

The Gospel According to

WILLIAMSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

KIRKIN' OF THE TARTANS • NOVEMBER 19, 2023

PRAYER FOR PREPARATION

O Thou, in whom we live and move – Who made the sea and shore; Thy goodness constantly we prove, and grateful would adore; and, if it please Thee, Power above! Still grant us, with such store, the friend we trust, the fair we love – and we desire no more. Amen! *By Robert Burns*

THE GATHERING PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(9:30) PRELUDE

This Is My Father's World

arr. Payne

(11:00) PROCESSIONAL

Rowan Tree

Williamsburg Pipes and Drums, led by Pipe Major Jim Ryan

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Honor and majesty are before the Lord.

People: **Strength and beauty are in God's sanctuary.**

Leader: Give to the Lord, O ye kindreds of people.

People: **Give to the Lord glory and strength.**

Leader: O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness,

People: **Bow before God, all the earth.**

From the Book of Common Order, Church of Scotland, 1940

*To all who are able, please stand as we offer God thanks and praise.

Bold type face indicates that the congregation participates in word or song.

HYMN 377I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

HOUSTON

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain:

In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus. (Refrain)

2 I want to see the brightness of God.
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path,
and show me the way to the Father. (Refrain)

3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
we shall know the joy of Jesus. (Refrain)

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Leader: Jesus loves us and frees us from our sins; therefore, let us confess our sins to God.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

O God, we pray that you will teach us how to live, that we may provide an example to all the world. Yet we confess before you the bigotry and the intolerance that plague us. We confess to you our disinclination to enjoy brotherhood and sisterhood with all, for we have withheld the spirit of it from many around us. O God, forgive us. We remember that you did bid us to do good, to love mercy, to walk humbly with our God. Give us such a vision of ministry that we can select for our philanthropy, for the expression of our love, those who cannot possibly recompense us at all. Then only shall we discover what love really is, what brotherhood and sisterhood actually mean. Show us what you would have us do today to make that discovery, we ask in the name of the Author of Love, Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen. *Peter Marshall*

A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER

***KYRIE**

Lord, Have Mercy

Schubert

Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy;

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5, then a half note G4. The piano accompaniment starts with a half note G2, followed by quarter notes A2, B2, and C3, then a half note G2. The second system continues the vocal line with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5, then a half note G4. The piano accompaniment continues with a half note G2, followed by quarter notes A2, B2, and C3, then a half note G2.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Friends, hear and believe the good news of the Gospel. We are saved by grace through faith. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen!

***GLORIA**

Glory Be to the Father

Greatorex

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men.'

(11:00) At this time any and all children through the 5th grade are invited to come forward for Sharing Faith with Children.

Afterwards, the children will go with the Leader upstairs to the Christian Education Wing for Wee Worship and return to the sanctuary after the sermon.

(11:00) SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

Laura Bechtler

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison)

O heavenly God, your word is our source of light, enlightening our paths, erasing our blindness. In our reading, shine your truth. Speak to us boldly once again, that we may proclaim your truth with courage. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: *1 Thessalonians 5:4-11*

This is the Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

PSALM 90:1-8 (Responsive)

Leader: Lord, you have been our dwelling place
in all generations.

**All: Before the mountains were brought forth
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

Leader: You turn us back to dust
and say, "Turn back, you mortals."

**All: For a thousand years in your sight
are like yesterday when it is past
or like a watch in the night.**

Leader: You sweep them away; they are like a dream,
like grass that is renewed in the morning;

**All: in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;
in the evening it fades and withers.**

Leader: For we are consumed by your anger;
by your wrath we are overwhelmed.

**All: You have set our iniquities before you,
our secret sins in the light of your countenance.**

SECOND LESSON: *John 16:19-24*

This is the Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

SERMON

The Gospel According to Barbie:
"The Dream House or The Real World"

Rev. John E. Morgan

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN 494**

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

QUEBEC

1 Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts,
thou fount of life, thou light of all,
from the best bliss that earth imparts
we turn, unfilled, to heed thy call.

2 Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood;
thou savest those that on thee call;
to them that seek thee thou art good,
to them that find thee, all in all.

