

PRAYING LIKE JESUS IN LENT



WILLIAMSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
2ND SUNDAY IN LENT • CHILDREN'S SUNDAY
MARCH 16, 2025

PRAYER FOR PREPARATION

God of holy hospitality, you make the world your neighborhood. Opening yourself to all, you care for those in special need, of body, mind or soul. As those who long to re-create your beloved community, we discover many neighbors, far and near, many in great need. Teach us also to create new community with those who eat in other houses, around other tables. Unite us with brothers and sisters everywhere, as neighbors of yours, and ours. We pray in your name. Amen.

THE GATHERING PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

PASTORAL GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. John E. Morgan

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Jackson Elton

PRELUDE

What Wondrous Love is This
Junior and Carol Choir

arr. Bechtler

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Mackenzie and Ben Eritano

Leader: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;

All: let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

Leader: Let us come before him with thanksgiving

All: and praise him with music and song.

Leader: For the Lord is the great God,


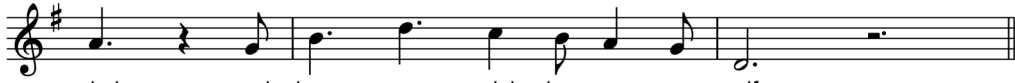
All: the great King above all gods.


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


***HYMN**

Love the Lord Your God

THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT

1 
Love the Lord your God with all your heart and soul and

mind, and love your neigh - bor as your self.

2 
Let us be known, let us be known by the way we love.

3 
Love, love, love, the great - est com - mand - ment is

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Nolan Walton

Leader: The Lord is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear? With humble hearts, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

**God, we confess that we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
You embodied yourself in a human body.
You lived your life among those who were sick — physically, mentally and spiritually.
You reached out to touch them, spoke words to comfort them, performed miracles to heal them.
Heal us, we pray, from the sin-sickness that grips us.
Heal us and help us to work for the healing and wholeness of our neighbors as well.
Just speak the word of your peace, and we shall be healed.
Amen.**

A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER

***KYRIE** (responsive)

Timothy Shay

Leader: Lord, have mercy.

People: **Christ, have mercy.**

All: **Lord, have mercy**

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

(9:30) Timothy Shay (11am) Jackson Elton

Leader: God's mercy is sure and everlasting. Receive the Lord's grace, let your heart be cleansed and restored, and, having been made whole by grace, leave this place to be a good Samaritan. Amen.

GLORIA IN ABEYANCE DURING LENT

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Walker Teague

Holy Savior, as we hear the familiar story of the Good Samaritan read and preached, give us ears to hear anew your Word to us. We open our hearts to receive your timeless truths, not merely to give intellectual assent but to be changed by what we hear and by experiencing your presence with us. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: *Leviticus 19:11-18* paraphrase (responsive)

The Teague Family

People: Remember, I am God.

Leader: Don't steal. Don't trick people. Don't lie to one another. Don't use my name when you don't mean it.

People: Remember, I am God.

Leader: Don't cheat your neighbor. Don't steal. Don't hold back the money someone has earned. Don't make life any harder for people who can't hear or see. Don't talk about a deaf person just because he can't hear you. And don't put something in the path of a blind man so he'll trip over it and you can laugh.

People: Remember, I am God.

Leader: If you make a decision, be fair. Be fair to poor people and rich people alike. Don't talk trash about other people. And don't be happy when your neighbor fails.

People: Remember, I am God.

Leader: Don't hate anyone in your family. If you see that you can help your neighbor with something that is troubling him, do it. Don't try to get back at people for what they've done to you. Don't hold a grudge in your heart. Instead, I tell you, love your neighbor as yourself.

People: Remember, I am God.

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

EMBODYING PSALM 95:1-7

WPC Children and All

O come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it,
and the dry land, which his hands have formed.
O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.
O that today you would listen to his voice!

