

WILLIAMSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT — APRIL 3, 2022

*We gather in the name of Jesus Christ to worship God and
by the power of the Holy Spirit do God's work in the world.*

PRAYER FOR PREPARATION

Creator God, you have formed us as your own, so whether we are weeping or
laughing, dreaming or shouting for joy, we are always coming home to you.
For all this and more, we thank you in Jesus' name. Amen.

THE GATHERING

PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION: One Great Hour of Sharing Judy Austin

PRELUDE Come, You Sinners, Poor and Needy arr. Cooman

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: One step on the path,

All: We are returning home.

Leader: Drawing closer to God,

All: We are coming back home.

Leader: Seeing the errors we've made,

All: We are turning toward home.

Leader: Knowing more about ourselves,

All: We are making our way home.

Leader: Trusting in God's embrace,

All: We are coming home.

*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.

*HYMN 463

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis-mayed,
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,

is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;
 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can be said than to you God hath said,
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Leader: If we ask God to restore us to the way we have been, then we have not asked for as much as God intends to give. God is not content simply to return or restore us to former things. Instead, God seeks to give the gift of resurrection—a new and abundant life. With confidence in God’s generosity, we confess our sins and seek the new life offered in Jesus Christ.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

Purifying God, we grow comfortable with the way things are in our lives, in the church, and in the world. We do not always welcome the new life you offer in Christ, for you overturn our notions of power and protocol. Sure of our own righteousness, we are critical of others. Wanting to control our assets, we hoard the gifts you give us. Forgive us, we pray, for seeking our gain at the expense of others. Help us bend our lives toward your own life of self-giving and sacrifice. Fill us, our homes and churches, the whole world, with the abundant love of Christ until all are made new. In Christ’s name, we pray. Amen.

A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER

***KYRIE**

Leader: Lord, have mercy.

People: Christ, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: The apostle Paul reminds us that we do not make ourselves righteous. Our righteousness comes through faith in Christ, who has made us his own. Hear the good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. The old life has passed away—and a new life has begun.

GLORIA IN ABEYANCE DURING LENT

SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

Rachel Hébert

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison)

God, source of all light, by your Word you give light to the soul. Pour out on us the spirit of wisdom and understanding that our hearts and minds may be opened. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: *Isaiah 43:16-21*

¹⁶ Thus says the Lord,
 who makes a way in the sea,
 a path in the mighty waters,
¹⁷ who brings out chariot and horse,
 army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
 they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
¹⁸ Do not remember the former things,
 or consider the things of old.
¹⁹ I am about to do a new thing;
 now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
 and rivers in the desert.
²⁰ The wild animals will honor me,
 the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,
 rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
²¹ the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

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

PSALM 126 (Unison)

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.
Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy;
then it was said among the nations,
“The Lord has done great things for them.”
The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.
Restore our fortunes, O Lord,
like the watercourses in the Negeb.
May those who sow in tears
reap with shouts of joy.
Those who go out weeping,
bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy,
carrying their sheaves.

SECOND LESSON: *Philippians 3:4b-14*

^{4b} If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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Thanks be to God!

