

WILLIAMSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME COMMUNION SUNDAY FEBRUARY 2, 2025

PRAYER FOR PREPARATION

God of life, death, and resurrection, we are grateful for life and all its gifts. Increase in us the stuff that life is made of—faith, hope, and love, but especially love—that we may abide with you eternally through Jesus Christ, our lover and our Lord. Amen.

THE GATHERING PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

PASTORAL GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH			Beth Stabler
MINUTE FOR MISSION: Stewardship Update			Pete Osman
Prelude		Arietta	Coleridge-Taylor
CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)			
Leader: All: Leader: All:	From the very beginning, God calls us. God sets us apart with a meaning and a purpose. We come up with excuses to avoid our calls, for we are afraid. But God reassures us in many and various ways through the course of our days.		
Leader: All:	Our hope is in God all of our lives. God is with us and sustains us.		
*Нүмл 275		A Mighty Fortress Is Our God	EIN' FESTE BURG

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



Long before Isaac Watts began to Christianize the Psalms, Martin Luther had already done so when he created the text and tune for this, his most famous hymn, which is based on Psalm 46. Luther encouraged metrical versions of psalms as well as chanted psalms and new hymns.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: God calls us to speak the truth, even when it is difficult, to others but also to ourselves. Confessing our sin in prayer, we dare to speak the truth about ourselves to God, who desires to deliver us and to cast out fear.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God, our Deliverer, we confess that we are too reluctant to speak and to live according to your truth.
We grow comfortable with the way things are, passively condoning injustice.
We see ourselves as "insiders," excluding those we consider "outsiders."
We find it easier to pluck up and pull down, to destroy and overthrow, than to build and to plant.
Forgive us, O God, for being timid disciples.
Empty us of fear and shame, and fill us with love that is humble and patient and kind.
We pray this in the name of the One who

humbled himself, Jesus Christ. Amen.

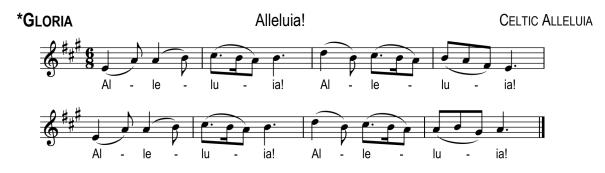
A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER



*Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Though we know only in part, we are fully known to God.

All: By the grace of Christ, God forgives us in love, and calls us to abide in faith, in hope, and in love.



(11:00) SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

Laura Bechtler

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Holy God, as we open your Word, we lay aside all that hinders us from listening to your voice. We ask that you grant us grace to hear, wisdom to understand and courage to apply what we learn. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: I Corinthians 13:1-13

Beth Stabler

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

PSALM 71:1-6 (responsive)

Leader: In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

All: In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me.

Leader: Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

All: Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.

Leader: For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youth.

All: From my birth I have leaned upon you, my protector since my mother's womb. My praise is continually of you. **SECOND LESSON:** Jeremiah 1:4-10

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Sermon

"Your Words in My Mouth"

Pastor John E. Morgan

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Нуми 722

Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

CANONBURY

*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.

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.





Two great truths inform this text: first, that the testimony of experience is powerful and persuasive; and second, that no one should venture to minister on one's own strength rather than God's. The tune reflects a 19th-century practice of adapting piano pieces as hymn tunes.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

arr. Erik Dewar and Dan Forrest

Carol and Junior Choirs with Chancel Choir

I want to walk as a child of the light; I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to give light to the world; The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain:

In him there is no darkness at all; The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God: Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God; I want to look at Jesus. Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path, And show me the way to the Father. (Refrain)

I'm looking for the coming of Christ; I want to be with Jesus. When we have run with patience the race, We shall know the joy of Jesus. (Refrain)



*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Williamsburg Presbyterian Church welcomes all who believe in Jesus Christ to share the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper with us today. We receive the elements by means of intinction, taking a piece of bread and dipping it into the cup. For those who desire an individual serving, regular or gluten free, they will be on a table in front of the baptismal font and on the small tables located in the balcony. If you are seated on the main floor of the sanctuary, you are invited to come forward to the chancel area by way of the center aisle and return to your pews by the side aisle. If you are sitting in the balcony, an usher will guide you to the sacrament. If you are unable to come forward easily, please signal to one of the ushers or elders so the communion elements can be brought to your seat.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

- Pastor: The Lord be with you.
- People: And also with you.
- Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
- People: We lift them to the Lord.
- Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- Pastor: Eternal God...

