

WILLIAMSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 26, 2023

PRAYER FOR PREPARATION

Almighty God, you raised Christ from the dead and established him as Lord over every rebellious power. Give us grace to serve him wisely and faithfully that the world may see his glorious inheritance among the saints and recognize the freedom of joyful obedience in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

THE GATHERING

PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

PASTORAL GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

MINUTE FOR MISSION: Advent Celebration Parade
Stewardship

Penny Pulley and Sallie McLean
Tommy Michaels

PRELUDE Two settings of "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" (St. Columba)
Robert Hobby and Charles Callahan

CALL TO WORSHIP

All: The Lord God is our shepherd.

Leader: We are the people of God's pasture, the sheep of God's hand.

All: God will seek the lost, feed the hungry, and strengthen the weak.

Leader: But the proud and power-hungry will be fed with justice.

*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 4** *Holy God, We Praise Your Name*

GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH

1 Holy God, we praise your name;
Lord of all, we bow before you.
All on earth your scepter claim;
all in heaven above adore you.
Infinite your vast domain,
everlasting is your reign.

2 Hark! The glad celestial hymn
angel choirs above are raising;
cherubim and seraphim,
in unceasing chorus praising,
fill the heavens with sweet accord:
“Holy, holy, holy Lord!”

3 All apostles join the strain
as your sacred name they hallow;
prophets swell the glad refrain,
and the blessed martyrs follow,
and from morn to set of sun,
through the church the song goes on.

4 Holy Father, Holy Son,
Holy Spirit: three we name you,
while in essence only one;
undivided God we claim you,
and adoring, bend the knee
while we own the mystery.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Leader: With sincere and repentant hearts, let us name our sins against Christ and one another.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Sovereign God, we confess that we are not ready for your holy realm. You guide us toward right paths, but we refuse to follow where you lead. You love and feed and care for us, but we fail to love and serve others. Forgive us, merciful God, so that we may return to your fold and rejoice in your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the Lamb upon the throne. Amen.

A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER

*KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy

Schubert

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

The first system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. It contains a vocal line with lyrics: "Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy;". The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment.

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

The second system of music also consists of two staves. The upper staff continues the vocal line with lyrics: "Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.". The lower staff continues the harmonic accompaniment. The system concludes with a double bar line.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: However long we wander, however far we stray, God's steadfast love endures forever.
Sisters and brothers, be assured: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***GLORIA**

Glory Be to the Father

Greatorex

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

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) SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

Adrian Williams

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison)

Your word, O God, is a feast all its own. Let your Holy Spirit open our minds to your call to listen, for we know your holy Word heals and reconciles your people. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: *Ephesians 1:15-23*

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

PSALM 95:1-7a (Responsive)

Leader: O come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

All: **Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

Leader: For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

All: **In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.**

Leader: The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

All: **O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!
For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.**

SECOND LESSON: *Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24*

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“What Does That Mean?”

Rev. Pam Hrcir

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN 802**

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

ST. COLUMBA

1 The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
and he is mine forever.

2 Where streams of living water flow
my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.

3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.

4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.

5 Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and O what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: CONFESSION OF 1967, 9.15** (Unison)

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. We ascribe to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals his love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful people. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of his love.

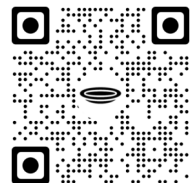
PRAYERS OF PETITION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

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

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

arr. Benjamin Harlan

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty.
Hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more,
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now, the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing stream doth flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
Be thou still my strength and shield,
Be thou still my strength and shield.

Please join the choir in singing the last stanza, which appears on the next page.

When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious
fears sub - side. Bear me through the swell - ing cur - rent, land me
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es,
I will ev - er give to thee, I will ev - er give to thee.

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is written on a treble clef staff. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with some words underlined to indicate phrasing. The final staff ends with a double bar line.

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

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.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the treble clef staff. The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics, and the second system covers the last two lines. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and moving lines.

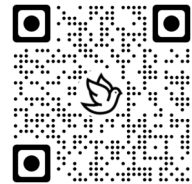
***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

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 363**

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

DARWALL'S 148TH

1 Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing,
and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

2 Our Savior, Jesus, reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above.
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

3 His kingdom cannot fail;
he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus given.
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Descant:

4 Rejoice in glorious hope!
For Christ, the Judge, shall come
and gather all the saints
to their eternal home.
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

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Lift up your heart; lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God

J. S. Bach

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 memory of James Field “Dan Dad” and Martha (Marty) “Mommom” Thompson Bland by Robin Bland.

∞ 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
Heidi Bloch, Guest Organist
The Chancel Choir

LITURGIST

Michael Smith

SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

Adrian Williams, Director of Education Ministries

GREETER

9:30am Rebecca Caprio
11:00am Maxine Cunningham

USHERS

9:30am Lynn Newcomer, Larry Cheney, Cathy Cheney, Dave Littell
11:00am Bob Bolstad, Dorothy Geyer, Bob Archibald, Nancy Archibald

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOST

Karol Sibley, Edda Maciorowshi, Sue Rennagel

***WILLIAMSBURG LANDING USHERS**

Jerry and Martha Jean Howell

***WINDSOR MEADE USHER**

Paul Hotinger

AUDIO AND VIDEO TECHNICIANS: Dick Sahlen 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 29 – Saturday, December 4

Pastor John E. Morgan

jmorgan@mywpc.org; (757-908-7800)

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 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.
- **The Salvation Army Angel Tree Tags will be now available in Stevenson Hall.** 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.
- **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 2:00pm 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.
- **Words of Hope. An Advent Grief Writing Workshop** hosted by Rev Julie Hester, a bereaved mom of 20 years. In Julie’s own words “Whatever or whomever you are grieving, writing with other generous listeners can open an avenue for healing and hope. All are welcome—no writing experience is needed, and grammar and spelling don’t count.” The workshops are December 5, 12, and 19 beginning at 10am in room 220. Please contact Pastor Pam (phrncir@mywpc.org) if you’d like to attend.
- **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 26

- 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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27

- 10:00am Grief Share Group - Closed Group / Rm 123
1:00pm Caregiver Support Group / Rm 123
1:00pm Presbyterian Women's Circle 3 / Stevenson Hall and Zoom
2:00pm Grief Share Group - Closed Group / Rm 227
2:00pm WPC Book Club / Church Library and Zoom
6:00pm UKirk Dinner and Dialogue / LL012
7:00pm Williamsburg Choral Guild Rehearsal / Sanctuary

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

- 10:00am Adult Bible Study: Christian Believer-Knowing God with Heart and Mind / Rm 220 and Zoom
1:00pm Staff Mtg / Church Zoom
6:30pm Bible Study Fellowship - Closed Group / Rm 220
7:00pm AA Williamsburg Big Book Study / LL009 and LL049
7:00pm Earth Care Committee / Zoom

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

- 9:30am Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team / Stevenson Hall
6:00pm Genesis Ringers Rehearsal / Bell Rm
7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Rm

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30

- 9:00am Sanctuary closed for weekly cleaning
4:30pm Carol and Junior Choir Rehearsals / Choir Rms
7:30pm Westminster Ringers / Bell Rm

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

- 2:00pm From His Hands Motel Ministry / Kitchen

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

- 8:00am Presbyterian Men's Monthly Fellowship Breakfast / Kitchen and Stevenson Hall

☞ NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP ☞

December 3, 2023 • First Sunday of Advent

Light of Comfort Come!

The sermon "Tear Open the Heavens" will be based on Isaiah 64:1-9.

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