



Williamsburg  
Presbyterian  
Church



3rd Sunday after Epiphany  
January 25, 2026

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## PRAYER FOR PREPARATION

God, our light and our salvation, Jesus announced the nearness of your kingdom and called his disciples to be fishers of women and men. Give us courage to follow in the way of Jesus, that our lives may bear witness to the good news of the kingdom at hand and our vocation serve to draw people to your salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## THE GATHERING PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

*Joyfully led by the Spirit,  
We are revolutionary in our hope and love.  
Welcoming all, we nurture and equip people to  
Serve God and care for our community in the way of Jesus.*

**PASTORAL GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. John E. Morgan

**CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

Rev. John E. Morgan

**PRELUDE**

Soliloquy

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**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We gather as a people of faith.

**All: Knowing we can bring our questions to this haven of safety.**

Leader: We gather as a people of faith.

**All: Seeking to follow the footsteps of Christ.**

Leader: We gather as a people of faith.

**All: Trusting in the goodness of God.**

Leader: We gather as a people of faith: knowing, seeking and trusting. With our doubts and our certainties, let us lift our voices in praise!

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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.

1 O Christ, the great foundation on which your people stand  
 2 Baptized in one confession, one church in all the earth,  
 3 Where tyrants' hold is tightened, where strong devour the weak,  
 4 This is the moment glorious when he who once was dead  
 to preach your true salvation in every age and land:  
 we bear our Lord's impression, the sign of second birth:  
 where innocents are frightened, the righteous fear to speak,  
 shall lead his church victorious, their champion and their head.  
 pour out your Holy Spirit to make us strong and pure,  
 one holy people gathered in love beyond our own,  
 there let your church awakening attack the powers of sin  
 The Lord of all creation his heavenly kingdom brings:  
 to keep the faith unbroken as long as worlds endure.  
 by grace we were invited; by grace we make you known.  
 and, all their ramparts breaking, with you the victory win.  
 the final consummation, the glory of all things.

The text was written by a leading Chinese educator, author, and editor who chaired the commission that prepared an important ecumenical Chinese hymnal, *Hymns of Universal Praise* (1936). This familiar tune invites comparison of these words with its usual text (see no. 321).

## \*CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: Let us confess our sins before God, the source of freedom and forgiveness.

## \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Almighty God, we confess that we have not been faithful to you in our thoughts and actions. We have been selfish in our desires and quarrelsome in our relationships. We have allowed fear to divide us from those who seem different, and let distrust separate us from our brothers and sisters. Shine your light into our darkened hearts. Save us from our divisive ways. Unite us in the same mind as Jesus Christ who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit in perfect harmony. Amen.

## \*A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER

### \*KYRIE

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

HEAR MY PRAYER

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass, in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is primarily in the Treble staff, while the Bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the staves.

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, an - swer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me.

## \*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: God offers forgiveness to those who turn to God in true repentance. Therefore, trust in God, who breaks the bonds of our oppression, and covers us in mercy.

## \*GLORIA

## Gloria

## CELTIC ALLEUIA



## SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

Megan Davis

# THE WORD

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Rev. Pam Hrcir

**God, illumine our minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed our eyes may see your kingdom, our ears may hear the call of Jesus, and our hearts may know the joy of your salvation. Amen.**

## FIRST LESSON: I Corinthians 1:10-18

Rev. Pam Hrcir

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

## **ISAIAH 9:1-4** (unison)

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—  
on them light has shined.

You have multiplied exultation;  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden  
and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

## **SECOND LESSON:** Matthew 4:12-23

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**Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON**

“Follow Me”

Rev. John E. Morgan

# RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*HYMN 738

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

MARYTON

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee  
2 Help me the slow of heart to move  
3 Teach me thy pa - tience, still with thee  
4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray

in low - ly paths of ser - vice free;  
by some clear, win - ning word of love;  
in clos - er, dear - er com - pa - ny,  
far down the fu - ture's broad - ening way;

tell me thy se - cret; help me bear the  
teach me the way - ward feet to stay, and  
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in  
in peace that on - ly thou canst give, with

strain of toil, the fret of care.  
guide them in the home - ward way.  
trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong.  
thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.

