

**A SERVICE OF PRAISE TO GOD
AND A
WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION
IN LOVING MEMORY
OF
WILLIAM ROBERT "BOB" BLAND
OCTOBER 31, 1944 - FEBRUARY 26, 2026**



**WILLIAMSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA
SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2026
11:00AM**

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PRELUDE

Norman Elton

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Rev. John E. Morgan

*HYMN 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Isaiah 43:1-3a, 18-19

Psalms 139:1-12, 23-24 (unison)

O LORD, you have searched me and known me.
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.
You search out my path and my lying down
and are acquainted with all my ways.
Even before a word is on my tongue,
O LORD, you know it completely.
You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it.
Where can I go from your spirit?
Or where can I flee from your presence?
If I ascend to heaven, you are there;
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.
If I take the wings of the morning
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me fast.

Psalm continues on the next page.

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.

If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and night wraps itself around me,"
even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day,
for darkness is as light to you.
Search me, O God, and know my heart;
test me and know my thoughts.
See if there is any wicked way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.

Romans 8 selected verses

***HYMN 14**

For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

John 14:1-6, 25-27

MEDITATION

Rev. John E. Morgan

***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.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Leader: Lord in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

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.

***HYMN 366**

Love Divine All Loves Excelling

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BENEDICTION

Rev. John E. Morgan

POSTLUDE

God of Grace and God of Glory

Paul Manz

❧ **PARTICIPANTS** ❧

Rev. Dr. John E. Morgan, Senior Pastor
Norman Elton, Organist
Williamsburg Presbyterian Church

*All are invited to visit with the family during a reception in
Stevenson Hall following the service.*

**Making All Things Well:
Finding Spiritual Strength with Julian of Norwich**

by Isobel DeGruchy

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I wonder too about heaven –
Are those who die in the faith there already?
Do they know and meet each other?
What do they do all the time?
Gather around a throne with their harps
and sing all day?
Not my idea of a good time:
not what I want to do for Eternity.
Julian was shown a glimpse of heaven
and she saw our Lord God
calling his friends to a feast,
filling his house full of joy and mirth,
being there himself as a close friend
to gladden and console us,
thanking us each one for coming,
and radiating his joy and bliss
to everyone forever.
That sounds more like heaven.