



Williamsburg
Presbyterian
Church



4th Sunday after Epiphany
Communion Sunday
February 1, 2026

PRAYER FOR PREPARATION

Redeeming God, you come to us in Christ to rescue us from slavery and lead us out of captivity. Guide us by the wisdom of the cross and show us how to live a life of justice, love, and blessedness. Amen

THE GATHERING PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

*Joyfully led by the Spirit,
We are revolutionary in our hope and love.
Welcoming all, we nurture and equip people to
Serve God and care for our community in the way of Jesus.*

PASTORAL GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. John E. Morgan

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

MINUTE FOR MISSION: Legacy Giving Program of WPC

Rev. John E. Morgan

PRELUDE

Just As I Am

arr. McIntyre

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: What does the Lord require of you,

All: but to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God?

Leader: Let us worship God.

Please rise in body or spirit. The people's responses are in **bold type**.



Our sanctuary is equipped with a T-coil hearing loop. Look for the blue sticker on the pews.

1 Re - joyce, ye pure in heart! Re - joyce, give thanks, and sing!
 2 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,
 3 Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as ye go,
 4 At last the march shall end; the wea - ried ones shall rest;
 5 Then on, ye pure in heart! Re - joyce, give thanks, and sing!

Your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
 send forth the stur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.
 from youth to age, by night and day, in glad - ness and in woe:
 the pil - grims find their home at last, Je - ru - sa - lem the blest.
 Your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.

Refrain

Re - joyce! Re - joyce! Re - joyce, give thanks, and sing!
 Re - joyce! Re - joyce!

These stanzas are drawn from a much longer hymn created for the processional at an English choir festival in 1865. The original text lacked the refrain that gives the hymn so much of its energy and interest. That feature was added by the composer of this tune in 1883.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: Let us confess our sins, for the Holy One delights in blessing those who seek to walk with God .

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God, we have not done what is blameless and right, nor spoken truth from the heart with love. We do not keep your word, and when we participate in gossip, our words and deeds cause pain. Forgive us by the power of your mercy, that we might stand in the goodness of Christ and walk in the light of his love. Amen

*A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER

*KYRIE

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

HEAR MY PRAYER

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are: "O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, an - swer me." and "O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis-ten to me." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Beloved, your sins are forgiven by the faith of Christ, who chose love over hatred and forgiveness over blame. Rejoice and be glad, for God's mercy is great; Jesus brings healing, justice, and peace.

*GLORIA

Gloria

CELTIC ALLEUIA

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

Atticus Gore

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Holy God, your blessings are abundant, and your wisdom exceeds our grasp. Fill us with your Spirit as we hear your word this day, that we may be justice seekers and peacemakers, sharing your life among those who are forgotten, weak, or persecuted, and revealing to all your glory. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Micah 6:1-8

This is the Word of God for the people of God!
Thanks be to God!

MATTHEW 5:1-12 (responsive)

Leader: When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.

All: And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

Leader: Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

All: Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Leader: Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

All: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Leader: Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

All: Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Leader: Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

All: Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

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Leader: Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

All: Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

SECOND LESSON: Psalm 27:1, 4-9

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Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Live in the House of the Lord”

Rev. John E. Morgan

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 450

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) (D) (G) (A)
B^b E^b A^b B^b



naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) (D) (F#m7) (G) (A)
A^b E^b Gm7 A^b B^b



thou my best thought, by day or by night,
thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) (D/F#) (G) (D)
Cm E^b/G A^b E^b



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.

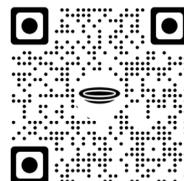
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED (unison)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. 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 be found inside the friendship register book. We invite you to make your offering or pledge payment in one of the following ways:



- Place your offering into the plates as you exit the sanctuary
- Visit mywpc.org/offering or scan the QR code at the right to give online
- Mail your offering to the church office at 215 Richmond Road, Williamsburg, VA 23185.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDRETH

Musical notation for the first line of the Doxology. It consists of a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a bass clef staff. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise".

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Musical notation for the second line of the Doxology. It consists of a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a bass clef staff. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen."

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Taking the Lord's Supper: As usually occurs within worship, the Invitation, Prayer of Great Thanksgiving, and Words of Institution will be spoken by a pastor. Once the Words of Institution are spoken, a pastor will extend the invitation for all to take of their bread element and to dip it into their drink element.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: Eternal God...

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE MEAL

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Let Us Break Bread Together

arr. Linda Lamb

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

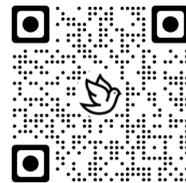
We thank you, God, that you have blessed us with an abundance of gifts for the flourishing of your world. We thank you for this meal that nourishes our spirit. May our life and labor reveal your love as we seek to share your promised reign with all creation. In Jesus name, Amen.