In honestly admitting the limits of human ability, this prayerful hymn does not seek a sense of God's presence for self-comfort but for strength and companionship in pursuing the tasks that God sets before us. The author specifically chose this tune to accompany his words.

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

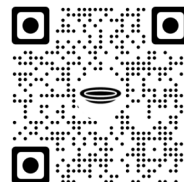
We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

## **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 and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

## **OFFERING**

Thank you for your continued faithful stewardship to WPC. May our offerings continue to help us be the light for our neighbors and our siblings in Christ all over the world. Offering envelopes can be found inside the friendship register book. We invite you to make your offering or pledge payment in one of the following ways:



- Place your offering into the plates as you exit the sanctuary
- Visit [mywpc.org/offering](http://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**

Who at My Door Is Standing

K. Lee Scott (b. 1950)

Who at my door is standing,  
There patiently drawing near,  
Who entrance is demanding?  
Whose is the voice I hear?  
Sweetly the tones are falling:  
“Now open the door for me!  
If thou wilt heed my calling,  
I will abide with thee.”

(Offertory continues on the next page.)

Within, the rooms are darkened,  
 All filled with dust and sin;  
 How shameful, how unworthy  
 For Christ to enter in.  
 Yet, the tones are falling:  
 "Now open the door for me!  
 If thou wilt heed my calling,  
 I will abide with thee."

Door of my heart, I hasten!  
 Thee will I open wide.  
 Though he rebuke and chasten,  
 He shall with me abide.  
 Sweetly the tones are falling:  
 "Now open the door for me!"  
 Lord God, I hear thee calling,  
 Come now, abide with me.

# **\*DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise

God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

# **\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

# GOING OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

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

We are glad you are worshipping 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](http://mywpc.org/friendship) or scan the QR code at the right to access the online friendship register.



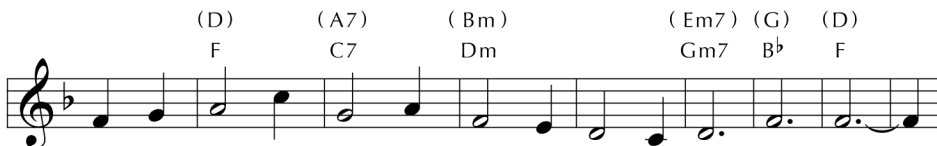
**\*HYMN 726**

**Will You Come and Follow Me**

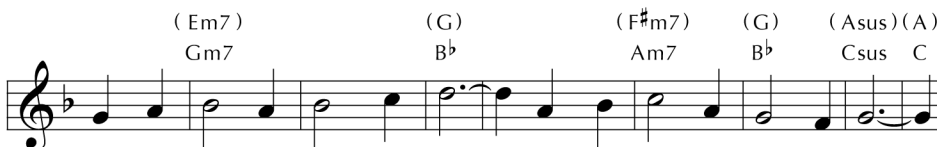
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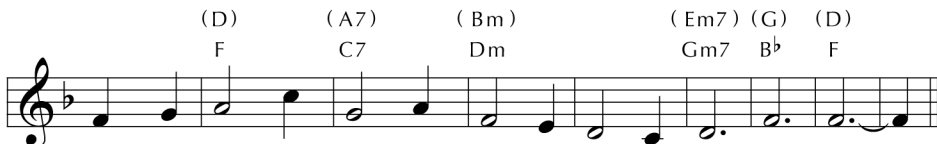
- 1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
- 2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
- 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
- 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
- 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.



Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?  
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?  
 Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er be the same?  
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?  
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.



will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"  
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"  
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"  
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"  
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

The first four stanzas of this ballad-like hymn are understood to be in the voice of Christ, with the fifth reflecting the individual singer's response. Created for this traditional Scottish tune, the text was written to mark the conclusion of a youth volunteer's time of ministry.

