



# WILLIAMSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### JANUARY 26, 2025

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## PRAYER FOR PREPARATION

Fill me, Lord, here and now, with a deep sense of your presence and a strong sense of your empowering Spirit. Take this time of prayer to renew our faith and replenish our hearts. Rebirth our spirits so that we may live with hope and confidence this day and every day, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

## THE GATHERING

### PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

#### PASTORAL GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Mark Newcomb

#### PRELUDE

Little Trumpet Tune

Sobaje

#### CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Leader: God built the heavens, the earth, and everything in them.

**All: God calls us to be builders as well.**

Leader: God calls us to build our lives:

**All: to restore broken places and continue to grow.**

Leader: God calls us to build our faith:

**All: to study the Word and ponder its interpretation.**

Leader: God calls us to build our community:

**All: to build bridges of understanding and systems of justice.**

Leader: God calls us to build history by fulfilling the promises of Scripture:

**All: to preach the good news of God's love and liberation for all people.**

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\*Please rise in body or spirit. The people's responses are in **bold type**.

**\*HYMN 625**

*O Lord My God*

HOW GREAT THOU ART

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

Leader: Let us confess our sin as an offering of our trust in God's love and forgiveness for us.

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

God of our Restoration,  
whenever we come home to you,  
we realize how far we have strayed  
and how much we have forgotten  
of your law and your love.

We have not loved you with our whole hearts  
or loved our neighbors as ourselves.

Forgive us, heal us,  
and restore us to our relationship with you;  
through Jesus Christ, in whom we trust. Amen.

**A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER**

**\*KYRIE**

Be Still and Know

Anonymous

Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that  
I am God. Be still and know\_ that I am God.

**\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Leader: God's Word has been fulfilled among us in Jesus Christ, who sets us free to live in accord with God's own jubilee.

**\*GLORIA**

Alleluia!

CELTIC ALLELUIA

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

## O Lord My God

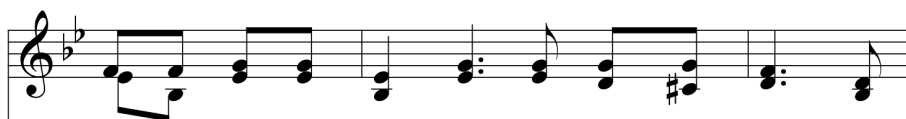
How Great Thou Art



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der con-sid-er  
 2 When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der and hear the  
 3 And when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing, sent him to  
 4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion and take me



all the \*worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I  
 birds sing sweet-ly in the trees, when I look down from  
 die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross, my  
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then \*I shall bow in



hear the \*roll-ing thun-der, thy power through-out the  
 loft-y moun-tain gran-deur and hear the brook and  
 bur-den glad-ly bear-ing, he bled and died to  
 hum-ble ad-o-ra-tion, and there pro-claim, "My



*\*Author's original words are "works," "mighty," and "shall I bow."*

This tuneful retelling of the salvation story began in Swedish and was translated into German and then into Russian before reaching its English form. Despite such linguistic and musical revisions, it continues to be a meaningful source of comfort to many people.

Refrain

u - ni - verse dis - played:  
feel the gen - tle breeze: Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to  
take a - way my sin:  
God, how great thou art!"

thee: How great thou art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my

Sav - ior God, to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art!

**(11:00) SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN**

Megan Davis

**(11:00) WELCOME TO THE CONFIRMATION JOURNEY**

Melody Dillon

Melody: The Holy Spirit has led these people here today at the beginning of their Confirmation journey. Let us all welcome them here.

Melody: *(addressing each confirmand in turn)* What is your name?

Confirmand: *(states name)*

Melody: What are you seeking?

Confirmand: To grow in faith

*(When all have answered, Melody addresses them all.)*

Melody: In the name of Christ, this community welcomes you here today.

**Congregation: Come, join us in God's household!**

Melody: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." You have been drawn to Christ's light, and the way of the Gospel lies open before you. Journey with us and learn to trust Christ. Grow to believe in him with all your heart. Jesus will show you how to love God and to love your neighbor and will lead you to the fullness of life. And so, I ask each of you:

Melody: Confirmands, do you turn to Jesus?

All Confirmands: We turn to Jesus.

Melody: Do you seek Jesus as your Teacher?

All Confirmands: We seek Jesus.

Melody: Will you follow Jesus, the Way, the Truth, and the Life?

All Confirmands: We will follow Jesus.

Melody: Congregation, are you also willing to help these seekers learn to follow Jesus?

**Congregation: Yes, we are.**

Melody: Are you ready to care for them with your prayers and fellowship?