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

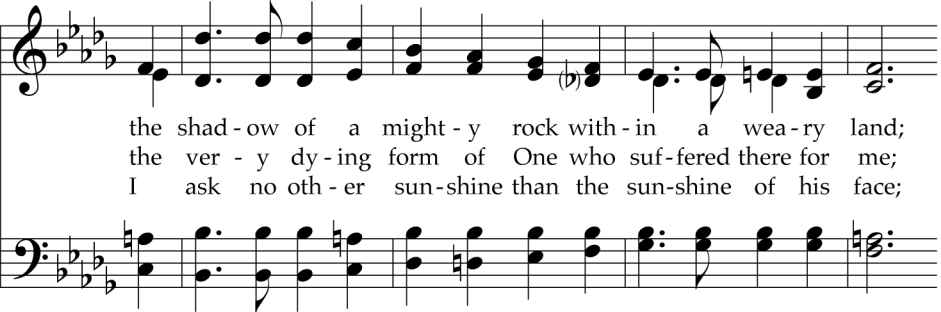
*HYMN 216

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

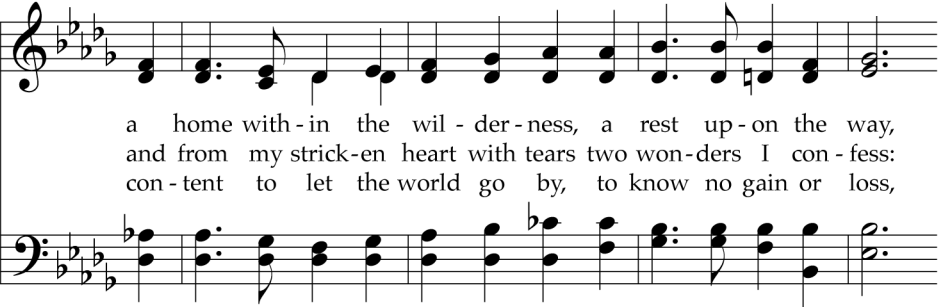
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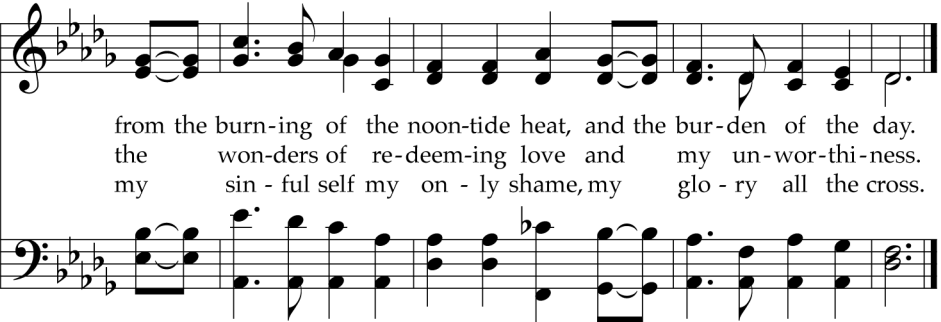
1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I fain would take my stand,
2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus mine eye at times can see
3 I take, O cross, thy shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;



the shad - ow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land;
the ver - y dy - ing form of One who suf - fered there for me;
I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;



a home with - in the wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,
and from my strick - en heart with tears two won - ders I con - fess:
con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain or loss,



from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat, and the bur - den of the day.
the won - ders of re - deem - ing love and my un - wor - thi - ness.
my sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all the cross.

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.

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

God has brought out of the horrors of warfare the judgment and deliverance of nations. Yet the Lord has condemned the atrocities of war and warned his people not to trust in military might. The Prince of Peace does not bring in his rule by force. The Lord is moving toward the time when nations will not learn war any more. We affirm God is at work here and now when people are ashamed of the inhumanity of war, perceive the threat of annihilation that hangs over the human race, and seek other ways of settling international disputes. We believe God sends us to minister to people on all sides of wars: the victims, the participants, and those who in conscience refuse to participate. It is our duty to attack the causes and roots of war, to unmask the idolatry that places national security above all else, to urge all nations to devote to making peace the resources, intelligence, and energy that have gone to making war.

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

My Song in the Night

arr. Mack Wilberg

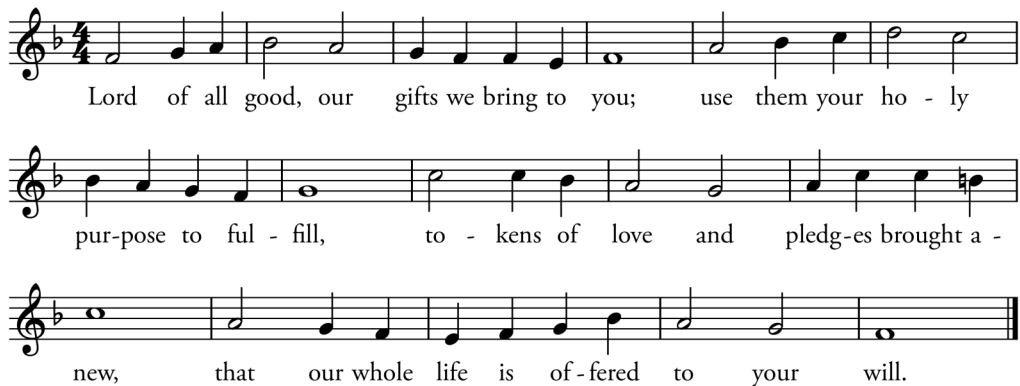
O Jesus, my Savior, my song in the night,
Come to us with thy tender love, my soul's delight
Unto thee, O Lord, in affliction I call,
My comfort by day, my song in the night.

O why should I wander, an alien from thee,
Or cry in the desert, thy face to see?
My comfort and joy, my soul's delight,
O Jesus, my Savior, my song in the night.