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 on the “Welcome to WPC! Click here to sign the Friendship Register” banner at the top of the website page
- Visit mywpc.org/friendship or scan the QR code at the right to access the online friendship register.



*HYMN 93

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

TRURO

1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold the
2 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a
3 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to

King of glo - ry waits; the King of kings is
tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for
thee; here, Lord, a - bide. Let me thy in - ner

draw - ing near; the Sav - ior of the world is here.
heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.
pres - ence feel; thy grace and love in me re - veal.

The musical score is written in 3/2 time. It consists of three systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The lyrics are placed between the lines of the vocal staff. The first system contains the first three lines of the hymn. The second system contains the next three lines. The third system contains the final three lines, ending with a double bar line and repeat sign.

Beginning as a paraphrase of Psalm 24:7–10, this text then applies the door imagery to the singer’s heart, and concludes with the individual’s welcome of the approaching Savior. It is set to a very effective anonymous 18th-century English tune that has served many texts.

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Resurrection Trumpetings

McIntyre

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 ❧

This morning we begin a month-long exploration of organ music from Black composers.

Phillip McIntyre (1951-1991) was born in Portsmouth, VA where he attended public schools. He led his church choir as a teenager before studying at Virginia Union University, Catholic University, and Westminster Choir College. He taught in the Washington DC public school system from 1975-1989 before pursuing a church music career that took him to notable churches throughout the capitol area. His gentle setting of the beloved hymn, *Just As I Am*, stands in contrast to the more declarative *Resurrection Trumpetings*.

☞ **THOSE SERVING TODAY** ☞

PASTOR

John E. Morgan, Pastor and Head of Staff

Pam Hrcir, Associate Pastor

MUSIC MINISTRY

Chris Bechtler, Director of Music

Norman Elton, Organist and Assistant Director of Music

Chancel Choir

SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

Atticus Gore

***WILLIAMSBURG LANDING USHERS AND COMMUNION SERVERS**

Dick Sahlen, Ric Cheston, Linda Eichhorn

***WINDSOR MEADE USHER**

Ray Whitney

COMMUNION SERVERS

Happy and Ralph Simmons

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*Satellite campuses

∞ CHILDREN'S STATEMENT ∞

Children are welcome at WPC! We have Sunday School for all ages at 9:30am and a nursery for children ages 3 and below during both services. Sharing Faith with Children returns to our 11am service. We also have children's worship bags and sensory objects available to be borrowed while in the building. Please ask an usher if you need assistance in locating anything.

The way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to The Church, to God, and to one another. Let them know, and let us show them, that they are at home in this house of worship. Parents, feel free to sit near the front where children can see, explain the parts of the service to them, and invite them to learn by watching and copying. And relax, God put the wiggle in children, so don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome!

∞ YOUTH STATEMENT ∞

All youth in 6th-12th grade are invited to join us every Sunday evening for WPC Youth Group! We meet from 5:30-7:00pm and enjoy dinner, singing, and a variety of activities from Bible study to Gaga Ball.

High schoolers in 9th-12th grade are invited to join for a midweek Bible study that will resume in 2026 on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:00pm. The date will be announced in the bulletin announcements. Please reach out to Melody Dillon with any questions.

∞ FAMILY STATEMENT ∞

Every 3rd Sunday is WPC Family Sunday! During Sunday School, families are invited to gather upstairs in Room 227 for coffee, breakfast treats, and informal conversation and community building. Then, during the 11:00am service, all kids in preschool-5th grade are invited to sit together and help lead the congregation in Embodying the Psalm.

∞ T-LOOP ENABLED ∞



Did you know you can receive amplified sound in the Sanctuary with a t-loop enabled hearing aid? The "loop" signal is strongest in certain pews along the center aisle. Look for the blue symbol pictured here.

∞ SUPPORT FOR OUR MEMBERS ∞

- **In need of one-on-one prayer? Please look for a Stephen Minister in the Fellowship Hall or the church foyer after the morning services.** They will find a private place to talk and pray with you. Just look for the blue Stephen Ministry name tags.
- **The monthly grief support group resumes meeting the first Wednesday of the month, at 10am in room 227 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.
- **Caregivers Support Group** meets weekly Mondays at 1:00pm in room 222 on the second level.

☞ 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*.

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. During the week, please call the church office.

Pastor-on-Call

Sunday, February 1 – Saturday, February 7, 2026
Pastor John • jmorgan@mywpc.org • 757-903-7800

Please pray for:

- Barbara Coughlan, Terry Hancock, Nell Stowe, and families who have recently lost loved ones.