SECOND LESSON: *Luke 10:25-37*

WPC Children

SERMON

"Love Your Neighbor"

Rev. John E. Morgan

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 203

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

CHEREPONI

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

Libby Roessler

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.

203 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Capo 3: (D) (A7)
 Refrain F C7

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love; show

(D) (D/F#) (Em7) (A7) (D)
 F F/A Gm7 C7 F *Fine*

us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

(D) (Bm) (Em) (A)
 F Dm Gm C

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their
 2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and
 3 These are the ones we should serve; these are the ones we should
 4 Lov - ing puts us on our knees, will - ing to wash oth - ers'

(D) (Bm) (Em7) (A7) (D)
 F Dm Gm7 C7 F *to Refrain*

feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
 race; neigh-bors are near us and far a - way.
 love; all these are neigh-bors to us and you.
 feet; this is the way we should live like you.

Considering that this text comes from a part of the world where Christianity is not the primary religion gives these simple but powerful words even more depth and meaning. The tune name recalls the district in the Northern Region of Ghana where this tune was collected.

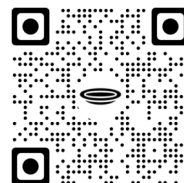
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

Rev. Pam Hrnrcir

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

Ask, Seek, Knock

Nancy Raabe

Junior and Carol Choir

Refrain:

Ask, and it shall be given;

Seek, and you will find;

Knock, and the door shall be opened for you.

For this is the Kingdom of God.

A new commandment have I given to you,

That you love one another just as I love you.

For this is how people know that you are my disciples

By the way you show God's love. (Refrain)

Ask!

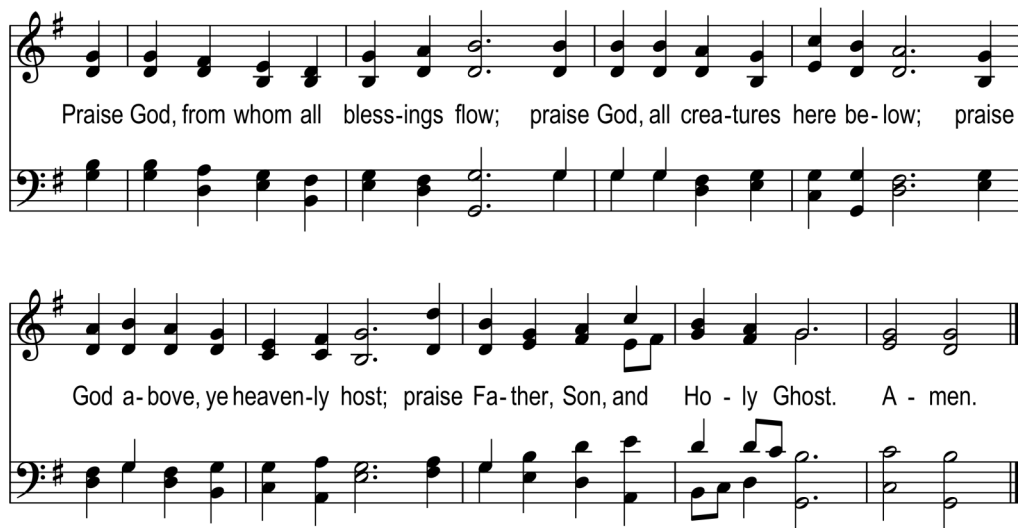
Seek!

Knock, and the door shall be opened for you.

For this is the Kingdom of God.

DOXOLOGYPraise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD HUNDRETH



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**

Quinn Jones

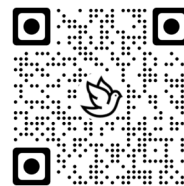
GOING OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

***INVITATION AND THE LORD'S DAY GREETING**

Quinn Jones

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 727***Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*

THE SERVANT SONG

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**CHORAL BENEDICTION***Go Now in Peace*

WPC Children

POSTLUDE

Be Lifted Higher

King's Kids Worship Dancers

Please Note: The service of worship concludes after the postlude. The dance can be enjoyed as an opportunity for worship. Please remain seated for the safety of the dancers.

