



WILLIAMSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 30, 2025

PRAYER FOR PREPARATION

God of yesterday, today, and tomorrow, God of the beginning and the end times: As we begin this journey through Advent and start a new year in our Christian story, we remember that your time is different from our time. We must stay awake and pay attention because your peace is not our peace, and your ways are not our ways. We do not know the hour or the day when you are coming, but we know that we must be watchful for all the ways you will appear. Even as we remember this beginning, we know that you will be with us to the end. With hope, peace, joy, and love we pray. Amen.

THE GATHERING

PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

PASTORAL GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Pam Hrcir

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Ford Moseley

MINUTE FOR MISSION: Gift of Christmas 2025

Karen Annoni

PRELUDE

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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LIGHTING OF THE HOPE CANDLE

Stephen Ministry

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Today we light one candle, fragile and small, yet enough to pierce the heavy dark. This flame is a witness that hope is alive, though hidden, though quiet, though not yet full. We set our faces toward the light, learning to see what God is already doing, bearing together the sign of things to come.

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



Our sanctuary is equipped with a T-coil hearing loop. Look for the blue sticker on the pews.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL



PRAYER OF ADORATION (unison)

Holy One, we confess that waiting wears us down. Our patience thins, our vision clouds, and sometimes our hope is only a faint ember. Yet you do not despise small beginnings; you breathe on our weakness with your Spirit, kindling the flame of faith we thought was gone. Renew us, O Lord, as we learn to wait in you. Amen.

*HYMN 360

Christ Is Coming!

UNSER HERRSCHER

1 Christ is com - ing! Let cre - a - tion from its groans and
 2 Earth can now but tell the sto - ry of your bit - ter
 3 With that bless - ed hope be - fore us, flutes are tuned and
 4 Long your ex - iles have been pin - ing for your prom - ised

la - bor cease; let the glo - rious proc - la - ma - tion
 cross and pain; we shall yet be - hold your glo - ry,
 harps are strung; let the might - y ad - vent cho - rus
 rest and home, but in heaven - ly glo - ry shin - ing,

hope re - store and faith in - crease: Christ is com - ing!
 Lord, when you re - turn to reign: Christ is com - ing!
 on - ward roll from tongue to tongue: Christ is com - ing!
 soon the ris - en Christ shall come. Christ is com - ing!

Christ is com - ing! Come, O bless - ed Prince of peace.
 Christ is com - ing! Let each heart re - peat the strain.
 Christ is com - ing! Let each heart re - peat the song.
 Christ is com - ing! Joy - ful shout the vic - tory psalm.

This hymn by a 19th-century Scottish pastor is specifically based on Revelation 1:7 and 22:20, with allusions to several other New Testament passages. Unlike medieval hymns that focused on judgment, this text understands the Second Coming as an occasion of triumph and joy.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: Now is the time to wake from sleep— to cast off the shroud of sin and put on the garment of grace. Let us trust the promise of God's mercy, for the day of salvation is near.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of the ages, through the prophets and apostles you have challenged us to lay aside the works of destruction and prepare for your new creation. We confess that we continue to cling to our sinful ways— greed and lust, abuse and waste, envy and strife. Forgive us, Holy One. By your Spirit, lead us to live in a way that honors you, proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ our Savior, who is coming in glory to reign.

*A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER

*KYRIE

Savior of the Nations, Come

NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND



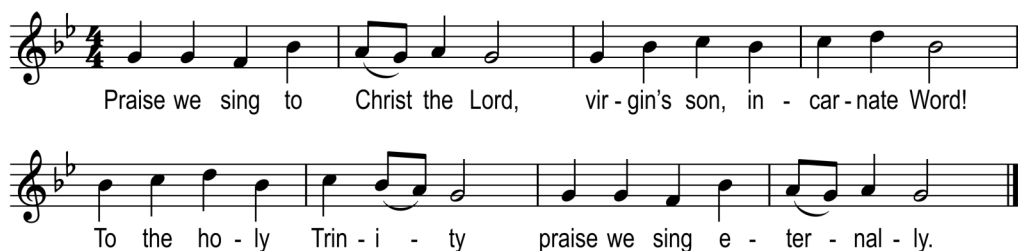
*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Through the gift of baptism we are cleansed in the Holy Spirit, clothed with the righteousness of Christ, and covered by the grace of God. Believe the good news: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

