

WILLIAMSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

APRIL 30, 2023 • FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

OFFICER ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

PRAYER FOR PREPARATION

Good Shepherd, you call us by name, and we know your voice. Open the gate for us, that we may come and go freely, have life, and have it abundantly. Amen.

THE GATHERING

PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

GREETING AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

MINUTE FOR MISSION: Thriving Congregations

Joseph Kinard

PRELUDE

We're Building a Circle of Love
Carol and Junior Choirs

Lloyd Larson

Refrain:

We're building a circle of love;
We'll start with you and me.
We're building a circle of love;
Come join God's family!
We'll reach out to our neighborhood,
And then to all the world.
We're building a circle of love, my friends,
We're building a circle of God's love.

We'll share the love God's given us
For all the world to see.
The circle grows as others join
Our great big family.
Let's sing it out till all have found
That love sent from above!
Come help us spread the news to all!
We're building a circle of God's love. (*Refrain*)

*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.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Sisters and brothers, let us gather together
with glad and generous hearts.

All: For many signs and wonders are being done among us.

Leader: Let us break bread together and share our lives in common.

**All: Let us give what we can to all who have needs
so that all people, no matter who they are,
may regard us with good will.**

Leader: Let us devote ourselves to our prayers and to the gospel.

All: For in this way God will add to our numbers every day.

*HYMN 372

O For a World

AZMON

1 O for a world where everyone
respects each other's ways,
where love is lived and all is done
with justice and with praise.

2 O for a world where goods are shared
and misery relieved,
where truth is spoken, children spared,
equality achieved.

3 We welcome one world family
and struggle with each choice
that opens us to unity
and gives our vision voice.

4 The poor are rich; the weak are strong;
the foolish ones are wise.
Tell all who mourn: outcasts belong,
who perishes will rise.

5 O for a world preparing for
God's glorious reign of peace,
where time and tears will be no more,
and all but love will cease.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: Friends, in as much as God is our shepherd, let us not fear, but confess our sin that God may restore our souls.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Forgive us, gentle Shepherd, when we have disregarded your voice and have deliberately chosen to listen to another.

Forgive us, Good Shepherd, when we have become afraid in the dark valley, failing to accept the comfort of your rod and staff.

Forgive us, gentle Shepherd, when we have tried to ignore or segregate others of your sheep.

Forgive us, Good Shepherd, when we have been hurried and anxious, too busy to sit down by gentle streams. Forgive us, gentle Shepherd, when we have chosen war over peace, and then the children have lost their innocence. Forgive us, Good Shepherd, when we have polluted the streams and the polar caps, and have placed the earth in great peril.

Forgive us gentle, Good Shepherd. Amen.

A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER

*KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy

LAND OF REST



*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Jesus said, "I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture." You have been brought back into the safety of God's fold, you are forgiven.

***GLORIA**

Thine Is the Glory

JUDAS MACCABEUS



Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-quer-ing Son;
end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.

(9:30) ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

(11:00) SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

Adrian Williams

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison)

Loving God, we pray that your Holy Spirit will strengthen us to be devoted to the teachings of your Word, that through it we may hear your voice and follow it into eternal life. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: *Acts 2:42-47*

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

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.

(Psalm continues on the next page.)

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: *John 10:1-10*

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

MESSAGE

“Know the Shepherd’s Voice”

Pastor John E. Morgan

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN 300**

We Are One in the Spirit

THEY’LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

1 We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;
we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

Refrain:

And they’ll know we are Christians by our love,
by our love;
yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.

2 We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;
we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand,
and together we’ll spread the news that God is in our land: (Refrain)

3 We will work with each other; we will work side by side;
we will work with each other; we will work side by side,
and we’ll guard human dignity and save human pride: (Refrain)

4 All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God’s only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one: (Refrain)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH FROM A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH (Unison)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

PRAYERS OF PETITION 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 at 215 Richmond Rd., Williamsburg, VA 23185.



OFFERTORY

The Lord Is My Shepherd

Allen Pote

Refrain:

The Lord is my shepherd,
nothing shall I want.

My shepherd makes me lie in fields of green,
leads me beside still waters.

The Lord is my shepherd,
who restores my life.

Leads me in the paths of righteousness
for the sake of the Lord's name.

(Offertory continues on the next page.)

And even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me,
your rod and staff will comfort me. (Refrain)

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 in the house of my God I will live forever.

The Lord is my shepherd. I shall not want.
—Psalm 23

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below.
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Praise God above, ye heav'nly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia,
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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 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 542God Be with You Till We Meet Again*

GOD BE WITH YOU

1 God be with you till we meet again;
loving counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you:
God be with you till we meet again.

2 God be with you till we meet again;
unseen wings protecting hide you,
daily manna still provide you:
God be with you till we meet again.

3 God be with you till we meet again;
when life's perils thick confound you,
put unfailing arms around you:
God be with you till we meet again.

4 God be with you till we meet again;
keep love's banner floating o'er you;
smite death's threatening wave before you:
God be with you till we meet again.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION*POSTLUDE**

Festival of Praise

Hughes

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 honor of their loved ones by Jackie and Gerry Ward.