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant 727

The Servant Song

1,6 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney; we're to -
 3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you
 5 When we sing to God in heav - en, we shall

be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the
 geth - er on the road. We are here to help each
 night - time of your fear. I will hold my hand out
 laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and
 find such har - mo - ny, born of all we've known to -

grace to let you be my ser - vant too.
 oth - er walk the mile and bear - the load.
 to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
 sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.
 geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.
 (repeat stanza 1)

The opening and closing stanza expresses the essence of this folk-style song about the mutuality of servant ministry: those who serve must also be willing to be served. This is what Christ intended when he commanded the disciples to “wash one another’s feet” (John 13:14).

❧ THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ❧

The Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God and
in honor of their anniversary and family by Aurelia and Tommy Michaels.

❧ THOSE SERVING 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

Rebecca Elton, Director of Carol and Junior Choirs

PROGRAM STAFF

Melody Dillon, Director of Children and Family Ministries

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Nolan Walton, Timothy Shay, The Teague Family, Liby Roessler, Quinn Jones

King's Kids Worship Dancers

LITURGIST

Jackson Elton

GREETERS

9:30am John Smith, Bill Riffer

11:00am Julia Smith

CHILDREN USHERS

Nolan Walton, Audrey Plum, William Plum, Jacob Plum

USHERS

9:30am Matthew Underwood, David Littell, Linda Stewart, Bruce Graham

11:00am Bob Bolstad, Nancy Archibald, Bob Archibald, Rebecca Caprio

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOST

Happy and Ralph Simmons, Jim Winthrop

***WILLIAMSBURG LANDING USHERS**

Robin Sabo, Linda Eichhorn

***WINDSOR MEADE USHER**

Ray Whitney

AUDIO AND VIDEO TECHNICIANS: Dave McLain and John Schoenberger

*Satellite campuses

☞ CHILDREN'S STATEMENT ☞

Children are welcome at WPC! We have Sunday School for all ages at 9:30am. **In order to encourage full family participation on March 16th, Children's Sunday, we will not have a nursery at the 11:00am service.** Children of all ages are welcome to attend the service! 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 16 – Saturday, March 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 Stephen Custer, husband of Sharon Custer, who went home to be with our Lord on Tuesday, March 4, 2025. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, March 22, 2025 at 11am in our sanctuary followed by a reception in Stevenson Hall.

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 🌀

- **At the end of our Lenten journey is a Glorious Easter Morn...** As we look ahead to the promise that is ours, the Worship Ministry invites you to donate an Easter Lily in Honor of or in Memory of someone while helping to beautify our church on Easter Sunday.
A donation of \$17.00 per lily is requested. You may place your order by using an envelope or pay on-line at www.mywpc.org/lillies from now until Tuesday, April 8. Envelopes for ordering will be in the Welcome Center and in the Fellowship Pads after this Sunday.
- The theme for this year's mid-week Lenten services is "*Jesus Prays*," based on a segment of *From Wilderness to Glory* by N.T. Wright. **Noon services will be held on 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 at mywpc.org/lentlunch or in the Welcome Center. The deadline for lunch orders is the Monday morning before each noon service. **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*."** 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.**
- **All kids are invited to sign up for Camp Hanover!** Sleepaway camp options are available for rising 2nd-12th graders throughout the summer and you can register for whatever week works in your schedule. Groups are organized by age and each group gets to choose their own activities for the week. WPC is offering a \$200 scholarship for all campers with additional funding available. We know camp can be expensive and we are committed to making sure that every child who wants to go to camp. Email Melody Dillon with questions or scholarship requests.
- **Volunteers Needed! Sign up to provide meals for our Youth Group on Sunday evenings at 5:30pm. You cook, pick up, or assemble simple meals and feel free to bring desserts, too!** The kitchen will be available if you need to prep, warm food or set-up. This is a great opportunity for a PW Circle, a Sunday School class or bible study group, a couple, or just a few friends to provide a meal for our youth. Please consider to help make a difference in the lives of our Youth Group! We average around 10 youth and 2-4 staff and volunteers. **To sign up to provide a meal, please visit <https://mealtrain.com/87ylvn>.** Questions? Contact Cory Cathcart, Director of Youth, College and UKirk Ministries (gcathcart@mywpc.org) or Melody Dillon, Director of Children and Family Ministries (mdillon@mywpc.org)
- **The Flower Sharing Mission is running low on vases and volunteers.** Volunteers are needed to deliver small arrangements to our special members in need of some cheer on Sunday afternoons (takes less than 2 hours). Vases can be any size and you may leave in the Welcome Center.
- **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 Ushers Needed:** At Williamsburg Landing, our church service is streamed every Sunday for residents who have no way to attend our church in person. Volunteers are needed 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.**