*GLORIA

Savior of the Nations, Come

NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND



**(11:00) At this time any and all children through the 5th grade
are invited to come forward for Sharing Faith with Children.**

(11:00) SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

Atticus Gore

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Ford Moseley

Faithful God, through the gift of your word you offer us instruction, encouragement, and hope. By the power of your Spirit teach us to live in hope, sharing joy and peace with the world; in the name of Jesus our Lord. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 2:1-5

Ford Moseley

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

PSALM 122 (responsive)

Leader: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!"

All: Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Leader: Jerusalem built as a city that is bound firmly together.

All: To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the LORD.

Leader: For there the thrones for judgment were set up, the thrones of the house of David.

All: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you.

Leader: Peace be within your walls and security within your towers."

All: For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, "Peace be within you." For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your good.

SECOND LESSON: Matthew 24:36-44

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"Watch. Wait. Wonder."

Rev. Pam Hrcir

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 97

Watchman, Tell Us of the Night

ABERYSTWYTH

The choir will sing the lines that begin with “Watchman,”
and the congregation will sing the lines beginning with “Traveler.”

1 Watch-man, tell us of the night, what its signs of prom-ise are.
2 Watch-man, tell us of the night; high-er yet that star as-cends.
3 Watch-man, tell us of the night, for the morn-ing seems to dawn.

Trav-eler, what a won-drous sight: see that glo-ry-beam-ing star.
Trav-eler, bless-ed - ness and light, peace and truth its course por - tends.
Trav-eler, shad-ows take their flight; doubt and ter - ror are with-drawn.

Watch-man, does its beau-teous ray news of joy or hope fore - tell?
Watch-man, will its beams a - lone gild the spot that gave them birth?
Watch-man, you may go your way; has-ten to your qui - et home.

Trav-eler, yes; it brings the day, prom-ised day of Is - ra - el.
Trav-eler, a - ges are its own; see, it bursts o'er all the earth.
Trav-eler, we re - joice to - day, for Em - man - u - el has come!

**May be sung antiphonally.*

This unusual dialogue hymn alternates between the voice of a traveler and that of a watchman, setting up an exchange that creates parallels between the coming of dawn and the birth of Christ. The tune is named for a Welsh town whose name means “mouth of the bending river.”

***AN AFFIRMATION FOR ADVENT (unison)**

**We believe in Jesus the Christ—
God coming to us
in the fragile promise
of a baby yet unborn—
who emerges as the herald of hope,
God's laughter in the face of despair.
Plunged into death and hell,
he broke free the captives,
and is leading the way
to the land of promise
where justice and peace will flourish.**

*-by Nathan Nettleton from *The Laughingbird: Liturgical Resources with an Australian Voice**

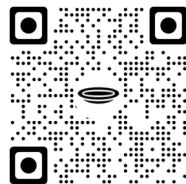
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. 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

O Come, Divine Messiah

French Carol
Arr. Howard Helvey

O come, divine Messiah! The world in silence waits the day
When hope shall sing its triumph, and sadness flee away.

Refrain:

Dear Savior haste; come, come to earth,
Dispel the night and show your face and bid us hail the dawn of grace.
O come, divine Messiah! The world in silence waits the day
When hope shall sing its triumph, and sadness flee away.

