



Palm Sunday

March 29, 2026

WILLIAMSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Humble Jesus, who rides into our cities, who draws near to our lives, we, too, rise to greet you, to shout our hosannas, to feel life stir within us, to sense hope quickening in our hearts. This day, this week, move us into the deeper levels of ourselves. Let us feel again your pain of that last week. Let us touch our own wounds, trusting you. Easter is the sign of new hope for us. Amen.

THE GATHERING PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

PASTORAL GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. John Morgan

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Laurie May

MINUTE FOR MISSION: One Great Hour of Sharing

Jean Scott (9:30)
Allen Hogge (11:00)

PRELUDE

Palm Sunday Processional

Lehenbauer

* Please rise in body or spirit.

The people's responses are in **bold type**.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Awake to the day of triumph for our Savior!

All: Give thanks for this day that leads to the cross!

Leader: Come with your branches, hosannas, and songs!

All: Fill the air with welcome to the Lord! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

***HYMN NO. 197**

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

ELLACOMBE

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Leader: Let us face this day of palms and Jesus' passion with honesty, confessing our sin before God.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

Holy God, sure of your faithfulness even in your dying, comforted by your compassion toward your people in every age, we beg your mercy for our imperfect gratitude. We have looked to you for paltry favors, when you have given everything. We have withheld from your people, our neighbors, and from your creation, the care and tending they deserve. Forgive our failings. Heal what we have broken, nurture what we have neglected, and lead us to your vision, so that we may know the peace of wholeness in you; in Jesus' name. Amen.

***A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER**

***KYRIE**

Leader: Lord, have mercy.

People: Christ, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Leader: Your God has come to you, humbly to free you from the weight of sin and death. Jesus' obedient suffering has released you. Your sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

GLORIA IN ABEYANCE DURING LENT

(11:00) SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

Atticus Gore

197 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil - dren sang;
 2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed 'mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,
 3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,

through pil - lared court and tem - ple the joy - ful an - them rang,
 the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, and chant - ing clear and loud;
 for Christ is our Re - deem - er; the Lord of heaven, our King.

To Je - sus, who had blessed them, close fold - ed to his breast,
 the Lord of earth and heav - en rode on in low - ly state,
 O may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice,

the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.
 nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on his bid - ding wait.
 and in his bliss - ful pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

The opening two stanzas narrate the first Palm Sunday in the past tense, but the third stanza shifts to the present tense to emphasize what current singers do and believe. The repeated elements in this anonymous German tune suggest the repetitive patterns in a crowd's chant.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Let your Word, O God, break open our hearts this day through the power of the Holy Spirit, that we may enter into the coming Holy Week with the same mind that was in Christ Jesus. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Zechariah 9:9–10, 16–17

Laurie May

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

PSALM 118:1–2, 19–29

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever!

**All: Let Israel say,
“His steadfast love endures forever.”**

Leader: Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the Lord.

**All: This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.**

Leader: I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

**All: The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.**

Leader: This is the Lord’s doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

**All: This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Leader: Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!
O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

**All: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
We bless you from the house of the Lord.**

Leader: The Lord is God,
and he has given us light.

(Psalm continues on the next page)

**All: Bind the festal procession with branches,
up to the horns of the altar.**

Leader: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God; I will extol you.

**All: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.**

SECOND LESSON: Matthew 21:1–11

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Thanks be to God!

SERMON

All Glory, Laud and Honor

Pastor John Morgan

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN NO. 618**

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

DEO GRACIAS

Stanzas 1–4

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** From *A Brief Statement of Faith: 7–8, 19–26* (unison)

**We trust in Jesus Christ,
fully human, fully God.**

**Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.**

618 O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, be - yond all
 2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly
 3 For us by wick - ed - ness be - trayed, for us, in
 4 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he
 5 All glo - ry to our Lord and God, for love so

thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of
 fast and hun - gered sore; for us tempt - ta - tions
 crown of thorns ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful
 went on high to reign; for us he sent the
 deep, so high, so broad: the Trin - i - ty whom

God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.
 sharp he knew, for us, the tempt - er o - ver - threw.
 cross and death; for us gave up his dy - ing breath.
 Spir - it here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.
 we a - dore for - ev - er and for - ev - er - more.

Reducing a twenty-three-stanza Latin text to these five English stanzas intensifies this survey of the mystery of the Incarnation and strengthens the repeated reminder that all was done "for us." A comparable tone of proclamation animates this 15th-century song celebrating a military victory.

