

# 4th Sunday after Epiphany January 28, 2024

### PRAYER FOR PREPARATION

Holy God, weave praise into the fabric of our days so our lives become a blessing to others. Weave peace into our words and deeds so hatred and anger are disarmed. Weave love into our work so accomplishments are imbued with humility. Weave kindness into our actions so the world becomes a joyous place to live. Weave hope into every encounter so we may testify to God's continuing resurrection. Weave songs into our worship so our morning might echo in praise to God. Amen.

# THE GATHERING PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

#### PASTORAL GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH** 

Laura Hild

Prelude

Chorale Prelude on Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

J. S. Bach

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Come! Let us give thanks to the Lord with whole hearts.

All: Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

Leader: Glory be to the One whose wonders are to be remembered.

All: Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.
Leader: The Lord is gracious and full of compassion.
All: Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

Leader: The Lord feeds the righteous with truth.

All: Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

Leader: Come! Let us give thanks to God.

<sup>\*</sup>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.

Turn page for hymn.

#### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: The One who pardons, heals, and strengthens all who repent calls us to name our failings and our hopes. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

#### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Holy and all-powerful God, who commands all spirits, comforts those in distress, and casts out destructive forces, we confess that we are unable to do your will. We protect what is familiar and reject what is unknown. We admire those with courage but excuse ourselves when we falter from the truth. We forget that you are always with us, and that with you all things are possible. Forgive us, lead us, make us new. Amen.

#### A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER



#### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The God who made you and knows your every thought hears you now and forgives you all your sin. You have been redeemed through Jesus Christ.



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

## 327 From All That Dwell Below the Skies



Because Psalm 117 contains only two verses, Watts's paraphrase had only two stanzas. Most later hymnals have created or borrowed additional stanzas, like the one included here, to enlarge the hymn. Perhaps the best solution is found by adding Alleluias, as this tune invites.



### THE WORD

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison)

Holy Spirit, your people call out for understanding. Bring to our yearning hearts and minds the truth of your Word; in Jesus' name. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Deuteronomy 18:15-18

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

**PSALM 111** (Responsive)

Leader: Praise the Lord!

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

All: Great are the works of the Lord,

studied by all who delight in them.

Leader: Full of honor and majesty is his work,

and his righteousness endures forever.

All: He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds;

the Lord is gracious and merciful.

Leader: He provides food for those who fear him;

he is ever mindful of his covenant.

All: He has shown his people the power of his works,

in giving them the heritage of the nations.

Leader: The works of his hands are faithful and just;

all his precepts are trustworthy.

All: They are established forever and ever,

to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

Leader: He sent redemption to his people;

he has commanded his covenant forever.

Holy and awesome is his name.

All: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;

all those who practice it have a good understanding.

His praise endures forever.

SECOND LESSON: Mark 1:21-28

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

**SERMON** 

"One With Authority"

Rev. John E. Morgan

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*HYMN 395

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word
Turn page for hymn.

LIEBSTER JESU

#### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: FROM A DECLARATION OF FAITH (Unison)

Jesus Christ stands at the center of the biblical record. The Bible is the account of God's word and action in history, together with his people's response in faith. It tells how the Lord has moved with Israel and the church towards the kingdom of God, his just and loving rule over all. It is the story of the one God, who is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. That story is still unfolding and in faith we make it our own. It forms our memory and our hope. It tells us who we are and what we are to do. To retell it is to declare what we believe.

#### 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.

**O**FFERTORY

When in Our Music God Is Glorified

Charles V. Stanford (1852-1924) arr. Austin C. Lovelace

When in our music God is glorified, And adoration leaves no room for pride, It is as though the whole creation cried Alleluia!

# 395 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word



Originally conceived to be sung before the sermon, this hymn assumes a congregation that assembles regularly, and it needs to be placed near the beginning rather than the end of worship. The simple repetitive tune reinforces the text's sense of receptivity and expectation.

How often making music we have found A new dimension in the world of sound, As worship leads us to a more profound Alleluia!

So has the church, in liturgy and song, In faith and love, through centuries of wrong, Borne witness to the truth in every tongue, Alleluia!