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 16

- 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
4:30pm Youth Choir Rehearsal / Choir Rm
5:30pm Youth Group / CE Wing

MONDAY, MARCH 17

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 18

- 10:00am Adult Bible Study—Christian Believer: Knowing God with Heart and Mind / Rm 220
11:30am Communications Ministry Mtg / Rm 220
1:00pm Staff Meeting / Zoom
6:30pm UKirk Dinner & Dialogue / UKirk Rm LL012 and LL011
7:00pm Class of 2028 Elders and Deacon Training / Stevenson Hall
7:00pm Christian Fellowship Committee / Rm 220
7:00pm AA Williamsburg Big Book Study / LL009 and LL049

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

- 10:00am Presbyterian Women's Circle Leader Online Directory Training / Rm 220
6:00pm Joyful Ringers Rehearsal / Choir Rm
7:00pm **Lenten Mid-week Service / Sanctuary**
7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Rm

THURSDAY, MARCH 20

- 9:00am Sanctuary Cleaning
4:30pm Carol and Junior Choir Rehearsal / Choir Rm
5:00pm Christian Outreach Ministry Mtg / LL010
6:00pm Arc Art with Art / Stevenson Hall
7:00pm Administration Ministry Mtg / Rm 220
7:30pm Westminster Ringers / Bell Rm

FRIDAY, MARCH 21

SATURDAY, MARCH 22

- 11:00am Memorial Service and Reception for WPC Member Stephen Custer / Sanctuary and Stevenson Hall

➤ **UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES**

March 19, 2025 • Mid-Week Lenten Service

Pastor John E. Morgan's sermon "Glorify the Son" will be based on John 17:1-8.

March 23, 2025 • 3rd Sunday in Lent

Pastor John's sermon, "*Come to the Waters*," will be based on Isaiah 55:1-9.

✧ UPCOMING WORSHIP INFORMATION ✧

- The season of Lent began with our Ash Wednesday. Our Wednesday Lenten worship services will continue next week at **7pm in our sanctuary on March 19 and April 2 and at Noon in Stevenson Hall on March 26 and April 9**. You may order box lunches online or in the Welcome Center for the noon services in Stevenson Hall or bring your lunch.

Holy Week begins with our regular 9:30 and 11am service on Palm Sunday, continuing with the Maundy Thursday communion service at 7pm, Good Friday Family Service at 5pm and Tenebrae service at 7pm.

Easter services are at 8, 9:30, and 11am in our sanctuary.

Our Sunday School classes will not be held on Easter Sunday.

Our Church Office will be closed on Easter Monday and will reopen on the following Tuesday.

If you would like to learn more about Williamsburg Presbyterian Church visit our website located at mywpc.org.

- Our services Wednesday afternoon and Sunday morning are a wonderful way to prepare our hearts and minds for the Passion and Resurrection of Easter Week. Worship services at WPC are open to all and we encourage you to invite your family and friends to join us.