

# WILLIAMSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## 3RD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

### JANUARY 22, 2023

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## PRAYER FOR PREPARATION

God, our light and our salvation, Jesus announced the nearness of your kingdom and called his disciples to be fishers of women and men. Give us courage to follow in the way of Jesus, that our lives may bear witness to the good news of the kingdom at hand and our vocation serve to draw people to your salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## THE GATHERING

### PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

#### PASTORAL GREETING AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

**PRELUDE**                      *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*                      arr. Wood

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord is our light and our salvation; whom then shall we fear?

All:        **The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?**

Leader: The Lord is our light and our salvation; whom then shall we fear?

All:        **My heart says, “Your face, Lord, will I seek.” Do not hide your face from me.**

Leader: The Lord is our light and our salvation; whom then shall we fear?

All:        **In God’s tent are sounds of great gladness.**

**Let us sing and make music to the Lord.**

**\*HYMN 738**                      *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*                      MARYTON

O Master, let me walk with thee

in lowly paths of service free;

tell me thy secret; help me bear

the strain of toil, the fret of care.

(Hymn continues on the next page.)

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\*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.

Help me the slow of heart to move  
by some clear, winning word of love;  
teach me the wayward feet to stay,  
and guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me thy patience, still with thee  
in closer, dearer company,  
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong,  
in trust that triumphs over wrong.

In hope that sends a shining ray  
far down the future's broadening way;  
in peace that only thou canst give,  
with thee, O Master, let me live.

### **\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

Leader: Let us confess our sins before God, the source of freedom and forgiveness.

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

O God, our many fears keep us distant from you and from one another. We hear Jesus inviting us to follow and become fishers of people, yet we do not understand what this means for our lives. We do not easily leave behind the things that seem important to our own welfare. We do not easily reach out to people whom we think are different from us. We do not easily embrace the One who does not promise material or social rewards. Have mercy upon us. Empower us by your Spirit to turn from our ways and walk with Jesus wherever he leads. Amen.

### **A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER**

### **\*KYRIE**

*Lord, Have Mercy*

John Merbecke



Lord, have mer-cy up-on us; Christ, have mer-cy up-on us; Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

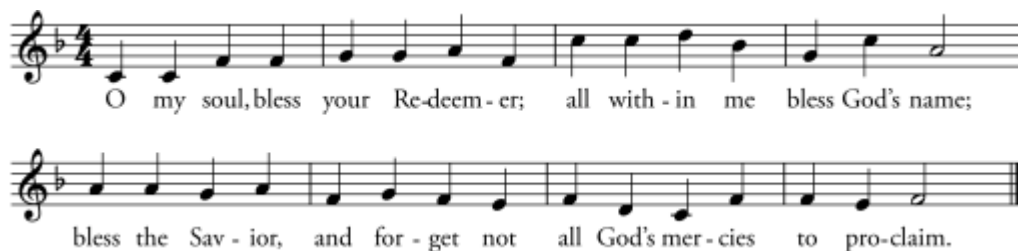
## \*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: As it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him”— God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.” In Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

## \*GLORIA

*O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer*

STUTTGART



(11:00) SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

Adrian Williams

## THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison)

God, illumine our minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed our eyes may see your kingdom, our ears may hear the call of Jesus, and our hearts may know the joy of your salvation. Amen.

### FIRST LESSON: *I Corinthians 1:10-18*

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

PSALM 27:1, 4-9 (Unison)

The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
of whom shall I be afraid?  
One thing I asked of the Lord;  
this I seek:  
to live in the house of the Lord  
all the days of my life,  
to behold the beauty of the Lord,  
and to inquire in his temple.  
For he will hide me in his shelter  
in the day of trouble;  
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;  
he will set me high on a rock.  
Now my head is lifted up  
above my enemies all around me,  
and I will offer in his tent  
sacrifices with shouts of joy;  
I will sing and make melody to the Lord.  
Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud;  
be gracious to me and answer me!  
“Come,” my heart says, “seek his face!”  
Your face, Lord, do I seek.  
Do not hide your face from me.

SECOND LESSON: *Matthew 4:12-23*

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

SERMON      Epiphany Series: Gifts that Keep on Giving  
                  *“The Gift of Following”*

Pastor John E. Morgan

# RESPONDING TO THE WORD

## \*HYMN 720

*Jesus Calls Us*

GALILEE

Jesus calls us: o'er the tumult  
of our life's wild, restless sea;  
day by day his sweet voice soundeth  
saying, "Christian, follow me."

Jesus calls us from the worship  
of the vain world's golden store,  
from each idol that would keep us,  
saying, "Christian, love me more."

In our joys and in our sorrows,  
days of toil and hours of ease,  
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,  
"Christian, love me more than these."

Jesus calls us: by thy mercies,  
Savior, may we hear thy call,  
give our hearts to thy obedience,  
serve and love thee best of all.

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

We testify God is at work here and now when people obey Christ's commission to witness to him and make disciples of all nations, when they spread the good news by their words and embody it in their lives... We invite people everywhere to believe in Christ and become his followers. We urge them to join us in telling others the good news and in struggling for justice, compassion and peace.