3 We taste thee, O thou living bread,
and long to feast upon thee still;
we drink of thee, the fountainhead,
and thirst our souls from thee to fill.

4 Our restless spirits yearn for thee,
where'er our changeful lot is cast,
glad when thy gracious smile we see,
blest when our faith can hold thee fast.

5 O Jesus, ever with us stay;
make all our moments calm and bright.
O chase the night of sin away;
shed o'er the world thy holy light.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: THE SCOTS CONFSSION, 1560** (Unison)

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by God's inscrutable providence for such end as God's eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of God's own glory.

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.

(11:00) KIRKIN' O' THE TARTANS

Presentation of Tartan

We invite all who have brought family tartans, or other fabric representative of family heritage, Scots or otherwise, to come forward at this time and stand across the front of the nave at the foot of the steps for the special blessing. Please remain there until after the Kirkin' Prayer.

Bagpipe Solo

Morning Has Broken
Lynn Newcomer, Piper

Blessing of Tartans

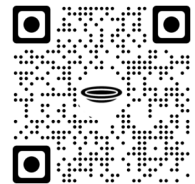
Leader: Almighty God, who did command the tribes of ancient Israel to pitch their tents beneath the standards and ensign of their parents, and who set over your holy church the banner of the Cross of Christ: let your blessing rest upon all tartans set before you here today. Bless all families who claim a tartan as their own and keep them loyal to the standards which their tartans represent and faithful in their love and service to Christ and his Kirk; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord unto whom with you, O God, and the Holy Spirit, be all power and majesty both now and forevermore. Amen.

(The blessing comes from "God Guide Me," one of the prayers collected by Alexander Carmichael in the Carmina Gadelica.)

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

This Is My Father's World
Lauren Bristow, violin

arr. Elaine Hagenberg

This is my Father's world,
And to my listening ears,
All nature sings, and round me rings
The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world,
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,
His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world,
The birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white,
Declare their maker's praise.
This is my father's world,
He shines in all that's fair,
In the rustling grass I hear him pass,
He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my father's world,
O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world,
The battle is not done,
Jesus who died will be satisfied
And heaven and earth be one.

DOXOLOGYPraise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

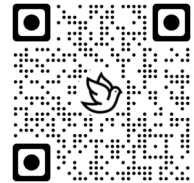
OLD HUNDRETH

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**

We are glad you are worshiping 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 12***Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

ST. DENIO

1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
 in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
 most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
 almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

2 Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,
 nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might:
 thy justice, like mountains high soaring above;
 thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

3 To all, life thou givest, to both great and small.
In all life thou livest, the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.

4 Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light.
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

(9:30) POSTLUDE

Scherzo

Ridout

(11:00) RECESSIONAL

America the Beautiful and God Bless America
Williamsburg Pipes and Drums, led by Pipe Major Jim Ryan

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.

∞ THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ∞

The Chancel Flowers are donated to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Neil MacGill Stevenson by his wife, Diane and daughters, Heather, Holly and Heidi.

∞ THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY ∞

PASTORS

John E. Morgan, Pastor/Head of Staff

Pam Hrcir, Covenant Pastor for Congregational Care

MUSIC MINISTRY

Christopher Bechtler, Director of Music

Norman Elton, Organist and Assistant Director of Music

Lauren Bristow, violin

SPECIAL MUSIC

St. Andrews Society

LITURGIST

Tommy Michaels

SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

Laura Bechtler

GREETER

9:30am and 11:00am Karren Annoni

USHERS

9:30am Tony Annoni, Pat Murray, John VanAken, Rick Murray

11:00am Gene D'Orsogna, Ellen D'Orsogna, Ric Cheston, Kelly Kirkpatrick

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOST

Nate Green, Laura and Pete Osman

***WILLIAMSBURG LANDING USHERS**

Dottie Teubner

***WINDSOR MEADE USHER**

Paul Hotinger

AUDIO AND VIDEO TECHNICIANS: Matt Slack and John Schoenberger

*Satellite campuses

☞ SUPPORT FOR OUR MEMBERS ☞

- **Stephen Ministry offers help, hope, healing:** Are you going through a difficult time? A Stephen Minister can help. Stephen Ministers are members of our congregation who listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support to people going through difficult times or crisis. To learn how you can receive a Stephen Minister's confidential care, please contact pastor Pam Hrcir (phrcir@mywpc.org).
Learn more about this ministry at mywpc.org/stephen.
- **In need of one-on-one prayer?** After the 9:30am and 11:00am Sunday morning services, a Stephen Minister will be available in the Church Library to talk and pray with you. No need to sign up. All interactions and conversations with a Stephen Minister are confidential.
- **Monthly grief support group** meets the first Wednesday of the month at 10am in room 220 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.

