious is the steadfast love of God.

All: All people may take refuge in the shadow of God's embrace.

Leader: Christ is the fountain of life.

All: In Christ we behold the Light of God.

**\*HYMN 733** We All Are One in Mission Es Flog Ein Kleins Waldvögelein

\*Please rise in body or spirit.

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



A Lutheran pastor wrote this text in response to a bishop's letter that said, "Our mission is to touch the lives of others with Christ's love." This theme is made stronger by recognizing that shared purposes do not require the denial of diversity but are enriched by it.

# \*CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: In the light of Christ, we see the darkness of our world and of our hearts. Trusting in God's saving love, let us confess our sin.

# \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

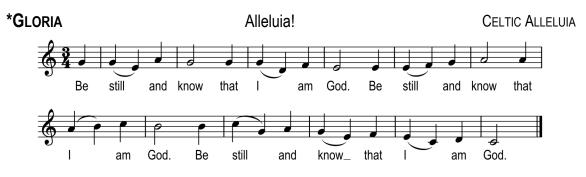
Almighty God, we confess that we have been led astray by the idols of our world. We have depended on our possessions and have not placed our trust in your grace. We have carelessly consumed the gifts you offer and have failed to be faithful stewards of the earth's resources. We have sought security in the might of the sword rather than the strength of your Holy Spirit. Forgive us, we pray. Lead us to true repentance that we may serve you faithfully. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

# A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER



# \*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Hear the good news: Christ unmasks the idols of our world and frees us from slavery to all that would oppress us. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.



(11:00) SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

# THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Gracious God, by the power of the Holy Spirit, quicken our understanding that we may receive the testimony of Scripture and believe in the signs that reveal your presence. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 62:1-5

Martha Jean Howell

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

# (9:30) I CORINTHIANS 12:4-11 (responsive)

Leader: Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit,

- All: and there are varieties of services but the same Lord,
- Leader: and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.
- All: To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.
- Leader: To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit,
- All: to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit,
- Leader: to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.
- All: All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

(11:00) I CORINTHIANS 12:1-11		Read by Mackenzie Eritano
(9:30) SECOND LESSON: (11:00) SECOND LESSON:	Psalm 36:5-10 Embodying Psalm 36:5-10 This is the Word of the Lord! Thanks be to God!	WPC Youth
SERMON	"Steadfast Love"	Pastor John E. Morgan

# RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*Нуми 833

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

ST. MARGARET

# \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: FROM A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH (Unison)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

# 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.



composed tune for the 11th-century patroness of Scotland.

TEXT: George Matheson, 1881, alt. MUSIC: Albert Lister Peace, 1884, alt. ST. MARGARET 8.8.8.8.6

### **OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

Sometimes a light surprises The Christian while she sings; It is the Lord who rises With healing in his wings: When comforts are declining, He grants the soul again A season of clear shining, To cheer it after rain.

In holy contemplation We sweetly then pursue The theme of God's salvation, And find it ever new; Set free from present sorrow, We cheerfully can say, Let the unknown tomorrow Bring with it what it may.

It can bring with it nothing But he will bear us through; Who gives the lilies clothing Will clothe his people too: Beneath the spreading heavens No creature but is fed; And he who feeds the ravens Will give his children bread.

Though vine nor fig tree neither Their wanted fruit should bear, Though all the fields should wither, Nor flocks nor herds be there; Yet, God the same abiding His praise shall tune my voice: For while in him confiding, I cannot but rejoice.



# \*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.



FAITHFULNESS

\*HYMN 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

# \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

Fanfare

**Mathias** 

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.



#### \*Or "Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator."

Written as a meditation on Lamentations 3:22–23, this text is one of the few hymns among the 1200 poems by this Methodist writer and pastor that has gained much currency. The tune that appears here was composed especially for these words, and the pairing has proved enduring.

# ➢ THE CHANCEL FLOWERS <</p>

The Chancel Flowers are given today to the glory of God and in loving memory of her husband, Bill Brink, and sister, Sandra Ward, by Barbara Brink.