*DOXOLOGY

Lord of All Good

TOULON



*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:

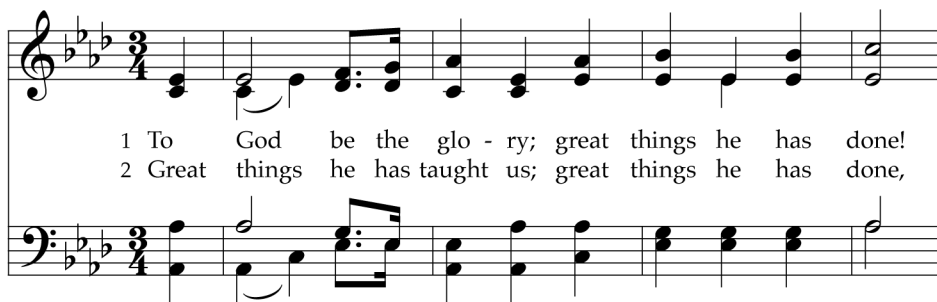
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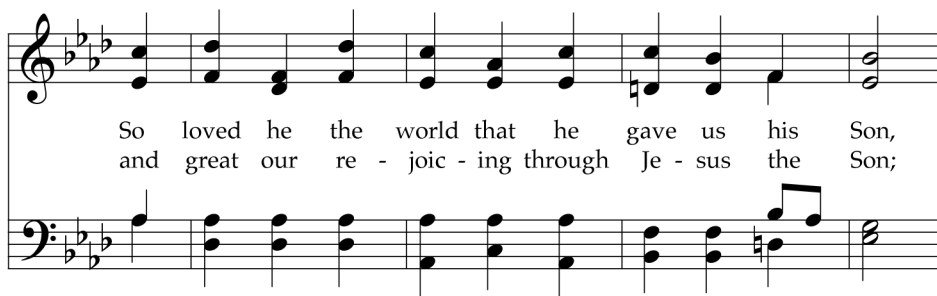
*HYMN 634

To God Be the Glory

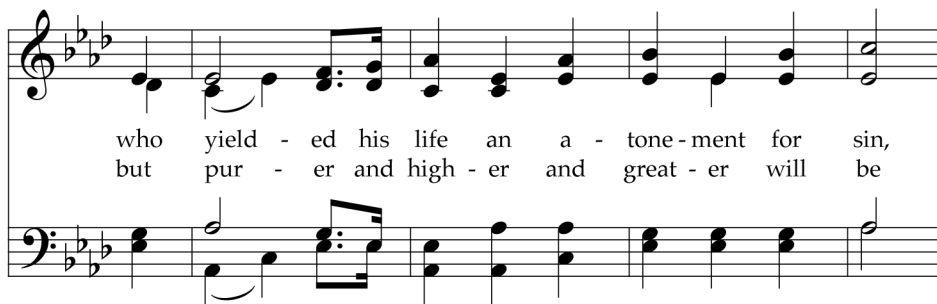
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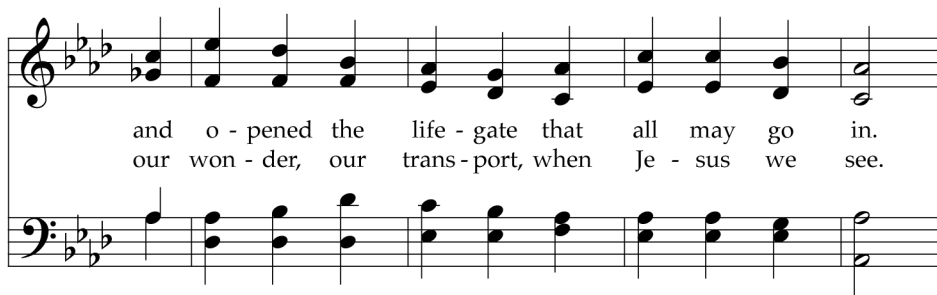
1 To God be the glo - ry; great things he has done!
2 Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,



So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
and great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son;



who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin,
but pur - er and high - er and great - er will be



and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

(Hymn continues on the next page.)

