

# WILLIAMSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## MARCH 19, 2023 • FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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### PRAYER FOR PREPARATION

God our faithful Shepherd, we depend on you for everything we need: for daily food, for guidance and protection, for healing in injury and comfort in sorrow. You respond in abundant provision. Pursue us all with your goodness and faithful love until goodness and faithful love fills every heart and informs every action. Amen.

### THE GATHERING

### PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

#### PASTORAL GREETING AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

**MINUTE FOR MISSION:** Open Door Concert Series

Norman Elton

**PRELUDE**

Sabbath Song

Bill Carter, piano, and Michael Carbone, saxophone

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God does not see as mortals see.  
We look on the outward appearance;  
God looks on the heart.

**All: Jesus, Light of the World,**  
**give us eyes to see as you see!**

Leader: Once we lived in darkness, but now—  
as children of light, we are called  
to what is good and right and true.

**All: Jesus, Light of the World,**  
**give us eyes to see as you see!**

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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.

1- The King of love my shepherd is,  
whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his  
and he is mine forever.

2- Where streams of living water flow  
my ransomed soul he leadeth,  
and where the verdant pastures grow,  
with food celestial feedeth.

3- Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,  
but yet in love he sought me,  
and on his shoulder gently laid,  
and home, rejoicing, brought me.

4- In death's dark vale I fear no ill  
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
thy cross before to guide me.

5- Thou spread'st a table in my sight;  
thy unction grace bestoweth;  
and O what transport of delight  
from thy pure chalice floweth!

6- And so through all the length of days  
thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
within thy house forever.

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

Leader: As children of God's light, we are called to do what is pleasing to the Lord: to participate in what is good and right and true, and expose what is unfruitful and evil. Knowing that we turn from the light, we bring our confession to God, so that what is hidden in us becomes visible, and the shadows of our hearts may be illumined by grace.

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

Gracious God, we are people who still love darkness rather than light. We keep shameful deeds secret, but flaunt our occasional acts of virtue. We see ourselves as blameless, but pass judgment on others. We do not stand firmly enough with those who are vulnerable, but step back, protecting ourselves. Forgive us, we pray. Bring us into your light that we may see ourselves rightly. Bring us into your light that we may know ourselves loved. Bring us into your light that we may live more fruitful lives. Keep raising us, we pray, from the deadness of sin, and shine upon us with your grace. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

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

#### **\*KYRIE (Responsive)**

Leader: Lord have mercy.

People: Christ have mercy.

All: Lord have mercy.

#### **\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Leader: The psalmist assures us that God's goodness and mercy will follow us, even pursue us, all the days of our life. As God's forgiven people, receive this goodness and mercy, and live a new life in the grace of Jesus Christ. We will live as children of the light for Christ shines on us.

### **\*GLORIA IN ABEYANCE DURING LENT**

(11:00) SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

Adrian Williams

## **THE WORD**

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison)**

Gracious God, illumine our hearts and minds as the Scriptures are read and proclaimed, so that by the power of your Holy Spirit we may see what is good and right and true. And seeing, help us to do what is pleasing to you, so that your glory becomes visible in our words and deeds. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: *I Samuel 16:7-13*

PSALM 23 (Unison)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;  
he restores my soul.  
He leads me in right paths  
for his name's sake.  
Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
I fear no evil,  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me.  
You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord  
my whole life long.

SECOND LESSON: *Ephesians 5:8-14*

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

SERMON

*Children of Light*

Pastor John E. Morgan

# RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*HYMN 377

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

HOUSTON

1- I want to walk as a child of the light.  
I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world.  
The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain:

In him there is no darkness at all.  
The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus. (Refrain)

2- I want to see the brightness of God.  
I want to look at Jesus.  
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path,  
and show me the way to the Father. (Refrain)

3- I'm looking for the coming of Christ.  
I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run with patience the race,  
we shall know the joy of Jesus. (Refrain)

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: John 1:1-9, 12 (Unison)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world...But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children 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/](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 at 215 Richmond Rd., Williamsburg, VA 23185.



