

WILLIAMSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FEBRUARY 19, 2023 • CAMPUS MINISTRY SUNDAY

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

PRAYER FOR PREPARATION

Eternal Wisdom, who makes all things new: bless us as we struggle to transform our world through the light of your gospel, that people of all races, cultures, and orientations may live in unity in the midst of diversity; in the name of the Source, the Word, and the Spirit. Amen.

THE GATHERING

PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

PASTORAL GREETING AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

(11:00) COMMISSIONING PILGRIMS TO THE HOLY LAND

Luke 24:13-25

Introduction:

Moving out of our comfort zones allows us to see God in expanded ways. Reaching out to others opens pathways for experiencing God's action in new ways. This group has committed themselves to travel together to the Holy Land where Jesus walked, to walk alongside unexpected people, and to witness to God's work in the world in unexpected ways.

On this day, we commission you as Pilgrims to the Holy Land, to expect the unexpected. And on this day, we, as a congregation, covenant to gratefully receive and actively engage with the expanded visions, the surprising experiences and the new ideas you bring back. We are expecting the unexpected.

Commissioning of the Mission Team:

One: Two disciples walked the road from Jerusalem to Emmaus. They did not notice the length of the journey because they were talking and discussing the events of the past days – seeing Jesus suffer and watching the community struggle.

(Commissioning continues on the next page.)

*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.

- Pilgrims:** On this journey, we promise attentiveness to the sacred space it gives to raise our awareness of the complexities of the world's suffering and struggles.
- One:** A stranger joins the journey, listens to the stories and gives them a new way to perceive their lives, the world and faith.
- Team:** On this journey, we promise attentiveness to others we meet and to their different perceptions, viewpoints, and experiences.
- One:** As the disciples offer hospitality to the stranger and they sit together for a meal, the stranger blesses the food and gives it back to them. In this act of blessed sharing – of receiving and giving – the disciples recognize the risen Christ in their midst.
- Team:** On this journey, we promise attentiveness to God in our midst – God who makes all things new.

Covenanting of the Congregation

- One:** By participating in the commissioning of this group, we commit ourselves to accompany them in the unexpected twists of the journey, in the unexpected witnessing of faith, and in the unexpected things God would have us do in the world so the abundance of God's resurrection life is reality for all.
- One:** Let us all proclaim –
- All:** **The risen Christ is in our midst, making all things new!**
(adapted from the United Church of Christ)

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| PRELUDE | Mountain Springs | Tucker |
| | Westminster Ringers | |

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Beverly Wildung Harrison)

- Leader:** Our knowledge of God is in and through each other
- All:** **Together we grow through God; our knowledge through each other is in and through God.**
- Leader:** God unites our lives. We act together and find good in each other and God.
- All:** **Our community does good for each other; our power grows together**
- Leader:** God's plan is made powerful in unity.

***HYMN 769**

For Everyone Born
verses 1-3, 5

FOR EVERYONE BORN

1 For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star overhead,

Refrain:

and God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!

2 For woman and man, a place at the table,
revising the roles, deciding the share,
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,
for woman and man, a system that's fair, (Refrain)

3 For young and for old, a place at the table,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
for young and for old, the right to belong, (Refrain)

5 For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
for everyone born, the right to be free, (Refrain)

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Leader: Certain of God's grace, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Lord, forgive us, for we are fragmented persons. We go many directions at once. We seek opposite goals; we serve contradictory causes. We mouth liberation, we live oppression. We shout peace, we practice violence and anarchy. We shout justice, we walk in injustice. We preach love, we practice hate. Through your compassion have mercy on us and make us whole. Forgive us of our sins and make us clean, so that we may obey your call.

A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER

*KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy

KYRIE ELEISON (Orthodox)



*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: God this is your good news: you restore us to each other and to you, mending our hearts and repairing the world. Through your spirit, you shape us to be for others what Christ is for us. Pardon and peace, new life and blessing. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*GLORIA

Holy, Holy, Holy

ARGENTINE SANTO



(11:00) SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

Christian Oh

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison)

Loving God, enlighten us with your Spirit this day as we worship and share our faith with you and each other. Open our hearts to love your word, our minds to receive your word, and our wills to share your word with those around us. In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.

FIRST LESSON: *I Corinthians 12:14-26*

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

PSALM 46 (Unison)

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.
The nations are in an uproar; the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice; the earth melts.
The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.
Come, behold the works of the LORD;
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.
He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.
“Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations;
I am exalted in the earth.”
The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

MEDITATION

Liliana Klemanski

SECOND LESSON: *Romans 12:4-18*

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

MEDITATION

Zoe Metzger

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 756

O God of Every Nation

LLANGLOFFAN

1 O God of every nation,
of every race and land,
redeem the whole creation
with your almighty hand.
Where hate and fear divide us
and bitter threats are hurled,
in love and mercy guide us
and heal our strife-torn world.

