



# The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 15, 2026

**WILLIAMSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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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**

Faithful God, we profess that you are the light of the world. Empower us through our worship of you today, that we may live as children of the light and be faithful witnesses to your love in the world. We pray this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **THE GATHERING PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD**

**PASTORAL GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Pam Hrcncir

**CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

Michael Savidis

**PRELUDE**

Improvisation on Psalm 23

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

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God does not see as mortals see. We look on the outward appearance; God looks on the heart.

**All: Jesus, Light of the World, give us eyes to see as you see!**

Leader: Once we lived in darkness, but now—as children of light, we are called to what is good and right and true.

**All: Jesus, Light of the World, give us eyes to see as you see!**

\*HYMN NO. 739

O For a Closer Walk with God

CAITHNESS

## \*CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: As children of God's light, we are called to do what is pleasing to the Lord: to participate in what is good and right and true and expose what is unfruitful and evil. Knowing that we turn from the light, we bring our confession to God, so that what is hidden in us becomes visible, and the shadows of our hearts may be illumined by grace.

## \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Gracious God, we are people who still love darkness rather than light. We keep shameful deeds secret but flaunt our occasional acts of virtue. We see ourselves as blameless but pass judgment on others. We do not stand firmly enough with those who are vulnerable, but step back, protecting ourselves. Forgive us, we pray. Bring us into your light that we may see ourselves rightly. Bring us into your light that we may know ourselves loved. Bring us into your light that may live more fruitful lives. Keep raising us, we pray, from the deadness of sin, and shine upon us with your grace. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.**

## \*A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER

## \*KYRIE

Leader: Lord, have mercy.

**People: Christ, have mercy.**

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

## **\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Leader: The psalmist assures us that God's goodness and mercy will follow us, even pursue us, all the days of our life. As God's forgiven people, receive this goodness and mercy, and live a new life in the grace of Jesus Christ.

All: **We will live as children of the light, for Christ shines on us.**

## **GLORIA IN ABEYANCE DURING LENT**

**(11:00) SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN**

Melody Dillon

# **THE WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** (unison)

**Gracious God, illumine our hearts and minds as Scriptures are read and proclaimed, so that by the power of your Holy Spirit we may see what is good and right and true. And seeing, help us do what is pleasing to you, so your glory becomes visible in our words and deeds. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

**FIRST LESSON:** 1 Samuel 16:1–13

Michael Savidis

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

**PSALM 23** (unison)

**The Lord is my shepherd;  
I shall not want.**

**He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;**

**He restores my soul.**

**He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.**

**Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
I fear no evil,**

**for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

*(Psalm continues on the next page)*

**You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.**

**SECOND LESSON: Ephesians 5:8–14**

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

**SERMON**

**Shaker Is the Taker**

**Pastor Pam Hrcir**

## **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**\*HYMN NO. 377**

**I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light**

**HOUSTON**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: From *A Brief Statement of Faith* (unison)**

**In a broken and fearful world  
the Spirit gives us courage  
to pray without ceasing,  
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,  
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,  
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,  
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.  
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,  
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks  
and to live holy and joyful lives,  
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,  
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

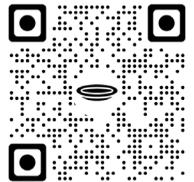
## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

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

The Lord Is My Shepherd

John Rutter (b. 1945)

The Lord is my shepherd,  
therefore can I lack nothing.  
He shall feed me in a green pasture,  
and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.  
He shall convert my soul  
and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil;  
for thou art with me;  
thy rod and thy staff comfort me.  
Thou shalt prepare a table for me against them that trouble me:  
Thou hast anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup shall be full.  
But thy loving kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

**\*DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

ROCKINGHAM



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures  
here be low; praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

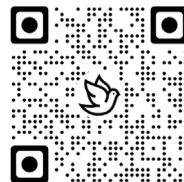
**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

## GOING OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

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

Thank you for joining us in worship! Your participation with us today has been a blessing. 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 NO. 744**

Arise, Your Light Has Come!

FESTAL SONG

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

Postlude on "Brother James's Air"

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∞ THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ∞

The chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God  
and in appreciation of our church staff by Tommy and Aurelia Michaels.

