

WILLIAMSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
4TH SUNDAY IN LENT
YOUTH SUNDAY
MARCH 27, 2022

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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

You, O God, grace humans with wisdom and teach humanity perception. Bestow upon us Your knowledge, insight, and understanding this day.

THE GATHERING PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION: Open Door Concert Series Norman Elton

Prelude Be Thou Our Guide While Troubles Last Lehenbauer

A Prayer for Peace in Ukraine

INVOCATION God Welcomes All Themba Amen

God welcomes all, strangers and friends; God's love is strong and it never ends.

^{*}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: Into a dark world a droplet comes, a blessing of hope and peace,

carrying within it a green heart, a symbol of God's renewing love

All: Come inhabit our darkness, God, for dark and light are alike to you.

Leader: May the hope found in nature's spring remind us of your love

All: And lighten our journey through Lent and beyond.



*Call to Confession

Leader: God, the seamstress of human souls, has bound all of us together in a single garment of destiny so that what affects one affects us all. Yet we often do not see the world this way. With this in mind let us confess our sins together.

*Prayer of Confession (Unison)

O Spirit, we realize and regret our faults. You made all people in your image, but we allow bigotry to create inequity. We allow thoughts of supremacy to create competition within our communities and throughout creation. Grant us kindness and humility as we labor together and reconcile tolerance. Forgive us for who we have been when we fall short, and let us strive for harmony and unity through the strength of Christ. Amen.

A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER

*Kyrie

Leader: Lord, have mercy.
People: Christ, have mercy.
All: Lord, have mercy

*Assurance of Pardon

Leader: For you, O God, have forgiven our sins, just as promised. And you have claimed

us as your promised people, made of many races, languages, customs, and cultures. People from all walks of life, accepted and loved just as we are.

GLORIA IN ABEYANCE DURING LENT

SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

Katie Bechtler

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison)

Holy God, if we are honest, faith often feels like water in our hands. No matter how hard we try to hold onto it, some of it always slips through— Like droplets of truth running down our wrists, back towards our heart. This human inability to hold on leaves us thirsty for more. So, as we prepare to read scripture, we pray that once again that you would meet us here. Meet us in our hope and our heartache. Meet us in our fear and our joy. And even if the water keeps running to the floor and we do not have a tangible sense that you are near; we trust that you are always and forever meeting us here, waters of baptism running through us. Amen.

First Lesson: *Leviticus* 19:9-16, 33-36

When you harvest your land's produce, you must not harvest all the way to the edge of your field; and don't gather up every remaining bit of your harvest. Also do not pick your vineyard clean or gather up all the grapes that have fallen there. Leave these items for the poor and the immigrant; I am the LORD your God. You must not steal nor deceive nor lie to each other. You must not swear falsely by my name, desecrating your God's name in doing so; I am the LORD. You must not oppress your neighbors or rob them. Do not withhold a hired laborer's pay overnight. You must not insult a deaf person or put some obstacle in front of a blind person that would cause them to trip. Instead, fear your God; I am the LORD. You must not act unjustly in a legal case. Do not show favoritism to the poor or deference to the great; you must judge your fellow Israelites fairly. Do not go around slandering your people. Do not stand by while your neighbor's blood is shed; I am the LORD. When immigrants live in your land with you, you must not cheat them. Any immigrant who lives with you must be treated as if they were one of your citizens. You must love them as yourself, because you were immigrants in the land of Egypt; I am the LORD your God. You must not act unjustly in a legal case involving measures of length, weight, or volume. You must have accurate scales and accurate weights. I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt.

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

RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE: Revelation 7:9-17 (Responsive)

Leader: After this I looked, there was a great crowd that no one could number. They were from every nation, tribe, people and language. They were standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They wore white robes and held palm branches in their hands. They cried out with a loud voice:

All: "Victory belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."

Leader: All the angels stood in a circle around the throne, and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell facedown before the throne and worshipped God, saying,

All: "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and always. Amen."

Leader: Then one of the elders said to me,

All: "Who are these people wearing white robes, and where did they come from?"

Leader: I said to him, "Sir, you know."

