



WILLIAMSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD MARCH 2, 2025

PRAYER FOR PREPARATION

Holy God, present in our midst yet beyond all comprehension, by your light, we see light; by your healing, we are made whole; by your mercy, we know your greatness. Turn your gaze upon our weakness and show us the way of your love that we may live with unveiled faces, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE GATHERING PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

PASTORAL GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. John E. Morgan

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Mike Savidis

MINUTE FOR MISSION: Volunteers for Our Children and Family Ministries

Melody Dillon

PRELUDE Chorale Prelude on O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair

Gabrielsen

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Leader: "The Lord is king; let the people tremble."

**All: The Lord is enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth shake. . . .**

Leader: Proclaim the greatness of the Lord
and worship upon God's holy hill;

All: for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

***HYMN 664**

Morning Has Broken

BUNESSAN

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

Morning Has Broken

664



1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black-bird has
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from heav - en, like the first
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the



spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
 dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet-ness of the wet
 one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion; praise ev - ery



morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
 gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
 morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

This 20th-century text was created to provide words for this traditional tune named for a small village on the Isle of Mull, off the west coast of Scotland. Through repeated use of "new" and "first," each morning is treated as a re-creation of the promise of the original day.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: In trust, let us call upon God's holy name, confess our sin and receive forgiveness.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Merciful and gracious God,
we bow before your unending compassion,
the measure of our falling short.
We have not loved as you command.
We have not spoken truly.
We have not cared for creation, including ourselves,
according to your will.
What we intend, we have not pursued;
what we mean to avoid, we embrace.
Help us to know the mind of Christ,
that in all thoughts, words, and deeds,
our lives might come to honor you. Amen.

A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER

*KYRIE

Be Still and Know

Anonymous



The musical notation is written on two staves in 3/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text: "Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that". The second staff contains the melody for the second line of text: "I am God. Be still and know_ that I am God." The lyrics are placed below the notes, and the music ends with a double bar line.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: When one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed.

By the authority of the Holy Spirit working among God's holy people,
I declare your sins forgiven. Turn now with unveiled faces,
and see to the health of all creation as newborn children of God.

***GLORIA**

Alleluia!

CELTIC ALLELUIA

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

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The melody is a simple, rhythmic tune with a mix of eighth and quarter notes, and some beamed eighth notes. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia!' are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllable placement. The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the second staff continues the melody and lyrics.

(11:00) SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

Laura Bechtler

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Mike Savidis

By your Spirit, O God,
enlighten our hearts, open our minds,
fill our vision with your radiance,
and give us life,
as we hear your Word today. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: *Luke 9:28-36*

Mike Savidis

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

PSALM 99:1-9 (unison)

The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble!
He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!
The Lord is great in Zion;
he is exalted over all the peoples.
Let them praise your great and awesome name.
Holy is he!
Mighty King, lover of justice,
you have established equity;
you have executed justice
and righteousness in Jacob.
Extol the Lord our God;
worship at his footstool.
Holy is he!

(Psalm continues on the next page.)

Moses and Aaron were among his priests,
Samuel also was among those who called on his name.
They cried to the Lord, and he answered them.
He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud;
they kept his decrees
and the statutes that he gave them.
O Lord our God, you answered them;
you were a forgiving God to them
but an avenger of their wrongdoings.
Extol the Lord our God,
and worship at his holy mountain,
for the Lord our God is holy.

SECOND LESSON: *2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2*

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

SERMON

"We Will Be Transformed"

Rev. John E. Morgan

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN 193**

Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain

UNSER HERRSCHER

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: FROM A DECLARATION OF FAITH** (unison)

We are certain that Jesus lives.
He lives as God with us,
touching all of human life with the presence of God.
He lives as one of us with God.
Because he shares our humanity
and has bound us to himself in love,
we have an advocate in the innermost life of God.
We declare that Jesus is Lord.
His resurrection is a decisive victory
over the powers that deform and destroy human life.
His lordship is hidden.
The world appears to be dominated by people and systems
that do not acknowledge his rule.

(Affirmation of Faith continues on the next page.)

193 Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain

1 Je - sus, take us to the moun - tain, where, with Pe - ter,
 2 What do you want us to see there, that your close com -
 3 What do you want us to hear there, that your dear dis -
 4 Take us to that oth - er moun - tain where we see you
 5 We who have be - held your glo - ry, ris - en and as -

James, and John, we are daz - zled by your glo - ry,
 pan - ions saw? Your di - vin - i - ty re - vealed there
 ci - ples heard? Once a - gain the voice from heav - en
 glo - ri - fied, where you shout - ed "It is fin - ished!"
 cend - ed Lord, can - not help but tell the sto - ry,

light as blind - ing as the sun. There pre - pare us
 fills us with the self - same awe. Clothed in flesh like
 says of the In - car - nate Word, "Lis - ten, lis - ten,
 where for all the world you died. Hear the stunned cen -
 all that we have seen and heard; say with Pe - ter,

Some version of the Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-9/Mark 9:2-9/Luke 9:28-36) is always read on the last Sunday after the Epiphany. In this text that foretaste of Christ's glorification helps to prepare Peter, James, and John for their roles as proclaimers of "God's beloved Son."