∞ THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY ∞

**PASTOR**

Pam Hrcir, Associate Pastor

**MUSIC MINISTRY**

Chris Bechtler, Director of Music Ministries

Norman Elton, Organist

The WPC Chancel Choir

**GREETERS**

9:30 a.m. Cheryl Roettger and Tom Moul

11:00 a.m. Elizabeth Padgett and Cheryl Roettger

**USHERS**

9:30 a.m. Matt Underwood, Pat Underwood, Sue Engelhardt and Bruce Graham

11:00 a.m. Bob Bolstad, Ruth Cobb, Ric Cheston and Kelly Kirkpatrick

**LITURGIST**

Michael Savidis

**SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN**

Melody Dillon

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS**

Steve Young, Roy Knox, and Abigail Knox

**\*WILLIAMSBURG LANDING USHERS**

Sharon del Custer and Linda Eichhorn

**\*WINDSORMEADE USHERS**

Ray Whitney

**AUDIO AND VIDEO TECHNICIANS**

Dave McLain and John Schoenberger

\*Satellite campuses

## ☞ CHILDREN'S STATEMENT ☞

**Children are welcome at WPC!** We have Sunday School for all ages at 9:30 a.m. and a nursery for children ages 3 and below during both services. 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 5:30-7:00 p.m. 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 7:00-8:00 p.m. 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 11:00 a.m. 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 10:00 a.m. 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 1:00 p.m. 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, March 15–Saturday, March 21: Pam Hrcir • [phircir@mywpc.org](mailto:phircir@mywpc.org) • 757-508-4668

### **The WPC Family extends its deepest Christian sympathy and prayers to:**

- Robin Hellier and family on the death of her husband, Dick Hellier, who went home to be with our Lord and Savior, Jan 31, 2026.
- Monty Fleck and family on the death of his father, Frank Fleck, who went home to be with our Lord and Savior, Tuesday, February 17, 2026.
- Jim Inskeep and family on the death of his wife, Mary Zimmerman, who went home to be with our Lord and Savior, Saturday, February 21, 2026.
- Donna Powell and family on the death of her husband Bruce, who went home to be with our Lord and Savior, March 3, 2026.
- Sue Rennagel and family on the death of her husband Bill, who went home to be with our Lord and Savior, March 7th, 2026.

### **Upcoming Memorial Services at WPC for:**

- Richard “Dick” Hellier, who died on January 31, 2026, will be held on Friday, March 20th, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. followed by a reception in Stevenson Hall. Burial with full military honors will occur at 2:00 p.m. at Williamsburg Memorial Park.
- William Charles Rennagel, who died on March 7th, 2026, will be held on Saturday, March 28th, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. followed by a reception in Stevenson Hall.

### **Please pray for:**

- Global Missions team traveling to Chajul, Guatemala, March 7–14, 2026. This year’s team includes seven UKirk students: Atticus Gore, Amelia Connally, Bobby Welsh, Anna McClellan, Addison Allivine, James Braxton, and Helen Tiffin, and members CW Stacks and Bill Vardeman.
- Pilgrims called and sent on a journey to follow in the footsteps of Paul March 8-10: Victoria (Tori) Bracco, Gini Campbell, Rita Cooper, Dorothy Geyer, Byron Harrod, Mike Hawley, John Morgan, Janie Moyers, Charlie Peters, Ellen Peters, Karen Thuermer, Trish Vandre, and MJ Wynnyczok.
- Barbara Coughlan, Terry Hancock, and Nell Stowe.

### **Please pray for those:**

- Recovering from 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, Ukraine, and Iran.

## ↪ ANNOUNCEMENTS ↪

- **The Nominating Committee** requests a Congregational Meeting of the WPC congregation today, Sunday, March 15, immediately following our 9:30am worship service, for the purpose of electing Laurie Mays as a Deacon. All members of WPC are invited to attend the meeting.
- **Pastor John Morgan** is traveling with our pilgrims on The Footsteps of Paul trip to Greece and Turkey.
- **Vanessa Gamble**, Church Secretary, will be out of the office March 6–27, 2026. During her absence, volunteers will staff the office Monday–Thursday, 9:00am–12:00pm and 1:00pm–4:00pm. Chris Bechtler and Martha Reier will oversee the preparation of the worship bulletins during this time. Please continue sending announcements to [publications@mywpc.org](mailto:publications@mywpc.org) by noon on the Monday before the Sunday you would like them published. Thank you to all who are helping during this time—we are grateful for your support!
- **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. Services will be held on **March 18 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Sanctuary, and on **March 25 at noon** in Stevenson Hall. Fellowship and lunch will follow the noon service. Boxed lunches are available for \$12 per person and may be ordered at [mywpc.org/lentlunch](http://mywpc.org/lentlunch) or at the table by the elevator. Lunch orders for March 25 are due by Sunday, March 21. You are also welcome to bring your own lunch.
- **Easter Lilies:** At the end of our Lenten journey is a glorious Easter morn. As we look ahead to the promise that is ours, the Worship Ministry invites you to donate an Easter Lily in honor or in memory of someone while helping to beautify our church on Easter Sunday. A donation of \$17.00 per lily is requested. You may place your order by using an envelope or pay online at [mywpc.org/lillies](http://mywpc.org/lillies) now until Friday, March 27. Envelopes for ordering are in the Welcome Center and in the Fellowship Pads.
- **Williamsburg Presbyterian Church 6th Annual Mulching Party Invitation:** You are invited to participate in the 6th annual WPC grounds mulching party, to be held on Friday, March 27, from 9am-noon, sponsored by the Facilities Ministry. This event is held every spring to spruce up the church grounds for the Easter season. Volunteers are needed to help spread mulch, rake the beds, and/or clean the sidewalks. Wheelbarrows and mulch will be provided—you only need to bring a rake and/or a broom. So come out if you can, and enjoy the benefits of some exercise, fresh air, and fellowship for a few hours. (P.S. No heavy lifting required and no experience necessary—we will provide on-the-job training!) Hope to see you there. Questions? Contact Fred Whitley via email\*.
- **Ushers are needed for streaming the WPC service in Assisted Living at Williamsburg Landing.** If you can help by taking a turn serving as Usher for the streaming service at Williamsburg Landing, please contact Linda Eichhorn (703-517-6448) to schedule a date with her. Your service can be one or more times a month or more infrequently. Thank you.

