

WILLIAMSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

6TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY • FEBRUARY 12, 2023

PRAYER FOR PREPARATION

God of blessing, you call us to be one with you and your creation in love, in faithfulness, and truth. Help us to carry out the vows we make: to adore you with our whole heart, to live in mutual support of one another, and to love as if your reign has fully come. Amen.

THE GATHERING

PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

PASTORAL GREETING AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

MINUTE FOR MISSION: Shrove Tuesday

Jim Kirkpatrick and Pam Hrnčir

PRELUDE

The Good Shepherd

Benoit

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather together to remember, to once again tell the wonderful stories of our God—

All: stories we have heard many times before, and passed down from generation to generation;

Leader: stories of faithfulness and love, of mercy and compassion, of miracles and new life.

All: We tell these stories over and over so that we don't forget. We tell these stories to remember who we are—people of God.

Leader: We tell these stories so that our children and our children's children can also come to know and love the God we serve.

All: Let us worship God together!

*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.

For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:

Refrain:

Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light: (Refrain)

For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight: (Refrain)

For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild: (Refrain)

For thyself, best gift divine
to the world so freely given;
for that great, great love of thine,
peace on earth and joy in heaven: (Refrain)

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Leader: God has set before us life and death. The choice is ours. Let us acknowledge our misuse of the liberty of choice. Let us pray.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Loving God, you call us into community, teach us your ways, and bless us with abundant life. Yet we turn aside to follow other paths: we take the easy way out, listening to the world's call rather than your call to commitment; we quarrel with one another, letting differences divide us; we cherish our resentments, shutting off our hearts from forgiveness and reconciliation; we cling to petty jealousies, feeling we deserve more than we have. Forgive us when we wander from your love. Draw us into community with each other, and feed us with the milk of your grace, that we may grow in faithfulness and work together in peace. Amen.

A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER

*KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy

LAND OF REST



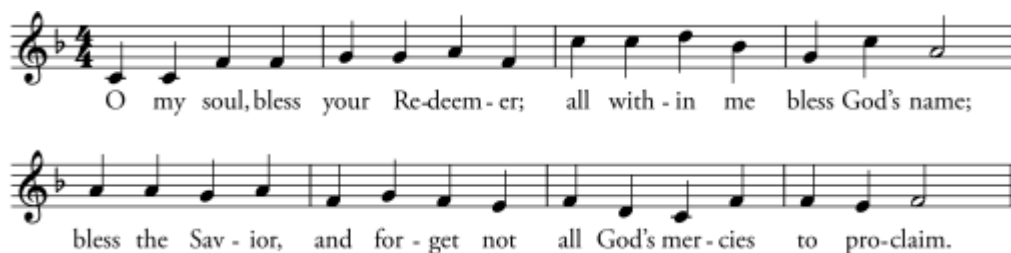
*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: God is at work, nurturing our growth and showing us the ways that lead to life.
God is at work, reconciling us to one another and teaching us the paths of love.
God is at work, hearing our confessions, forgiving our disobedience, and blessing us in love. Thanks be to God!

*GLORIA

O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer

STUTT GART



(11:00) MILE MARKER RECOGNITION

Adrian Williams

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison)

Loving God, anoint us with your Holy Spirit, as we hear your Word this day. Fill us with your truth that we may walk in the ways of God and to the glory of your realm. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: *1 Corinthians 3:1-9*

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

PSALM 78:1-7 (Responsive)

Leader: Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

People: I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will utter dark sayings from of old,
things that we have heard and known,
that our ancestors have told us.

Leader: We will not hide them from their children;
we will tell to the coming generation
the glorious deeds of the Lord and his might
and the wonders that he has done.

People: He established a decree in Jacob
and appointed a law in Israel,
which he commanded our ancestors
to teach to their children,

Leader: that the next generation might know them,
the children yet unborn,
and rise up and tell them to their children,

People: so that they should set their hope in God,
and not forget the works of God,
but keep his commandments.

SECOND LESSON: *2 Kings 2:1-14*

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Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Authentic Community:
Intergenerational Community

Pastor Rachel Hébert

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 697

Take My Life

HENDON

Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee,
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee,
filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use
every power as thou shalt choose,
every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: AFFIRMATION OF UNITY (Unison)**

We share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind; have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit, are baptized with one baptism, eat of one bread and drink of one cup, confess one Name, are obedient to one Lord, work for one cause, and share one hope.

Together we come to know the height and the breadth and the depth of the love of Christ; are built up to the stature of Christ, to the new humanity; know and bear one another's burdens, thereby fulfilling the law of Christ that we need one another and up build one another, admonishing and comforting one another; that we suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness. Together we pray; together we serve God in this world. *Written by Nolan Palsma*

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 now be found inside the friendship register book.

We invite you to make your offering or pledge payment in one of the following ways:

- **You may place your offering in the plates as you exit the sanctuary.**
- Click the "Make Online Offering" button below the video window on the watch worship services page (www.mywpc.org/streaming/).
- Scan the QR code at the right to access the online offering form.
- Mail your offering to the church office.