☞ 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 (handbellringer@cox.net). Please notify Jo Ann when you would like to remove your name from the prayer chain.

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. To reach a Pastor during the week, please call the church office.

Sunday, November 19 – Saturday, November 25

Pastor Pam Hrcir
phrcir@mywpc.org; (757-508-4668)

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

- The Family of Mannie Houston who died on Thursday, November 9, 2023. Arrangements are pending.

Please pray for:

- Jean Hibbard, Bob Siclari, Ellie Thuermer, Rice Trolan, Steve Custer, Jean Young, Don Swain.
- Those who have recently lost loved ones, those recovering from various surgeries and our sick and shut-ins who are at home or facility bound.
- Those serving our country in the military services and their families.
- Those affected by the wars in Gaza, Israel and Ukraine.

🎀 ANNOUNCEMENTS 🎀

- **Usher, Greeter, and Coffee Fellowship Sign Ups in Stevenson Hall TODAY!** Have you been looking for an opportunity to get involved in the Sunday morning action at WPC? Please stop by the tables in Stevenson Hall today through November 26 to learn more and sign up to host Coffee Fellowship, Usher, or Greet during the months of December, January, and February. No previous experience necessary and all ages are welcome!
- **Gift of Christmas 2023: Just a reminder that the Gift of Christmas Program will begin on Sunday, December 3.** The Gift of Christmas is a wonderful way to experience the true spirit of Christmas Giving by supporting one of twenty programs helping folks in need in our communities. When you donate to one of these programs you will receive an Angel Ornament and a Card that you can give to the family member or friend that you are honoring. Look for details in the bulletin and also visit the Gift of Christmas table Sunday, December 3 or call *Karen Annoni for more information.
- **Sponsor a Poinsettia in Memory/Honor of Someone:** The joyful season of Christmas is upon us. As we prepare to celebrate our Lord's birth, you are invited to help decorate the church by sponsoring a poinsettia. **Envelopes for poinsettias can be found in the pew fellowship books and in the Welcome Center.** Orders may also be placed online. The **deadline for ordering is SUNDAY, December 3.** Poinsettias are to remain in place until **AFTER** the 8pm Worship Service on **Christmas Eve.** Kindly leave the plastic saucer and cross your name off the list on the chancel steps if you choose to take your plant.
- **December 31 is available if someone wants to donate flowers that Sunday to enhance our worship services. Contact *Ruth Cobb if interested.**
- **Wondering what the Legacy Giving Fund is? Meet with members of the team during coffee hour November 19.**
- **The Salvation Army Angel Tree Tags will be available in Stevenson Hall starting November 19.** Make Christmas Day memorable for someone less fortunate. Stop by the Christmas tree in the fellowship hall. It is decorated with 65 angel tags for children and 10 tags for seniors. Adopt an angel and buy gifts for that child or senior. You will be demonstrating the meaning of Christmas and sharing God's gift of love. Gifts should be returned by December 8. Thank you for your generous support of the Salvation Army.
- **HART (Historic Area Religions Together) will hold their 6th Annual Multi-Faith Thanksgiving Service, Monday, November 20, 7pm at Walsingham Academy.**
- **Friendsgiving Italiano: The Finding Hope Grief Support Group is gathering for lunch at Maurizio's Italian Restaurant (264 McLaws Circle Ste E.) November 21st at 11:30.** Come fellowship with others who are also on the grief journey and enjoy wonderful food, laughter, and grateful hearts. You are welcome even if you do not attend the support group. **Please email *Bruce Minett if you planned to attend by TODAY, Sunday, November 19, so he is able to let the restaurant know how many people.**