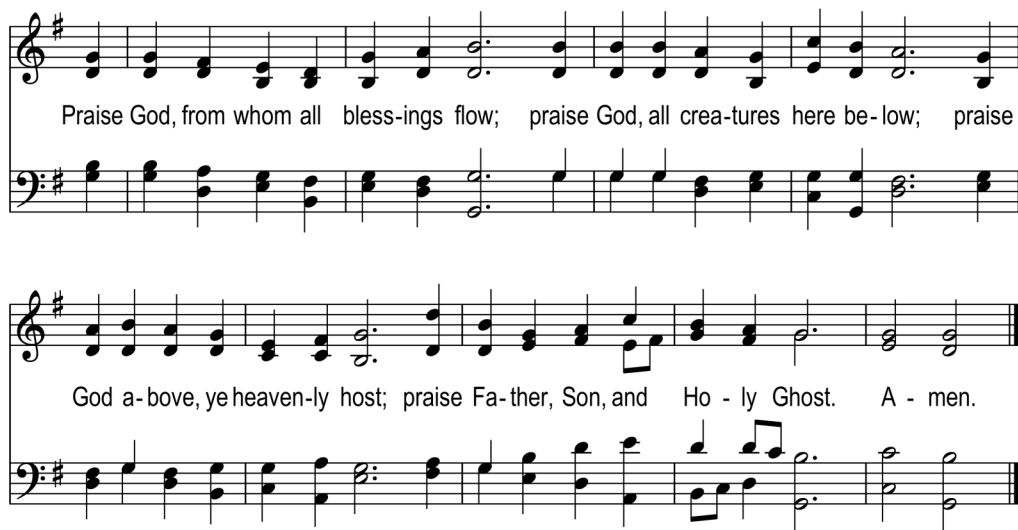
You come in peace and meekness, and lowly will your cradle be;
All clothed in human weakness shall we your Godhead see. (Refrain)

O Christ, whom nations sigh for, whom priest and prophet long foretold,
Come break the captive fetters; redeem the long-lost fold. (Refrain)

*DOXOLOGY

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

REGENT SQUARE



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise God, all crea-tures here be-low; praise
God a-bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

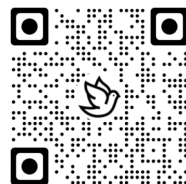
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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 93

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

TRURO

1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold the
2 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a
3 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to

King of glo - ry waits; the King of kings is
tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for
thee; here, Lord, a - bide. Let me thy in - ner

draw - ing near; the Sav - ior of the world is here.
heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.
pres - ence feel; thy grace and love in me re - veal.

Beginning as a paraphrase of Psalm 24:7–10, this text then applies the door imagery to the singer's heart, and concludes with the individual's welcome of the approaching Savior. It is set to a very effective anonymous 18th-century English tune that has served many texts.

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE Chorale Prelude on *Wachet Auf, Ruft Uns die Stimme* J. S. Bach

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 music for “O Come, Divine Messiah” comes from a sixteenth-century French Christmas carol originally about the animals in the manger. The words we sing today come from the eighteenth-century abbot Simon-Joseph Pellegrin, translated into English by Sister Mary of St. Philip in 1872. The melody was most famously used by Marc-Antoine Charpentier in his *Messe de minuit pour Noël, a mass for Christmas eve based on French Christmas carols*.

We close this morning's service with J. S. Bach's contemplative setting of *Sleeper's Awake, a Voice is Calling*, joining churches worldwide in a tradition of playing this well-known masterpiece at the opening of the Advent season.

∞ THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ∞

The Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of her husband, Colonel Richard R. Price and her parents, Sally and Kenneth MacNair
by Jan Price.

☞ **THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY** ☞

PASTOR

Pam Hrcir, Associate Pastor

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP AND SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

