



WILLIAMSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

COMMUNION SUNDAY • DECEMBER 7, 2025

PRAYER FOR PREPARATION

O Root of Jesse, O Peace, stir up your power within us, that in this time we may await with abundant expectation the fulfillment of your eternal presence in creation, for you live and reign among us, Maker, Savior, and Giver of Life, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE GATHERING

PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

PASTORAL GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. John E. Morgan

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Shanna Due

MINUTE FOR MISSION: Community of Faith Mission

Jim Winthrop

PRELUDE

Advent Carol
Joyful Ringers

arr. Hal Hopson

LIGHTING OF THE PEACE CANDLE

UKirk Campus Ministry

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Today we light two candles, their light steady and sure against the dark. Hope burns beside peace, witnessing to God's enduring promises. The glow spreads wider each week, reminding us that peace is possible, and God's kin-dom is drawing near.

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

Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet_ a king,
born to reign_ in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.

PRAYER OF ADORATION (unison)

O God of still waters and quiet strength, we confess how often our lives are restless. Our hearts race, our hands grasp, our voices quicken with fear. Yet you breathe calm into chaos; you steady our steps on uneven ground. Grant us your peace, O Christ, not as the world gives, but as you alone provide.

***HYMN 104**

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

1 O Lord, how shall I meet you, how wel-come you a - right?
 2 Love caused your in - car - na - tion; love brought you down to me;
 3 You come, O Lord, with glad - ness, in mer - cy and good-will,

Your peo - ple long to greet you, my hope, my heart's de - light!
 your thirst for my sal - va - tion pro-cured my lib - er - ty.
 to bring an end to sad - ness and bid our fears be still.

O kin - dle, Lord most ho - ly, a lamp with - in my breast,
 O love be - yond all tell - ing, that led you to em - brace
 In pa - tient ex - pec - ta - tion we live for that great day

to do in spir - it low - ly all that may please you best.
 in love, all loves ex - cel - ling, our lost and fal - len race.
 when your re-newed cre - a - tion your glo - ry shall dis - play.

Though many Advent hymns address Christ with entreaty and invitation, this more contemplative text considers how an individual prepares for and responds to Christ's coming. It also brings together a recollection of the First Coming with an anticipation of the Second Coming.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: Let us lay before God and one another the distances between us, the impatience, idolatries, and lack of compassion that form our confessions this day. For if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves. Yet in mercy, God will forgive us and renew us.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

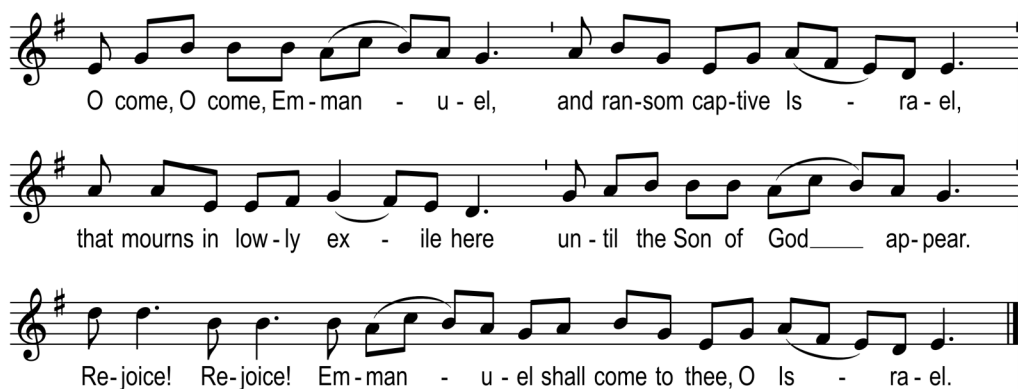
Gracious and welcoming God, have mercy on your people. We confess that we do not believe in your incarnation. We do not heed your word each day in all that we say and do. We do not see our neighbors, families, and friends as beloved children whom you have made. In your mercy, forgive us, for we repent of our ways and look to your power to heal us and raise us up, so that, at the last, you will gather us to you and give us peace. Amen.