OFFERTORY

The Tree of Life

K. Lee Scott

There in God's garden stands the Tree of Wisdom,
Whose leaves hold forth the healing of the nations:
Tree of all knowledge, Tree of all compassion,
Tree of all beauty.

(Offertory continues on the next page.)

Its name is Jesus, name that says, "Our Savior!"
There on its branches see the scars of suffering;
See there the tendrils of our human selfhood
Feed on its lifeblood.

Thorns not its own are tangled in its foliage;
Ours greed has starved it, our despite has choked it.
Yet, look! it lives! its grief has not destroyed it
Nor fire consumed it.

See how its branched reach to us in welcome;
Hear what the Voice says, "Come to me, ye weary!
Give me your sickness, give me all your sorrow,
I will give blessing."

This is my ending, this my resurrection;
Into your hands, Lord, I commit my spirit.
This have I searched for; now I can possess it.
This ground is holy.

All heaven is singing, "Thanks to Christ whose passion
Offers in mercy healing, strength, and pardon.
Peoples and nations, take it, take it freely!"
Amen! My Master!

***DOXOLOGY** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD HUNDREDTH

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps). The melody is primarily in the Treble clef, with the Bass clef providing harmonic support. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise God, all crea-tures here be low; praise
God a-bove, ye heav-en-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

GOING OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

*INVITATION AND LORD'S DAY GREETING

We are glad you are worshipping with us today. If you are joining us online, please remember to 'sign' our online friendship register:

- Click the "Sign Friendship Register" button below the video window on the watch worship services page (www.mywpc.org/streaming/).
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*HYMN 301

Let Us Build a House (All Are Welcome)

TWO OAKS

Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Refrain:

all are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: (Refrain)

Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine, and wheat;
a banquet hall on holy ground
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: (Refrain)

(Hymn continues on the next page.)

Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger: (Refrain)

Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured,
taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace;
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: (Refrain)

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Jubilate Deo Omnis Terra

Benoit

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 flowers this morning 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.

⌘ THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY ⌘

PASTORS

John E. Morgan, Pastor/Head of Staff

Rachel Hébert, Associate Pastor for Community Care

Pam Hrcir, Covenant Pastor for Congregational Care

MUSIC MINISTRY

Christopher Bechtler, Director of Music Ministries

Bev Whitley, Organist

Chancel Choir

LITURGIST

Hal Seamon

MILE MARKER RECOGNITION

Adrian Williams

GREETER

9:30am Ann Schulte

11:00am Dick Hubbard

USHERS

9:30am Eric Beckhusen, Pat Underwood, Matt Underwood, David Littell

11:00am Ric Cheston, Nancy Rose, Bob Bolstad, Rebecca Caprio

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOST

Sarah Dulaney, Sarah Houghland, Kelly Kirkpatrick

***WILLIAMSBURG LANDING USHERS**

Dottie Teubner

***WINDSOR MEADE USHERS**

Paul Hotinger

AUDIO AND VIDEO TECHNICIANS: Dave McLain 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 (phrncir@mywpc.org). Learn more about this ministry at mywpc.org/stephen.
- **Monthly grief support group** meets the first Wednesday of the month at 10am in room 123 (room across from the nursery.) 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).

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 12 – Saturday, February 18

Pastor John E. Morgan

jmorgan@mywpc.org; (757-903-7800)

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

- Terri Harris and Gina Waddell and families on the death of their stepfather, Brod Pack.

Please pray for:

- Lynn Sivells, Craig, Evelyn Sailor, Jackie Bowlin, Neal Bowlin, Kathy Kruschwitz, Darryl Chambers, Mary Voorhess, Steve Custer, Richard Frieze, Jean Young, Rice Trolan, Bonnie Jefferson and 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 war in Ukraine and the recent Turkey-Syria Earthquake.

❧ SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT ❧

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING — SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2023

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation for the purpose of electing Ruling Elders, Deacon, Trustees and At-Large Members of the Nominating Committee, and approval of the terms of call for John E. Morgan, Pastor and Rachel Hébert, Associate Pastor for Community Care, will be held on Sunday, February 19, 2023.

All members of WPC are invited to attend.

