



WILLIAMSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 4TH SUNDAY IN LENT • YOUTH SUNDAY MARCH 30, 2025

PRAYER FOR PREPARATION

Holy Lord, thank you for loving and blessing us every day. We are grateful for this moment so we can worship you. May we share this beautiful morning with you and the whole body of Christ. Amen.

THE GATHERING PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

PASTORAL GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE

Ave Maria Eleanor and Madeleine Chen Eleanor Chen

Melody Dillon

Gounod/Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)Sarah LowekampLeader: Let us listen to our Lord with open hearts. Help us God, see the LordAll:All:in the waves and the wind.Leader: Help us God, to see youAll:All:in the sunrises, sunsets, and even through the stormy days.Leader: Help us God, to see youAll:in the doves with olive branches as we find peace in each other.

*HYMN 839 Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine! ASSURANCE

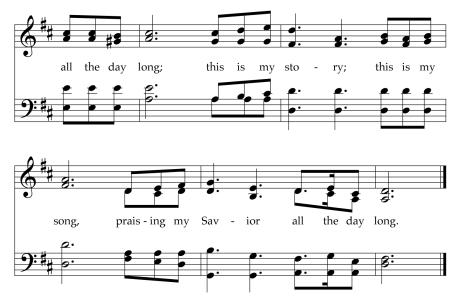
*Please rise in body or spirit. The people's responses are in **bold type**.

839 Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!



Sometimes this prolific 19th-century hymnwriter wrote texts for others to set, and sometimes she created words for tunes others had composed. This text was of the second kind, and the resulting close fit between words and music has made them both popular and inseparable.

TRUSTING IN THE PROMISES OF GOD



Leader: Loving and caring God, thank you for your never-ending grace and blessings, and yet, we forget these blessings that you give us and we turn our backs to you in our daily lives. So let us confess our failures in these days while we pray together through the Prayer of

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Holy God, we confess that we see the problems of the world yet we do not speak up. We have kind words yet we don't say them, instead we judge. Forgive us, O God. Guide us and help us to speak out and be kind. Amen.

A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER

***KYRIE** (responsive)

Leader: Lord, have mercy.

People: Christ, have mercy.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

- Lord, have mercy All:
- Leader: Our beloved God forgives and loves us, even though we have sinned. So, we go and share the good news of your salvation.

GIORIA IN ABEYANCE DURING LENT

(11:00) SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Gracious God, open our hearts and minds to receive the goodness of your word. Help us to incorporate your message into our daily lives. Amen.

| FIRST LESSON: | Deuteronomy 10:12-15 (Message Translation) | Haley Elton |
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This is the Word of the Lord! Thanks be to God!

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Confession.

Rhodes Walton

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Haley Elton

Kai Salud

Josh Bechtler

PSALM 32:1-7 (NRSV) (unison)

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity and in whose spirit there is no deceit. While I kept silent, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them. You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

SECOND LESSON: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 (NRSV)

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SERMON

Sam Due

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Hymn

Crowded Table

Hemby, McKenna, and Carlile

You can hold my hand when you need to let go. I can be a mountain when you're feeling valley low. I can be a street light showing you the way home. If you can hold my hand when you need to let go.

Refrain:

I want a house with a crowded table, And a place by the fire for everyone. Let us take on the world While we're young and able, And bring us back together When the day is done.

If we want a garden, we're gonna have to sow the seed, Plant a little happiness, let the roots run deep. If it's love that we give, then it's love that we reap. If we want a garden, we're gonna have to sow the seeds. (*Refrain*)

The door is always open, You're picture's on my wall, Everyone's a little broken, And everyone belongs. (*Refrain*)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: WRITTEN BY THE WPC YOUTH GROUP (unison) Kai Salud

We believe in God, the one who is our source of grace, love, and mercy. God who is light, who is rain, who is our anchor in the storm. We believe in a God who loves, forgives, and gives us life. God who is everything.

We believe in Jesus Christ, the son of God. He is our rock, sword, and shield. Jesus our savior who was promised, the perfect example of how to be a child of God.

We believe in the church, a place built for God and for worship. A vessel for people to find peace in each other and in themselves. We believe that the church is a welcoming place for family and friends where we can learn, grow, seek God, and welcome others.

We believe in the body of Christ. Though we may be complicated, we have one thing in common as we seek to be God's doers. We believe in the body of Christ to be a source of love, power, goodness, and equality.

We believe that because of Christ, we have been made new. We have purpose because we have been saved, loved, and cared for so that we in turn can love and care for others. We believe that God has given us purpose and we can be our full selves in the confidence of God's love.

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

Sumner Long, Katie Bechtler, Sam Due

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 TALK

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

My Lighthouse

In my wrestling and in my doubts, In my failures, you won't walk out, Your great love will lead me through; You are the peace in my troubled sea.