**Congregation: Yes, we are ready.**

Melody: God's grace and mercy have brought you here and given you the desire to follow Jesus! Today this whole community has promised their support. We welcome you now to this body of believers. Go forth with the blessing of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**Congregation: And with our blessing.**

**All: Amen.**

# THE WORD

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Just as we see your wisdom and glory in nature  
around us, God, may we hear your Word for us in the words of  
these readings, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may be drawn  
closer to you. Through Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

## FIRST LESSON: *Nehemiah 8:5-19*

Mark Newcomb

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

## PSALM 19 (unison)

The heavens are telling the glory of God,  
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.  
Day to day pours forth speech,  
and night to night declares knowledge.  
There is no speech, nor are there words;  
their voice is not heard;  
yet their voice goes out through all the earth  
and their words to the end of the world.  
In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,  
which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,  
and like a strong man runs its course with joy.  
Its rising is from the end of the heavens  
and its circuit to the end of them,  
and nothing is hid from its heat.

## SECOND LESSON: *Luke 4:14-21*

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

## SERMON

*"Today This Scripture Has Been Fulfilled"*

Pastor John E. Morgan

# RESPONDING TO THE WORD

**\*HYMN 395**

*Blessed Jesus, at Your Word*

LIEBSTER JESU

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

We trust in Jesus Christ,  
fully human, fully God.  
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:  
preaching good news to the poor  
and release to the captives,  
teaching by word and deed  
and blessing the children,  
healing the sick  
and binding up the brokenhearted,  
eating with outcasts,  
forgiving sinners,  
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

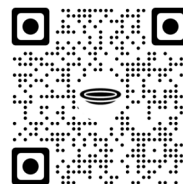
**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER** (Unison)

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](http://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.



# 395 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at your word we have come a -  
 2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est  
 3 Glo - rious Lord, your - self im - part, Light of Light, from

gain to hear you; let our thoughts and hearts be stirred  
 dark - ness shroud - ed, till your Spir - it breaks our night,  
 God pro - ceed - ing. Touch our lips and ears and heart;

and in glow - ing faith be near you. By your gos - pel  
 fill - ing us with light un - cloud - ed. All good thoughts and  
 help us by your Spir - it's plead - ing. Hear the cry your

true and ho - ly, teach us, Lord, to love you sole - ly.  
 all good liv - ing come but by your gra - cious giv - ing.  
 church now rais - es; hear, and bless our prayers and prais - es.

Originally conceived to be sung before the sermon, this hymn assumes a congregation that assembles regularly, and it needs to be placed near the beginning rather than the end of worship. The simple repetitive tune reinforces the text's sense of receptivity and expectation.



## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Laudate Nomen Domini

Christopher Tye (c. 1505-1571)

Laudate nomen domini,  
vos servi domini;  
ab ortu solis  
usque ad occasum ejus.

Decreta Dei justa sunt  
et cor exhilarant.  
Laudate Deum  
principes et omnes populi

Praise the Lord  
O servants of the Lord,  
from the rising of the sun  
until its setting.

The laws of God are just  
and make the heart joyful.  
Praise the Lord,  
leaders and all people.

-Psalm 121:1, 3

## \*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise

God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

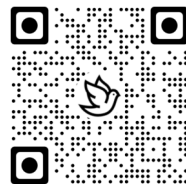
## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

# 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](http://mywpc.org/friendship) or scan the QR code at the right to access the online friendship register.



## \*HYMN 772

*Live into Hope*

TRURO

## \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

Joysong

Cooman

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.

1 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed, of sight re -  
 2 Live in - to hope! The blind shall see with in - sight  
 3 Live in - to hope of lib - er - ty, the right to  
 4 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed from chains of

gained, the end of greed. The op-pressed shall be the  
 and with clar - i - ty, re - mov - ing shades of  
 speak, the right to be, the right to have one's  
 fear or want or greed. God now pro - claims our

first to see the year of God's own ju - bi - lee!  
 pride and fear, a vi - sion of our God brought near.  
 dai - ly bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.  
 full re - lease to faith and hope and joy and peace.

This text on Luke 4:16–20, the author's first, was written for the United Presbyterian Women's National Meeting in July 1976 because the team planning worship could not find a suitable hymn on that passage. She wrote the words with this vigorous 18th-century tune in mind.

☞ **THE CHANCEL FLOWERS** ☞

The Chancel Flowers are given today to the glory of God and in loving memory of those lost in 2024: Sam, Alice, Neal, Nancy, and Julian  
by Jackie Bowlin.