And did not Jesus sing a psalm that night When utmost evil strove against the Light? Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight, Alleluia!

Let every instrument be tuned for praise! Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise! And may God give us grace to sing always Alleluia!



\*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 <u>mywpc.org/friendship</u> or scan the QR code at the right to access the online friendship register.



\*HYMN 265

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun Turn page for hymn. **DUKE STREET** 

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** Toccata on From All that Dwell Below the Skies

Sedio

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.

# 265 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun



This hymn is a classic example of how Isaac Watts Christianized the Psalms, in this case Psalm 72:5–19, by turning their messianic language to New Testament equivalents. The tune was at first nameless and anonymous, but is now called by the address of the supposed composer.

#### **≫** THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ≪

The flowers are given today to the glory of God and in loving memory of their parents, Lewis & Evelyn Avery and Clifford & Rachel Bowlin and their siblings, Betty Avery, Nancy Bell, David and Kenn Avery and Alice Bowlin by Jackie and Sam Bowlin.

#### >> THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY ◆

#### **PASTORS**

John E. Morgan, Pastor/Head of Staff

Pam Hrncir, Covenant Pastor for Congregational Care

MUSIC MINISTRY

Christopher Bechtler, Director of Music

Norman Elton, Organist and Assistant Director of Music

Chancel Choir

LITURGIST

Laura Hild

SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

Jim Kirkpatrick

GREETER

9:30am Cheryl Roettger

11:00am Bruce Powell, Rebecca Caprio

USHERS

9:30am Matt Underwood, Pat Underwood, Dave Littell, Rebecca Caprio

11:00am Bob Bolstad, Donna Powell, Kathryn Hall, Kirk Lovenbury

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOST** 

Sarah Dulaney, Laura Osman, Karol Sibley

\*WILLIAMSBURG LANDING USHERS

Ann and Nick Nicastro

\*WINDSOR MEADE USHER AND COMMUNION SERVER

Paul Hotinger

AUDIO AND VIDEO TECHNICIANS: Dick Sahlen and John Schoenberger

<sup>\*</sup>Satellite campuses

#### **≫ WPC Elders & Deacons ⋖**

SESSION: CLASSES OF 2024, 2025, 2026

**Moderator:** John E. Morgan Clerk of Session: Diane Schwarz

Administration: Faith Shartzer\* (25), Sarah Houghland (25), Margie Newcomer (26),

Jaynelle Oehler (24), Larry Pulley (26)

Christian Education: Sallie McLain\* (25), Kelly Kirkpatrick (26), JD Due (26)

Christian Outreach: Kay Allen\* (24), Karen McKee (24) Communications: Laura Hild\* (24), Martha Squire (24)

Endowment Committee: Al Thomas\* (25), Jim Austin (26), Joseph Kinard (26),

Martha Squire (24), Hank Vernon (25)

Facilities: Dale Trowbridge\* (25), Jerry Howell (26)

Resources: Tommy Michaels\* (24), Elaine McBeth (25), Jay Eaton (26)

Worship: Jim Winthrop\* (25)

\*Moderator

BOARD OF DEACONS: CLASSES OF 2024, 2025, 2026

Moderator: Janie Moyers (24) Vice-Moderator: Copper Perry (25)

Pastoral Advisor: Pam Hrncir, Covenant Pastor for Congregational Care

Secretary: Jo Ann Youhas (25)

**Care Teams** 

Care Connections: Margie Ambrose (24), Jennifer LaDow (26), Lee Saxton (26)

Grief: Copper Perry (25) Dave Littell (25)

Welcoming a Child, Illness, Surgery, Hospice (WISH): Linda Eichhorn (24), Harold Herring (25)

**Brookdale and Other Asst. Living:** Robin Sabo (26)

Patriot's Colony: Sue Rennagel (25)

Williamsburg Landing: Joane Bozek (24) Doris Gilfillan(26) Windsor Meade: Shirley Randolph (24), Happy Simmons (25)

