

**A SERVICE OF PRAISE TO GOD
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IN LOVING MEMORY
OF
JANET “JAN” ELIZABETH WHITCOMB MERRITT
JANUARY 22, 1930—SEPTEMBER 24, 2025**



**WILLIAMSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA
SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 2025
11:00AM**

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PRELUDE Norman Elton

PROCESSIONAL Abide with Me Lynn Newcomer
Bagpipe

INTROIT Jesu Joy of Man’s Desiring Norman Elton

PRAYER OF INVOCATION Rev. John E. Morgan

*HYMN 833 *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go* ST. MARGARET

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

I Corinthians 13 Rev. Pam Hrcir
Psalm 23 (Scots version) Ann S. Mullins

READINGS “I am Everywhere” Susan J. Merritt
“Giving Thanks” Lili C. Merritt

MUSICAL MEDITATION Pie Jesu Ellen Peters

MEDITATION Rev. John E. Morgan

REMEMBERING WITH THANKSGIVING TO GOD

Troy Kovalcheck , Erin Mullins, Ray Russell and Alexandra Arabak

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.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (unison)

“In life and in death we belong to God, through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one Triune God, the Holy one of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.”

From “A Brief Statement of Faith,” PC(USA)

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Pam Hrncir

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.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

My Heart Ever Faithful
Ellen Peters

Bach

BENEDICTION

Rev. John E. Morgan

RECESSIONAL

Improvisations on Ode to Joy

Norman Elton

PARTICIPANTS

Rev. Dr. John E. Morgan, Senior Pastor

Rev. Pam Hrncir, Associate Pastor

Norman Elton, Organist

Lynn Newcomer, Bagpipe

Ellen Peters, Soloist

Williamsburg Presbyterian Church

Ann S. Mullins, Susan J. Merritt and Lili C. Merritt

Daughters of Jan and Earl Merritt

Troy Kovalcheck, Erin Mullins, Ray Russell and Alexandra Arabak

Grandchildren of Jan and Earl Merritt

All are invited to visit with the family during a reception following the service.

PSALM 23 NRSV

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.

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.