Atticus Gore, College Intern

MUSIC MINISTRY

Chris Bechtler, Director of Music

Norman Elton, Organist and Assistant Director of Music

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

Melody Dillon

GREETERS

9:30am Cheryl Roettger, Larry Cheney

11:00am Larry and Cathy Cheney

USHERS

9:30am Karen Lauritzen, Cathy Cheney, David Littell, Rebecca Caprio

11:00am Maxine Cunningham, John Andrews, Ric Cheston, Shanna Due

LITURGISTS

Ford Moseley

CANDLE LIGHTERS

Stephen Ministry

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOST

Anne Nordin, Dorothy Geyer

***WILLIAMSBURG LANDING USHERS**

Linda Eichhorn

***WINDSOR MEADE USHER**

Peter Moriarty and Ray Whitney

AUDIO AND VIDEO TECHNICIANS: Matt Slack and John Schoenberger

*Satellite campuses

☞ WPC Elders, Deacons & Staff ☞

*Moderator

**Second Chair

SESSION: CLASSES OF 2026, 2027, 2028

Moderator: John E. Morgan Clerk of Session: Diane Schwarz
Administration: Larry Pulley* (26), Margie Newcomer (26), Pat Murray (28)
Christian Education: JD Due* (26), Kelly Kirkpatrick (26), Megan Davis (28), Len Shartzter (28)
Christian Outreach: CW Stacks* (28), Joseph Kinard (27), Carolyn Morgan (28)
Communications: Ellen Peters* (27)
Facilities: Jerry Howell* (26), Ric Cheston (27), Greg Walton (28)
Resources: Marc Moyers* (27), Jay Eaton (26)
Worship: Becky McKinley* (27)

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE:

Joseph Kinard* (26), Jim Austin (26), Martha Squire (27), Wray Russell (28) Mike Smith (28)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: CLASS OF 2025-26

Moderator: Ric Cheston, Kathy Chamber, Jim Kirkpatrick, Karen Lee, Carolyn Morgan, Nancy Moseley,
Jim Winthrop

BOARD OF DEACONS: CLASSES OF 2026, 2027, 2028

Moderator: Eric Beckhusen (26) Vice-Moderator: Julia Smith (27)
Pastoral Advisor: Pam Hrcir, Associate Pastor
Secretary: Robin Sabo (26)

CARE TEAMS

Care Connections: Jennifer LaDow** (26), Skip Perry (28), Patty Yewcic (28)
Brookdale and Other Asst. Living: Robin Sabo (26)
Patriot's Colony: Barbara Smith** (28)
Williamsburg Landing: Carolyn Lodzieski** (26)
Windsor Meade: Martha Burian** (26), Jack Snell (28)

MINISTRY TEAMS

Celebrations and Concerns: Laura Osman** (27), Barb Timko (28)
Christian Fellowship: Bev Whitley** (27), Dave McLain (26) Jim Carey** (27), Jane Snyder (28), Steve Young (28)
Flower Sharing: Leigh Sutherland** (26), Carol Thomas (26), Linda Stewart (28)
New Member: Eric Beckhusen** (26), Rodney Lawrence (27)
Memorial Receptions: Rebecca Caprio** (26), Karen Lauritzen (27), Julia Smith (27), Cheryl Roettger (28)
Memorial Services: Ford Moseley** (27), Jack Lassiter (27), Kathy Chambers (27), Bruce Graham (28)

STAFF

Pastoral Staff: John E. Morgan, Pastor/Head of Staff; Pam Hrcir, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care
Program Staff: Melody Dillon, Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries, Caroline Johnston, Director
of Collegiate Ministries.

Music Staff: Chris Bechtler, Director of Music; Norman Elton, Organist, Assistant Director of Music;
Rebecca Elton, Junior 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. Sharing Faith with Children returns to our 11am 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!

∞ YOUTH STATEMENT ∞

All youth in 6th-12th grade are invited to join us every Sunday evening for WPC Youth Group! We meet from 5:30-7:00pm and enjoy dinner, singing, and a variety of activities from Bible study to Gaga Ball.

High schoolers in 9th-12th grade are invited to join for a midweek Bible study on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:00pm. Please reach out to Melody Dillon with any questions.

∞ FAMILY STATEMENT ∞

Every 3rd Sunday is WPC Family Sunday! During Sunday School, families are invited to gather upstairs in Room 227 for coffee, breakfast treats, and informal conversation and community building. Then, during the 11:00am service, all kids in preschool-5th grade are invited to sit together and help lead the congregation in Embodying the Psalm.

