



Williamsburg Presbyterian Church

1st Sunday in Lent • Communion Sunday

February 22, 2026

*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.*

PRAYER FOR PREPARATION

Wild God of wilderness, as we devote these forty days to you, shape us by your Holy Spirit into the image of Christ our Lord, so that we may be ready, by your grace, to confront the power of death with the promise of eternal life. Amen.

THE GATHERING PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

PASTORAL GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. John E. Morgan

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Bill Riffer

MINUTE FOR MISSION: Open Door Concert Series

Norman Elton

PRELUDE

A Pleasant Thought

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: People of God, on this wilderness journey,
what will you eat?

All: The word of the Lord is our daily bread.

Leader: People of God, in this time of temptation,
how will you live?

All: Our faith is in the faithfulness of God.

Leader: People of God, at this kingdom crossroad,
whom will you serve?

All: We worship the Lord our God alone.

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 To - day we all are called to be dis - ci - ples of the
 2 God made the world and at its birth or - dained our hu - man
 3 Pray jus - tice may come roll - ing down as in a might - y
 4 May we in ser - vice to our God act out the liv - ing

Lord, to help to set the cap - tive free, make
 race to live as stew - ards of the earth, re -
 stream, with righ - teous - ness in field and town to
 word, and walk the road the saints have trod till

plow - share out of sword, to feed the hun - gry, quench their
 spond - ing to God's grace. But we are vain and sad - ly
 cleanse us and re - deem. For God is long - ing to re -
 all have seen and heard. As stew - ards of the earth may

(Hymn continues on the next page.)

This text placing stewardship in the context of faithful witness was written by a retired Presbyterian minister to be part of the 1986 stewardship campaign titled "Called to Be Disciples." The tune name recalls the Sussex village where the arranger first heard the melody.



thirst, make love and peace our fast, to serve the
proud; we sow not peace but strife. Our dis - cord
store an earth where con - flicts cease, a world that
we give thanks in one ac - cord to God who

poor and home - less first, our ease and com - fort last.
spreads a dead - ly cloud that threat - ens all of life.
was cre - at - ed for a har - mo - ny of peace.
calls us all to be dis - ci - ples of the Lord.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Leader: Happy are those whose sin is forgiven, who no longer suffer in silence, but name their sin and seek God's grace. Let us confess our sin.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**

Lord God, you know the ways of good and evil. You know the things that tempt us and the things that give us life. You know our nakedness, and you know our sin. We confess that we have disobeyed your word, denied your providence and care and relied on our own cleverness. Have mercy on us, we pray: cover us with your grace, feed us with the bread of life, and re-create us in your image; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

***A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER**

***KYRIE** (responsive)

Leader: Lord, have mercy.

People: **Christ, have mercy.**

All: Lord, have mercy.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Leader: Happy are those whose sin is forgiven! Be glad in the Lord and shout for joy: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

***GLORIA IN ABEYANCE DURING LENT**

(11:00) SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

Megan Davis

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Bill Riffer

O Lord, may the words of your mouth be our daily bread, and may the leading of your Spirit become our way; in Jesus' name. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Bill Riffer

This is the Word of God for the people of God!

Thanks be to God!

PSALM 32:1-5 (unison)

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

While I kept silent, my body wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not hide my iniquity;

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"
and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

SECOND LESSON: Matthew 4:1-11; 6:1-6, 9-13

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Thanks be to God!

SERMON “Transforming Prayer in the Wilderness” Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Hinson-Hasty
Chair of Theology and History, Union Presbyterian Seminary

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.

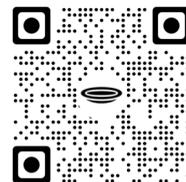
***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED** (unison)

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

A Lenten Prayer Hal Hopson

Lord, who throughout these forty days
For us didst fast and pray
Teach us with thee to mourn our sins,
And close by thee to stay.

Jesus walked this lonesome valley,
He had to walk it by himself;
Oh, nobody else could walk it for him,
He had to walk it by himself.

We must walk this lonesome valley,
We have to walk it by ourselves;
Oh, nobody else can walk it for us,
We have to walk it by ourselves.

(Offertory continues on the next page.)

You must go and stand your trial,
You have to stand it by yourself,
Oh, nobody else can stand it for you,
You have to stand it by yourself.

And through these days of penitence,
And through thy Passiontide,
Yea, evermore, in life and death,
O Lord, with us abide.