# Prose Serving in Worship Today 🖘

#### PASTOR

John E. Morgan, Pastor/Head of Staff

Pam Hrncir, Associate Pastor

#### YOUTH READER

Mackenzie Eritano

Melody Dillion, Director of Christian and Family Ministries

#### EMBODYING THE PSALM

WPC Youth

Christopher Bechtler, Director of Music

Norman Elton, Organist and Assistant Director of Music

WPC Chancel Choir

#### GREETERS

9:30am Anne and Nick Nicastro

11:00am Rebecca Caprio, Kathryn Hall

### USHERS

9:30am Lynn Newcomer, Larry Cheney, Cathy Cheney, Rebecca Caprio

11:00am Bob Bolstad, Ric Cheston, Megan Davis, Kirk Lovenbury

### LITURGIST

Martha Jean Howell

SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

Megan Davis

#### COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOST

Jim Carey, Gail and Ned Frey

#### \*WILLIAMSBURG LANDING USHERS

Boyd and Barbara Knowles

#### \*WINDSOR MEADE USHER

Ray Whitney

AUDIO AND VIDEO TECHNICIANS: Dave McLain and John Schoenberger

\*Satellite campuses

#### ➢ WPC Elders, Deacons & 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 Squires (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 Whitlev \*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) MINISTRY TEAMS 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 Mosely (27), Jack Lassiter (27), Kathy Chambers (27), Dave Littell (25) STAFF 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; Adrian Williams, Cory Cathcart, Director of Youth, College and UKirk Ministries Music Staff: Chris Bechtler, Director of Music; Norman Elton, Organist, 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

#### ~ <u>Children's Statement</u> ళు

**Children are welcome at WPC!** We have Sunday School for all ages at 9:30am 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!

#### ➢ 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, January 19 – Saturday, January 25

Pastor Pam Hrncir • phrncir@mywpc.org • 757-508-4668

#### Touch Note:

The Crumbly family wishes to thank all for your prayers, notes, cards, visits, texts and email messages during Clara's
recent illness and services. They were greatly appreciated and welcomed.

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

- Pastor Karen Stanley, Associate Pastor at WPC from 2000-2013, and family on the death of her husband, Anthony "Tony" Stanley, who died Friday, December 27, 2024. A memorial service was held Saturday, January 18, 2025, at Brett-Reed Memorial Presbyterian Church, 29680 King Williams Road, West Point.
- Jodie Davis and family on the death of her "Aunt Mame", Mary Bilzi, who died on Tuesday, January 14, 2025.

#### Please pray for our sick and shut-in:

• Michelle, daughter of Ellen and Gene D'Orsogna, Denny Yeignst, Bob Siclari, Carol Sorensen, George Harris, Lee Beach, Wolf Koenig, Nell Stowe, Carole McNeel

#### 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 the fires in California, still 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.

#### le Announcements 🗞

- Today is WPC Family Sunday! We encourage all to stay for the 11:00am service so the children can lead the congregation in *Embodying the Psalm*. After the service, we will have lunch open to anyone, so we hope you will stay and fellowship with us!
- On behalf of the Administration Ministry and the Job Search Committee, we are very pleased to announce that Gregory "Cory" Cathcart has accepted the new P/T position as Director of Youth, College and UKIRK Ministries effective January 15, 2025. Cory is a Retired Captain, US Navy Chaplain. His education includes the University of Missouri, the Saint Paul School of Theology, the Naval War College and Princeton Seminary. He has extensive background in guiding, teaching, counseling, and leading young adults. He understands and shares our vision of spiritual growth for our high school and college students and our commitment to our neighbors at William and Mary. He is very eager to hear your ideas and get started! Cory and his wife, Patty, and daughter, Isabella, have attended WPC in the past and are happy to be back in this area again. Stop by Coffee Fellowship in Stevenson Hall between services to welcome Cory and his family. Cory can be reached at gcathcart@mywpc.org or call the church office.
- The Open Door Concert Series welcomes organist Isabelle Demers this afternoon. With playing described as having "bracing virtuosity" and being "fearless and extraordinary", Demers has enraptured critics and audiences around the globe. Her varied programs are engaging to organ aficionados and curious listeners alike. In addition to maintaining an active recital schedule and releasing multiple recordings, Dr. Demers is Associate Professor of Organ at McGill University (Montréal, Québec). This free concert begins at 4:00pm this afternoon with a reception to follow. Invite a friend!
- MLK Service: The annual gathering of the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia commemorating the life and ministry of The Rev. Dr. Martin L. King, Jr., is today Sunday, January 19, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. at Royster Memorial Presbyterian Church, 6901 Newport Avenue, Norfolk, Virginia. Talk to Pastor Morgan this morning if you would like to carpool.
- Recently it has been brought to our attention that members' hearing aids are not picking up the signal from our assisted listening device. Our Audio Team has looked over the system and didn't find anything wrong. There was room for them to turn up the signal to make it stronger. If anyone is experiencing any other problems, please see John Schoenberger, Audio Tech, in the audio booth between services or contact him at wpcavbooth@mywpc.org.
- The Fellowship Class invites you to join us for our winter study of the Minor Prophets. We'll have a lively discussion of what God's word to the Israelites means for us as Christians in the 21st century. We meet in Room L009, and Bibles are provided! Join us at 9:30am each Sunday morning.
- 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 through March 13. Registration is not required, but please reach out to Melody with questions and to let her know you're coming!
- 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 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 in Room LL049 during both the 9:30 and 11am worship services, allowing you to attend the service and worship at your preferred time. Registration is appreciated, either online at mywpc.org/Jan26 or the table in the back lobby. 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.
- The Flower Calendar for 2025 has 1 opening, 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.
- The Peninsula Presbyterian Basketball Fellowship is a weekly pickup basketball game. This is envisioned as an opportunity for any Presbyterian or Presbyterian-affiliated people to get together and run the court for good exercise and competition. We'll gather and play each week on Sunday evenings, 7:00 8:30pm at Hidenwood Presbyterian Church's indoor court. Anyone who is interested can call or text Rev. Boone Clayton (Assoc. Pastor at Denbigh United) with any questions at 703-220-2451.
- Job opening at Respite Care at Williamsburg UMC, Jamestown Road. Respite Care is a weekday
  afternoon ministry of Williamsburg United Methodist Church, open to all faiths and non-faiths. We provide
  time off for family members who care for dependent seniors. Respite Care provides social engagement
  and stimulating activities for dependent seniors in a safe and secure setting to maximize their cognitive &
  social abilities. Visit <a href="https://williamsburgumc.org/respite-care/">https://williamsburgumc.org/respite-care/</a> to learn more.