*A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER

*KYRIE

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL



O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran-som cap-tive Is - ra - el,
that mourns in low - ly ex - ile here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
Re-joice! Re-joice! Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

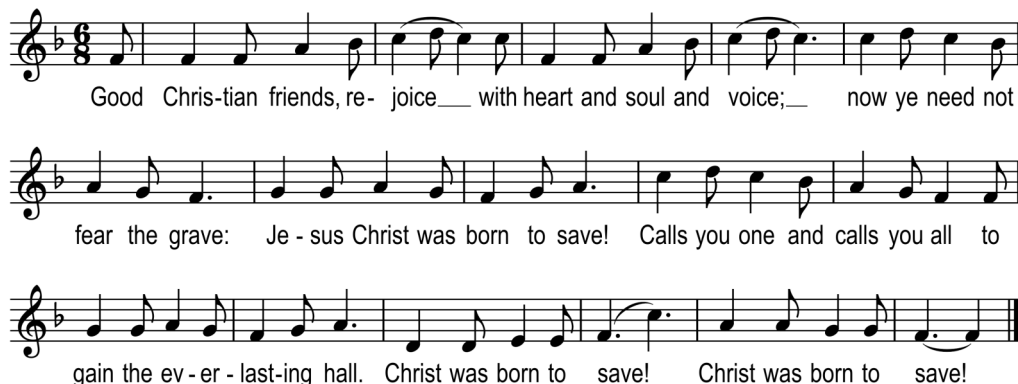
*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: The reign of God has come near; the repentant will be judged with righteousness. You are forgiven. Be filled with hope, believing in the power of the risen Christ to bring you to new life. Rejoice and believe.

*GLORIA

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

IN DULCI JUBILO



Good Chris-tian friends, re- joice___ with heart and soul and voice;___ now ye need not
fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save! Calls you one and calls you all to
gain the ev - er - last-ing hall. Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

**(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

Megan Davis

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Shanna Due

Your Word, Holy God, was written for our instruction. By your Holy Spirit open our ears and fill us with the mysteries of your ancient love; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Matthew 3:1-12

Shanna Due

**This is the Word of God for the people of God!
Thanks be to God!**

PSALM 72:1-7, 18-19 (responsive)

Leader: Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to a king's son.

All: **May he judge your people with righteousness
and your poor with justice.**

Leader: May the mountains yield prosperity for the people,
and the hills, in righteousness.

All: **May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the needy,
and crush the oppressor.**

(Psalm continues on the next page.)

Leader: May he live while the sun endures
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

**All: May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,
like showers that water the earth.**

Leader: In his days may righteousness flourish
and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

**All: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things.**

Leader: Blessed be his glorious name forever;
may his glory fill the whole earth.
Amen and Amen.

SECOND LESSON: Isaiah 11:1-11

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Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"A Shoot From the Stump of Jesse"


Rev. John E. Morgan

RESPONDING TO THE WORD


*HYMN 129

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming


ES IST EIN' ROS'




1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom-ing from ten - der stem hath sprung,
 2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the rose I have in mind;
 3 This flower, whose fra-grance ten - der with sweet-ness fills the air,



of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing, by faith - ful proph - ets sung.
 with Mar - y we be - hold it, the vir - gin moth - er kind.
 dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor the dark-ness ev - ery-where.



It came, a flower - et bright, a - mid the cold of
 To show God's love a - right she bore for us a
 En - fleshed, yet ver - y God, from sin and death he



win - ter, when half spent was the night.
 Sav - ior, when half spent was the night.
 saves us and light - ens ev - ery load.

Although the early copies of this 15th-century German text include many more stanzas than are printed here, this simpler, shorter form has much to commend it. This early 17th-century harmonization of the traditional chorale melody invites and rewards singing in parts.