## 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/](http://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

### Be Thou My Vision

arr. Alice Parker

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,  
Nought be all else to me save that thou art.  
Thou my best thought by day and by night,  
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

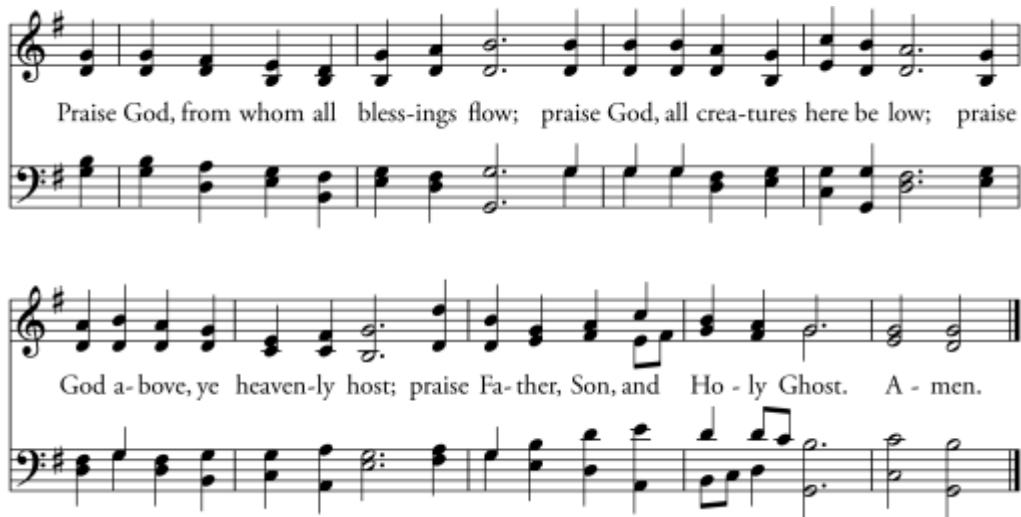
Be thou my wisdom and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I thy true son,  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise.  
Thou mine inheritance now and always;  
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High king of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

**\*DOXOLOGY***Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD HUNDREDTH

**\*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/](http://www.mywpc.org/streaming/)).
- Scan the QR code at the right to access the online friendship register.

**\*HYMN 619***Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven*

LAUDA ANIMA

Praise, my soul, the God of heaven;  
glad of heart your carols raise;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
who, like me, should sing God's praise?  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise the Maker all your days!

(Hymn continues on the next page.)

Praise God for the grace and favor  
shown our forebears in distress;  
God is still the same forever,  
slow to chide, and swift to bless.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Sing our Maker's faithfulness!

Like a loving parent caring,  
God knows well our feeble frame,  
gladly all our burdens bearing,  
still to countless years the same.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
All within me, praise God's name!

Angels, teach us adoration;  
you behold God face to face.  
Sun and moon and all creation,  
dwellers all in time and space:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise with us the God of grace!

## **\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

### **POSTLUDE**

Sortie Brève

Bales

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 in loving memory of her husband, Bill Brink and sister, Sandra Ward by Barbara Brink.



## ⌘ 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

Norman Elton, Organist and Assistant Director of Music

Chancel Choir

### **LITURGIST**

Laura Hild

### **SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN**

Adrian Williams

### **GREETER**

9:30am and 11:00am      Fred Whitley

### **USHERS**

9:30am    Jennifer LaDow, Pat Underwood, Matt Underwood, Rebecca Caprio,  
David Littell

11:00am    Nancy Miller, Ruth Cobb, Bob Bolstad, Ric Cheston, Penny Pulley

### **COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOST**

Sarah Dulaney, Copper Perry, Laura Hild

### **\*WILLIAMSBURG LANDING USHERS**

Barclay Poling

### **\*WINDSOR MEADE USHERS**

Paul Hotinger

**AUDIO AND VIDEO TECHNICIANS:** Matt Slack 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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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, January 22 – Saturday, January 28

Pastor John E. Morgan

[jmorgan@mywpc.org](mailto:jmorgan@mywpc.org); (757-903-7800)

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

- The family of WPC member, Donna Kadlec, who died on Sunday, January 15, 2023. At this time, no arrangements have been made.
- Nancy and Ford Mosely on the death of her brother, Jim Dieterich, who died in Denver, CO on Wednesday, January 11, 2023.

### **Please pray for:**

- Kathy Kruschwitz, Barbara Cooke, Dortha Doersch, Bond Carter, Bill Sessoms, Darryl Chambers, Marjorie Tongue, Mary Voorhess, Steve Custer, Richard Friesse, 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.