**Ministry Teams** 

**Celebrations and Concerns:** Dougie Winthrop (24), Phoebe Williams (24), Sarah Horner (25)

Christian Fellowship: Happy Simmons (25), Sue Rennagel (25), Nate Green (24), Sarah Dulaney (25)

Flower Sharing: Joane Bozek (24), Laura Bechtler (25): Leigh Salud (26), Carol Thomas (26)

New Member: Nancy Archibald (24), Deborah Rockafellow (25), Eric Beckhusen (26),

Martha Burian (26)

Memorial Receptions: Nancy Moseley (24), Jo Ann Youhas (25), Janie Moyers (24),

Rebecca Caprio (26)

**Memorial Services:** Terry Backus (24), Lynn Newcomer (24), Nancy Miller (24), Duncan McIver (26)

#### **≫ 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 Hrncir (phrncir@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, January 28 - Saturday, February 3

Pastor Pam Hrncir • phrncir@mywpc.org • 757-508-4668

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

• The family of WPC member, Jean Grieser Hibbard, who died on Thursday, January 18, 2024. A memorial service and reception for Jean was held in our sanctuary on Friday, January 26, 2024.

#### Please pray for:

- John Richardson recovering from knee surgery, Lynn Curtin, Barbara Brink, Wade Johnson, Peace for Nancy (Tom) Moul's brother, Richard Friese, who is declining with brain cancer, Carole McNeel, Jean Hibbard, Bob Siclari, Ellie Thuermer, Stephen Custer, Jean Young.
- 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 February 11 to learn more and sign up to host Coffee Fellowship, Usher, or Greet during the months of February, March, or April. No previous experience necessary and all ages are welcome!

Feel free to sign up online for any Sunday in 2024 from the comfort of your home by going to https://signup.com/go/iGCDndF

- Celebrations and Concerns Ministry: Are you or someone you know struggling with a life or health issue or celebrating a joyous event such as a special birthday, anniversary or the birth of a child/grandchild? If so, WPC's Celebrations and Concerns Ministry wants to support our church family with cards to celebrate your joys and share your challenges. Please help us to share God's love with you either by noting it on a prayer request card (found in the pew Friendship Registers and the Welcome Center) or calling the church office at 757-229-4235.
- Volunteers Needed for Homeless Shelter on February 22-23: Although WPC has already hosted the Homeless Shelter at WPC this year, we have agreed to partner with our friends at St. Martins Episcopal Church on Jamestown Road to staff a night during their shelter week. Our night will be the evening of Thursday, February 22 through the early morning of Friday, February 23. We need volunteers for the following four shifts:
  - (1) kitchen volunteers to prepare and serve dinner from 5pm to 8pm (February 22);
  - (2) check-in from <u>5:15pm to 8:45pm</u> (February 22);
  - (3) overnight from 8:45pm to 7am (February 22-23);
  - (4) breakfast and checkout from 5:15am to 7am (February 23)

It takes approximately 13-15 volunteers to staff the shelter.

If you are interested in volunteering for this very important ministry to aid our area's homeless, please contact \*Jim Winthrop.

- The Squares: Often when someone is facing grave danger, such as death, they recite the 23rd Psalm. The 23rd Psalm is a very important and comforting scripture, and many people have it memorized. Whether or not you are one of those it will be very helpful to know about this Psalm because at some time we all will face a difficult situation. So join The Squares on Thursday, February 1, 7:30-8:15pm in room 227, or by Zoom (check with Gary Davis or Jim Kirkpatrick for address).
- Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, February 13: Food, music and a parade! Come to the annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, from 5:30 7:30pm in Stevenson Hall. There will be pancakes (gluten free available) with sausages and a Dixieland Band for entertainment. The evening will be capped off by a children's Mardi Gras style parade. This is an event for the whole family to enjoy. Cost is \$8 adult, kids 12 and under free. Please sign-up in advance for this event so we'll be sure to have enough food for everyone. Sign up in the hall by the elevator on Sunday, online at mywpc.org/shrove, or in the Welcome Center during the week.

