

Williamsburg Presbyterian Church

PRAYER FOR PREPARATION

You have brought us, O God, to another Lord's Day, when we are privileged to worship you with our brothers and sisters in Christ. May we have unity of mind and heart as we open ourselves to the movement of your Holy Spirit. As your love grows within us, may we have rich fellowship with you and with one another. In Christ's name. Amen.

THE GATHERING PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

PASTORAL GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

MINUTE FOR MISSION: Tutoring

PRELUDE

Come Be the Light Carol Choir and Junior Choir Penny Pulley

Linda Eaton

Mark Patterson

Come be the light, come be the joy, Come be the hope the world needs to know. Come be the voice of kindness and truth, Sharing the peace of Christ wherever you go.

Praise God with a song of gladness Ringing out to the skies above. Lift your voice and let it shine So the world may know God's love.

*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. Come be daring as you strive to love one another. Come be bold, and be courageous in God's grace. With hands to serve and gifts to share, Come show the world how Christ would care For all God's people everywhere.

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We come together as seekers.

- All: That we might learn what God would have us do and where God would have us go.
- Leader: We come together to renew our faith.
- All: That we might bring hope to others.
- Leader: To the God who is the source of goodness and love.
- All: Let us sing our praise!
- *HYMN 12Immortal, Invisible, God Only WiseST. DENIOHymn appears on the next page.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: The God revealed to us in the pages of Scripture is a welcoming and inclusive God who directs us to love one another. So we gather to seek removal of all barriers to that love. Come to confess all that separates you from others and from your own best.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Bountiful God, giver of joy and hope, you offer us the beauty of the earth and the hope of eternity. We are grateful, but not grateful enough. You love us enough to have given your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. We love you, God, but we do not love enough. You direct us in the paths of peace; you offer to guide us in word and deed. We sometimes heed your counsel, but not as faithfully as we should. So there is pain and despair and war and terror where your will and your peace should reign. In the name of Jesus Christ forgive us, we pray. Amen.



A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER



*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Listen! Here is good news: "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." Christ came to forgive you in your follies and foibles, to accept you as you are, to set you free from evil's power and make you what you were meant to be.



are invited to come forward for Sharing Faith with Children.

(11:00) SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

Megan Davis

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison)

Eternal Spirit, you flow through the ages from the pages of Scripture, transforming hearts with your challenge, moving those who hear to new acts of faith, courage and mission. Bless our hearts and minds in the reading of the Word, so that we might know your presence and power more fully. We pray in the name of the Living Word. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 40:28-31

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

PSALM 147:1-11 (Unison)

Praise the Lord! How good it is to sing praises to our God, for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting. The Lord builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel. He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names. Great is our Lord and abundant in power: his understanding is beyond measure. The Lord lifts up the downtrodden; he casts the wicked to the ground. Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre. He covers the heavens with clouds. prepares rain for the earth, makes grass grow on the hills. He gives to the animals their food and to the young ravens when they cry. His delight is not in the strength of the horse nor his pleasure in the speed of a runner, but the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.

SECOND LESSON: I Corinthians 9:16-23

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SERMON

"Become All Things"

Rev. John E. Morgan

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn 299

You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim Hymn appears on the next page. HANOVER



*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: FROM A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH (Unison)

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

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.

OFFERTORY

There Is a Balm in Gilead

Refrain:

There is a balm in Gllead, To make the wounded whole, There is a balm in Gilead, To heal the sin-sick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged, And think my work's in vain, But then the Holy Spirit Revives my soul again. (Refrain)

If you cannot sing like angels, If you cannot preach like Paul, You can tell the love of Jesus, And say, "He died for all." (Refrain) William Dawson



*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.

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*Нуми 295

Go to the World Hymn appears on the next page.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

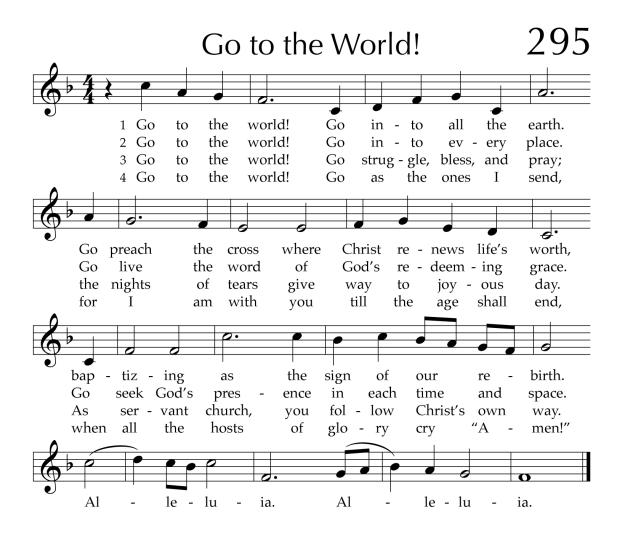
POSTLUDE

His Eye Is On The Sparrow

arr. Haywood

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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.



\thickapprox Notes about Today's Music \checkmark

Our postlude is an arrangement of a 1905 gospel hymn, *His Eye Is On The Sparrow*, by Dr. Carl Haywood. Haywood is a renowned choral conductor, recently retired from the helm of the Norfolk State University choral program. He holds degrees from Norfolk State University, Southern Methodist University, and the University of Southern California. While he has published numerous choral compositions, this is one of his few works for solo organ. It excels at showing off the dynamic and color possibilities of the instrument.