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE MEAL

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Be Thou My Vision Ellen Peters and Chris Bechtler Bob Chilcott (b. 1955)

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart, Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art; Be thou my best thought in the day and the night, Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

(Anthem continues on the next page.)

Be thou my wisdom and thou my true word; Be thou ever with me and I with thee, Lord; Be thou my father, and I thy true son; Be thou in me dwelling and I with thee one.

Be thou and thou only first in my heart; O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art; Great heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

GOING OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

*INVITATION AND THE LORD'S DAY GREETING

We are glad you are worshiping with us today. If you are joining us online, please remember to 'sign' our online friendship register:

- Click on the Welcome to WPC! Click here to sign the Friendship Register banner at the top of the website page
- Visit <u>mywpc.org/friendship</u> or scan the QR code at the right to access the online friendship register.

*HYMN 691 Lord, When I Came Into This Life

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Jubilate

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.



LAND OF REST

Sowande



Written for the confirmation of the author's son, this text of self-dedication also voices our recurring individual need to recommit ourselves in less formal ways. The familiar shape note tune enhances a sense of finding our place among God's people from all times and places.

TEXT: Fred Kaan, 1976

MUSIC: American folk melody; harm. Charles H. Webb, 1988

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LAND OF REST CM (alternate harmonization, 545)

🇞 The Chancel Flowers 😽

The Chancel Flowers are given today to the glory of God and in thanks for their grandchildren, Justin, Jr., Toby, Scarlett, Nora, and Clayton By Nancy and Paul Miller.

🎓 Those Serving in Worship Today 🖘

PASTOR

John E. Morgan, Pastor/Head of Staff

Pam Hrncir, Associate Pastor

MUSIC MINISTRY

Christopher Bechtler, Director of Music

Norman Elton, Organist and Assistant Director of Music

WPC Chancel Choir

Ellen Peters

Carol Choir and Junior Choir direction by Rebecca Elton

GREETERS

9:30am Penny Marshburn, Harley Stewart

11:00am Tom Moul, Kathryn Hall

USHERS

9:30am Matthew Underwood, John VanAken, David Littell, Rebecca Caprio

11:00am Bob Bolstad, Penny Marshburn, Pat Murray, Rick Murray

LITURGIST

Beth Stabler

SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

Laura Bechtler

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOST

Happy and Ralph Simmons, Atticus Gore

*WILLIAMSBURG LANDING USHERS

Dick Sahlen, Harold Hering, Linda Eichhorn

*WINDSOR MEADE USHER

Ray Whitney

*WINDSOR MEADE COMMUNION SERVERS

Hazel and Ray Whitney

AUDIO AND VIDEO TECHNICIANS: Dick Sahlen and John Schoenberger

*Satellite campuses

~ <u>Children's Statement</u> ~

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!

➢ <u>Support For Our Members</u> ≪

- 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. During the week, please call the church office.

Sunday, February 2 – Saturday, February 8 • Pastor Pam • phrncir@mywpc.org • 757-508-4668

Joy:

• Happy Birthday to WPC member Jan Merritt on the occasion of her 95th birthday.

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

- The family of WPC member Niels Sherman Favre, husband of Elizabeth L. Favre, who went home to be with our Lord on Tuesday, January 21, 2025. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, February 15, 2025 at 11am in our sanctuary followed by a reception in Stevenson Hall.
- The family of Marian Poole, mother of Ellen Morgan (Pastor John), who went home to be with our Lord on Sunday, January 26, 2025. A memorial service will be held in Abington, PA on Friday, February 14, 2025 at 2pm.