**But his lordship is real.
It demands our loyalty and sets us free
from the fear of all lesser lords who threaten us.
We maintain that ultimate sovereignty
now belongs to Jesus Christ
in every sphere of life.
Jesus is Lord.
He has been Lord from the beginning.
He will be Lord at the end.
Even now he is Lord.**

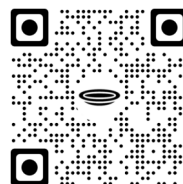
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

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

OFFERING

Thank you for your continued faithful stewardship to WPC. May our offerings continue to help us be the light for our neighbors and our siblings in Christ all over the world. Offering envelopes can be found inside the friendship register book. We invite you to make your offering or pledge payment in one of the following ways:

- Place your offering into the plates as you exit the sanctuary
- Visit mywpc.org/offering or scan the QR code at the right to give online
- Mail your offering to the church office at 215 Richmond Road, Williamsburg, VA 23185.



OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

arr. Hal Hopson

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise!

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

(Offertory continues on the next page.)

To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light;
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render, O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

***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.

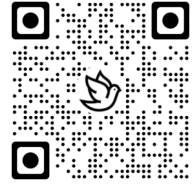
***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

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 or scan the QR code at the right to access the online friendship register.



*HYMN 189

O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair

DEO GRACIAS

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair

Miller

The service of worship concludes after the postlude. The music can be enjoyed or used as an opportunity for prayer. You may remain seated; if you wish to depart, please do so quietly and without disturbing those who choose to stay.

❧ NOTES ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC ❧

The basis for our anthem is I Timothy 1:17: "Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honor and glory forever and ever." In the hymn, God is invisible because God is hidden by the splendor of light. This song is often associated with the Transfiguration of Jesus because it powerfully captures the concept of God's transcendent, unseen glory.

❧ THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ❧

The Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of their parents, Opal and M.C. Eddins, and in honor of the music program at our church by Nan and Barbara Eddins.

O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair 189

Capo 3: (Am) (G) (Am) (C) (D) (Em)
 Cm B^b Cm E^b F Gm

1 O won - drous sight, O vi - sion fair
 2 From age to age the tale de - clare,
 3 The law and proph - ets there have place,
 4 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray
 5 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high

(Am) (Dm) (Am) (Em) (Am)
 Cm Fm Cm Gm Cm

of glo - ry that the church shall share,
 how with the three dis - ci - ples there,
 two cho - sen wit - ness - es of grace;
 Christ deigns to man - i - fest to - day
 by this great vi - sion's mys - ter - y,

(G) (Dm) (Em) (G) (Am)
 B^b Fm Gm B^b Cm

which Christ up - on the moun - tain shows,
 where Mo - ses and E - li - jah meet,
 the Fa - ther's voice from out the cloud
 what glo - ry shall be theirs a - bove
 for which in joy - ful strains we raise

(Em) (Dm) (F) (G) (Am)
 Gm Fm A^b B^b Cm

where bright - er than the sun he glows!
 the Lord holds con - verse high and sweet.
 pro - claims his on - ly Son a - loud.
 who joy in God with per - fect love.
 the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This translation of a 15th-century Latin devotional text is set here to a majestic 15th-century tune celebrating the victory of an English king; they combine to evoke the awe and wonder of that moment of revelation the three disciples experienced in Christ's Transfiguration.

☞ **THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY** ☞

PASTOR

John E. Morgan, Pastor/Head of Staff

Pam Hrcir, Associate Pastor

MUSIC MINISTRY

Christopher Bechtler, Director of Music Ministries

Norman Elton, Organist and Assistant Director of Music

LITURGIST

Mike Savidis

SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

Laura Bechtler

GREETERS

9:30am Bill Riffer

11:00am Laura Osman, Denise Dwight Smith

USHERS

9:30am Penny Marshburn, Harley Stewart, Jim Winthrop, Rebecca Caprio

11:00am Penny Marshburn, Kelly Kirkpatrick, Rebecca Caprio

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOST

Sue Rennagel, Carolyn Lodzieski and Edda Maciorowski

***WILLIAMSBURG LANDING USHERS**

Dottie Teubner

***WINDSOR MEADE USHER**

Jack Snell

AUDIO AND VIDEO TECHNICIANS: Jim Marshburn 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, 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, March 2 – Saturday, March 8 • Pastor John • jmorgan@mywpc.org • 757-903-7800

Please pray for:

Linda Gustafson, Denny Yeignst, Bob Siclari, 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 🌀