## OFFERTORY

Jesus Loves Me

arr. Michael Hassell

with Bill Carter, piano, and Michael Carbone, saxophone

Jesus loves me! this I know,  
For the Bible tells me so;  
Little ones to him belong,  
They are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain:

Yes, Jesus loves me,  
Yes, Jesus loves me,  
Yes, Jesus loves me,  
The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! he who died  
Heaven's gates to open wide!  
He will wash away my sin,  
Let his little child come in. (Refrain)

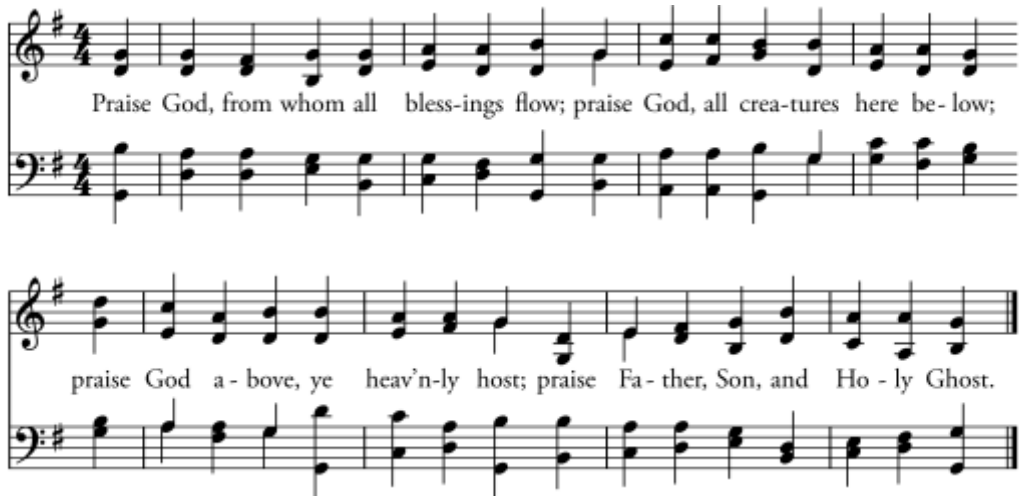
(Offertory continues on the next page.)

Jesus loves me! he will stay  
Close beside me all the way;  
If I love him when I die,  
He will take me home on high. (Refrain)

**\*DOXOLOGY**

*All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night*

TALLIS' CANON



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

## GOING OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

**\*INVITATION AND 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 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 744**

*Arise, Your Light Has Come*

FESTAL SONG

1- Arise, your light is come!  
The Spirit's call obey;  
show forth the glory of your God,  
which shines on you today.

2- Arise, your light is come!  
Fling wide the prison door;  
proclaim the captives' liberty,  
good tidings to the poor.

3- Arise, your light is come!  
All you in sorrow born,  
bind up the brokenhearted ones  
and comfort those who mourn.

4- Arise, your light is come!  
The mountains burst in song!  
Rise up like eagles on the wing;  
God's power will make us strong.

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

Ayre for the Dance

Locklair

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.



## ≈ NOTES ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC ≈

Our prelude today is played by two members of the Presbybop quintet, Bill Carter and Michael Carbone. Presbybop will be presenting a concert this evening as part of the Open Door Concert Series, and we are grateful to have Bill and Michael to be part of worship today.

Bill and Michael will also accompany the chancel choir on our offertory anthem, “Jesus Loves Me.” The anthem was arranged by Michael Hassell for WPC’s former pastor Neil Stevenson on the occasion of his retirement in 1995. When asked to name his favorite hymn, Rev. Stevenson responded that, after many years of ministry, this Sunday-school song still moved him deeply. In this arrangement, Hassell sought to revive “Jesus Loves Me” for adult listeners, and wrote a more mature accompaniment. In his notes on the piece, he says, “While the choir sings, saxophone and piano trade blues phrases interspersed with snatches of a children’s chant that no one could miss.” Hassell presented this anthem as “a tangible demonstration of God’s eternal capacity to work miracles, particularly little ones.”

This morning’s postlude, by North Carolina composer, Dan Locklair, is a playful dialogue between different voices of the pipe organ. Its repeating melody is built on the octatonic scale, a musical pattern that offers a sense of restlessness and unease.

## ≈ THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ≈

The flowers this morning are given today to the glory of God and  
in memory of loved ones by Aurelia and Tommy Michaels.