2 From search for wealth and power
and scorn of truth and right,
from trust in bombs that shower
destruction through the night,
from pride of race and station
and blindness to your way,
deliver every nation,
eternal God, we pray.

3 Lord, strengthen those who labor
that all may find release
from fear of rattling saber,
from dread of war's increase;
when hope and courage falter,
your still small voice be heard;
with faith that none can alter,
your servants undergird.

4 Keep bright in us the vision
of days when war shall cease,
when hatred and division
give way to love and peace,
till dawns the morning glorious
when truth and justice reign
and Christ shall rule victorious
o'er all the world's domain.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: CONFESSION OF BELHAR (Unison)**

We believe that unity is both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought. We believe that this unity of the people of God must be active in a variety of ways: in that we love one another and that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another. We believe that the variety of spiritual gifts, opportunities, backgrounds, convictions, as well as the various languages and cultures, are by virtue of the reconciliation in Christ, opportunities for mutual service and enrichment within the one visible people of God.

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

God Is Our Strength and Refuge

Amanda Reed, soloist

Joe Tyrpak, words
Samuel Wesley, music

God is our strength and refuge, a helper ever near,
While resting in His shelter, no evil will we fear—
Not if the mountains crumble into the angry sea,
Nor if the surging ocean exceeds its boundary.

A quiet stream refreshes the city of our God;
His throne stands unaffected while kingdoms rise and fall.
One word from Jacob's Savior will melt the raging throng.
The Lord of hosts is with us; He is our fortress strong.

(Offertory continues on the next page.)

Behold God's glorious power: He makes all warfare cease.
 Each weapon He will shatter; the world will be at peace.
 "Be still!" cries heaven's Sovereign, "Be still for I am God!
 All kingdoms—all creation—will bow beneath my rod."

The violent sea turned placid when Jesus cried, "Be still!"
 Fears gone, twelve men stood gasping when waves obeyed His will.
 And soon the same voice speaking will calm earth's rebel storm.
 This Lord of hosts is with us both now and evermore!

***DOXOLOGY**

As the Wind Song

WAIKUA TAPU



1 As the wind song through the trees, as the stir - ring of the
 2 As the rain - bow af - ter rain, as the hope that's born a -

breeze, so it is with the Spir - it of God, as the heart made strange - ly
 gain, so it is with the Spir - it of God, as the green in the

warm, as the voice with - in the storm, so it is with the Spir - it of
 spring, as a kite on a string, so it is with the Spir - it of

God. Nev - er seen, ev - er known, where this wind has blown, bring - ing
 God, mak - ing worlds that are new, mak - ing peace come true, bring - ing

life, bring - ing power to the world, as the dan - cing tongues of fire, as the
 gifts, bring - ing love to the world, as the ris - ing of the yeast, as the

soul's most deep de - sire, so it is with the Spir - it of God.
 wine at the feast, so it is with the Spir - it of God.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

Lord, we thank you for this community of diverse people that you have joined together, and for the unique gifts that you have given to each one of us. You have given each of us so much and extended to each one of us your love. Help us to use these gifts to magnify you. Help us to see the need in our communities, and to go out and use our gifts to show your love to everyone that we meet. We go now with unwrapped gifts, ready to be used. We go now as your servants, ready to spread your love to others. Amen.

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/).
- Scan the QR code at the right to access the online friendship register.



*HYMN 27

Sacred the Body

TENDERNESS

1 Sacred the body
God has created,
temple of Spirit that dwells deep inside.
Cherish each person;
nurture relation.
Treat flesh as holy, that love may abide.

2 Bodies are varied,
made in all sizes,
pale, full of color; both fragile and strong.
Holy the difference,
gift of the Maker,
so let us honor each story and song.

3 Love respects persons,
bodies and boundaries.
Love does not batter, neglect, or abuse.
Love touches gently,
never coercing.
Love leaves the other with power to choose.

(Hymn continues on the next page.)

4 Holy of holies,
God ever loving,
make us your temples; indwell all we do.
May we be careful,
tender and caring,
so may our bodies give honor to you.

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE Toccata on the William & Mary Alma Mater

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, Roy H. Massengill, by Leigh Massengill.