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

ROCKINGHAM

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

God above, ye heaven-ly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***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

Pastor: Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God! They will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at table in the kingdom of God. All are welcome here without regard to denomination or membership. This is the Lord's Table and all are welcome to join in Holy Communion.

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: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O God our creator and redeemer. In your wisdom, you made all things and sustain them by your power. You formed us in your image to love and serve you, but we forgot your promises and abandoned your commandments. In your mercy, you did not reject us but still claimed us as your own.

When we were slaves in Egypt you freed us and led us through the waters of the sea. You fed us with heavenly food in the wilderness, and satisfied our thirst from desert springs. On the holy mountain you gave us your law to guide us in your way. Through the waters of Jordan you led us into the land of your promise, and you sustained us in times of trial. You spoke through prophets calling us to turn from our willful ways to new obedience and righteousness. You sent your only Son to be the way to eternal life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Choir: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Pastor: You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He took upon himself the weight of our sin and carried the burden of our guilt. He shared our life in every way, and though tempted, was sinless to the end. Baptized as your own, he went willingly to his death and by your power was raised to new life. In his dying and rising, you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts, we take this bread and this wine from the gifts you have given us, and celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ. Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit unite us with the living Christ, and with all who are baptized in his name, that we may be one in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world. Help us, O God, to be obedient to your call to love all your children, to do justice and show mercy, and to live in peace with your whole creation. Guide us through the desert of life, quench our thirst with the living waters, satisfy our hunger with the bread of heaven. Give us strength to serve you faithfully until the promised day of resurrection, when with the redeemed of all the ages we will feast with you at your table in glory.

People: 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.

Pastor: Through Christ, all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE MEAL

COMMUNION ANTHEM

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

arr. Jeff Wächter

My faith looks up to thee,
O Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray,
Take all my guilt away,
O let me from this day
Be wholly thine.

(Anthem continues on the next page.)

May thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart,
My zeal inspire;
As thou hast died for me,
O, may my love to thee
Pure, warm and changeless be,
A living fire!

While life's dark maze I tread,
And griefs around me spread,
Be thou my guide;
Bid darkness turn to day,
Wipe sorrow's tears away,
Nor let me ever stray
From thee aside.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

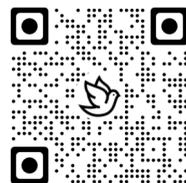
So many things in this world try to draw our attention away from what is truly important. Lord, in this moment, through these elements, restore to us the right relationship we should have with you. Remind us again of the blessings and good fortune we have to be in your house and to celebrate this testament of your love for us. Amen.

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:

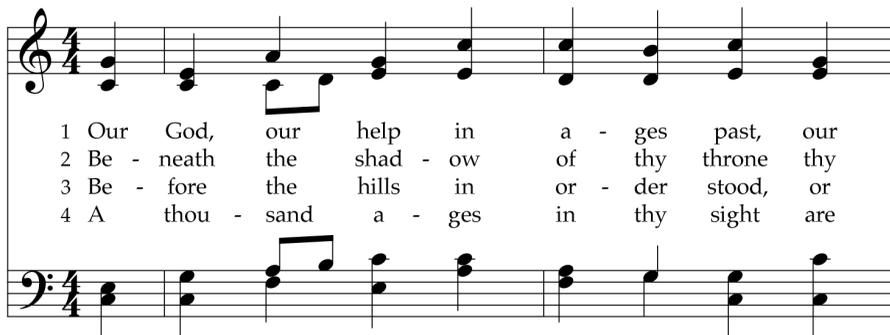
- Click on the "Welcome to WPC! Click here to sign the Friendship Register" banner at the top of the website page
- Visit mywpc.org/friendship or scan the QR code at the right to access the online friendship register.



*HYMN 687

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE



1 Our God, our help in a - ges past, our
2 Be - neath the shad - ow of thy throne thy
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or
4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are



hope for years to come, our shel - ter from the
saints have dwelt se - cure; suf - fi - cient is thine
earth re - ceived its frame, from ev - er - last - ing
like an eve - ning gone, short as the watch that



storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
thou art God, to end - less years the same.
ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

- 5 Time, like an ever rolling stream, 6 Our God, our help in ages past,
bears all our years away; our hope for years to come,
they fly forgotten, as a dream be thou our guard while life shall last,
dies at the opening day. and our eternal home.