- **Cookie Request for Kairos Prison Ministry:** WPC members Tim Dick, Joseph Kinard, Michael Smith, and C.W. Stacks will join 25 men from churches throughout eastern Virginia for a Prison Ministry program April 9–12 at the Greensville Correctional Center. There, 42 inmates will spend four days learning about Jesus Christ and how He can change lives, even for those in prison. As part of this ministry, Kairos volunteers will distribute thousands of homemade cookies to all of the prison's inmates, and they need your help. Your homemade cookies will tell the inmates that someone who doesn't know them cares enough to give them something—the time and effort it takes to bake cookies—without wanting something in return. Such selflessness is often a unique experience for the prisoners and can enable them to form trust.

Every Kairos volunteer is asked to bring 75 dozen cookies, so they need cookies! You will find Cookie Kits in the Welcome Center. Each kit has three Ziploc bags and instructions. Cookies need to conform to those instructions and be dropped off at the WPC kitchen no later than Tuesday, April 7. Please label your cookies “Kairos” or “Prison Ministry.”

- **Food collection by the Elementary Sunday School Classes** (grades Pre K - Grade 5) to support the Grove Christian Outreach Center continues through March 22, 2026. We began this mission project in 2016 and collected 81 pounds of food which in turn served over 100 meals. Since that time our largest collection weighed in at 509 pounds! With your help, our goal is to continue to increase our donation and provide even more meals. We will be collecting donations in Room 220 (Gather Together Room) every Sunday from now through Sunday, March 22. Suggestions for donations include nonperishable foods such as canned fruit and vegetables, canned meat and fish, nuts, soups, pasta, breakfast foods and peanut butter. Thank you for your support in making this project a success.
- **The WPC Book Club** will meet on Monday, March 23, 2026, at 2 pm in Room 220 (and on Zoom) to discuss *Code Talker: The First and Only Memoir by One of the Original Navajo Code Talkers of WWII* by Chester Nez. 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](http://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!
- **College Interns Reception:** Please join us on April 12 immediately after the 11:00 a.m. service in Stevenson Hall to say farewell to our graduating interns, Allison Aldrich and Atticus Gore. These two interns have faithfully served in children and youth ministry for almost two years and enriched the lives of our young people more than words can express. Please join us to share our gratitude and wish them well as they graduate and enter their next season! A light lunch will be served.

*\*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 at [mywpc.org/calendar](http://mywpc.org/calendar).*

☞ THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF EVENTS ☞

**SUNDAY, MARCH 15**

- 9:30 a.m. Nursery open during both worship services
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School / Christian Education Wing
- 9:30 a.m. In-person Worship / Sanctuary; Live-Stream Worship; visit [mywpc.org](http://mywpc.org) to access
- 11:00 a.m. In-person Worship / Sanctuary; Broadcast on FM 93.5 The Burg and AM 740  
or [wmbgradio.com](http://wmbgradio.com)
- 5:30 p.m. WPC Youth / Room. 220

**MONDAY, MARCH 16**

- 1:00 p.m. Caregiver Support Group / Room 123

**TUESDAY, MARCH 17**

- 10:00 a.m. Tuesday Bible Study / Room. 220
- 11:30 a.m. Communications Ministry Meeting / Stevenson Hall
- 6:30 p.m. UKirk Dinner & Dialogue / LL012

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18**

- 6:00 p.m. Joyful Ringers rehearsal / Bell room
- 6:30 p.m. Facilities Ministry Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Administration Ministry Meeting / Room. 220
- 7:00 p.m. High School Bible Study / Room. 222
- 7:00 p.m. Mid-Week Lenten Service / Sanctuary
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir room

**THURSDAY, MARCH 19**

- 4:30 p.m. Carol Choir and Junior Choir Rehearsal / Children's Music room
- 5:00 p.m. Christian Outreach Ministry Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. Westminster Ringers rehearsal / Bell room

**FRIDAY, MARCH 20**

- 11:00 a.m. Memorial Service and Reception for Dick Hellier / Sanctuary

**SATURDAY, MARCH 21**

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☞ NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP ☞

March 22 • Fifth Sunday in Lent • UKirk Sunday