∞ 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

Carol Choir and Junior Choir directed by Rebecca Elton

Chancel Choir

LITURGIST

David McLain

SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

Adrian Williams, Director of Christian Education

GREETER

9:30am Nancy Kistler

11:00am Stephanie McGuire

USHERS

9:30am Happy Simmons, Ralph Simmons, Rebecca Caprio

11:00am Ford Moseley, Nancy Moseley, Megan Davis, Rebecca Caprio

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Emily Krogh, Nancy Harwood, Ann Schulte

***WILLIAMSBURG LANDING USHERS**

Ric Cheston

***WINDSOR MEADE USHERS**

Paul Hotinger

AUDIO AND VIDEO TECHNICIANS: Duncan McIver 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 Hrnccir (phrnccir@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 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).

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, April 30 – Saturday, May 6

Pastor Rachel Hébert
rhebert@mywpc.org; (757-880-1180)

Please pray for:

- Marian Poole, mother of Ellen Morgan, Lynn Sivells, Craig, Evelyn Sailor, Rice Trolan, Jackie Bowlin, Neal Bowlin, Steve Custer, Mary Voorhess, Richard Friese, Jean Young, 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 🌀

- **Squares Men's Bible Study:** The Squares will be considering wise decision making. Often insights into wise decision making come following a time of conflict. Would it not be better to make wise decisions before a problem needs to be solved? Therefore, using the story of Lot and Abram, Genesis 13:1-18, The Squares will search for a way to solve conflicts through "wise decision making." You are invited to join this group of men on Thursday, May 4, at 7:30pm in room LL011, or via Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84000897925?pwd=eIQ5RDBrSVhKRTJMM1ZpckR4RUhwUT09> Meeting ID: 840 0089 7925 Passcode: 005054
- **Station Leaders Needed for VBS 2023: This year's VBS theme is Hero Hotline and it will be held at WPC June 26-30, 9am-12pm.** Registration information (for leader guide volunteers and kids) will be coming soon, but for right now, we are in need of *Station Leaders or Assistant Leaders for all of our VBS Stations (Science, Snack, Arts/Crafts, Storytelling, Recreation, and Opening/Closing/Music)*. Please contact *Jodie Davis if you would like to volunteer as a Station Leader.
- **Presbyterian Men's Monthly Breakfast Fellowship Meeting on May 6, 2023:** Our speaker will be Pastor John E. Morgan, who will be presenting the results of his extensive sabbatical research on the colonial clergy, and specifically, their role during the Revolutionary War. As an ardent scholar of the activities of the clergy during the colonial period, he has made an exceptionally valuable contribution to our knowledge of this period of history. Don't miss this opportunity to have breakfast with Pastor Morgan and hear his 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. **Please make your reservations by Wednesday, May 3, at the church welcome center, or online.** A donation of \$10.00 will be requested at the breakfast.
- **Blessing of the Animals:** There will be a Blessing of Animals (pets) on Saturday, May 6 at 9am in the parking lot behind the church. Everyone is invited to bring pets (or pictures of pets) for the blessing. All dogs should be on leashes and other pets should be in appropriate carriers for the safety of all.

***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.

☞ OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS ☞

SUNDAY, APRIL 30

- 9:30am In-person Worship / Sanctuary; Live-Stream Worship; visit mywpc.org to access
10:30am Coffee Fellowship / Stevenson Hall
11:00am In-person Worship / Sanctuary; Broadcast on FM93.5 The Burg and AM740. or wmbgradio.com
5:30pm Youth Group / Rm 22s and 227

MONDAY, MAY 1

- 9:30am Disciple Class / Rm LL010
10:30am Sanctuary Ringers / Bell Room
1:00pm Caregiver Support Group
6:30pm Williamsburg Choral Guild Rehearsal / Sanctuary

TUESDAY, MAY 2

- 10:00am Disciple Class / Rm LL010
1:00pm Staff Meeting / Stevenson Hall
7:00pm AA Wmsbg., Tuesday Night Big Book Study / LL049

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

- 9:00am Feeding Faith: College Breakfast / Stevenson Hall
6:00pm Genesis Ringers Rehearsal / Bell Rm
7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Rm
7:30pm Christian Fellowship Committee / LL010

THURSDAY, MAY 4

- 9:00am Sanctuary Closed for Cleaning
4:30pm Carol and Junior Choir Rehearsals / Children's Choir Rm
7:30pm The Squares Men's Bible Study / Rm 255
7:30pm Westminster Ringers / Bell Rm

FRIDAY, MAY 5

SATURDAY, MAY 6

- 8:00am Presbyterian Men's May Breakfast / Stevenson Hall
9:00am Blessing of the Animals / WPC Back Parking Lot
11:00am Memorial Service and Reception for Kathy Kruschwitz / Sanctuary and Stevenson Hall

☞ Next Sunday in Worship ☞

May 7, 2023 • 5th Sunday of Easter • Communion Sunday • Graduation Sunday

The sermon, "*Extreme Forgiveness*" is based on Acts 7:55-60.

*9:30am service is live-streamed on mywpc.org. **11:00am service is broadcast on FM93.5 The Burg and AM740