❧ ANNOUNCEMENTS ❧

- Norman Elton, Organist and Assistant Director of Music, is spending time with family.
- **The Souper Bowl of Caring is back on Sunday, February 12!** Our WPC youth will greet you in the Narthex and in the back hallway on the morning of “*The Big Game*” to collect money to donate to the *Summer Meals for Kids* program. For more information go to mywpc/calendar.
- **FISH Food Collection: Our first official FISH collection for 2023 will be Sunday, February 20.** WPC did a marvelous job in 2022, donating 334 bags of groceries and other items to FISH. Let's get off to a great start this year! FISH currently needs *mayonnaise (small jars), grape jelly, canned pastas (ravioli), beef stew, as well as shampoo, laundry detergent, and feminine hygiene products*. Please place your donations in or near the red shopping cart located by the rear entrance. Christian Outreach thanks you for your generosity to our food insecure neighbors.
- **Come to the Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, Tuesday February 21, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. in Stevenson Hall.** Sign-up tables will be located by the elevator between services on TODAY and February 19th. You can also sign-up in the Church Welcome Center during the week or online at mywpc/calendar.
- **Join our WPC family. New member orientation luncheon is March 26th after the 11 am worship service in Stevenson Hall.** Please contact Pastor Pam for more information.
- **The WPC Book Club will meet on Monday, February 27, 2023, at 2 pm in the WPC Library (and on Zoom) to discuss *The Wrong Kind of Woman*, by Sarah McCraw Crow, our guest for the afternoon.** To request the Zoom link, please contact Ellen Peters.
- **Stephen Minister Training begins March 7 from 6-8pm.** Through 50 hours of training, you will gain confidence in your gifts to walk with those facing life's challenges. Contact Pastor Pam or one of our Stephen Leaders: Judy Austin, Allen Hogge, and Becky McKinley.

More information about the events and announcements listed above can be found on our website at mywpc.org/news/ or on the church calendar.

*Contact information can be found in our online directory.

You may also contact the church office at 757-229-4235.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE (PDA) **THE TURKEY-SYRIA EARTHQUAKE RELIEF EFFORT**

A 7.8 magnitude earthquake near the Turkey-Syria border struck in the early hours of February 6, 2023. This earthquake is estimated to affect more than 23 million people.

Solidarity grants to meet immediate needs are being processed and ACT partner GOPA-DERD is distributing winterization items (blankets, mattresses), food items and medicines.

To support our response, designate gifts to DR999999.

Ways to contribute to the Turkey-Syria Earthquake Relief Effort:

- Donate to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) – Send and make check out to Williamsburg Presbyterian Church – on memo line: PDA – Turkey-Syria Earthquake
- One Great Hour of Sharing – Send and make check out to Williamsburg Presbyterian Church – OGHS on memo line.
- Donate directly to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance – Designate Gifts to DR999999
- By Mail – Presbyterian Church (USA), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15264-3700.
- By Phone – (800) 728-7228 to give by Credit Card
- Donate on line (WPC website) – OGHS or PDA

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Black History Month Weekly Programs presented by the Williamsburg Regional Library

Sundays in the Theatre: A Cultural Heritage Series each Sunday

in February at 3pm in the Williamsburg Library Theatre.

February 12 • The Historic First Baptist Church — “Yes We Can!”

A presentation by the Church’s history ministry through relics and artifacts from descendants of the First Baptist Church of Williamsburg. Relics and Artifacts let us know from whence we’ve come. Present day discoveries and conversions with the descendants predict a bright and purposeful future which is the blessing of First Baptist Church. From the brush arbor to National Recognition, the church seeks to complete unfinished business of faith so the Beacon of Light which is the Historic First Baptist Church may shine on.

Also, meet author Barry Doswell at a book signing in the Williamsburg Library Theatre.

∞ OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS ∞

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12 • SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

- 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 / Rm 222 and 227

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13

- 9:30am Disciple Class / LL010
1:00pm Caregiver Support Group
1:00pm PW Circle 3 / Stevenson Hall and Zoom
6:00pm UKirk Dinner Dialogue / LL009, LL012, LL011
6:30pm Williamsburg Choral Guild Rehearsal / Choir Rm
7:00pm Hunger and Homeless Mtg / LL010

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

- 10:00am Disciple Class / LL010 and Zoom
1:00pm Staff Mtg / Zoom
1:30pm Kirk Krafters / Church Library
5:30pm Resources Ministry Mtg . Zoom
6:30pm PW Circle 5 / Rm 222
7:00pm AA Wmsbg., Tuesday Night Big Book Study / LL049

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

- 6:00pm Genesis Ringers Rehearsal / Bell Rm
6:30pm Earth Care Committee Mtg / Zoom
6:30pm Administration Ministry Mtg / Zoom
7:00pm Congregation Nominating Committee / Rm 220 and Zoom
7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Rm

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16

- 9:00am Sanctuary Closed for Cleaning
4:30pm Carol and Junior Choir Rehearsals / Children's Choir Rm
5:15pm Communication Ministry Mtg / Rm 255
7:00pm Christian Outreach Ministry Mtg / LL010
7:00pm Worship Ministry Mtg / Rm 220
7:30pm Westminster Ringers / Bell Rm

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18

∞ Next Sunday in Worship ∞

February 19, 2023 • 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

∞ COMMUNITY OF FAITH MISSION HOMELESS SHELTER LOCATION ∞

Emergency shelter program operates Sunday-Sunday from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.

Week of February 12 — February 19

James River Baptist Church, 4931 Centerville Road, Williamsburg, VA 23188