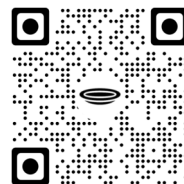
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED (unison)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. 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

The First Noel
Westminster Ringers

arr. Moglebust

*DOXOLOGY

What Child Is This

GREENSLEEVES

Musical notation for the Doxology, featuring four staves of music in G major and 6/8 time. The lyrics are written below the notes.

So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come one and all to own him.

The King of kings sal - va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing.

Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Williamsburg Presbyterian Church welcomes all who believe in Jesus Christ to share the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper with us today. We receive the elements by means of intinction, taking a piece of bread and dipping it into the cup. For those who desire an individual serving, regular or gluten free, they will be on a table in front of the baptismal font and on the small tables located in the balcony. If you are seated on the main floor of the sanctuary, you are invited to come forward to the chancel area by way of the center aisle and return to your pews by the side aisle. If you are sitting in the balcony, an usher will guide you to the sacrament. If you are unable to come forward easily, please signal to one of the ushers or elders so the communion elements can be brought to your seat.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor: Eternal God...

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE MEAL

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Manger Lullaby
Westminster Ringers

Morris

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

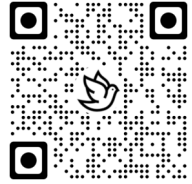
We give you thanks, Holy One, for all good things: for this universe and for Earth itself, for creatures and plants, for water and food, for light and darkness; for Jesus, our brother, who enlarged our vision, setting himself before us as the bread and wine of abundant life; and for the Holy Spirit, who comes to us in baptism and moves in our midst with the power to lead us to you. Amen.

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 2

Come, Thou Almighty King

ITALIAN HYMN

1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy
 2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, mer - ci - ful,
 3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred
 4 To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal

name to sing; help us to praise:
 might - y Lord, our prayer at - tend.
 wit - ness bear in this glad hour.
 prais - es be, hence ev - er - more!

Fa - ther, all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic - to - ri - ous,
 Come, and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy word suc - cess;
 Thou who al - might - y art, now rule in ev - ery heart,
 Thy sov - ereign maj - es - ty may we in glo - ry see,

come, and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
 Spir - it of ho - li - ness, on us de - scend.
 and ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of power.
 and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

The author of this Trinitarian text is unknown, but this hymn has proved popular since the middle of the 18th century, partly because of its effective use of biblical metaphors, but also because of the strength of this tune, which was composed especially for these words.

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Catalonian Carol
Westminster Ringers

arr. Sherman

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.

∞ THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ∞

The Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God and
in loving memory of his wife, Yvonne, by Don Piper.

∞ THE NARTHEX FLOWERS ∞

The flowers in the Narthex today are lovingly given in celebration of
Sigi and Bob Rutherford's 62nd wedding anniversary
with gratitude to God for his blessings throughout our journey together.

✧ THOSE SERVING TODAY ✧

PASTOR

John E. Morgan, Pastor and Head of Staff

Pam Hrnccir, Associate Pastor

MUSIC MINISTRY

Chris Bechtler, Director of Music

Norman Elton, Organist and Assistant Director of Music

Joyful Ringers directed by Chris Bechtler

Westminster Ringers directed by Norman Elton

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

Melody Dillon

GREETERS

9:30am Cheryl Roettger, Walter Schmid

11:00am Elizabeth Padgett, Maxine Cunningham

USHERS

9:30am Penny Marshburn, Matthew Underwood, Rebecca Caprio, John VanAken

11:00am Bob Bolstad, Martha Jean Howell, Tom Moul, Patty Yewcic

LITURGISTS

Shanna Due

CANDLE LIGHTERS

UKirk Campus Ministry

SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

Megan Davis

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOST

Jim Carey, Anne Nordin, Robin Sabo

***WILLIAMSBURG LANDING USHERS**

Dick Sahlen, Ric Cheston, Linda Eichhorn

***WINDSOR MEADE USHER**

Peter Moriarty and Ray Whitney

***WINDSOR MEADE COMMUNION SERVERS**

Peter Moriarty and Marian Dawson

AUDIO AND VIDEO TECHNICIANS: Dave McLain 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** meets weekly 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*.