## ≈ THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY ≈

### **PASTORS**

John E. Morgan, Pastor/Head of Staff

Pam Hrcir, Covenant Pastor for Congregational Care

### **MUSIC MINISTRY**

Christopher Bechtler, Director of Music Ministries

Norman Elton, Organist and Assistant Director of Music

Bill Carter, piano, and Michael Carbone, saxophone

Chancel Choir

### **LITURGIST**

Mark Newcomb

### **GREETER**

9:30am Megan Davis

11:00am Cheryl Roettger

### **USHERS**

9:30am Pat Murray, Rick Murray, Rebecca Caprio

11:00am Kelly Kirkpatrick, Rebecca Caprio, Ruth Cobb, Bob Bolstad

### **COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOST**

Karol Sibley, Laura & Peter Osman

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

Barclay Poling

### **\*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 220 (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).**

**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, March 12 – Saturday, March 18**

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

### **Please pray for:**

- Barbara Smith, Lynn Sivells, Craig, Evelyn Sailor, Jackie Bowlin, Neal Bowlin, Steve Custer, Kathy Kruschwitz, Mary Voorhess, 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 serving our country in the military services and their families.
- Those affected by the war in Ukraine and the recent Turkey-Syria Earthquake.

## 🌀 ANNOUNCEMENTS 🌀

- Rachel Hébert, Associate Pastor for Community Care, is facilitating a Women's Retreat at Darnestown Presbyterian Church in Gettysburg, PA.
- **WPC will be hosting the April meeting of the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia on April 25, 2023.** We are looking for people to help with the arrangements. We will need help with registration, parking and most importantly refreshments, including lunch. Please contact \*Bill Riffer, Clerk of Session, if you would like to be a part of providing this hospitality to our Presbyters.
- **Coffee Fellowship, Usher, and Greeter 2nd Quarter 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 April 2 to learn more and sign up to host Coffee Fellowship, Usher, or Greet for the months of April, May, and June. No previous experience necessary and all ages are welcome!
- **The Open Door Concert Series returns this afternoon to present a unique combination! Presbybop is a renowned jazz quintet from Pennsylvania, Cantori is an accomplished choral ensemble from Williamsburg.** The program begins with each ensemble presenting their own selections. They'll then join forces to present Lux Aeterna: A Jazz Requiem, which is offered in memory of those who have gone before us. The programs begins at 4:00pm, additional information is available at [mywpc.org/concerts](http://mywpc.org/concerts). Invite a friend!
- **Glorious Easter Morn AT WPC** - Envelopes to order a Lily for a donation of \$15.00 each are in the Friendship Registers and in the Welcome Center. You may also place your order and pay on-line at [www.mywpc.org/lilies](http://www.mywpc.org/lilies). **Orders must be turned in by Monday, March 27.** Lilies may be picked up AFTER the 11:00 Easter service or on Monday, April 10 from 10:00am to 2:00pm. (The church office will be closed on April 10, but \*Ruth Cobb will be on hand to assist.)
- **WPC Families "Paint Night" is back! On Monday, March 20, at 5:30pm, we will meet in Stevenson Hall with dinner, fellowship, and painting!** We have invited one of the Jamestown High School art teachers to join us for the night, and lead us through painting our own interpretation of our Lent theme, "Are We Seeing and Being Beloved Children of God?" This will most definitely be a kid (and beginner painter)- friendly event. All supplies (and don't forget dinner) are provided, and for that reason, registration is required. Please go to [www.mywpc.org/calendar](http://www.mywpc.org/calendar) for the link to register. Childcare will be provided for preschool age and under.
- **Join our WPC family. New member orientation luncheon is March 26 after the 11 am worship service in Stevenson Hall.** Please contact \*Pastor Pam for more information.
- **The WPC Book Club will meet on Monday, March 27, 2023, at 2 pm in the WPC Library** (and on Zoom) to discuss Empress Dowager Cixi: The Concubine Who Launched Modern China, by Jung Chang. For a list of books chosen for the 2022-2023 season, or to request the Zoom link, please contact \*Ellen Peters.