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 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

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty

Graham George (1912–1993)

Ride on! Ride on in majesty!
Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry;
Thy humble beast pursues its road
With palms and scattered garments stowed.

Ride on! Ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin
O'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on! Ride on in majesty!
The hosts of angels in the sky
Look down with sad and wondering eyes
To see the approaching sacrifice.

Ride on! Ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
Bow thy meek head to mortal pain,
Then take, O God, thy power and reign.

***DOXOLOGY**

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

DEO GRACIAS

Stanza 5



All glo - ry to our Lord and God, for love_ so
deep, so high, so broad: the Trin - i - ty whom
we a - dore for - ev - er and for - ev - er more.

***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 or scan the QR code at the right to access the online friendship register.



***HYMN NO. 196**

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Introduction from *Suite Gothique*

Boellman

All Glory, Laud, and Honor 196

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re-deem-er, King,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho-san-nas ring!

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
 3 To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
 4 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

to Refrain
 who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One.
 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
 to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King!

These stanzas for Palm Sunday have been selected and translated from a much longer Latin poem written by a bishop who was the leading theologian in Charlemagne's court. They are sung to a 17th-century German chorale, as adapted for these words in the mid-19th century.

∞ **THE CHANCEL FLOWERS** ∞

The chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God
and in loving memory of Carol Marshburn and Ken Coley
by Jim Marshburn and Penny Coley Marshburn.

∞ **THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY** ∞

PASTORS

John Morgan, Pastor and Head of Staff
Pam Hrcir, Associate Pastor

MUSIC MINISTRY

Chris Bechtler, Director of Music Ministries
Norman Elton, Organist
The WPC Chancel Choir

GREETERS

9:30 a.m. Rodney and Molly Lawrence
11:00 a.m. Susan White and Elizabeth Padgett

USHERS

9:30 a.m. David Littell, Penny Marshburn, John VanAken, and Rebecca Caprio
11:00 a.m. Penny Marshburn, Rebecca Caprio, and Shanna Due

LITURGIST

Laurie May

SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

Atticus Gore

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

Karol Sibley

***WILLIAMSBURG LANDING USHERS**

Linda Eichhorn

***WINDSORMEADE USHERS**

Ray Whitney

AUDIO AND VIDEO TECHNICIANS

Jim Marshburn 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, 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 29–Saturday, April 4

Pam Hrcir • phirncir@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 on 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 on 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 on February 21, 2026.
- Donna Powell and family on the death of her husband Bruce, who went home to be with our Lord and Savior on March 3, 2026.
- Sarah Bland and family on the death of her husband Bobby, who went home to be with our Lord and Savior on March 7, 2026.
- Sue Rennagel and family on the death of her husband Bill, who went home to be with our Lord and Savior on March 7, 2026.
- Paul Zak and family on the death of his wife, Annette Zak, who went home to be with our Lord and Savior on March 14, 2026.
- The Mahon children and their families on the death of their mother, Joyce Mahon, who went home to be with our Lord and Savior on March 18, 2026.

Upcoming Memorial Services at WPC for:

- Annette Zak, who died on March 14, 2026, will be held in our Sanctuary on Friday, April 17, 2026, at 1:00 p.m., followed by a reception in Stevenson Hall.

Please pray for:

- 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 ↻

- **Flowering of the Cross on Easter Sunday:** Please help us celebrate Easter Sunday by bringing fresh flowers to decorate the cross outside the Sanctuary on Richmond Road on Easter Sunday morning. It's a great place to take a family photo to commemorate the day.
- **Josh Bechtler and Rhodes Walton have begun their Confirmation journey.** This past weekend, they attended a confirmation retreat at Massanetta Springs and wished it had been one day longer! This weekend, they are attending services at St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church and Temple Beth El to learn about other faith traditions. Stay tuned for updates as Josh and Rhodes continue learning and growing in faith.
- **Cookie Request for Kairos Prison Ministry:** WPC members Tim Dick, Joseph Kinard, Michael Smith, and C.W. Stacks will join volunteers from across eastern Virginia for a Kairos Prison Ministry program April 9–12 at Greensville Correctional Center. A key part of this ministry is sharing thousands of homemade cookies with inmates as a simple act of care and generosity—often a meaningful and trust-building experience. Each volunteer is asked to bring 75 dozen cookies, so your help is essential. Cookie kits (with bags and instructions) are available in the Welcome Center. Please follow the instructions carefully and return cookies to the WPC kitchen by Tuesday, April 7. Be sure to label all donations “Kairos” or “Prison Ministry.” Thank you!
- **A note from our Earth Care team:** *Are you ready for Spring cleaning?* The next Household Chemical Collection and Computer Recycling event will be Saturday, April 11, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Warhill High School, 4615 Opportunity Way, Williamsburg. There is a substantial list of items that may be turned in, including computer equipment, household paint, selected automotive liquids, insecticides, household cleaners, and some propane cylinders. For details concerning what is and is not allowed and what to expect when dropping off your materials, please visit www.vppsa.org.
- **College Interns Reception:** Please join us on April 12 immediately after the 11:00 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.
- **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* to schedule a date with her. Your service can be one or more times a month or more infrequently. Thank you.