∞ T-LOOP ENABLED ∞



Did you know you can receive amplified sound in the Sanctuary with a t-loop enabled hearing aid? The "loop" signal is strongest in certain pews along the center aisle. Look for the blue symbol pictured here.

∞ 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.
- **The monthly grief support group resumes meeting the first** Wednesday of the month, at 10am in room 227 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.
- **Caregivers Support Group** will resume their weekly meetings on Mondays at 1:00pm in room 222 on the second level.

✧ 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.

Pastor-on-Call

Sunday, November 30 – Saturday, December 1
Pastor John • jmorgan@mywpc.org • 757-903-7800

Please pray for:

- Fran Shannon, granddaughter of Gene and Ellen D'Orsogna, and other Peace Corp workers in Tanzania during this turbulent time there.
- Robin Midlam (Cheyenne, WY), sister of Jodie Davis; Terry Hancock, Nell Stowe, and families who have recently lost loved ones.

Please pray for those:

- Recovering from various surgeries, who are homebound; who have family and friend concerns, affected by natural disasters, affected by the recent government shut down, serving in the military services and their families; serving our country in leadership roles, experiencing homelessness and hunger; affected by the wars in Gaza, Israel, Sudan, and Ukraine.

❧ ANNOUNCEMENTS ❧

- Pastor John is worshiping with family this morning. Beginning Wednesday, December 3 through Friday, December 5, 2025, Pastor John will be attending The Academy of Homiletics in Richmond, VA.
- **Gift of Christmas 2025: Just a reminder that the Gift of Christmas Program will be starting TODAY, Sunday, November 30.** This is an opportunity to make a donation to one of the 19 charities that will be listed this year. Most of these are local programs that you are very familiar with, but a few listed are not based locally but still serve Virginia residents. The Gift of Christmas is a way for you to honor your families, grandchildren and friends by giving a gift in their name to one of the helping organizations that is listed in the insert included in the Sunday bulletins through December. With each donation, you will receive a Christmas angel ornament along with a card that you can give to the person you are remembering. Celebrate the joy of Christmas by knowing that your gift will be appreciated both by the person you are honoring and by the deserving programs that help so many in need in our communities. For more information contact Karen Annoni*.
- **Honoring Grief & Embracing Hope Gathering: A Tender Light in the Season.** Holidays can be joyful — and they can cause our hearts to ache for those no longer with us. If you are carrying grief this season, whether recent or from years past, you are not alone. Join Pastor Pam for a gentle gathering of prayer, reflection, and companionship as we honor our memories and welcome the quiet light of hope in Christ, **Saturday, December 6, 2025, 10:30am in room 220. To plan for your presence, please sign up in the back lobby or online at mywpc.org/honor-grief by Tuesday, December 2.**
- **Daily Devotionals for Advent! Receive them by email or text beginning TODAY.** We are delighted to share that daily devotionals have returned for Advent! Following the wonderful response to our Lenten series this past spring, we're continuing the tradition as we enter this sacred season of waiting and hope. Our Advent Devotional for this year, published by Presbyterian Outlook, is titled "*Draw Near: Lighting the Advent Path with Hope, Peace, Joy and Love.*" You can receive the devotional daily as an email or text message by signing up at mywpc.org/devotionals. All who signed up to receive the Lent devotionals are automatically subscribed with an opt-out option.
- **Advent Bible Study coming soon: "Songs of Christmas" beginning Wednesdays December. 3, 10 and 17 from 1-2:00pm and Thursday evenings – December 4, 11, and 18 from 6-7:00pm.** Join us as we explore: *Mary's Magnificat* (Luke 1:46-55), *Zechariah's Song* (Luke 1:68-79) and *Simeon's Song* (Luke 2:29-32). This study, with Allen Hogge and Judy Austin as facilitators, and Chris Bechtler supporting with music will help guide us through Advent. **Please register so we can prepare for you! Sign up online at mywpc.org/songs or at the table in the Welcome Lobby.**
- **Children's Ministry is GROWING and needs your help!** During the school holidays, our college students who work in the nursery are enjoying a well-deserved break. **Therefore, we need your help in the nursery from December 1 - January 22 during the 9:30am service only.** Let's continue to support our children and families by sharing God's love! Your wisdom, experience, and knowledge are such a blessing to our families. The only qualification needed for this role is a heart for children! Please go to mywpc.org/nursery to sign up or contact Melody Dillon (mdillon@mywpc.org).
- **The Squares Men's Bible Study:** "What I believe I do." If that is a true statement then a wise person will develop a strong faith. Yes, faith is your choice and will determine how you live your life, so choose wisely. Knowing this, The Squares will dig a bit deeper into the question of your faith by using the parable of the seeds found in Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23. Therefore, you are invited to join this men's group on Thursday, December 4 at 7:00pm in room 227.

