

Transfiguration of the Lord Campus Ministry Sunday February 11, 2024

PRAYER FOR PREPARATION

Hope sings the tune without the words and never stops at all. Even when pains demands to be felt. Come into the peace of the wild things. Who do not tax their lives with forethought of grief. Come into the presence of still water. Rest in the grace of the world and be free.

Inspired by the writings of Emily Dickinson, John Green, and Wendell Berry

THE GATHERING PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE Prayer/Be Still My Soul Whitehall

Westminster Ringers

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God of Welcome, your people are called to be distinct

All: not by width of separation but depth of the hospitality and peace in our lives;

Leader: root out our resentment and free us to welcome all

All: who work for life and liberation, whatever path they tread,

through you, our companion in all things. Amen.

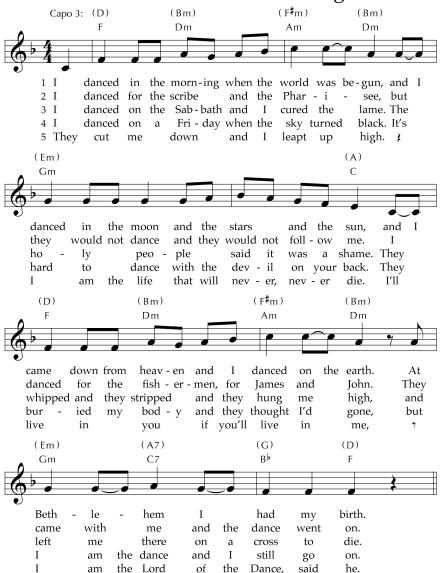
*HYMN 157 I Danced in the Morning Lord of the Dance

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: We come before you, knowing we have not treated all as if they are created in your image. Let us confess together our shortcomings and failures.

^{*}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.

157 I Danced in the Morning



This 20th-century ballad-like retelling of the life of Christ, though written for this Shaker tune, has many similarities with the pre-Reformation carol "Tomorrow shall be my dancing day." Such narrative carols were common both at Christmas and as part of medieval mystery plays.

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*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Almighty God, forgive our selfishness and lack of understanding of other nations. Forgive our indifference to the many who are not free, and even suffer for their faith. Forgive, O God, our poor stewardship of resources you have so generously given to us. Forgive our disregard of the painful struggle of the few on behalf of the many who suffer oppression and neglect.

A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER



*Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Jesus, you say where we see one suffering, we also see you. And you promise to love and forgive us just as we love those in need. So may we recognize you in each person: "Jesus, my patient, how sweet it is to serve you." And while I care for you, my patient, Jesus; may you also be my patient Jesus, bearing with my faults and blessing my efforts and works. Amen.



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

(11:00) SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

Megan Davis

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION • HYMN 543

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me Stanzas 4 and 5 **GREEN TYLER**

FIRST LESSON: John 16:27-33

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

PSALM 4:1, 6-8 (Responsive)

Leader: Answer me when I cry out, my righteous God!

Set me free from my troubles!

All: Have mercy on me!

Listen to my prayer!

Leader: Many people say,

We can't find goodness anywhere.
The light of your face has left us, Lord!"

All: But you have filled my heart with more joy

than when their wheat and wine are everywhere!

I will lie down and fall asleep in peace

because you alone, Lord, let me live in safety.

SECOND LESSON: Jeremiah 29:10-12

This is the Word of the Lord!

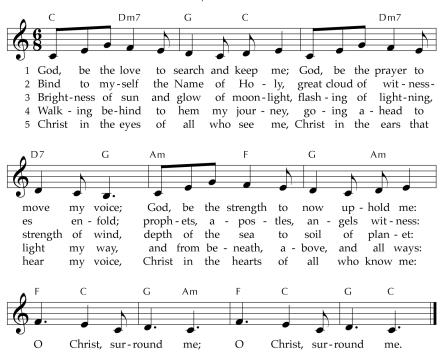
Thanks be to God!

FIRST MESSAGE Christian Oh

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God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

O Christ, Surround Me



This hymn is a 21st-century adaptation of the traditional Celtic prayer style known as a *lorica* (Latin for "armor" or "breastplate"). Many such petitions for God's presence and protection were never written down, but this one is based on an example attributed to St. Patrick.

Leecy Silk, Josie Summers, Joseph Lorber, and Jack Weisgerber, vocal quartet

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain:
Here I am, Lord.
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?
(Refrain)

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? (Refrain)

SECOND MESSAGE Nathan Bobbitt

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 450 Be Thou My Vision SLANE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: BY THE INDIA INDUSTRIAL MISSION (Unison)

- I believe in one world, full of riches meant for everyone to enjoy;
- I believe in one race, the family of mankind, learning how to live together by the hard way of self-sacrifice.
- I believe in one life, exciting and positive; which enjoys all the beauty, integrity and science; uses the discipline of work to enrich society; harmonizes with the life of Jesus, and develops into a total joy.
- I believe in one morality, love, the holiness of sharing the sorrow and joys of others, bringing together people as true friends, and working to get rid of the root causes of poverty and injustice ignorance and fear;
- Love, the test of all my thoughts and motives;
- Love, guiding me, assuring me of God's forgiveness, and giving me confidence under the Spirit's control.
- I believe in Jesus, and the Bible's evidence about him; whose life, death and resurrection prove God's lasting love for the world;
- Jesus, who combines in himself: life, love, truth, humanity, reality and God; Jesus, who saves, guides, and unites all people who follow his way.
- I believe in the purpose of God, uniting in Christ everything, spiritual and secular; bringing about constructive revolution in society, individuals, and nations; and establishing a world under God's own direction.