#### Position:

#### Executive Director, Respite Care Program Williamsburg United Methodist Church

FLSA status: Non-Exempt, Part-time 26+ hours/week not to exceed 29 **Position Description**:

The Executive Director of the Respite Care program provides leadership and oversight to ensure the effective operation of program delivery and the organization's financial stability. This position focuses on increasing organizational visibility, supervising day-to-day operations, and ensuring the program meets its objectives. The role requires a proactive, strategic leader committed to the mission of Respite Care.

The Executive Director is supervised by the Associate Pastor for personnel matters and has a reporting relationship with the Respite Board of Directors. The Board is responsible for setting program policies and procedures which the Executive Director is charged with implementing. This position is governed by the Personnel Policy Manual of the Williamsburg United Methodist Church as adopted by the SPPRC. This is a part-time job not to exceed 29 hours per week and includes limited benefits as identified in the manual. The Executive Director is expected to be on-site at the Church during the majority of the program's hours at least 4 days a week. Attendance at off-site conferences is included in the total weekly hours.

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

#### ➣ This Week's Schedule of Events <</p>

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

- FISH Food Collection Sunday
- 9:30am-12pm Nursery open during both worship services
- 9:30am Sunday School / Christian Education Wing
- 9:30am In-person Worship / Sanctuary; Live-Stream Worship; visit mywpc.org to access
- 11:00am In-person Worship / Sanctuary; Broadcast on FM93.5 The Burg and AM740 or wmbgradio.com
- 4:00pm PEVA Annual MLK Service / Royster Memorial Presbyterian Church,
- 6901 Newport Avenue, Norfolk, Virginia
- 4:00pm Open Door Concert Series presents Isabelle Demers, organist / Sanctuary
- 5:30pm Youth Group / CE Wing

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 20

#### Martin Luther King, Jr. Day • Church Office will be closed.

- 1:00pm Caregiver Support Group / Rm 123
- 1:00pm Presbyterian Women's Circle 3 Miriam / Rm 220
- 6:30pm Williamsburg Choral Guild Rehearsal / Sanctuary

#### TUESDAY, JANUARY 21

- 10:00am Adult Bible Study—Christian Believer: Knowing God with Heart and Mind / Rm 220
- 11:45am Communications Ministry Meeting / Rm 2201:00pm Staff Meeting / Stevenson Hall
- 1:00pm Staff Meeting / Zoom
- 2:00pm From His Hands Motel Ministry Meeting / Kitchen
- 5:30pm Resources Ministry Meeting / LL010 and Zoom
- 7:00pm AA Williamsburg Big Book Study / LL009 and LL049

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22

- 7:30am Men's Bible and Bacon Study / Stevenson Hall
- 9:30am Presbyterian Women's Coordinating Team Meeting / Rm 220
- 6:00pm Joyful Ringers Rehearsal / Bell Room
- 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 23

- 9:00am Sanctuary Cleaning
- 4:30pm Carol and Junior Choir Rehearsal / Choir Rm
- 5:30pm King's Kids Worship Dance / LL04
- 7:00pm Session Meeting / Rm 220

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 24

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

 $\gg$  Next Sunday in Worship  $\ll$ 

#### January 26, 2025 • 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time • Family Sunday

Pastor John's sermon, "Today This Scripture Has Been Fulfilled" will be based on Luke 4:14-21.