- **Presbyterian Men's Fellowship Meeting on December 2, 2023:** On Saturday, December 2, our Presbyterian Men's Fellowship will have Kermit Buntrock, Founder and former President of Buntrock Industries, as their guest speaker. Headquartered in Williamsburg, Buntrock Industries services the precision investment casting industry. Today the company serves over 300 customers worldwide and is a leader in innovation and development of investment casting equipment. You won't want to miss Kermit's presentation on this vital industry that supports aerospace, defense, medical and dental fields, and various commercial endeavors. Plan now to meet and join Kermit Buntrock for breakfast and hear what promises to be a highly informative session.

The meeting begins at 8:00am in Stevenson Hall with fellowship and breakfast. All men and women of the Williamsburg community and guests are welcome. There is a time for fellowship, a delicious breakfast, and a hymn sing. Please make your reservations by Wednesday, November 29, at the church Welcome Center, or online. A donation of \$10.00 will be requested at the breakfast.

- **The Advent/Christmas fun begins this year with the annual and long-standing tradition, the WPC Advent Celebration.** The Williamsburg Christmas Parade will be on Sunday, December 3, at 5pm. The theme for the parade this year is "Jingle Bell Jubilee." Activities for ALL AGES will be set up in Stevenson Hall BEFORE the parade, beginning at 3:00pm. We will also be making and serving a couple of bags of the Rise Against Hunger meals that didn't quite fit into the boxes on 11/14. Come and taste what your efforts yielded, and what will be delivered to families around the world to fight hunger. After you partake of the activities inside, bring your chairs outside to get a good spot right outside the church, and join other WPC Families and friends to watch the parade together!
- **The WPC Book Club will meet on Monday, December 4, 2023 (NOTE DATE CHANGE),** at 2 pm in the WPC Library (and on Zoom) to discuss *This is God's Table: Finding Church Beyond the Walls*, by Anna Woofenden. Adrian Williams, Director of Educational Ministries, will facilitate the discussion.
- **Blue Christmas, December 21 at 3:30.** Held in Stevenson Hall this year, we'd like to remember and honor your loved ones through a slide show. If you would like to participate, please email a picture of your deceased loved one by December 14 to Vanessa (vgamble@mywpc.org) or stop by and Vanessa can scan the photo for you. Come for a special service of remembering, recognition, and hope.
- **Walk to Emmaus:** Have you attended a Walk to Emmaus, Cursillo, Vie De Cristo or any of the other Fourth Day Community weekends? If you are interested in participating in bringing a Fourth Day Community to WPC, please contact Janice and William McGuire by email or phone. Make a friend. Be a friend. Bring a friend to Christ.

***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.

☞ OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS ☞

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

- 9:30am In-person Worship / Sanctuary; Live-Stream Worship; visit mywpc.org to access
10:30am Fellowship Coffee Hour / Stevenson Hall
11:00am In-person Worship / Sanctuary; Broadcast on FM93.5 The Burg and AM740 or wmbgradio.com
5:30pm Youth Group / CE Wing

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20

- 10:00am Grief Share Group - Closed Group / Rm 123
1:00pm Caregiver Support Group / Rm 123
2:00pm Grief Share Group - Closed Group / Rm 227
6:00pm UKirk Dinner and Dialogue / LL012
7:00pm Hunger and Homeless Meeting / LL010

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

- 10:00am Adult Bible Study: Christian Believer-Knowing God with Heart and Mind / Rm 220 and Zoom
1:00pm Staff Mtg / Zoom
7:00pm AA Williamsburg Big Book Study / LL009 and LL049

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

- 9:00am Sanctuary closed for cleaning.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Happy Thanksgiving!
Church Office closed for the Holiday

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Church Office closed for the Holiday

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25

- 2:00pm Memorial Service and Reception for Holly Yohe / Sanctuary and Stevenson Hall

☞ NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP ☞

November 26, 2023 • Christ the King

The sermon "*What Does That Mean*" will be based on Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24.

***9:30am service is live-streamed on mywpc.org. **11:00am service is broadcast on FM93.5 The Burg and AM740**