All: Then he said to me, "These people have come out of great hardship. They have washed their robes and made them white in the Lamb's blood. This is the reason they are before God's throne. They worship him day and night in his temple, and the one seated on the throne will shelter them. They won't hunger or thirst anymore. No sun or scorching heat will beat down on them, because the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them. He will lead them to the springs of life-giving water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Message I

Before God's Throne

Sydney Walker

Second Lesson: Luke 19:1-8

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through town. A man there named Zacchaeus, a ruler among tax collectors, was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but, being a short man, he couldn't because of the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed up a sycamore tree so he could see Jesus, who was about to pass that way. When Jesus came to that spot, he looked up and said, "Zacchaeus, come down at once. I must stay in your home today." So Zacchaeus came down at once, happy to welcome Jesus. Everyone who saw this grumbled, saying, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner." Zacchaeus stopped and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord, I give half of my possessions to the poor. And if I have cheated anyone, I repay them four times as much."

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

RESPONDING TO THE WORD



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 India Industrial Mission (Unison)

- I believe in one world, full of riches meant for everyone to enjoy;
- I believe in one race, the family of mankind, learning how to live together by the hard way of self-sacrifice.
- I believe in one life, exciting and positive; which enjoys all the beauty, integrity and science; uses the discipline of work to enrich society; harmonizes with the life of Jesus, and develops into a total joy.
- I believe in one morality, love, the holiness of sharing the sorrow and joys of others; of bringing together people as true friends; of working to get rid of the root causes of poverty and injustice, ignorance and fear; love, the test of all my thoughts and motives; love, guiding me; controlling me; assuring me of God's forgiveness; and giving me confidence under the Spirit's control.
- I believe in Jesus, and the Bible's evidence about him; whose life, death and resurrection prove God's lasting love for the world; who combines in himself, life, love, truth, humanity, reality and God; who saves, guides, and unites all people who follow his way.
- I believe in the purpose of God, to unite in Christ everything, spiritual and secular, to bring about constructive revolution in society, individuals and nations, and to establish a world under God's own direction.

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.

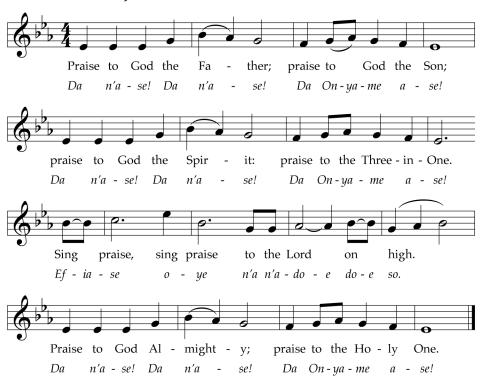
We invite you to make your offering or pledge payment in one of the following ways:

- 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

Blessed Assurance Layton Miller, Cello & Parkman Miller, Piano



*Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, accept these gifts, and with them our lives, to be used in your service. 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.



PASSING OF THE PEACE (Responsive)

Peace be with you.

And also with you.

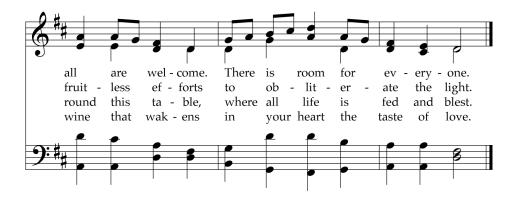
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bur - dened by the wrong they've done. Christ in - sists they Christ was ev - er in his sight; Paul re - lates his north and south and east and west to con-verge a - truth and man - na from a - bove!—and then pass - es



*Charge and Benediction

Postlude Layton Miller, cello

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 five grand children and the celebration of the baptism of Owen Ongstad at Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church by Gini and Sandy Campbell.

>> MIDDLE AND HIGH YOUTH SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY ◆

WPC Youth involved in worship creation and leadership are:

Charlotte Basic

Katie Bechtler

Kayleigh Black

Audrey Davis

John Due

Sam Due

Blake Howell

Cole Howell

Skylar Howell

Abby Hrncir

Lilli Hrncir

Heather Lowekamp

Rowan Lowekamp

Cate McLain

Layton Miller

Parkman Miller

Kailani Salud

Maria Salud

Abigail Trowbridge

Quentin Trowbridge

Grey Waddell

Sydney Walker

Lizzie Wolfe

≈ Those Serving in Worship Today ≪

DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Adrian Williams

Music Ministry

Christopher Bechtler, Director of Music

Norman Elton, Organist and Assistant Director of Music

SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

Katie Bechtler

GREETERS

9:30am Dick Hubbard 11:00am Eric Beckhusen

Ushers

9:30am Youth Usher: Charlotte Basic

Nick Nicastro, Anne Nicastro, Pat Underwood, Andy Andre

11:00am Rick Murray, Pat Murray, Kelly Kirkpatrick

*Williamsburg Landing Ushers

Jerry Howell

*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 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 27 - Saturday, April 3, 2022

