

# WILLIAMSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME CAMPUS MINISTRY SUNDAY FEBRUARY 16, 2025

# PRAYER FOR PREPARATION

O Almighty God, you pour out your spirit of grace and of supplication on all who desire it. Deliver us, when we draw near to you, from cold hearts and wandering minds, that with steady thoughts and kindled passion we may worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# THE GATHERING PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

PASTORAL GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gregory "Cory" Cathcart

**CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH** 

Sophie Morris Suzuki

**PRELUDE** 

All:

For The Beauty Of The Earth Westminster Ringers

arr. Frizzell

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsive)

Emma Staeger

Leader: Blessed are those who trust God, those whose trust is in the Lord.

They are like trees planted by water, sending our roots by the stream.

Leader: They have no fear of the summer's heat, nor do they wither in the sun.

All: In the year of drought they are not anxious, for their lives bear the fruit of

righteousness.

Leader: Come to the waters of life, all you who trust in the Lord.

All: We have come to worship and to send forth our roots into the streams of

God's living water.

\*HYMN 267

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Madrid

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

# 267 Come, Christians, Join to Sing



Like many other hymns of praise, this text was originally addressed to children but has been embraced by adults as well. Although the tune's repetitive elements suggest folk origins (possibly with alternating groups of singers), no specific source has been identified.

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One: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

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

Almighty God, we confess that we have not trusted you. We put our trust in mortals, rejecting your providence. To preserve our place in the world, we have scorned the poor, ignored the suffering, and killed the innocent. We confess we are afraid of following you. Holy Lord, ruler of all things, have mercy on us.

#### A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER

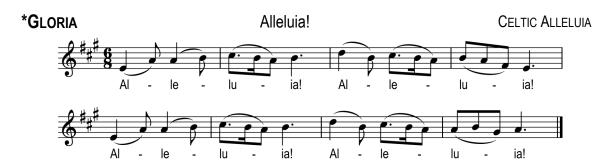


#### \*Assurance of Forgiveness

Sam Carswell

One: Hear the good news! We are forgiven through Christ Jesus, who was crucified so that we may enter into a new life, free from sin. In his life, death, and resurrection, we are forgiven.

Amen.



# THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Amelia Rizzo

Loving God, enlighten us with your Spirit this day as we worship and share our faith with you and each other. Open our hearts to love your word, our minds to receive your word, and our wills to share your word with those around us. In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.

FIRST LESSON: 2nd Corinthians 4:16-18 Megan Davis

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

FIRST MESSAGE "Adapt and Adjust" Megan Davis

(9:30) PSALM 1 (unison)

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked or take the path that sinners tread or sit in the seat of scoffers, but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night. They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper. The wicked are not so but are like chaff that the wind drives away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous, for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

(11:00) EMBODYING PSALM 1

Amelia Rizzo and WPC Youth

**SECOND LESSON:** 1 Peter 1:6-7

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SECOND MESSAGE "Bricks and Mortar" Anna McClellan

THIRD LESSON: Psalm 73:26

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

THIRD MESSAGE

"Finding Strength in the Church"

**Emily Campbell** 

# RESPONDING TO THE WORD

**Solo** Hear My Cry, O God!

César Franck

Sophie Morris Suzuki

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

Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

Amelia Connolly

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** Evelina Guenther

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.





\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Sam Carswell

# GOING OUT TO BE THE CHURCH



#### \*Invitation and The Lord's Day Greeting

Megan Davis

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 39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness Faithfulness

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Anna Gillespie

Postlude

King Jesus Is A Listenin' Layton Miller, cello

arr. Funderburk

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 postlude is an energetic setting of a traditional spiritual, *King Jesus is A-Listenin'*. Like many spirituals, the text reinforces its core message through repetition. The first verse explains, "King Jesus is alistening when you pray. King Jesus is alistening when you pray. He's waiting to hear you, comfort and cheer you. King Jesus is alistening when you pray, when you pray". The spiritual is arranged here for cello and piano by Washington-based pianist and composer Duane Funderburk.

#### **≫ THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ≪**

The Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of their 40th wedding anniversary by Bobbi Mendel and Eric Beckhusen

#### **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT** ←

#### ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING — TODAY, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2025

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation for the purpose of electing six Elders, one Deacon filling a vacancy for the Class of 2026 and ten Deacons for the Class of 2028, four members to the Congregational Nominating Committee of 2025-26 and approval of the term of calls for John E. Morgan, Pastor/Head of Staff and Pam Hrncir, Associate Pastor, will be held TODAY, Sunday, February 16, 2025, after our 9:30am worship service. All members of WPC are invited to attend



\*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.



#### >> THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY ◆

#### DIRECTOR OF YOUTH, COLLEGE AND UKIRK MINISTRIES

Gregory "Cory" Cathcart

#### **UKIRK MEMBERS**

Sophie Morris Suzuki, Emma Staeger, Sam Carswell, Megan Davis, Amelia Rizzo, Anna McClellan, Emily Campbell, Evelina Guenther, Amelia Connolly, Anna Gillespie **Music Ministry** 

Christopher Bechtler, Director of Music Ministries

Norman Elton, Organist and Assistant Director of Music

Chancel Choir

Westminster Ringers under the direction of Norman Elton

Anna Gillespie, Celia Kerr, Chloe Williams, Eleanor Grant, Elene Owellen, Elise Howe, Eliza Manassas, Junie Park, Katie Railsback, Katrina Cabral, Natalie Askew, Sarah Bigley, William Cabral.