⌘ THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY ⌘

PASTORS

John E. Morgan, Pastor/Head of Staff

Rachel Hébert, Associate Pastor for Community Care

Pam Hrnclir, Covenant Pastor for Congregational Care

UKIRK MEMBERS

Amanda Reed, Anna Gillespie, Anna McClellan, Christian Oh, Faith Sullivan, Kayleigh Black

Liliana Klemanski, Nathan Bobbitt, Travis Slocumb

MUSIC MINISTRY

Christopher Bechtler, Director of Music Ministries

Norman Elton, Organist and Assistant Director of Music

Chancel Choir

Westminster Ringers (listed below) under the direction of Norman Elton

Anna Gillespie, Calder Sprinkle, Carolyn Koerner, Chloe Williams, Eleanor Grant,

Eliza Manasas, Emily Egan, Erin Althouse, Katie Railsback, Katrina Cabral,

Kendall Smith, Sage Boucher, William Cabral

SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

Christian Oh

GREETER

9:30am Jim Loy

11:00am Linda Eaton

USHERS

9:30am Lynn Newcomer, Margie Newcomer, John VanAken, Rebecca Caprio

11:00am Bob Bolstad, Harley Stewart, Ric Cheston, Kirk Lovenbury

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOST

Emily Krogh, Nancy Harwood, Ann Schulte

***WILLIAMSBURG LANDING USHERS**

Terry Backus

***WINDSOR MEADE USHERS**

Paul Hotinger

AUDIO AND VIDEO TECHNICIANS: Dick Sahlen 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 19 – Saturday, February 25

Pastor Pam Hrcir
phrncir@mywpc.org; (757-508-4668)

Touch Note:

- My heartfelt thanks to the church for the prayers, cards, flowers, calls, and visits after my surgery. ~Annette Zak

Please pray for:

- Lynn Sivells, Craig, Evelyn Sailor, Jackie Bowlin, Neal Bowlin, Kathy Kruschwitz, Darryl Chambers, Mary Voorhess, Steve Custer, Richard Friese, 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 traveling on the WPC Holy Land trip from Wednesday, February 22 - Tuesday, March 7.
- 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 — TODAY, 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 TODAY immediately following the 9:30am service.

All members of WPC are invited to stay for the meeting.

❧ ANNOUNCEMENTS ❧

- **Help Feed Our Students:** Each week this spring we have groups of 8-11 gathering on Sunday @ 5:30pm (Youth) and Monday @ 6pm (College) and we need help feeding them. Meals from pasta & salad or tacos to soups & chili to make your own baked potato or sushi are all welcome! We also encourage you to stick around and join the students for food and fellowship. Sign up in the Welcome Center or at <https://me.mywpc.org/meals>
- **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](https://mywpc.org/calendar).
- **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.
- **On Saturday, March 4, our Presbyterian Men's Fellowship will have Captain Donald Troast, retired US Navy Chaplain and currently the Interim Pastor at Jamestown Presbyterian Church, as guest speaker.** Following a distinguished career in the US Navy, Don was engaged in training the Chaplain Corps on "Ministry in Combat at Sea" before undertaking pastoral duties for various churches in the Tidewater community. Pastor Troast once served as Temporary Head of Staff for WPC. Don's presentation is entitled "Wine: Ancient and Divine" and he will be discussing the origins of wine and it's secular and religious impact on history. Don't miss this opportunity to welcome back Don Troast and hear what promises to be a highly informative presentation.

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, March 1, at the church Welcome Center, or online. A donation of \$10.00 will be requested at the breakfast.

- **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.
- **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 19• Presentation: Let Freedom Ring Foundation

History Half Told is Untold retells the history of the First Baptist Church of Williamsburg, from the secret meetings of free and enslaved African Americans to Former President Barack Obama's ringing of the church bell. There will also be a presentation entitled Slavery: How & Why. This is a riveting presentation about why slavery lasted so long and why perpetrators switched from enslaving Native Americans to Africans. It also addresses the demolition of slavery and some of the lasting effects today shown through institutionalized racism.

Also, meet author Min. Juanita Graham at a book signing in the Williamsburg Library Theatre.

∞ OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS ∞

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

- 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 20

- 1:00pm Caregiver Support Group
6:00pm UKirk Dinner Dialogue / LL009, LL012, LL011
6:30pm Williamsburg Choral Guild Rehearsal / Choir Rm

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

- 10:00am Disciple Class / LL010 and Zoom
1:00pm Staff Mtg / Zoom
3:30pm Young Ministers Cohort / Zoom
5:30pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper / Stevenson Hall
7:00pm Identity Advocacy Group / Zoom
7:00pm AA Wmsbg., Tuesday Night Big Book Study / LL049

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

- Holy Land Trip
7:30pm Men's Bible & Bacon Study / Stevenson Hall
9:30am Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team / Stevenson Hall
6:00pm Genesis Bell Ringers Rehearsal / Bell Rm
7:00pm **Ash Wednesday Service / Sanctuary**
8:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Rm

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Holy Land Trip

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Holy Land Trip

∞ Next Sunday in Worship ∞

February 26, 2023 • 1st Sunday in Lent

Communion will be served at all worship services.

The sermon is based on Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-13.

***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 19 — February 26

Bruton Parish Episcopal Church, Parish Hall, 331 Duke of Gloucester Street, Williamsburg, VA 23185