Many people sing this hymn unaware that it paraphrases Psalm 90, partly because this text speaks so immediately to the human condition. Since the middle of the 19th century, it has usually been joined to this tune named for the London parish where the composer was organist.

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

In Quiet Mood

Florence Price

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 ✧

Florence Price (1887-1953) was born in Little Rock, Arkansas and began piano studies at an early age before attending the New England Conservatory of Music. She is known as the first African-American woman to have a composition performed by a major orchestra. In addition to symphonic works, she composed for a variety of instruments and chamber ensembles, including a notable body of work for the pipe organ. Today's worship service opens and closes with two of her more introspective, original compositions for the organ.

"A Lenten Prayer" weaves together two pieces of music that reflect the themes of this season. "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley" symbolizes Jesus' solitary journey through temptation in the wilderness and toward the cross. Framing this song are two stanzas of the hymn "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" set to the familiar tune of "Amazing Grace," giving this text about temptation and penitence a sense of hope.

✧ THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ✧

The Chancel Flowers are given today to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Donaldson Tillar, III, killed in action February 27, 1991,
by Hazel and Don Tillar.

↻ 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, Carol Choir Director

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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

☞ **THOSE SERVING TODAY** ☞

PASTOR

John E. Morgan, Pastor and Head of Staff

Pam Hrcir, Associate Pastor

GUEST PASTOR

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Hinson-Hasty, Chair of Theology and History, Union Presbyterian Seminary

MUSIC MINISTRY

Chris Bechtler, Director of Music

Norman Elton, Organist and Assistant Director of Music

Chancel Choir

GREETERS

9:30am Anne Nicastro, Cheryl Roettger

11:00am Shanna Due, Elizabeth Padgett

USHERS

9:30am Matt Underwood, Pat Underwood, John VanAken, Rebecca Caprio

11:00am Jean Scott, Patty Yewcic, JD Due, Rebecca Caprio

LITURGIST

Bill Riffer

SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

Megan Davis

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOST

Dave McLain, Abigail Knox, Roy Knox

***WILLIAMSBURG LANDING USHERS AND COMMUNION SERVERS**

Dick Sahlen, Ric Cheston, Linda Eichhorn

***WINDSOR MEADE USHER**

Ray Whitney

AUDIO AND VIDEO TECHNICIANS: Matt Slack and John Schoenberger

*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, 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, February 22 – Saturday, February 28 2026
Pastor Pam • phrncir@mywpc.org • 757-508-4668

Please pray for:

- Caroline Hedrick, Barbara Coughlan, Terry Hancock, Nell Stowe, and families who have recently lost loved ones.
- Mary Zimmerman is on Hospice at home and while she is not receiving visitors, she would love to hear from you. If you would like to send her a short note or card, you can find her address in the online WPC Membership Directory or the 2018 Membership Directory. You may also contact the church office.

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.

↻ **GUEST PASTOR, REV. DR. ELIZABETH HINSON-HASTY** ↻
CHAIR OF THEOLOGY AND HISTORY, UNION PRESBYTERIAN SEMINARY

This morning we are honored to welcome **Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Hinson-Hasty**, J. Roy Davis Family Chair of Theology and History and Professor of Theology and Ethics at Union Presbyterian Seminary, as our guest preacher.

Dr. Hinson-Hasty holds a Ph.D. from Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education, an M.Div. from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, and a B.A. from William Jewell College. Ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (USA), she brings decades of experience in theological education and ministry.

She teaches Christian ethics, Reformed theology, and theologies from the margins, integrating rigorous scholarship with faithful engagement in public life. Her research and writing focus on faith and public life, particularly issues of wealth and inequality, social justice, ethics, and mental health. She is the author of *The Problem of Wealth: A Christian Response to a Culture of Affluence* and *Dutiful Love: Empowering Individuals and Families Affected by Serious Mental Illness*. Pastor Hinson-Hasty wrote the 2014–2015 Presbyterian Women Bible study, *Reconciling Paul: A Contemporary Study of 2 Corinthians*. Her newest book, *Authentic Christian Freedom: Deconstructing the American Gospel of Liberty*, was published in 2025.

A frequent preacher and speaker nationally and internationally, Dr. Hinson-Hasty is active in ecumenical and interfaith dialogue and has served on committees and boards including the PC(USA) Committee on Mission Responsibility Through Investment and World Council of Churches forums. We look forward to welcoming her to WPC and hearing her message.