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, December 7 – Saturday, December 13
Pastor Pam • phrncir@mywpc.org • 757-508-4668**

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.

❧ ADVENT SUNDAYS ❧

On the First Sunday of Advent, we placed an urn filled with somber hues of green and brown, symbolizing a world whose people walk in darkness, awaiting the Light of the World.

On this Second Sunday of Advent, white poinsettias are in the sanctuary symbolizing the Advent of the Light of the World.

❧ ANNOUNCEMENTS ❧

- **Gift of Christmas 2025 is now underway!** 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*. She will also be available between services and after the 11am in the area by the back door.
- **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*
- **Sponsor a Poinsettia in Memory/Honor of Someone:** 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.**
- **All youth (6th-12th grade) are invited to a Christmas party! On December 14 from 5:30-7:00pm all youth are invited for a special meal, games, and ice cream.** There will also be a white elephant gift exchange and all participants are asked to bring a wrapped gift (price limit \$10) to exchange. RSVPs are required at mywpc.org/youthchristmas and bringing friends is encouraged! You can also email Melody Dillon (mdillon@mywpc.org) with questions.
- **Join your Open Door Concert Series friends on Sunday, December 14 for a toe-tapping evening where Christmas spirit meets the heart of Louisiana!** Celebrate the season with the GRAMMY-winning BeauSoleil avec Michael Doucet as they bring their joyful, fiddle-fired Cajun sound to this special holiday performance. The concert begins at 4:00pm with a reception following. Invite a friend! Details at mywpc.org/concerts
- **Daily Devotionals for Advent are now being sent via email or text.** 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. **Hardcopies of the devotional are available in the Welcome Center.**

- **The Advent Bible Study “Songs of Christmas” has begun! You can still sign up to join us either Wednesday afternoons (1-2pm) or Thursday evenings (6-7pm).** Register online at mywpc.org/songs or at the table in the Welcome Lobby. This study, with Allen Hogge and Judy Austin as facilitators, and Chris Bechtler supporting with music, will continue next week with an exploration of Zechariah's Song, and finish on December 17/18 with Simeon's Song.
- **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).
- **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.

- **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.
- **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 🌀

2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT • COMMUNION SUNDAY • DECEMBER 7

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

12:00pm Organ Tuning / Sanctuary

3:30pm Family Christmas Workshop & Parade Hospitality Tent / Stevenson Hall & Courtyard

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8

1:00pm Caregiver Support Group / Rm 222

1:00pm PW Circle 3-Miriam / Rm 220 & Zoom

2:00pm Stephen Ministry Mtg / Rm 218

5:30pm Christian Education Ministry Mtg / 220

5:30pm Hunger and Homeless Mtg / LL010

6:30pm Williamsburg Choral Guild Rehearsal / Sanctuary

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

10:00am Tuesday Adult Bible Study / Rm 220

1:30pm Staff Mtg / Zoom

1:30pm Kirk Knitters / Church Library

5:00pm CE Children's Subcommittee / Rm 227

6:00pm ARC Movie Night / Stevenson Hall

6:30pm Stephen Ministry Meeting / Rm 220

6:30pm PW Circle 5 - Eunice / Rm 222

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10

7:30am Men's Bible & Bacon Study / Stevenson Hall

10:00am PW Circle 14 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 11

9:00am Sanctuary Cleaning

9:30am Presbyterian Women Circle 1

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

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

7:00pm Session Mtg / Rm 220

7:30pm Westminster Ringers Rehearsal / Bell Rm

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12

8:30pm Decorating of WPC

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

🌀 NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP 🌀

December 14, 2025 • 3rd of Advent

Pastor John's sermon, "*Patience*," will be based on James 5:7-10.