- **Christmas Joy Offering – 2025:** Each year at Christmas time, we share in the special offering called “Christmas Joy.” Your gifts to Christmas Joy Offering provide life-giving assistance to pastors and church workers who are facing unexpected and critical financial need. It also helps to fund schools and colleges, and provides scholarships for communities of color to pursue higher education and grow in faith.

In this season of hope, please prayerfully consider giving generously to this special offering. Envelopes are in the bulletin. Checks may be made out to WPC with “*Christmas Joy*” on the memo line. You may also give online at the WPC website. Thank you for your continued support of this caring mission.

- **“As a Soprano, I Will Not Be Silenced”:** Everyone is invited to attend the Senior Voice Recital of Sophie Morris-Suzuki’s — a celebration of song by WPC’s own Choral Scholar. The evening will feature works by Scarlatti, Haydn, Mozart, and more **Tuesday, December 2, 2025, at 7:30pm in Comey Recital Hall**, 551 Jamestown Road. Come support Sophie and enjoy an inspiring night of music!
- **Sponsor a Poinsettia in Memory/Honor of Someone:** The joyful season of Christmas is upon us. As we prepare to celebrate our Lord’s birth, you are invited to help decorate the church by sponsoring a poinsettia. Envelopes for poinsettias are in the pew fellowship books and the Welcome Center. Orders may also be placed online at mywpc.org/poinsettias. **The deadline for ordering is December 7.** Poinsettias are to remain in place until AFTER the 10pm. worship service on Christmas Eve.
- **Salvation Army Angel Tree Program 2025: The Salvation Army Angel Tree Tags are now available in Stevenson Hall.** Make Christmas Day memorable for someone less fortunate. Stop by the Christmas tree in the fellowship hall. It is decorated with 50 angel tags for children and 10 tags for seniors. Adopt an Angel and buy gifts for that child or senior. You will be demonstrating the true meaning of Christmas and sharing God’s amazing gift of love. **Gifts should be returned by December 9 to the Salvation Army office or to the church.** Thank you for your generous and loving support of the Salvation Army.
- **2025 Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign: Spread comfort and joy as a bell ringer! The Christian Outreach Ministry is sponsoring an opportunity for members to spread comfort and joy by reaching out to those in need.** You can make a big difference in the lives of local citizens by volunteering as a bell ringer for the Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign Tuesday, December 9, Thursday, December 11, Tuesday, December 16, and Thursday, December 18. Locations will be at the Walmart Supercenter on Rochambeau Drive, the Walmart Neighborhood Market on Casey Boulevard, and Belk on Monticello Avenue. Sign up for one or more one-hour shifts at: mywpc.org/bellringer. Questions? Please contact Tom Moul*
- **Every day, local seniors depend on Meals on Wheels for more than just food - they depend on the connection, comfort, and care that comes with every delivery.** Right now, too many of our vulnerable neighbors are still waiting. You can help End the Wait this season and make sure every home in Williamsburg is reached with nourishment and hope. \$6.50 provides a meal - and a moment of comfort. Donate or learn more at www.williamsburgmealsonwheels.com. If you have any questions, please contact WPC member Debbie Muse.*
- **One last chance to show off your WPC “Spirit!”** WPC car magnets are still available to purchase, in order to show off your “WPC Spirit!” Each magnet is 6”x6”, and the logo is full color. Please note that this is not a fundraiser for any ministry or group. If you would like to purchase a car magnet for \$4, please reach out to Jodie Davis, or see Martha Reier in the Church Office.
- **The WPC Book Club will meet on Monday, January 26, 2026, at 2pm in Room 220 (and on Zoom) to discuss *American Passage: The History of Ellis Island*, by Vincent J. Cannato.**