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,

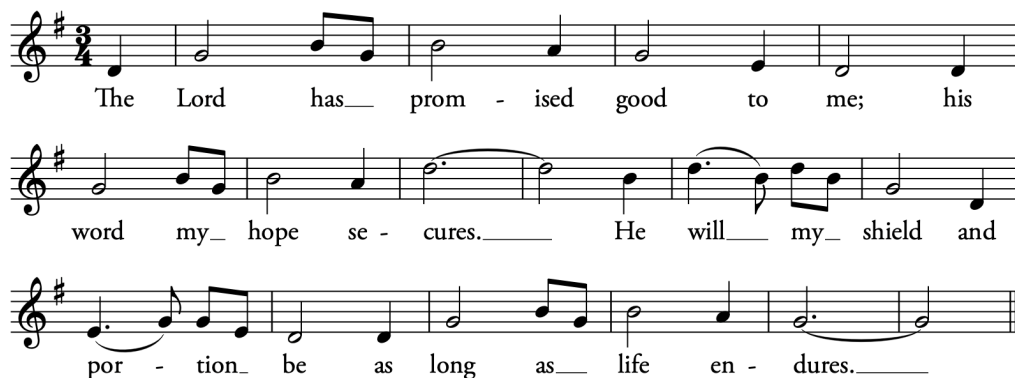
and give him the glory: great things he has done!

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Amazing Grace

AMAZING GRACE



The Lord has___ prom - ised good to me; his
word my_ hope se - cures.____ He will___ my_ shield and
por - tion_ be as long as___ life en - dures.____

POSTLUDE

Voluntary in A Minor

James

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 sisters, Sarah J. Pettifer and Nancy K. Rivolta
by Mary Voorhees.

⌘ THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY ⌘

PASTORS

John E. Morgan, Pastor/Head of Staff

Rachel Hébert, Associate Pastor for Community Care

MUSIC MINISTRY

Christopher Bechtler, Director of Music

Norman Elton, Organist and Assistant Director of Music

Chancel Choir

LITURGIST

Penny Pulley

SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

Rachel Hébert

GREETERS

9:30am Stephanie McGuire

11:00am Dick Hubbard

USHERS

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

11:00am Gene D'Orsogna, Ellen D'Orsogna, Kathryn Hall, Rebecca Caprio

***WILLIAMSBURG LANDING USHERS**

Duncan McIver and Dick Sahlen

***WINDSOR MEADE USHER**

Paul Hotinger

AUDIO AND VIDEO TECHNICIANS: Dave McLain and John Schoenberger

*Satellite campuses

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 3 – Saturday, April 9

John E. Morgan (jmorgan@mywpc.org; 757-903-7800)

Please continue to pray for:

- Nell Stowe, Buddy Puller, and Richard Friese, brother of Nancy Moul.
- 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 affected by the war in Ukraine.
- Those serving our country in the military services and their families.

UPCOMING MEMORIAL SERVICES

The following memorial services will be held in the WPC sanctuary followed by a reception in Stevenson Hall:

- Steven Maurer, husband of Ellen Maurer, Saturday, April 9, 2022, 11:00am.
- Clifford Wallington, husband of Janet Wallington, Friday, April 22, 2022, 11:00am.

A memorial service for Ivie Lee Johnson will be held at Jamestown Presbyterian Church on Friday, April 8, 2022, 1:00pm.

🌀 ANNOUNCEMENTS 🌀

- Pastor Pam Hrnair is spending time with family.
- **Glorious Easter Morn at WPC** – Again this year, the Worship Ministry invites you to donate an Easter Lily in Honor/Memory of someone while helping to beautify our church on Easter Sunday. **Envelopes to order a Lily for a donation of \$15.00 are in the Friendship Registers and in the Welcome Center.** For your convenience, you may also place your order and pay on-line at mywpc.org/lilies. You may pick up your lily after the 11:00 Easter service or on Monday, April 18 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (The church office will be closed on April 18, but Ruth Cobb will be on hand to assist you.)
- **The long-awaited resumption of our Coffee Fellowship has begun!** In order to continue this special time of fellowship every Sunday, we need willing hands. Please use the newly created link on the church website to sign up for slots. One experienced Deacon will always be on hand to advise/assist. If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Smith.
You can find the link easily by visiting mywpc.org/coffee, or by visiting mywpc.org and entering COFFEE in the SEARCH field at the top-right of every page.
- **Joyful Mess has returned Lent. Join us on Monday nights at 7pm as we look at Finding Church Beyond the Walls.** No matter your art skills we invite you to join us on this journey filled with stories, art practices, and fellowship. Contact Phoebe Williams for more information.
- **The Squares: A Godless Story. Really!** Are there any stories that are godless? For April The Squares will look at a Bible story in which God is not mentioned, and which has great meaning for today, yet God is there somewhere. You are welcomed to join **The Squares on April 7, 7:30pm** in room **LL011** as we consider the whole book of Esther and life today. If you are not comfortable meeting in person then you are able to join this group via Zoom at:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/846429174?pwd=SnRCdmd0a0kyN1pnSFRyOHhTSIBWQT09>
Meeting ID: 846 429 174 Password: 215215
- **2nd Annual Earth Day Churchwide Scavenger Hunt! “The Family That Searches Together.”** Spring has sprung, and we are ready to get outside! WPC Families is hosting the 2nd annual churchwide scavenger hunt on **Saturday, April 23, from 10am to noon.** After the craziness of spring break and Easter, mark your calendars now for a fun-filled and relaxing morning! Clues are being put together to show off the beauty of our town, and to help us notice and care for our earth. EVERYONE is invited to participate (because as always, if you’re reading this, you ARE a WPC Family!), and families are encouraged to take part together! If you participated last year, know that we will have DIFFERENT clues (and prizes) this year! Pick up your clues in the church courtyard, and plan to park or walk from there. After you finish, come back to the church, and pick up a prize!
- **The next meeting of the book club will be Monday, April 25, 2022, at 2:00 pm in the WPC Library and on Zoom.** We will discuss *The Spy and the Traitor* by Ben Macintyre. For more information, or to receive the Zoom link, please contact Ellen Peters.
- **Help Needed!** As we move into this spring we are in need of people willing to bring a meal to our youth or college students. Youth dinners are Sunday at 5:30pm and UKirk College dinners