In the silence, you won't let go. In the questions, your truth will hold. Your great love will lead me through; You are the peace in my troubled sea. Chris Llewellyn and Gareth Gilkeson

(Offertory continues on the next page.)

Sumner Long

Refrain:

My lighthouse, my lighthouse, Shining in the darkness, I will follow you! My lighthouse, my lighthouse, I will trust the promise, you will carry me Safe to shore.

I won't fear what tomorrow brings. With each morning I'll rise and sing. My God's love will lead me through; You are the peace in my troubled sea. (*Refrain*)

Fire before us, you're the brightest, You will lead us through the storms. (*Refrain*)



*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Kai Salud

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 192** Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccata in Seven

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.



SHINE, JESUS, SHINE

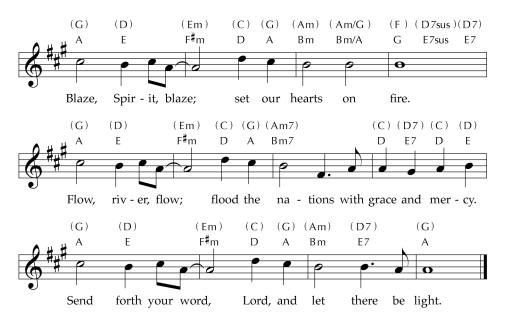
Kai Salud

Sam Due

Rutter



While the reference to Jesus as the Light of the world (John 8:12, 9:5) can be understood generally, this hymn is perhaps best understood as a response to the Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1–8/Mark 9:2–8/Luke 9:28–36). This is the most popular of the author/composer's many songs.



➢ THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ∞

The Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Carol Marshburn and Ken Coley by Jim Marshburn and Penny Coley Marshburn.

🎓 Those Serving Today 🖘

PASTOR

John E. Morgan, Pastor/Head of Staff Pam Hrncir, Associate Pastor MUSIC MINISTRY Christopher Bechtler, Director of Music Ministries Norman Elton, Organist and Assistant Director of Music PROGRAM STAFF Melody Dillon, Director of Children and Family Ministries Gregory "Cory" Cathcart, Director of Youth, College and UKirk Ministries **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION INTERNS** Allison Aldrich Atticus Gore **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION VOLUNTEERS** Jane Snyder Summer Kirkpatrick WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS WPC Youth Group SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN Haley Elton GREETERS 9:30am Karen Annoni, Harley Stewart 11:00am Harley Stewart, Cheryl Roettger USHERS 9:30am Tony Annoni, John VanAken, David Littell, Rebecca Caprio 11:00am Ruth Cobb, Jay Hardy, Rebecca Caprio, Kelly Kirkpatrick **COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOST** Jim Carev. Anne Norin. Judy Lassiter *WILLIAMSBURG LANDING USHER Janice and Bill McGuire *WINDSOR MEADE USHER Ray Whitney AUDIO AND VIDEO TECHNICIANS: Dick Sahlen and John Schoenberger

*Satellite campuses

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 30 – Saturday, April 5 • Pastor John • jmorgan@mywpc.org • 757-903-7800

Upcoming Memorial Service:

• A Memorial Service for WPC member Linda W. Gustafson, wife of Rev. Dr. Robert (Bob) Gustafson, will be held on Saturday, April 5, 2025 at 2pm in our sanctuary followed by a reception in Stevenson Hall. Please continue to keep the family in your prayers.

Please pray for:

• 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.

∼ Congregational Meeting • Sunday, April 6, 2025 🖘

The Nominating Committee requests a Congregational Meeting of the WPC congregation for the purpose of electing WPC member David McLain, III, to serve as Deacon to fulfill a one-year term, will be held on Sunday, April 6, 2025, immediately following our 9:30am worship service. All members of WPC are invited to attend.