\gg The Chancel Flowers \ll

The flowers are given today to the glory of God and in loving memory of their parents, Latis & Hershel Williams and Dorothy & Lee Miller by Nancy L. & Paul Miller.

\gg Those Serving in Worship Today \ll

PASTORS

John E. Morgan, Pastor/Head of Staff Pam Hrncir, Associate Pastor MUSIC MINISTRY Christopher Bechtler, Director of Music Norman Elton, Organist and Assistant Director of Music Children and Youth Choir under the direction of Rebecca Elton and Chris Bechtler Chancel Choir LITURGIST Penny Pulley **SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN** Megan Davis GREETER 9:30am Cheryl Roettger 11:00am Jackie and Gerry Ward USHERS 9:30am Fred Whitley, Rick Murray, Pat Murray, Rebecca Caprio 11:00am Ric Cheston, Nancy Rose, Rebecca Caprio, Sarah Houghland **COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOST** Sue Rennagel, Matt Slack, Walter Schmid *WILLIAMSBURG LANDING USHERS **Dick Sahlen** *WINDSOR MEADE USHER AND COMMUNION SERVER Paul Hotinger AUDIO AND VIDEO TECHNICIANS: Jim Marshburn and John Schoenberger *Satellite campuses

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: AI 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 Movers (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 ≪

- In need of one -on-one prayer? Please look for a Stephen Minister in the Fellowship Hall or the church foyer after the morning services. They will find a private place to talk and pray with you. Just look for the blue Stephen Ministry name tags.
- **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, February 4 – Saturday, February 10

Pastor John E. Morgan • jmorgan@mywpc.org • 757-903-7800

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

- The family of WPC member Jean Young, who died on Saturday, January 27, 2024. A memorial service for Jean will be held in our sanctuary on Friday, February 9, 2024 at 11am followed by a reception in Stevenson Hall.
- The family of WPC member Betty Gordon, who died on Thursday, January 18, 2024. At her request there will be no funeral.

Please pray for:

- Lynn Curtin, Carole McNeel, Bob Siclari, Ellie Thuermer, Stephen Custer. John Richardson recovering from knee surgery, Peace for Nancy (Tom) Moul's brother, Richard Friese, who is declining with brain cancer.
- 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.

≫ Special Announcement si

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING — SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2024

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation for the purpose of electing six Elders and ten Deacons for the Class of 2027, one member to a three-year term on the Endowment Committee, four members to the Congregational Nominating Committee of 2024-25 and approval of the term of call for John E. Morgan, Pastor/Head of Staff and Pam Hrncir as Designated Pastor, will be held on Sunday, February 18, 2024, after our 9:30am worship service. All members of WPC are invited to attend.

r Announcements s

- Adrian Williams, Director of Christian Education, is with our Confirmation Class attending the Massanetta Springs Confirmation Retreat.
- 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 <u>5pm to 8pm</u> (February 22)

(2) check-in from 5:15pm to 8:45pm (February 22)

(3) overnight from 8:45pm to 7am (February 22-23)

(4) breakfast and checkout from <u>5:15am to 7am</u> (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.

 Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, February 13, from 5:30 - 7:30pm in Stevenson Hall: Food, music and a parade! Today is the last day to sign up for Shrove Tuesday, February 13. 5:30 - 7:30 in Stevenson Hall. Don't miss this fun event for the whole family. The pancake supper will include Dixieland music. \$8 per adult, children 12 and under are free. Sign up today in hall by the elevator, @mywpc.org/calendar or in the Welcome Center. Hope to see you there!

- 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.
- 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/
- WPC Families Galentine's Day" Favorite Things Party will take place in Stevenson Hall on Friday, February 16, at 5:30pm. Everyone is welcome! If you don't celebrate Valentine's Day in the traditional way (flowers, candy, dinner out, etc.), or are just looking for a fun evening with great friends, this is the night for you! Join us and celebrate with your "Gal Pals." Bring three of your favorite things and go home with three of your friends' favorite things! Dinner is provided for all (registered) participants, and dinner/childcare for elementary age and younger will be available for this night. Please go to mywpc.org, and click on the calendar link for more information on how to participate and to register.
- 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.

*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

Pris Week's Schedule of Events 🖘

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

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, FEBRUARY 5

1:00pm Caregiver Support Group / Rm 123

<u>TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6</u>

- 10:00am Adult Bible Study / Rm 220
- 1:00pm Staff Meeting / In-person
- 6:30pm Presbyterian Women's Circle 4 / Zoom
- 7:00pm Earth Care Committee Meeting / Zoom
- 7:00pm ARC Marine Museum Presentation
- 7:00pm AA Williamsburg Big Book Study / LL009 and LL049

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

- 9:00am Feeding Faith College Breakfast
- 10:00am Monthly Grief Support Group / Rm 220
- 6:00pm Genesis Ringers Rehearsal / Bell Rm
- 7:00pm Christian Fellowship / Rm 220
- 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Rm

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

- 9:00am Sanctuary Cleaning
- 10:00am Presbyterian Women's Circle 7 / Rm 220
- 4:30pm Carol and Junior Choir Rehearsals / Children's Choir Rm
- 5:00pm Worship Ministry Meeting / Rm 220
- 7:00pm Deacon Meeting / Stevenson Hall
- 6:00pm Genesis Ringers Rehearsal / Bell Rm
- 7:30pm Westminster Ringers / Bell Rm
- 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Rm

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

10:00am Annual Town Hall Meeting / Stevenson Hall

➢ NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP <</p>

February 11, 2024 • Transfiguration of the Lord • Campus Ministry Sunday

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

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