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

Morgan Davis

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.



Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.

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:

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- Place your offering into the plates as you exit the sanctuary
- Visit <u>mywpc.org/offering</u> 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.

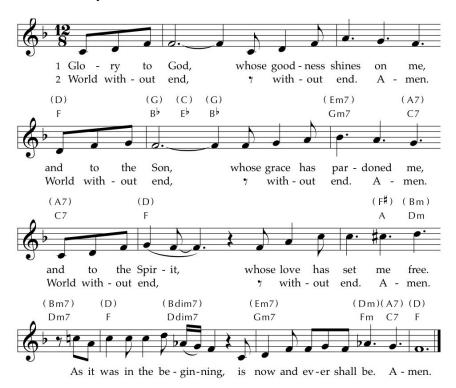
OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Lotus Land Lily Frautschi, piano Cyril Scott

*Doxology

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

GLORY TO GOD



*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

For the wondrous gifts of life, we are thankful, O God. Your generous outpouring of grace reminds us of the fruitful life that we are called to bear. May our gifts of time and labor, service and love, therefore, embody our desire to share and contribute to your reign among us. Amen.

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 340 This Is My Song FINLANDIA

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Impromptu #3 Coleridge Taylor

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 first two stanzas of this hymn were written between the 20th century's two world wars and focus on the theme of international peace. The third stanza, by another author and added later, uses the language of the Lord's Prayer to voice a distinctly Christian perspective.

≫ Notes about Today's Music ≪

This morning's postlude is from the pen of Samuel Coleridge-Taylor (1875-1912), a prominent Black composer living in London. His father was a descendent of African-American slaves who repatriated to England following the American Revolutionary War. With promising musical talent, he attended the Royal College of Music at age 15, studied with Charles Villiers Stanford, and went on to compose instrumental and choral works. He aspired to incorporate elements of traditional African music into classical composition. In 1904, a visit to the United States included a reception with President Theodore Roosevelt. Coleridge-Taylor passed away at the age of 37 due to pneumonia, likely related to financial stress.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ≪

The flowers are given today to the glory of God and sending God's Love and Peace to all on Valentine's Day, and remembering Alvin Anderson's birthday this month by Betsy Anderson.

>> STUDENTS INVOLVED IN PLANNING AND LEADERSHIP ◆

Erin Althouse Celia Kerr Nathan Bobbitt Carolyn Koerner Katrina Cabral Eliza Manasas William Cabral Madeline Miller **Emily Campbell** Christian Oh Samuel Carswell Elena Owellen Megan Davis Junie Park Morgan Davis Katie Railsback Lily Frautschi Keira Randolph Anna Gillespie Amanda Reed Eleanor Grant Al Romero Evelina Guenther Emma Staeger Olivia Hege Sydney Walker

>> THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY ◆

MUSIC MINISTRY

Christopher Bechtler, Director of Music

Norman Elton, Organist and Assistant Director of Music

Westminster Ringers under the direction of Norman Elton

Leecy Silk, Josie Summers, Joseph Lorber, and Jack Weisgerber, vocal quartet

Lily Frautschi, piano

SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

Megan Davis

GREETER

9:30am Bill Riffer

11:00am Bruce Powell and Rebecca Caprio

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

11:00am Ric Cheston, Donna Powell, Pat Cowan, Jennifer LaDow

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOST

Nate Green, Gail and Ned Frey

*WILLIAMSBURG LANDING USHERS

Terri Backus

*WINDSOR MEADE USHER

Paul Hotinger

AUDIO AND VIDEO TECHNICIANS: Duncan McIver and John Schoenberger

^{*}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, Associate Pastor

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: Dougle 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 11 – Saturday, February 17

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 Irene D. Ayres, who died on Monday, January 29, 2024. A private celebration of life for Irene will be held at a later date.

Please pray for:

- Ryan Cahill, son of Tom Cahill and Susan Cherney, who is undergoing major open heart surgery on February 14, 2024, 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 ≪

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.

➢ 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 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 <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.

• 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.

- 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 found on our website at mywpc.org/news/ or on the church calendar.

>> THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF EVENTS ◆

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

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

12:00pm New Member Orientation Luncheon / Stevenson Hall

3:00pm Carrying Stream Gathering / Stevenson Hall

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

1:00pm Caregiver Support Group / Rm 123

1:00pm Presbyterian Circle 3 / Stevenson Hall and Zoom

5:15pm Communications Ministry / Zoom 7:00pm Hunger and Homeless Meeting / LL010

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

9:00am Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper Room Setup / Stevenson Hall

10:00am Adult Bible Study / Rm 220 1:00pm Staff Meeting / In-person 1:30pm Kirk Krafters / Church Library

5:30pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper /Stevenson Hall 6:00pm Stephen Ministry Meeting/Training / Rm 220

7:00pm Resources Ministry Meeting / Zoom

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 • HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

7:30am Men's Bible & Bacon Study / Stevenson Hall
10:00am Presbyterian Women's Circle 1 / Rm 220
6:00pm Genesis Ringers Rehearsal / Bell Rm
7:00pm Ash Wednesday Service / Sanctuary

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

9:00am Sanctuary Cleaning

4:30pm Carol and Junior Choir Rehearsals / Children's Choir Rm

7:30pm Westminster Ringers / Bell Rm

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

5:30pm "Galentine;s Day" Favorite Things Party / Stevenson Hall

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

February 18, 2024 • 1st Sunday in Lent

Celebration of the Lord's Supper will be served at worship services. The sermon, "Everlasting Covenant" is based Genesis 9:8-17.

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

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