- The Upper Elementary Sunday School Class (Grades 3, 4 and 5) is currently collecting food to support The Grove Christian Outreach Center. We began this mission project in 2016 and collected 81 pounds of food which in turn served over 100 meals. Since that time our largest collection weighed in at 509 pounds! With your help, our goal is to continue to increase our donation and provide even more meals. We will be collecting donations in our classroom every Sunday from now through mid-March. Suggestions for donations include nonperishable foods such as canned fruit and vegetables, canned meat and fish, nuts, soups, pasta, breakfast foods and peanut butter. Thank you for your support in making this project a success.
- Fellowship Breakfast sponsored by Presbyterian Men: Saturday, February 3 in Stevenson Hall, 8am. If you are looking for an opportunity for fellowship and getting to know other members of the church better, in addition to enjoying an excellent breakfast, please make your reservations by Wednesday, January 31, at the church Welcome Center, or online. A donation of \$10.00 will be requested at the breakfast.
- Mark your calendars now to attend the WPC Annual Town Hall Meeting in Stevenson Hall on Saturday, February 10, 2024, 10:00-11:30am. Come hear 2023 highlights from all the church ministries and what is coming in 2024.
- New Member Orientation Luncheon: Sunday, February 11 immediately after the 11:00am worship service in Stevenson Hall. Become part of our church family through meaningful relationships to worship God, grow with the Spirit, and serve as Christ in the world. If the Spirit is nudging you to join WPC, please contact Pastor Pam
- Let's tackle hunger with The Souper Bowl of Caring: Sunday, February 11. Members of our youth group will be outside the sanctuary following both the 9:30am and the 11am services with soup pots to collect monetary donations in support of the nationwide program, Souper Bowl of Caring. An online giving option is also available for those who wish to give that way. This year, proceeds from our Souper Bowl of Caring will go to two recipients the William & Mary Campus Food Exchange and Heritage Humane Society's Kibble Kitchen. As of 2020, 23% of college students in the U.S have been reported as being food insecure. The William & Mary Campus Food Exchange is a confidential program which helps provide food as well as household and hygiene products to at risk students, faculty, staff, and contractors associated with the William & Mary community. We are eternally grateful for your support in helping WPC's Youth make a difference. To learn more about both organizations please visit: foodforall.pages.wm.edu/and heritagehumane.org/kibble-kitchen/
- The WPC Book Club will meet on Monday, February 26, 2024, at 2 pm in room 220 located on the second floor (and on Zoom) to discuss *West with Giraffes*, by Lynda Rutledge.
- Summer Meals for Kids: The Hunger and Homeless Team is looking for someone to lead WPC in this critical community program. If you believe this may be your next calling then contact \*Jim Kirkpatrick to volunteer or for more information.

\*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.

#### >> THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF EVENTS ◆

#### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 28**

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, JANUARY 29**

1:00pm Caregiver Support Group / Rm 123

#### **TUESDAY. JANUARY 30**

10:00am Adult Bible Study / Rm 220 1:00pm Staff Meeting / Zoom

2:00pm From His Hand Motel Meals Prep / Kitchen

7:00pm AA Williamsburg Big Book Study / LL009 and LL049

#### **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31**

6:00pm Genesis Ringers Rehearsal / Bell Rm 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Rm

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1

9:00am Sanctuary Cleaning

9:30am Presbyterian Women's Circle 1 / Stevenson Hall 4:30pm Carol and Junior Choir Rehearsals / Choir Rms 7:30pm The Squares Men's Bible Study / Rm 227

7:30pm Westminster Ringers / Bell Rm

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2

2:00pm From His Hand Motel Meals Prep / Kitchen

#### **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3**

8:00am Fellowship Breakfast sponsored by Presbyterian Men / Stevenson Hall

#### **≫ NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP ≪**

#### February 4, 2024 • 5th Sunday in Epiphany

Celebration of the Lord's Supper will be served at all services.

The sermon "Become All Things" will be based on I Corinthians 9:16-23.

\*9:30am service is live-streamed on mywpc.org.

\*\*11:00am service is broadcast on FM93.5 The Burg and AM740