Rachel Hébert, (rhebert@mywpc.org; 757-903-5488)

Touch Notes:

The family of Morris Morgan, III would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for your condolences and sympathy at this difficult time. The shared memories from all of you along with the many phone calls, flowers, gifts of food and service, and words of condolence meant a great deal to all of us. ~Carolyn, Kristin and Eric Morgan

Please continue to pray for:

- Ken Crumbly, who is recovering from stent surgery, Nell Stowe, Buddy Puller, Mary Jo Siclari, 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.

<u>Proming Memorial Services</u> ←

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

- Brad Crane, husband of Anabel Crane, Wednesday, March 30, 2022, 11:00am.
- Richard Eichhorn, husband of Linda Eichhorn, Saturday, April 2, 2022, 11:00am
- Steven Maurer, husband of Ellen Maurer, Saturday, April 9,2022, 11:00am.
- Clifford Wallington, husband of Janet Wallington, arrangements pending.

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

➢ ANNOUCEMENTS ←

- The Open Door Concert Series presents the renowned Harlem Quartet, Sunday, March 27, 4:00pm. There are no tickets. Doors of the WPC sanctuary will open at 3:30pm and seating will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Masks are not required, in accordance with current CDC COVID guidelines. Join us for a brief reception following the concert and mingle with other concertgoers and the musicians. We will host the reception outdoors, weather permitting. All concerts are free of charge. Donations accepted. The concert will not be live-streamed. We look forward to seeing you in the sanctuary!
- The next meeting of the book club will be Monday, March 28, 2022, at 2:00pm in the WPC Library and on Zoom. We will discuss *The Book of Longings*, by Sue Monk Kidd. For more information, or to receive the Zoom link, please contact Ellen Peters.
- 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

• The 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!

- 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 at austinjc0615@gmail.com (610-212-2617) or any other member of your Endowment Committee George Gilfillan, Beth Parziale, Al Thomas, and Martha Squire to receive a Grant Application form.
- The Upper Elementary Class (Grades 3, 4, and 5) is currently collecting food to support The Grove Christian Outreach Center. We began this service project in 2016 and collected 81 pounds which in turn served over 100 meals. Our most recent collection weighed in at 509 pounds! With your help, our goal is to collect even more this year. We will be collecting food in our classroom every Sunday through the end of March. Suggestions for donations include nonperishable foods such as canned fruit and vegetables, canned meat and fish, nuts, soups, pasta, breakfast foods and peanut butter.
- 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 ≪

4TH SUNDAY IN LENT, MARCH 27

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

4:00pm Open Door Concert Series: Harlem Quartet / Sanctuary

6:00pm Clergy Cohort / Stevenson Hall

MONDAY. MARCH 28

9:30am DISCIPLE Bible Study / LL011 2:00pm WPC Book Club / Church Library 7:00pm Lenten Joyful Mess / Rm 220

TUESDAY, MARCH 29

10:00am DISCIPLE Bible Study / ZOOM

1:00pm 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, MARCH 30

11:00am Memorial Service and Reception for Brad Crane / Sanctuary and Stevenson Hall

6:00pm Genesis Ringers / Bell Room 6:00pm UKirk Campus Ministry / UKirk Rm

7:00pm Lenten Worship Service: Filling God's Table / Sanctuary and Live-streamed

7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room

THURSDAY, MARCH 31

4:30pm Carol Choir and Junior Choir / Children's Choir Room

7:30pm Westminster Ringers / LL049

FRIDAY, APRIL 1 SATURDAY, APRIL 2

11:00am Memorial Service and Reception for Richard Eichhorn / Sanctuary and Stevenson Hall

> NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP: APRIL 3, 2022 - 5TH SUNDAY IN LENT ◆

The sermon, "Straining Forward," is based on Philippians 3:4b-14,

*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.

March 30: Filling God's Table

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.