- **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. **TODAY is the last day to sign-ups in the hallway by the rear door or online @mywpc.org/shrove.** You won't want to miss this event.
- **Our Ash Wednesday worship service March 5, 2025, at 7pm in the sanctuary, marks the beginning of the Season of Lent and the start of our Lenten mid-week worship services.** This year's Lenten theme is "*Jesus Prays*," based on a segment of From Wilderness to Glory by N.T. Wright.
Noon services will be held on March 12, March 26, and April 9 in Stevenson Hall. Join Pastor John and Pastor Pam for a time of worship, followed by fellowship over lunch. Bring a brown bag lunch or pre-order a box lunch on our website (mywpc.org/lentlunch) or in the Welcome Center.
The Wednesday Lenten services on March 19 and April 2, will be held at 7pm in the Sanctuary.
- **Our Lenten Devotional for this year is titled "*Local Pilgrim: A Wandering, Wondering Daily Devotional*."** Beginning today, Sunday, March 2, and continuing each Sunday through Lent, you will find devotionals for the upcoming week in the bulletin. If you prefer to receive a complete set of the devotionals in booklet format, copies are available in the church Welcome Center. Reflections for the coming week will also be included for download in our Friday e-Newsletter.
New this year is the option to receive the devotional daily as an email or text message. Sign up for the daily devotionals at mywpc.org/lent-devotionals.
- **Want to be saved? The answer is "yes", but how?** Using the story of the rich young man, Mark 10:17-31, The Squares will take a close look at this question. Don't worry, if you are rich, or young, or used to be young the news will be good. **Join us on Thursday, March 6, 7:00pm in room 227 or by Zoom.**
- **Installation Service for Pastor Pam:** We've been together five years and we are making it official. Join us for the installation service for Pastor Pam as Associate Pastor on **Saturday, March 15, 2025, 11am followed by a reception in Stevenson Hall.**
- **The WPC Book Club will meet on Monday, March 24, 2025,** at 2 pm in Room 220 (and on Zoom) to discuss *Dinners with Ruth: A Memoir on the Power of Friendships*, by Nina Totenberg.
- **Williamsburg Landing Church Usher Needed:** When we can't get to church, we can still worship God. When we can't get to church, we don't get to see and speak to friends. We don't have an opportunity to personally say "thank you!" to our Pastors, Choir Members, Music Directors, Ushers, Fellowship hosts, Greeters, those who make us feel good with a smile. At Williamsburg Landing, our church service is streamed every Sunday for Residents who have no way to attend our church in person. We need volunteers to serve as ushers at Williamsburg Landing. Ushers welcome all who attend the service, operate the computer to show the service on the big screen, hand out bulletins, and help all feel glad to worship God together. **Please contact Linda Eichhorn* to volunteer.**
- **The Upper Elementary Sunday School Classes (Grades 3, 4 and 5) continue to collect food to support** The Grove Christian Outreach Center in classroom 204 every Sunday from now through mid-March. Thank you for your support in making this project a success.

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.

☞ THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF EVENTS ☞

SUNDAY, MARCH 2

- 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
12:30pm Confirmation Workshop / Stevenson Hall
4:45pm Youth Choir Rehearsal / Youth Choir Rm
5:30pm Youth Group / CE Wing

MONDAY, MARCH 3

- 1:00pm Setup for Shrove Pancake Supper / Stevenson Hall
Caregiver Support Group / Rm 123

TUESDAY, MARCH 4

- 10:00am Adult Bible Study—Christian Believer: Knowing God with Heart and Mind / Rm 220
1:00pm Staff Meeting / Zoom
5:30pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper / Stevenson Hall
6:30pm UKirk Dinner & Dialogue / UKirk Rm LL012 and LL011
7:00pm Circle 4-Anna / Rm 220 and Zoom
7:00pm Earth Care Committee Mtg / Church Library and Zoom
7:00pm AA Williamsburg Big Book Study / LL009 and LL049

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5

- 10:00am Finding Hope Grief Support Grp / Rm 220
7:00pm **Ash Wednesday Service / Sanctuary**

THURSDAY, MARCH 6

- 9:00am Sanctuary Cleaning
9:30am Presbyterian Women Circle 1-Ruth / Stevenson Hall
4:30pm Carol and Junior Choir Rehearsal / Choir Rm
5:30pm King's Kids Worship Dance / LL049
7:00pm The Squares Men's Bible Study / Rm 227
7:30pm Westminster Ringers / Bell Rm

FRIDAY, MARCH 7

SATURDAY, MARCH 8

☞ UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES

March 5, 2025 • Ash Wednesday

Pastor John's sermon, "*The Lord's Prayer*," will be based on Matthew 5:1-2, 6:5-15.

March 9, 2025 • 1st Sunday in Lent • Communion

Celebration of the Lord's Supper will be served at all services.

Pastor John's sermon, "*Led by the Spirit*," will be based on Luke 4:1-13.