↪ ANNOUNCEMENTS ↪

- **The Open Door Concert Series welcomes jazz legend, James “Plunky” Branch and his ensemble, Plunky & Oneness, for an evening of music TODAY.** Over the span of 40+ years he has independently maintained a successful career of creating music with over 25 albums. His group has performed alongside some of the biggest names in Black music, including Patti LaBelle and Ray Charles. Join us for this free concert at 4:00pm. Details at mywpc.org/concerts.
- **Join us on Wednesdays during Lent for Mid-Week Lenten Services.** We will be taking inspiration from "*Meeting Jesus on the Road*," by Cynthia Campbell and Christine Coy Fohr. In *Meeting Jesus on the Road*, readers are invited to journey alongside Christ through the Gospel stories that define his earthly path. Times alternate between noon and 7 pm. **Services will be held at noon in Stevenson Hall on February 25, March 11, and March 25, and at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary on March 4 and March 18.** Fellowship and lunch will follow the noon services. For the noon gatherings, boxed lunches are available for \$12 per person and may be ordered mywpc.org/lentlunch or at the table by the elevator. You are also welcome to bring your own lunch.
- **The WPC Book Club will meet on Monday, February 23, 2026, at 2 pm in Room 220 (and on Zoom)** to discuss *Mrs. Dalloway*, by Virginia Woolf. If you need the Zoom link, contact Ellen Peters*
- **The WPC Endowment Fund web page has been updated with the funds available for 2026 grants.** On the church website (mywpc.org), click on Serve, and then Endowment Grants for an overview of the Endowment Fund and the 2026 endowment grant status; how to give a gift to the Endowment Fund; and how to obtain Endowment Grant application forms. These forms are in both fillable, for online submission, and printable formats. If you are aware of a need at a local charitable organization, consider completing and submitting a Charitable Account Grant Application. Since the WPC Endowment Fund inception in 2015, over \$177,000 in grants have been awarded!
- **“Right Attitude, Right Relationships”**, that’s what The Squares will consider for the next two months as they take a look at the greatest sermon ever preached. This men’s group will look at the concepts of witness, peace and right relationships described in Jesus’ sermon on the mount (Matthew 5-7), and then look at how his words impact our lives. **All are invited to come together on Thursday, March 5, 7:00 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, now through-March 12, 2026.** Email mdillon@mywpc.org or text/call 757-621-3605 to sign up!
- **Save the Date For a Mission Trip to North Carolina:** WPC’s Hunger and Homeless Team is sponsoring a mission trip to Black Mountain in Western North Carolina to help the people with their continuing efforts to recover from the devastation caused by Hurricane Helene in September 2024. **We will leave on Monday, May 11 and return on Saturday, May 16.** We will be working all or part of four days, restoring houses that have been flooded. The work may require insulating, drywalling, installing floors, doors, cabinets and vanities, trimming, and painting. Please consider joining us to help our neighbors in need and put the dates on your calendar. More information will be available in March but if you have questions now please contact Tom Moul*.

***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 ☞

SUNDAY • FEBRUARY 22

- 11:00am Nursery open during 11am worship service
9:30am Children and Youth Sunday School / Christian Education Wing
9:30am Adult Sunday School / Lower Level Rooms
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
4:00pm ODCS: Plunky & Oneness / Sanctuary
5:30pm WPC Youth Group / Rm 220

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23

- 1:00pm Caregiver Support Group
2:00pm WPC Book Club / Rn 220 and Zoom

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

- 10:00am Disciple Bible Study / Rm 220 and Zoom
1:00pm Staff Meeting / Zoom
6:30pm UKirk Dinner & Dialogue / UKirk Rm
7:00pm AA Williamsburg Big Book Study / LL009 and LL049

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

- 7:30am Men's Bible & Bacon Study / Stevenson Hall
9:30am Presbyterian Women's Coordinating Team Meeting / Rm 220
12:00pm **Mid-Week Lenten Service followed by Fellowship and Lunch/ Stevenson Hall**
6:00pm Joyful Ringers Rehearsal / Bell Rm
7:00pm Administration Ministry Mtg /Rm 220
7:00pm High School Bible Study / Rm 222

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26

- 9:00am Sanctuary Cleaning
4:30pm Carol Choir and Junior Choir Rehearsal
7:00pm Session Mtg / Rm 220

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28

☞ NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP ☞

March 1 • 2nd Sunday in Lent

Pastor John E. Morgan's sermon, titled

"That the World Might Be Saved," is based on John 3:1-17.