- **Our next New Member Orientation Luncheon is scheduled for Sunday, February 15, 2026, immediately after the 11:00am worship service.** Come and enjoy great food and 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 this morning.
- **Volunteers Needed: Our neighbor church, The Historic First Baptist Church of Williamsburg is gearing up for a busy celebration of the 250th anniversary of our country.** They are expecting that many people will want to visit the first Baptist church for enslaved and free blacks established in 1776 in the country. **They are looking for volunteers from area churches to serve as greeters in 2026. The tour schedule will be every Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 10:00am to 2:00pm.** If you are interested in volunteering please contact the Church Office. If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor John.

Volunteers Needed for Homeless Shelter

WPC is hosting the Community of Faith Mission Homeless Shelter this year from January 4 to January 11, 2026. Three other Williamsburg churches will staff the shelter and provide meals for four nights/mornings. We will need WPC volunteers to the shelter for the other three nights/mornings, January 4-5, January 5-6, and January 10-11.

We will also help St Martin's Episcopal and Life Church to staff their shelters for one night/morning during their shelter weeks. We need volunteers to staff the shelter for five nights (and the following mornings):

- December 22, 2025 (at Life Church);
- January 4, Jan 5, Jan 10, 2026 (WPC) and;
- January 20, 2026 (at St Martin's Episcopal).

There are four shifts for each night:

- Shift 1--kitchen volunteers to prepare and serve dinner from 5 pm to 9 pm;
- Shift 2--check-in from 5 pm to 9 pm;
- Shift 3--overnight from 9 pm to 2 am (the next day) and 2 am to 7:30am
- Shift 4--breakfast and checkout from 5:00 am to 7 30 am (the next day)

Please sign up for a shift using Sign-Up Genius at: mywpc.org/shelter

You may also contact Jim Winthrop* or Joe Avellar* to sign up.

***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 ✧

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, NOVEMBER 30

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; FM93.5 The Burg and AM740 or wmbgradio.com

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1

1:00pm Caregiver Support Group / Rm 222

2:00pm Stephen Ministry Mtg / Rm 218

5:30pm Christian Education Ministry Mtg /

6:30pm Williamsburg Choral Guild Rehearsal / Sanctuary

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2

10:00am Tuesday Adult Bible Study / Rm 220

1:00pm In-person Staff Mtg / Stevenson Hall

7:30pm Sophie Morris-Suzuki's Senior Voice Recital Comey Recital Hall, 551 Jamestown Road

6:00pm ARC / Stevenson Hall

6:30pm UKirk Dinner & Dialogue /UKirk Rm

7:00pm Earth Care Committee / Church Library and Zoom

7:00pm AA Williamsburg Big Book Study / LL009 and LL049

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3

10:00am Finding Hope Grief Support Grp / Rm 227

1:00pm Advent Bible Study: Songs of Christmas / Stevenson Hall

6:00pm Joyful Ringers Rehearsal / Bell Rm

7:00pm High School Bible Study / Rm 222

7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Rm

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4

9:00am Sanctuary Cleaning

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

6:00pm Advent Bible Study: Songs of Christmas / Stevenson Hall

7:00pm The Squares / Rm 255

7:30pm Westminster Ringers Rehearsal / Bell Rm

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5

3:00pm Motel Food Prep / Kitchen

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

10:30am Honoring Grief & Embracing Hope During the Holidays: *A Tender Light in the Season* / Rm 220

✧ NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP ✧

December 7, 2025 • 2nd of Advent

Pastor John's sermon, "*A Little Child Shall Lead Them*," will be based on Isaiah 11:1-11.