are Wednesday at 6pm. Both groups would need food for 10-12 people including a vegetarian option. Rachel and "A" are both glad to help you if you need dinner ideas. Just sign up at mywpc.me/Help to let us know of your interest!

- **Kitchen Committee Update Plans:** The Facilities Committee has been working in tandem with us to upgrade our WPC Kitchen. Phase I is already underway and a new stove and a freezer will be arriving soon. We are now ready to launch into Phase II and we need your help. There are many different groups that use our kitchen and before we proceed we are asking for your input on the upgrade and design. Your ideas will be critical to our renovation efforts to make sure the kitchen works better for all of us. If you would like to join us in this endeavor please contact Karen Annoni and we will arrange a meeting to share ideas in the near future.
- **One Great Hour of Sharing:** The Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Program was actually started in response to refugees coming out of Europe. Now, as hundreds of thousands of displaced persons flee the Ukraine, the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance teams are already providing assistance. PDA has a network of partners assessing the needs and providing humanitarian support. The majority of refugees are women and young children needing food, shelter, blankets, clothing, baby food and diapers. The needs are great. God's people are called to help everywhere that suffering and tragedy strike. Gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing support Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and the Presbyterian Hunger Program.

Please give now to One Great Hour of Sharing. You can write a check to WPC with "One Great Hour of Sharing" on the memo line; or you can go to the mywpc.org website and click on the giving line for "One Great Hour of Sharing."

- **The Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Fund** is now accepting donations to help Ukraine refugees. If you would like to make a donation, go to:
<https://pma.pcusa.org/donate/make-a-gift/gift-info/DR000156/?appeal=PDA&package=UK22-PCUSACar>
- **Open Door Concert Series** team is seeking a team member with experience and an interest in traditional and social media marketing. Email concerts@mywpc.org or contact Tom Bozek.
- **CrockPot Ministry:** Join us to help provide meals to families with children living in local Motels. It's easy to help. Members of local churches provide recipes and ingredients to feed the families, delivered every other week, on Thursday before noon. The local service agency FISH provides the crockpots. When you sign up as a new participant you will receive recipe suggestions to get you started. Learn more by visiting www.mywpc.org/crockpot. Ready to sign up to deliver a meal? [Click here](#) to find and sign up for opportunities.
- **Your WPC Endowment Fund has \$22,000 available for grants from the Charitable Account.** Charitable Account grants are to help support Community Organizations that are not included in our church budget. Some examples of previous Endowment Fund grants include Natasha House, Edmarc, Inc., Peninsula Agency on Aging, The Arc – Greater Williamsburg, Williamsburg Faith in Action, and many others. Any WPC member may submit a Grant

Application. Contact Jim Austin or any other member of your Endowment Committee – George Gilfillan, Beth Parziale, Al Thomas, and Martha Squire to receive a Grant Application form.