Layton Miller, cello

WPC Chancel Choir

#### **EMBODYING THE PSALM**

WPC Youth

Amelia Rizzo

#### **GREETERS**

9:30am Bill Riffer, Cheryl Roettger 11:00am Karen Thuermer, Mike Hawley

#### **USHERS**

9:30am Rick Murray, Pat Murray, Lynn Newcomer, Rebecca Caprio 11:00am Bob Bolstad, Kathryn Hall, Rebecca Caprio, Kirk Lovenbury UKirk members will be assisting.

#### SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

Megan Davis

#### **COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOST**

Sue Rennagel, Kathy Chambers, Nancy Hylton

#### \*WILLIAMSBURG LANDING USHERS

**Dottie Teubner** 

#### \*WINDSOR MEADE USHER

Ray Whitney

AUDIO AND VIDEO TECHNICIANS: Matt Slack and John Schoenberger

<sup>\*</sup>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 Squire (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 Whitley

\*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)

#### <u>Staff</u>

**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; 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

#### **≫ 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 ◆ S

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 16 – Saturday, February 22 • Pastor John • jmorgan@mywpc.org • 757-903-7800

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

• The family of WPC member Alice Smith, wife of WPC member John Smith, who went home to be with our Lord on Saturday, February 1, 2025. A Memorial Service will be held on Thursday, February 27, 2025 at 11am in our sanctuary followed by a reception in Stevenson Hall.

#### Please pray for:

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 recent airplane tragedies, 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 possibility of job loss, homelessness and
hunger, affected by the wars in Gaza, Israel, Sudan, and Ukraine.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS** ←

- 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 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 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.

- The Upper Elementary Sunday School Class (Grades 3, 4 and 5) is currently collecting food to support The Grove Christian Outreach Center. We began this mission project in 2016 and collected 81 pounds of food which in turn served over 100 meals. Since that time our largest collection weighed in at 509 pounds! With your help, our goal is to continue to increase our donation and provide even more meals. We will be collecting donations in our Classroom 204 every Sunday from now through mid-March. Suggestions for donations include nonperishable foods such as canned fruit and vegetables, canned meat and fish, nuts, soups, pasta, breakfast foods and peanut butter. Thank you for your support in making this project a success.
- Mark your calendars for the annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, March 4. Stevenson Hall will have a New Orleans vibe with a Dixieland Band, projects and parade for kids, and of course pancakes (gluten free available)! Time 5:30 7:30pm. Cost is \$8 adults, kids 12 and under free. Sign-ups begin today in the hallway by the rear door, online @mywpc.org/shrove or in the Welcome Center. You won't want to miss this event.
- 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.
- All youth (6th-12th grade) are invited to our lock-in! We will begin on Friday night, February 28 at 6:00pm and pickup will be the following morning at 9am. We will eat pizza, play games, and even go ice skating at the Liberty Ice Pavilion at Merchant Square! Please RSVP online at mywpc.org/lockin or tell Melody and Cory that you'll be there.
- 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.

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 ≪

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16 • CAMPUS MINISTRY SUNDAY • 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

10:30am Congregational Meeting to Elect Church Officers

11:00am In-person Worship / Sanctuary; Broadcast on FM93.5 The Burg and AM740 or wmbgradio.com

12:30pm Confirmation Workshop / Rm 227

4:45pm Youth Choir Rehearsal / Youth Choir Rm

5:30pm Youth Group / CE Wing

#### **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17**

1:00pm Caregiver Support Group / Rm 123

1:00pm Presbyterian Women's Circle 3 Miriam / Rm 2206:30pm Williamsburg Choral Guild Rehearsal / Sanctuary

#### **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18**

10:00am Adult Bible Study—Christian Believer: Knowing God with Heart and Mind / Rm 220

11:30am Communications Ministry Mtg / Stevenson Hall

1:00pm Staff Meeting / Zoom

6:30pm UKirk Dinner & Dialogue / UKirk Rm LL012 and LL011
7:00pm AA Williamsburg Big Book Study / LL009 and LL049

#### **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19**

10:00am Presbyterian Women Circle Leader Online Directory Training / Rm 220

6:00pm Joyful Ringers Rehearsal / Bell Room 7:00pm Administration Ministry Mtg / Room 220 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room

#### **THURSDAY. FEBRUARY 20**

9:00am Sanctuary Cleaning

4:30pm Carol and Junior Choir Rehearsal / Choir Rm

5:30pm King's Kids Worship Dance / LL049

6:00pm ARC with Williamsburg Orchestra / Stevenson Hall

7:30pm Westminster Ringers / Bell Rm

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

5:00pm VA Downs Syndrome Assoc. Mtg / Rm 220

#### **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22**

10:00am Clean and prep the Godly Play Room Lenten Sunday School Unit

> NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP ◆

February 23, 2025 • 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor John's sermon, "Be Merciful", will be based on Luke 6:27-38.