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- Sherry Volk, Director of Communication is spending time with family Monday, March 24-Tuesday, April 1.
- UKIRK is in need of one more meal for this semester! We are looking for someone to fill Tuesday April 22. Dinner drop off is 6pm, you are welcome to stay and eat with the group or you can drop it off and leave, we're flexible! More information is provided on our Meal Train sign up page, If you are interested please sign up at https://mealtrain.com/oy3qgn or contact Megan Davis* with any questions!
- The Squares and the "Sign of Jonah." As we move towards Easter The Squares will consider the time Jesus began to move towards Easter. In Matthew 16:1-23 Jesus explains the "Sign of Jonah" whatever that is. So, what is the "Sign of Jonah," and what does that sign have to do with the way we live our lives? The question is more important than one would think, so join us on Thursday, April 3 at 7:00 pm in room 227 or by Zoom. Check with Chuck Timko* or Jim Kirkpatrick* for more information.
- The WPC Book Club will meet on Monday, April 28, 2025, at 2 pm in Room 220 (and on Zoom) to discuss *Good Night, Irene*, by Luis Alberto Urrea.
- One Great Hour of Sharing This special offering reaches out to bring relief and hope to a needy world. Your gifts help provide food, shelter, water, blankets, and more to the many desperate people living here and throughout the world. Aid is especially important now. Help is needed for those facing war, conflict, natural disasters, and famine. You can help you can make a difference. Please give to One Great Hour of Sharing. You can write a check to WPC and note "One Great Hour of Sharing" on the memo line; or you can go to the mywpc.org website and click on the giving line for "One Great Hour of Sharing."
- All are invited to an upcoming 3-week yoga series led by WPC member Amy Beckhusen. This will be
 a gentle Hatha yoga practice using postures and breath to balance the body, mind, and spirit and is
 suitable for everyBODY. These sessions will take place in Stevenson Hall from 5:30-6:30pm beginning
 TODAY Sunday, March 30, April 6, and April 13. RSVPs are requested but not required by emailing Amy
 Beckhusen* or signing up in the Welcome Center. Please bring a yoga mat, towel, or blanket to make your
 practice more comfortable.
- WPC to Host the UVA Wise Concert Choir Spring 2025 Tour on Thursday, April 3, 2025 at 6:00pm in our sanctuary. The concert is free and open to all. The University of Virginia's College at Wise Concert Choir is the premier mixed-voice choral ensemble at UVA Wise, and is directed by Dr. Hannah Wunsch Ryan, Director of Choral and Vocal Activities and Associate Professor of Music at UVA Wise. Singers in Concert Choir come from a variety of majors across the liberal arts disciplines. Concert Choir performs a wide array of repertoire including standard choral literature, world music, folk music, and traditional, and is frequently invited to perform with the Symphony of the Mountains and with other professional ensembles, including a world premier at Carnegie Hall. They tour annually, with recent prior destinations including New Orleans, New York, Puerto Rico, and the greater Appalachian region.
- Our next Orientation Luncheon is scheduled for Sunday, June 8, 2025, immediately after the 11:00am 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.

- Our Lenten Devotional for this year is titled "Local Pilgrim: A Wandering, Wondering Daily Devotional." You can still signup to receive the devotional daily as an email or text message. Sign up for the daily devotionals at mywpc.org/lent-devotionals.
- 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 are in the Welcome Center and in the Fellowship Pads.

- Mid-week Lenten services continue: The theme is "Jesus Prays," based on a segment of From Wilderness to Glory by N.T. Wright. The Wednesday Lenten services this week will be April 2 at 7pm in the Sanctuary. The last noon service will be held 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.
- 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 that wants to can 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 signup 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)
- 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 <</p>

SUNDAY, MARCH 30 • COMMUNION • YOUTH SERVICE

- 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 /.Rm 227
- 4:30pm Youth Choir Rehearsal / Choir Rm
- 5:30pm Youth Group / CE Wing
- 5:30pm Yoga Series / Stevenson Hall

MONDAY, MARCH 31

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 1

- 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-Anna / Rm 220 and Zoom
- 7:00pm Class of 2028 Elders Training / Rm 220
- 7:00pm Class of 2028 Deacon Training / Stevenson Hall
- 7:00pm Earth Care Committee Meeting / Library and Zoom
- 7:00pm AA Williamsburg Big Book Study / LL009 and LL049

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

- 10:00am Finding Hope Grief Support Group / Rm 227
- 6:00pm Joyful Ringers Rehearsal / Choir Rm
- 7:00pm Lenten Mid-week Service / Sanctuary
- 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Rm

THURSDAY, APRIL 3

- 9:00am Sanctuary Cleaning
- 9:30am Presbyterian Women's Circle 1 / Stevenson Hall
- 4:30pm Carol and Junior Choir Rehearsal / Choir Rm
- 6:00pm UVA-Wise College Concert / Sanctuary
- 7:00pm The Squares Men's Bible Study / Rm 227
- 7:30pm Westminster Ringers / Bell Rm

FRIDAY, APRIL 4

- 12:00pm Organ Rehearsal / Stevenson Hall
- 12:30pm Kids Connect Volunteer Luncheon / Rm 220

SATURDAY, APRIL 5

2:00pm Memorial Service and Reception for Linda Gustafson / Sanctuary and Stevenson Hall

April 2, 2025 • Mid-Week Lenten Service

Pastor Pam Hrncir's sermon, "That They May Be One" will be based on John 17:20-26

April 6, 2025 • 5th Sunday in Lent • Communion Sunday

Celebration of the Lord's Supper will be served at all worship services. Pastor John E. Morgan's sermon, "Consider the Loss" will be based on Philippians 3:4b-14.

➢ UPCOMING WORSHIP INFORMATION <</p>

• The season of Lent began with our Ash Wednesday. Our Wednesday Lenten worship services continue at 7pm in our sanctuary on Wednesday, April 2 and at Noon in Stevenson Hall on 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.