☞ **THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY** ☞

**PASTOR**

John E. Morgan, Pastor/Head of Staff

Pam Hrcir, Associate Pastor

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

Melody Dillon, Director of Christian and Family Ministries

**MUSIC MINISTRY**

Christopher Bechtler, Director of Music

Norman Elton, Organist and Assistant Director of Music

WPC Chancel Choir

**GREETERS**

9:30am Bill Boggs, Harley Stewart

11:00am Dick Hubbard, Jim Austin

**USHERS**

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

11:00am Patty Yewcic, Ric Cheston, Rebecca Caprio, Megan Davis

**LITURGIST**

Mark Newcomb

**SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN**

Megan Davis

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOST**

Sarah Dulaney, Robin Sabo, Sarah Smith

**\*WILLIAMSBURG LANDING USHERS**

Nick and Anne Nicastro

**\*WINDSOR MEADE USHER**

Ray Whitney

**AUDIO AND VIDEO TECHNICIANS:** Dick Sahlen and John Schoenberger

\*Satellite campuses

## ☞ CHILDREN'S STATEMENT ☞

**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](http://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](mailto: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 26 – Saturday, February 1**

Pastor John E. Morgan • [jmorgan@mywpc.org](mailto:jmorgan@mywpc.org) • 757-903-7800

### **Please pray for our homebound:**

- 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.

## ↻ ANNOUNCEMENTS ↻

- Melody Dillon, Director of Children and Family Ministries, is attending Continuing Education (January 28-30) and the WPC Confirmation Retreat at Massanetta with our youth (February 1-3).
- **New Volunteer Seminar TODAY, 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](http://mywpc.org/Jan26) or the table in the back lobby.** Contact Jan Russell\* with any questions.
- **The Prayer:** We have all heard of the Lord's Prayer, and many have it memorized. But what about Jesus' prayer in the garden of Gethsemane? In times of trial could that prayer be even more helpful? Using Matthew 26:36-46, The Squares will take a close look at the prayer at Gethsemane and its implications for us as we travel life's rocky path. **Come join this men's group on Thursday, February 6, 7:00pm in room 227 or by Zoom (check with Chuck Timko\* for more information).**
- **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](mailto:wpcavbooth@mywpc.org).
- **The Fellowship Class invites you to join us on Sunday mornings 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:** Pastor Pam is currently facilitating a six-week grief journey group. 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.
- **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](mailto:phrncir@mywpc.org)) after the service.
- **Peninsula Presbyterian Basketball Fellowship:** A weekly pickup basketball game for adults has started Sunday evenings, 7:00-8:30pm at Hidenwood Presbyterian Church's indoor court. Any participants or friends of local Presbyterian church communities are invited. 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 <https://williamsburgumc.org/respite-care/> 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  
can be found on our website at [mywpc.org/news/](http://mywpc.org/news/) or on the church calendar.

☞ THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF EVENTS ☞

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 26**

- 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](http://mywpc.org) to access  
11:00am In-person Worship / Sanctuary; Broadcast on FM93.5 The Burg and AM740 or [wmbgradio.com](http://wmbgradio.com)  
9:30am New Volunteer Seminar / LL049  
11:00am New Volunteer Seminar / LL049  
4:00pm Open Door Concert Series presents Isabelle Demers, organist / Sanctuary  
5:30pm Youth Group / CE Wing

**MONDAY, JANUARY 27**

- 9:00am Kids Connect Day Camp / Throughout WPC  
1:00pm Caregiver Support Group / Rm 123  
2:00pm WPC Book Club / Rm 220 and Zoom  
6:30pm Williamsburg Choral Guild Rehearsal / Sanctuary

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 28**

- 10:00am Adult Bible Study—Christian Believer: Knowing God with Heart and Mind / Rm 220  
1:00pm Staff Meeting / Zoom  
2:00pm From His Hands Motel Ministry Meeting / Kitchen  
3:00pm Endowment Committee Quarterly Meeting / Rm 220  
6:30pm UKirk Dinner & Dialogue / UKirk Rm LL012 and LL011  
7:00pm AA Williamsburg Big Book Study / LL009 and LL049

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29**

- 6:00pm Joyful Ringers Rehearsal / Bell Room  
7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 30**

- 9:00am Sanctuary Cleaning  
4:30pm Carol and Junior Choir Rehearsal / Choir Rm  
7:30pm Westminster Ringers / Bell Rm

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 31**

WPC Confirmation Retreat at Massanetta

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1**

WPC Confirmation Retreat at Massanetta

☞ NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP ☞

**February 2, 2025 • 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Communion Sunday**  
**Celebration of the Lord's Supper will be served at all services.**  
Pastor John's sermon, *Doctor Cure Yourself*, will be based on Luke 4:21-30.