## **\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

### **POSTLUDE**

Trumpet Piece

Boyce

**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.**

## ✧ THOSE SERVING TODAY ✧

### **PASTOR**

John E. Morgan, Pastor and Head of Staff

Pam Hrcir, Associate Pastor

### **MUSIC MINISTRY**

Chris Bechtler, Director of Music

Norman Elton, Organist and Assistant Director of Music

Chancel Choir

### **SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN**

Megan Davis

### **\*WILLIAMSBURG LANDING USHERS**

Janice and Bill McGuire

### **\*WINDSOR MEADE USHER**

Ray Whitney

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\*Satellite campuses

## ∞ 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 that will resume in 2026 on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:00pm. The date will be announced in the bulletin announcements. 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 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](http://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, January 25 – Saturday, January 31, 2026**

**Pastor Pam • [phrncir@mywpc.org](mailto:phrncir@mywpc.org) • 757-508-4668**

### **Please pray for:**

- Melody Dillon, Children, Youth, and Family Ministries, Matt Slack and Skip Perry, Confirmation Teachers and the confirmands who are attending a Confirmation Retreat at Massanetta from Friday, January 30-Sunday through Sunday, February 1.
- Barbara Coughlan, 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 ❧

- **The WPC Book Club will meet on Monday, January 26, 2026, at 2pm on Zoom** to discuss *American Passage: The History of Ellis Island*, by Vincent J. Cannato. If you need the Zoom, contact Ellen Peters\*.
- **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.
- **Help feed the WPC Youth Group!** One of the highlights of our Sunday evening youth group is the meal enjoyed by all! You are invited to sign up to provide a meal for approximately 15 people on Sunday evening at 5:15pm in Stevenson Hall. Homecooked meals are always a highlight, but restaurant takeout or providing a gift card is amazing as well. **The best part is that we would love for you to join us during dinner and get to know the amazing WPC Youth a little better!** Please go to [mywpc.org/youthdinner](http://mywpc.org/youthdinner) to sign up or reach out to Melody Dillon (mdillon@mywpc.org) with questions.
- **The Squares on prayers: We all profess that God hears our prayers, but how do we know that He answers those prayers? If he doesn't then why pray?** This is the question The Squares will struggle with using the story of Rebekah in Genesis 24. This men's group welcomes all to join us on **Thursday evening, February 5, 7:00pm in room 227.**
- **King's Kids Dance returns! Children's Sunday is on March 8, 2026, and we will once again be inviting kids (kindergarten-5th grade) to join the group to put together a special worship dance for the service.** The group will meet on Thursday nights following children's choir rehearsal. There will be a 15 minute break between choir and dance, so kids are welcome to bring a snack. Please let Melody know if your kid(s) would like to join! Rehearsals: 5:30-6:15 Thursday nights, January 29-March 12, 2026. Email [mdillon@mywpc.org](mailto:mdillon@mywpc.org) or text/call 757-621-3605 to sign up!
- **Adopt a Sunday this year by donating flowers to enhance our Worship Service.** (1) Sign up on the Flower Calendar in Stevenson Hall; (2) You will be contacted a month before as a reminder and to get your bulletin dedication; and (3) Order from the local florist of your choice. Dates still available this year are: May 31, November 1, and 29. Contact Ruth Cobb if you have questions.

**\*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](http://mywpc.org/news) or on the church calendar.

⌘ THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF EVENTS ⌘

**SUNDAY • JANUARY 25**

9:30am Live-Stream Worship; visit [mywpc.org](http://mywpc.org) to access

2:00pm WPC Book Club / Zoom Only

**MONDAY, JANUARY 26**

**If you're planning to stop by the church on Monday, please call the church office first to confirm we're open. Thank you!**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 27**

10:00am Disciple Bible Study / Rm 220 and Zoom

1:00pm Staff Meeting / Zoom

6:30pm UKirk Dinner & Dialogue

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

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28**

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

9:30am Presbyterian Women's Coordinating Team Meeting / Rm 220 and Zoom

6:00pm Joyful Ringers Rehearsal / Bell Rm

7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Rm

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 29**

9:00am Sanctuary Cleaning

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

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 30**

Massanetta Confirmation Retreat

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 31**

Massanetta Confirmation Retreat continues through Sunday

⌘ NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP ⌘

**February 1 • 4th Sunday of Epiphany**

Pastor John's sermon, "*Live in the House of the Lord*" is based on Psalm 27:1, 4-9.