Please pray for those:

- Recovering from various surgeries, who are homebound; who have family and friend concerns, affected by natural disasters, affected by the recent government shut down, serving in the military services and their families; serving our country in leadership roles, experiencing homelessness and hunger; affected by the wars in Gaza, Israel, Sudan, and Ukraine.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

**Pancakes & Sausage • Dixieland Band
Parade • Crafts for Kids!**



**Tuesday, February 17
5:30 - 7:30 pm**



\$10 per person • children under 13 free

**Sign up by February 15:
Online at mywpc.org/shrove**

OR

**In-person signup in the
Welcome Lobby**



🌀 ANNOUNCEMENTS 🌀

- **Catch Up on 2025 and Look Ahead to 2026! Plan to attend the WPC Town Hall Meeting, Saturday, February 7, 10am-Noon.** Hear highlights from our WPC ministries and see what's coming next. The 2025 Annual Report will be available on our website for you to review before the meeting the week of February 1.
- **Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 15, 2026:** The Nominating Committee requests a Congregational Meeting of the WPC congregation for the purpose of electing our new Church Officers for the Class of 2028 immediately following our 9:30am worship service. All members of WPC are invited to attend the meeting.
- **Our next New Member Orientation Luncheon is scheduled for Sunday, February 15, 2026, immediately after the 11:00am worship service.** Come and enjoy great food and conversation with members and staff as you get to know the people and ministries of WPC. If the Holy Spirit is nudging you to become a part of this church community, reach out to Pastor Pam (phrncir@mywpc.org) after the service this morning.
- **The WPC Book Club will meet on Monday, February 23, 2026, at 2 pm in Room 220 (and on Zoom)** to discuss *Mrs. Dalloway*, by Virginia Woolf. If you need the Zoom link, contact Ellen Peters*
- **Save the Date For a Mission Trip to North Carolina:** WPC's Hunger and Homeless Team is sponsoring a mission trip to Black Mountain in Western North Carolina to help the people with their continuing efforts to recover from the devastation caused by Hurricane Helene in September 2024. We will leave on Monday, May 11 and return on Saturday, May 16. We will be working all or part of four days, restoring houses that have been flooded. The work may require insulating, drywalling, installing floors, doors, cabinets and vanities, trimming, and painting. Please consider joining us to help our neighbors in need and put the dates on your calendar. More information will be available in March but if you have questions now please contact Tom Moul*.
- **The Squares on prayers: We all profess that God hears our prayers, but how do we know that He answers those prayers? If He doesn't then why pray?** This is the question The Squares will struggle with using the story of Rebekah in Genesis 24. This men's group welcomes all to join us on **Thursday evening, February 5, 7:00pm in room 227.**
- **King's Kids Dance returns! Children's Sunday is on March 8, 2026, and we will once again be inviting kids (kindergarten-5th grade) to join the group to put together a special worship dance for the service.** The group will meet on Thursday nights following children's choir rehearsal. There will be a 15 minute break between choir and dance, so kids are welcome to bring a snack. Please let Melody know if your kid(s) would like to join! Rehearsals: 5:30-6:15 Thursday nights, January 29-March 12, 2026. Email mdillon@mywpc.org or text/call 757-621-3605 to sign up!
- **Adopt a Sunday this year by donating flowers to enhance our Worship Service.** (1) Sign up on the Flower Calendar in Stevenson Hall; (2) You will be contacted a month before as a reminder and to get your bulletin dedication; and (3) Order from the local florist of your choice. Dates still available this year are: May 31, November 1, and 29. Contact Ruth Cobb if you have questions.

***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.

☞ THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF EVENTS ☞

As winter weather continues, please call the church office (757-229-4235) before coming by on Monday to confirm we are open. You can also check the WPC master calendar online for any schedule changes. Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe!

SUNDAY • FEBRUARY 1 • In-person worship is cancelled

9:30am Live-Stream Worship ONLY; visit mywpc.org to access

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2

1:00pm Caregiver Support Group

5:30pm Christian Education Ministry Mtg / Rm 220

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

10:00am Disciple Bible Study / Rm 220 and Zoom

1:00pm In-person Staff Meeting / Stevenson Hall

6:30pm UKirk Dinner & Dialogue

7:00pm AA Williamsburg Big Book Study / LL009 and LL049

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

10:30am Finding Hope Grief Support Group / Rm 227

6:00pm Joyful Ringers Rehearsal / Bell Rm

7:00pm High School Bible Study

7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Rm

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5

9:00am Sanctuary Cleaning

9:00am Presbyterian Women Circle 1 / Stevenson Hall

10:00am CAMU Monthly Mtg / Rm 220

4:30pm Carol and Junior Choir Rehearsal / Choir Rm

7:00pm The Squares Men's Bible Study / Rm 227

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7

10:00am WPC Annual Town Hall Meeting / Stevenson Hall

The 2025 Annual Report will be available on our website for you to review before the meeting the week of Saturday, February 7.

☞ NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP ☞

February 8 • 5th Sunday of Epiphany

Pastor John's sermon, "*You are the Light of the World*" is based on Matthew 5:13-20.