- **Save the Date! The VBS Food Truck Party will be here before you know it!** The theme for this year's Vacation Bible School (VBS) has been chosen! We will be doing Cokesbury's Food Truck Party: On a Roll with God! And we are ready to get started! Our fun and wonderful week will take place during the week of June 20-24, 2022. Registration information (for leader guide volunteers and kids) will be coming soon, but for right now, we are in need of Station Leaders (or Co-Leaders- grab a friend and volunteer!) for ALL of our VBS Stations (Science, Snack, Arts/Crafts, Storytelling, Recreation, and Opening/Closing/Music). Update: we are still in need of station leaders for OPENING/MUSIC/CLOSING, SCIENCE, AND STORYTELLING. If you are looking for a way to get to know the children and the youth of WPC, this is it! And they would love to get to know you, too! If you would like to volunteer as a Station Leader for VBS 2022, please contact Jodie Davis.
- **The Presbyterian Women need YOU!** Presbyterian Women (if you are reading this, and you are a woman, and a Presbyterian, this means you!): are you looking for a way to meet the other amazing women in this church, without having to dive right into a big commitment? Are you looking for a way to find out more about PW, including all that this group does for the church (and how this wonderful group of women support each other!), or maybe how to join one of the eight fabulous and welcoming Circles that are available during the month, please consider joining the PW Coordinating Team! The Presbyterian Women's Coordinating Team has several positions that will be open for next year (2022-2023 season). No experience needed! Each position comes with a flexible job description to guide you. If you're interested, have any questions, would like more information, or would like to pass on the name of someone who would be a great fit, please contact Jodie Davis (garyandjodie@cox.net).
- **Opportunity to share your COVID pandemic stories:** As we approach the two year anniversary of when the COVID pandemic really began to effect our daily lives, we would like to collect the stories of our members for a record of this world changing time in our lives. If you have any sort of story from the past two years that you would be willing to share please go to mywpc.me/pandemic where you can offer stories in both word and picture.

~ OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS ~

5TH SUNDAY IN LENT, APRIL 3

9:00am-Noon	Nursery / Nursery Rm located on the main level
9:30am	Children and Youth Church School Classes / CE Wing
	Fellowship Bible Study Class / LL009; Alpha Bible Class / Hybrid in LL011
	Family Matters Class / LL012, Thoughtful Christian Bible Class / ZOOM
9:30am	In-person Worship / Sanctuary
9:30am	Live-Stream Worship; visit mywpc.org to access
10:30am	Fellowship Coffee Hour / Stevenson Hall
11:00am	In-person Worship / Sanctuary
11:00am	Worship / Broadcast on FM93.5 The Burg and AM740. or wmbgradio.com
5:30pm	Youth Group / Education Wing

MONDAY, APRIL 4

9:30am	DISCIPLE Bible Study / LL011
1:00pm	Caregiver Support Group / Rm 123
7:00pm	Lenten Joyful Mess / Rm 220

TUESDAY, APRIL 5

10:00am	DISCIPLE Bible Study / ZOOM
12:00pm	Staff Mtg / ZOOM
7:00pm	Officer Training for New Elders / Rm 220
7:00pm	AA Wmsbg. Tuesday Night Big Book Study / LL049
7:00pm	Lenten Book Study / ZOOM

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

6:00pm	Genesis Ringers / Bell Room
6:00pm	UKirk Campus Ministry / UKirk Rm
7:00pm	Lenten Worship Service: <i>Serving at God's Table</i> / Sanctuary and Live-streamed
7:30pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room

THURSDAY, APRIL 7

4:30pm	Carol Choir and Junior Choir / Children's Choir Room
7:30pm	The Squares / LL011 and ZOOM
7:30pm	Westminster Ringers / LL049

FRIDAY, APRIL 8

SATURDAY, APRIL 9

11:00am	Memorial Service and Reception for Steven Maurer / Sanctuary and Stevenson Hall
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~ **NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP: APRIL 10, 2022 - PALM SUNDAY** ~

Communion Sunday

Celebration of the Lord's Supper will be served at all worship services.

The sermon, "*He Went on Ahead*," is based on Luke 19:28-40,

*9:30am service is live-streamed on mywpc.org and YouTube.

**11:00am service is broadcast on FM93.5 The Burg and AM740.

∞ LENTEN MID-WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES ∞

Rooted in Grace

7 to 7:30pm

Services are live-streamed on mywpc.org.

April 6: *Serving at God's Table*

∞ HOLY WEEK WORSHIP ∞

PALM SUNDAY

April 10, *9:30 & **11am

MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 14, *7pm

GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE

April 15, *7pm

EASTER SUNDAY

April 17

8:00am, *9:30 & **11am

*9:30am service is live-streamed on mywpc.org.

**11:00am service is broadcast on FM93.5 The Burg and AM740.