



WILLIAMSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT

11:00AM • DECEMBER 24, 2025

PRAYER FOR PREPARATION

Living God, on this holy night we gather—to stand with shepherds, amazed at your glory; to sing with angels, rejoicing in your work; to wait with Joseph, trusting in your promise; to sit with Mary, cradling your love. May the good news of this night inspire us to tell the world of our great joy: for to us is born a Savior, the Messiah, the Lord. Glory and praise to you forever! Amen.

THE GATHERING

PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

ORGAN PRELUDE

Silent Night

Joy to the World

Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella

Sleigh Ride

Mary, Did You Know?

Carol of the Bells

Cora Sanders, violin

Jackson Elton, piano

Haley Elton, piano

Rhodes Walton, tuba

Nolan Walton, euphonium

Katie Bechtler and Sumner Long, guitar

Madeline and Eleanor Chen, piano duet

PASTORAL GREETING

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Pastors Pam Hrcir and John E. Morgan

Leader: We call this candle Hope. We call this candle Peace. We call this candle Joy. We call this candle Love. We light tonight the Christ candle because in Jesus Christ the light of God has come into the world.

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)

Loving God, we offer our thanks for the gift of love born to us on this most joyous night. Like the shepherds, let us approach the manger with wonder and awe. Like the magi, let us come with grateful hearts. And let us open our hearts to receive the good news of which the angels sang. On this most holy night, we offer our prayers for peace in our world. Help us to make peace possible as we follow in the footsteps of the maker of peace who came to us as a babe in Bethlehem. Amen .

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

*Each scene will include a narration, a reading,
children's pantomime, and end with congregational song.*

Scene 1

Welcome to the Story

HYMN

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

Please remain seated

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant;
O come ye; O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come, and behold him, born the King of angels!
O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

Scene 2
Mary Receives God's Good News

HYMN

Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming
Please remain seated

ES IST EIN' ROS'

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming
from tender stem hath sprung,
of Jesse's lineage coming,
by faithful prophets sung.
It came, a floweret bright,
amid the cold of winter,
when half spent was the night.

Scene 3
Joseph Received God's Peace

HYMN

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Please remain seated

VENI EMMANUEL

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind;
bid envy, strife, and discord cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Scene 4
Joseph and Mary Travel to Bethlehem

HYMN

O Little Town of Bethlehem

ST. LOUIS

Please remain seated

O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary
and, gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together
proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the king,
and peace to all on earth.

How silently, how silently,
the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming,
but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still
the dear Christ enters in.

Scene 5
The Inn Keeper Takes Mercy on the Couple

HYMN

Away in a Manger

MUELLER

Please remain seated

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing; the poor baby wakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky,
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Scene 6
THE SHEPHERDS ARE BLESSED

HYMN

The First Nowell

THE FIRST NOWELL

Please remain seated

The first Nowell the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain:

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night.

Refrain

And by the light of that same star
three wise men came from country far;
to seek for a king was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it went.

Refrain

Scene 7
Wise Men Seek God's Gift

HYMN

We Three Kings of Orient Are

KINGS OF ORIENT

Please remain seated

We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never over us all to reign.

O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!

Scene 8
God's Light Leads Us All

***HYMN**

Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

Please remain seated

Joy to the World, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her king; let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing. (Repeat)

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!
Let all our songs employ; while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
repeat the sounding joy. (Repeat)

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground; he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found. (Repeat)

He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness,
and wonders of his love. (Repeat)

SERMON

"A Christmas for Sheep"

Rev. John E. Morgan

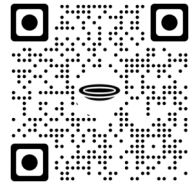
*HYMN 123

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

THE FIRST NOWELL

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

Hodie, Christus Natus Est

Michael Bedford

Carol and Junior Chors

Refrain:

Hodie Christus natus est!

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Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo!

Hodie Christus natus est!

Hodie Christus natus est!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The angels sang to the shepherds three,

As they knelt on bended knee,

"Christ is born this holy morn!

Hurry to Bethlehem and see!"

The shepherds left the hillside bare,

Traveled over the meadows fair,

Till in awe the child they saw,

Lying in a manger bare. (Refrain)

May we, like those three shepherds poor,

Come, the Christ child to adore.

May we here, every year,

Worship within the church's door.