## ❧ 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 January 22 — January 29

Williamsburg Community Chapel

3899 John Tyler Highway, Williamsburg, VA 23185

## 🎪 ANNOUNCEMENTS 🎪

- **New Grief Journey Group beginning the end of January.** Join Pastor Pam on an eight week journey to discover living in a new way with your deceased loved one. Please email or call Pastor Pam. Time and day will be based on everyone's availability
- **The WPC Book Club will meet on Monday, January 23, 2023, at 2 pm** in the WPC Library (and on Zoom) to discuss *The Women of Chateau Lafayette*, by Stephanie Dray.
- **Macaroni and Cheese Cookoff, hosted by WPC Families, will take place on Friday, January 27, at 5:30pm.** Join us for a chance to "sell" your favorite mac-and-cheese when the emcee makes her rounds, and voting will take place after everyone has a chance to partake. And yes, there will be prizes. Plans and details are still forming, but voting MIGHT be broken down by categories such as "Youth Favorite," "Deacon favorite," "Presbyterian Women Favorite," and of course "Overall Favorite." **Registration on the WPC website is required for contestants**, but if you're just interested in tasting and judging no registration is required, just show up! Contact Jodie Davis for more information.
- **Presbyterian Men's Fellowship Meeting on February 4, 2023:** On Saturday, February 4th, our Presbyterian Men's Fellowship will have Johnnie L. Roberts, a distinguished journalist, as their guest speaker. His three-decade career at the pinnacle of American business and financial journalism earned him numerous awards for his coverage of the financial services sector plus the media and communications sectors while reporting for the Wall Street Journal and Newsweek. The excellence of his reporting on the AOL-Time Warner merger, Dun & Bradstreet, and an investigative series on the life of Michael Jackson caused Roberts to become a popular media analyst with frequent appearances on CNN, MSNBC and CNBC.

Members of 1st Baptist Church have been invited to join us for this presentation. Take this opportunity to have breakfast with Johnnie and learn the inside story of his distinguished investigative reporting.

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 great home-cooked meal, and a hymn sing. Please make your reservations by Wednesday, February 1, at the church Welcome Center, or online, so that we can prepare enough home-cooked food for all. A donation of \$10.00 will be requested at the breakfast.
- **Supper Seminar 6pm on Tuesday, February 7, 2023:** Come learn about what it means for WPC to be part of the Thriving Congregations program and how you can help the church discover what's next. We will present what we've gained from the first quarter of the program including some of what we have already discovered about WPC, as well as what steps are to come over the next couple of years. We will also be doing a "Relational Meeting Training" with all who attend, a process that helps uncover the prayers, passions, and needs of our congregation and community through purpose-filled time spent with one another. **Dinner will be \$5 per person and you can register on the WPC website.**
- **Stephen Minister Training begins March 7 from 6-8pm.** Is God calling you to serve as a Stephen Minister? Through 50 hours of training, you will gain confidence in your gifts to walk with those facing life's challenges. Please listen for the Spirits nudging and 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/](http://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.**

∞ OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS ∞

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 22**

**9:30am** In-person Worship / Sanctuary; Live-Stream Worship; visit [mywpc.org](http://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](http://wmbgradio.com)  
**5:30pm** Youth Group / Rm 222 and 227

**MONDAY, JANUARY 23**

**9:30am** Disciple Class / LL010  
**1:00pm** Caregiver Support Group  
**2:00pm** WPC Book Club  
**3:45pm** Refugee Committee / Church Library  
**6:00pm** UKirk Dinner Dialogue / LL009, LL012, LL011  
**6:30pm** Williamsburg Choral Guild Rehearsal / Choir Rm

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 24**

**10:00am** Disciple Class / LL010 and Zoom  
**1:00pm** Staff Mtg / Zoom  
**1:30pm** Endowment Committee Mtg / Rm 220  
**2:00pm** Planning for PW Local Mission Luncheon / Kitchen  
**7:00pm** AA Wmsbg., Tuesday Night Big Book Study / LL049

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25**

**7:30am** Men's Bible & Bacon Study / Stevenson Hall  
**9:30am** Presbyterian Women's Coordinating Team / Stevenson Hall  
**6:00pm** Genesis Ringers Rehearsal / Bell Rm  
**7:00pm** Congregation Nominating Committee / Rm 220 and Zoom  
**7:30pm** Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Rm

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 26**

**9:00am** Sanctuary Closed for Cleaning  
**4:30pm** Carol and Junior Choir Rehearsals / Children's Choir Rm  
**7:00pm** Hybrid Session Mtg / Stevenson Hall and Zoom  
**7:30pm** Westminster Ringers / Bell Rm

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 27**

**8:00am** ODCS Rehearsal / Sanctuary  
**5:00pm** Mac and Cheese Cookoff / Stevenson Hall

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 28**

**8:00am** ODCS Rehearsal / Sanctuary  
**10:00am** 132nd Stated Meeting of PEVA / First United Presbyterian Church, 745 E. 29th Street, Norfolk, VA  
**11:30am** Williamsburg Choral Guild Rehearsal / Choir Rm

∞ Next Sunday in Worship ∞

**January 29, 2023 • 4th Sunday after Epiphany**

The sermon "*Authentic Community: Discerning Through Conflict*" is based on John 20:19-31.

**\*9:30am service is live-streamed on [mywpc.org](http://mywpc.org). \*\*11:00am service is broadcast on FM93.5 The Burg and AM740**