Please pray for:

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

Please pray for those:

• Recovering from various surgeries, who are homebound, 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, serving our country in leadership roles, affected by the wars in Gaza, Israel, Sudan, and Ukraine.

🇞 Announcements 🖘

- Melody Dillon, Director of Children and Family Ministries, is attending the WPC Confirmation Retreat at Massanetta with our youth (February 1-3).
- ADD A BLOSSOM TO THE FLOURISH TREE! For the month of February, our Flourish Tree theme will be "Where Do You See God's Love?" We invite you to take a pink heart (available in the welcome lobby) and write down where you see God's love at work around you and in your life, at WPC or in the world. We want to hear from all ages. Then glue it to the Flourish Tree on the wall to make our tree bloom!
- Sign-Ups for Coffee Fellowship Hosts, Ushers, and Greeters Begin 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 between services today through February 16 to learn more and sign up to host Coffee Fellowship, Usher, or Greet during the months of February, March, and April. Coffee Fellowship Deacons and Usher Coordinators will be available to answer your questions. No previous experience necessary and all ages are welcome!

Feel free to sign up online from the comfort of your home by going to https://signup.com/go/iGCDndF to sign up as a greeter/usher and https://signup.com/go/yOsEWmJ to sign up for coffee fellowship.

- Christian Fellowship Ministry will meet Wednesday, February 5 at 7:00pm room220.
- We are looking forward to seeing you at our Annual Town Hall Meeting in Stevenson Hall on Saturday, February 8, 2025, 10:00-11:30am. Our pastors, staff and church ministries will share highlights from 2024 and share what is coming in 2025.
- WPC Book Club: Everyone is invited to read and then meet on Monday, February 24, 2025, at 2 pm in Room 220 (and on Zoom) to discuss *James*, by Percival Everett.
- Guatemala Trip 2025: A team from WPC will be going to Guatemala July 9-15. We would love to add you to the team. For more information all are invited to a meeting Monday, February 10 5pm in the church library or contact Bill Vardeman* or Nancy Archibald after February 5.* for details.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

- 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/ or on the church calendar.

\nsim This Week's Schedule of Events \checkmark

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2 • COMMUNION 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
- 4:45pm Youth Choir Rehearsal / Bell Room
- 5:30pm Youth Group / CE Wing

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3

- 1:00pm Caregiver Support Group / Rm 123
- 6:30pm Williamsburg Choral Guild Rehearsal / Sanctuary

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

- 10:00am Adult Bible Study—Christian Believer: Knowing God with Heart and Mind / Rm 220
- 1:00pm In-person Staff Meeting / Stevenson Hall
- 6:30pm UKirk Dinner & Dialogue / UKirk Rm LL012 and LL011
- 7:00pm Presbyterian Women's Circle 4 / Zoom
- 7:00pm Earth Care Committee / Library and Zoom
- 7:00pm AA Williamsburg Big Book Study / LL009 and LL049

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

- 6:00pm Joyful Ringers Rehearsal / Bell Room
- 7:00pm Christian Fellowship Ministry / Room 220
- 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

- 9:00am Sanctuary Cleaning
- 9:30am Presbyterian Women's Circle 1 / Stevenson Hall
- 4:30pm Carol and Junior Choir Rehearsal / Choir Rm
- 5:30pm King's Kids Literacy Program / LL049
- 6:00pm ARC W&M Literacy Program / Stevenson Hall
- 7:00pm The Squares / Rm 227
- 7:30pm Westminster Ringers / Bell Rm

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

10:00am WPC Annual Town Hall Mtg / Stevenson Hall

 \gg Next Sunday in Worship \ll

February 9, 2025 • 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor Pam's sermon will be based on 1 Corinthians 15:1-11.