- **Presbyterian Men's Fellowship Meeting on April 1, 2023: Our speaker for April will be Larry Snyder Jr., Fire Chief for the City of Williamsburg.** With more than 27 years of Fire and EMS experience, Larry was named Fire Chief in November of last year. Take this opportunity to have breakfast with Chief Snyder and learn of the various public safety programs being conducted under his leadership. We begin at 8:00 a.m. in Stevenson Hall with fellowship and breakfast. All men and women of the Williamsburg community and guests are welcome. Please make your reservations by Wednesday, March 29th, at the church Welcome Center, or online. A donation of \$10.00 will be requested at the breakfast.
- **Saturday, April 1, at 10am, the Christian Education Ministry will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt for WPC Families!** We will have two areas set up at the Kirkpatrick home: one for the younger children, and a separate area for older children. There will also be a snack after the hunt! **There is no fee, but registration is required so we can prepare.** Please go to [mywpc.org/eggs](http://mywpc.org/eggs) or the online calendar to learn more and register.  
You can still participate even if you don't have any kids! Please consider donations of colored plastic Easter eggs (filled or unfilled) and candy or treats. There is a box in the Welcome Center for donations. Thank you in advance for supporting this event.
- **Food donations needed in our area.** In February, the Williamsburg House of Mercy distributed food to 3,984 individuals. As a result, their shelf-stable food stock is running very low. They are making every effort to continue twice-a-week food distribution, but are asking for help from our community. Also, it seems Grove Christian Outreach Center is in need of donations of **cereal**. If you are able to donate non-perishable food to either of these worthy organizations, please contact \*Jim Kirkpatrick.

**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.**

## ✧ MID-WEEK LENTEN AND HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES ✧

Services on Wednesday afternoon or evening and Sunday morning are a wonderful way to prepare our hearts and minds for the Passion and Resurrection of Easter Week. Worship services at Williamsburg Presbyterian Church are open to all and we encourage you to invite your family and friends to join us.

## ✧ MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICES ✧

- Join us for Mid-week Lenten worship services which continue through March 28 at 7pm in the sanctuary. Our pastoral staff will teach and lead a spiritual practice prior to the worship service at 6:30pm in either Stevenson Hall or the Sanctuary.

## ✧ WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES DURING HOLY WEEK ✧

- **April 2 Passion Sunday** services at 9:30\* and 11am+
- **April 6 Maundy Thursday** service at 7pm\* • Celebrations of the Lord's Supper
- **April 7 Good Friday** service at 7pm\*
- **April 9 Easter Sunday** services at 8, 9:30\* and 11am

\*Service will be in-person and live-streamed on mywpc.org.

+Service will be in-person and broadcast on FM93.5 The Burg and AM740.

∞ OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS ∞

**SUNDAY, MARCH 19—4TH SUNDAY IN LENT**

- 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)  
4:00pm Open Door Concerts Series Presents: Presbybop + Cantori Concert / Sanctuary  
5:30pm Youth Group / Rm 222, Rm 227

**MONDAY, MARCH 20**

- 9:30am Disciple Class / LL010  
10:30am Sanctuary Ringers / Bell Rm  
1:00pm Caregiver Support Group  
5:30pm Paint Night / Stevenson Hall  
6:00pm UKirk Dinner Dialogue / UKirk Rm

**TUESDAY, MARCH 21**

- 10:00am Disciple Class / LL010 and Zoom  
1:00pm Staff Mtg / Zoom  
3:30pm Young Ministers Cohort / Zoom  
7:00pm Howard Thurman Devotional Study / Zoom  
7:00pm Identity Group / Zoom  
7:00pm AA Wmsbg., Tuesday Night Big Book Study / LL049

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22**

- 7:30am Men's Bible & Bacon Study / Stevenson Hall  
9:30am Presbyterian Women's Coordinating Team /  
6:00pm Genesis Bell Ringers Rehearsal / Bell Rm  
6:30pm Lent Spiritual Practice / Stevenson Hall  
7:00pm Mid-Week Lenten Worship / Sanctuary  
7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Rm

**THURSDAY, MARCH 23**

- 9:00am Sanctuary Closed for Cleaning  
4:30pm Carol and Junior Choir Rehearsals / Children's Choir Rm  
6:30pm Confirmands Meet with Session / Stevenson Hall  
7:00pm Session Meeting / Stevenson Hall and Zoom  
7:30pm Westminster Ringers / Bell Rm

**FRIDAY, MARCH 24**

- Youth Retreat at Massanetta Springs  
Handbell Festival in Roanoke

**SATURDAY, MARCH 25**

- Youth Retreat at Massanetta Springs  
Handbell Festival in Roanoke

**SUNDAY, MARCH 26**

- Youth Retreat at Massanetta Springs

∞ Next Sunday in Worship ∞

**March 26, 2023 • 5th Sunday in Lent**

The sermon, God's Spirit Within You, is based on Ezekiel 37:1-14.

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