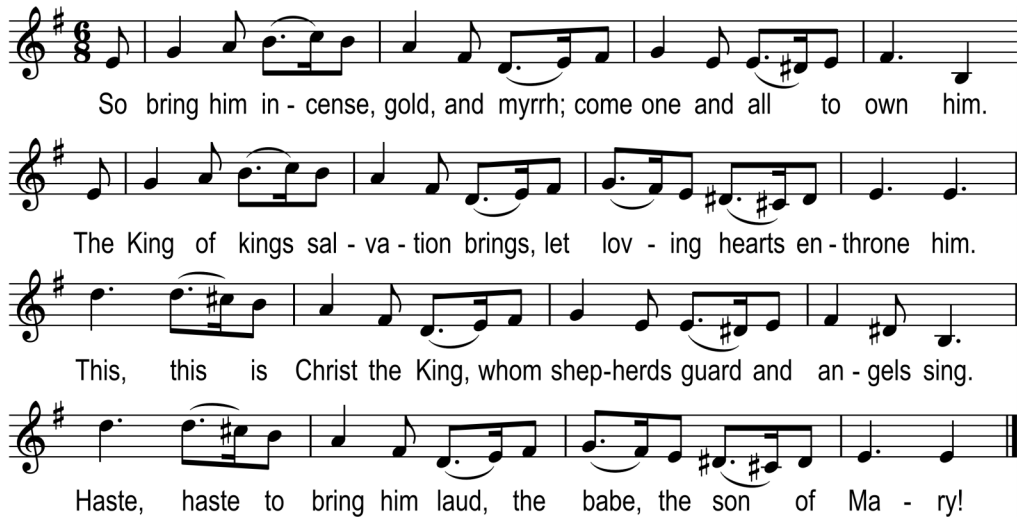
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Then may we, with joyful call,
Carry the news outside this hall.
Thus we'll share, everywhere,
God's great gift to one and all. (Refrain)

*DOXOLOGY

What Child Is This

GREENSLEEVES



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

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

Leader: God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. In Christ was life and the life was the light of all people.

People: The light shines in the darkness; and the darkness has never been able to put it out. That was the true light, which enlightens everyone that comes into the world. Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; those who follow me shall not walk in darkness but shall have the light of life."

LIGHTING OUR CANDLES

Please turn your candles on.

HYMN

Silent Night, Holy Night

STILLE NACHT

Please remain seated

**Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright,
Round yon virgin mother and Child!
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing "Alleluia;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!"**

**Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face, With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.**

**Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!**

CHARGE AND BLESSING

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

arr. Harmon

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
by Dr. John M. Pitman III, Second Lieutenant John M. Pittman IV,
Annamaria Pittman, Bert Pitman and Mrs. Mary Bissell Pittman,
in loving memory of Dr. and Mrs. John M. Pittman Jr., Rev. F. W. Pittman,
John M. Pittman Sr., Catherine P. Pittman, Mary Sue Pittman Aldrich,
Mary L. Pittman, Ella Pittman Jones, and Lawrence C. Pittman.

∞ THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP THIS EVENING ∞

PASTORS • CANDLE LIGHTERS

John E. Morgan, Pastor
Pam Hrnrcir, Associate Pastor

MUSIC MINISTRY

Rebecca Elton, Pageant Director and Director of Carol Choir
Carol and Junior Choirs
Christopher Bechtler, Director of Music Ministries
Norman Elton, Organist

SPECIAL MUSIC

Cora Sanders, violin
Jackson Elton, piano
Haley Elton, piano
Rhodes Walton, tuba
Nolan Walton, euphonium
Katie Bechtler and Sumner Long, guitar
Madeline and Eleanor Chen, piano duet

GREETERS

Cherie Wodarski, Rebecca Caprio, Dick Hubbard

USHERS

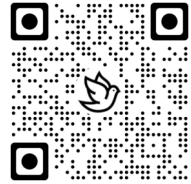
Gary Davis, Jodie Davis, Audrey Davis , Rebecca Caprio

AUDIO AND VIDEO TECHNICIAN

John Schoenberger

❧ A FEW NOTES ❧

If you are joining us online, please let us know through our online friendship register at mywpc.org/friendship.



Children are welcome at WPC! We 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. And relax—God put the wiggle in children, so don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome!

❧ THIS SUNDAY IN WORSHIP ❧

The First Sunday of Christmas • December 28, 2025

Please join us for a service of Lessons and Carols led by Pastor Pam Hrcir.

The 9:30 a.m. service is livestreamed on mywpc.org.

The 11:00 a.m. service is broadcast on FM 93.5 "The Burg" and AM 740.

Merry Christmas

Welcome to Williamsburg Presbyterian Church!

*Thank you for joining us in worship.
Your presence with us this evening is a blessing.*



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