- **Mission Trip to North Carolina.** WPC's Hunger and Homeless Team is sponsoring a mission trip to Black Mountain, NC, to assist with ongoing recovery efforts following Hurricane Helene (September 2024). We will leave on Monday, May 11, and return on Saturday, May 16, travelling in the church bus. We will be working all or part of four days, restoring flood-damaged homes, with tasks such as insulation, drywall, painting, and installing flooring, doors, trim, cabinets, and vanities. We will stay in the Balsam Lodge at Montreat Conference Center. Costs for the trip are minimal: one or two dinners at a local restaurant to support the community, and one meal each way during travel. Space is limited to 20 participants. To sign up to go or for more information, please email or call Tom Moul.*
- **All are invited to the annual Local Mission Luncheon** on April 19, 2026, at noon in Stevenson Hall. Hosted by Presbyterian Women, this free luncheon raises awareness and support for the **Teacher Supply Shop**, a nonprofit partnering with Williamsburg-James City County Schools to provide donated classroom supplies to more than 1,000 teachers and staff across 16 schools. The Shop helps offset the \$500–\$1,000 teachers typically spend out of pocket each year to support student learning. The event also honors the memory of Penny Pulley, a longtime PW member and former Chair of the WJCC Schools Foundation (2019–2025). Enjoy lunch while learning about the Shop's impact, volunteer opportunities, and how we can make a difference. Please register by April 12 in the Welcome Center, online at mywpc.org/localmission, or by calling the church office.
- **Save the date! The Legacy Giving Team** invites you to a lunch-and-learn seminar on Sunday, May 3 after the 11:00 service. Helena Mock, Managing Attorney for the Peninsula Center for Estate and Lifelong Planning, will provide expert guidance on the purposes, processes, and satisfactions of estate planning. We look forward to seeing you there. Additional information and opportunities to register for this program will be available after Easter.
- **The WPC Book Club** will meet on Monday, April 27, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. in Room 220 (and on Zoom) to discuss *The Secret Life of Sunflowers*, by Marta Molnar. If you need the Zoom link, contact Ellen Peters.*

**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 at mywpc.org/calendar.

↻ THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF EVENTS ↻

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

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 to access

**11:00 a.m. In-person Worship / Sanctuary; Broadcast on FM 93.5 The Burg and AM 740
or wmbgradio.com**

5:30 p.m. WPC Youth / Room. 220

MONDAY, MARCH 30

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 31

10:00 a.m. Tuesday Bible Study / Room. 220

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting / Zoom

2:00 p.m. From His Hands motel food prep / Kitchen

6:30 p.m. UKirk Dinner & Dialogue / LL012

7:00 p.m. Class of 2029 Elders and Deacons Training / Room 220

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

9:30 a.m. Presbyterian Women Circle 1 / Stevenson Hall

6:00 p.m. Joyful Ringers rehearsal / Bell room

7:00 p.m. High School Bible Study / Room. 222

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir room

THURSDAY, APRIL 2

4:30 p.m. Carol Choir and Junior Choir Rehearsal / Children's Music room

7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship Service with Communion / Sanctuary

8:00 p.m. Westminster Ringers rehearsal / Bell room

FRIDAY, APRIL 3

5:00 p.m. Engaging the Story of Good Friday / Stevenson Hall

7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service of Tenebrae / Sanctuary

↻ UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES ↻

April 2 • Maundy Thursday

Worship Service with Communion at 7:00 p.m. in our Sanctuary*

April 3 • Good Friday

Engaging the Story of Good Friday at 5:00 p.m. in Stevenson Hall

Service of Tenebrae at 7:00 p.m. in our Sanctuary*

April 5 • Easter Sunday

Services at 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m.,* and 11:00 a.m.

Pastor John Morgan's sermon, "With Fear and Great Joy," will be based on Matthew 28:1-10

* Service to be live-streamed