WILLIAMSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PALM SUNDAY — COMMUNION SUNDAY APRIL 10, 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

Gracious God, as we enter this Holy Week, strengthen us to move beyond the festive parade of palms and to follow Jesus into the way of the cross, that united with him and all the faithful, we may one day enter through the gates of righteousness into the eternal city, the New Jerusalem, where we may praise you with Christ and the Holy Spirit forever. Amen.

THE GATHERING PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION: One Great Hour of Sharing

Tom Moul

Prelude Intrada Festiva Kauffmarin

Westminster Ringers

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good!

All: God's steadfast love endures forever!

Leader: Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

All: Hosanna in the highest heaven!

Leader: The Lord is our God, and has given us light;

All: Great is our God, and we give thanks to the Lord.

Leader: Hosanna to the Son of David!

All: Hosanna! Save Us, O God. Hosanna! God's steadfast love endures forever!

^{*}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 Confession

Leader: Let us confess our sin to our God, trusting that God's steadfast love endures forever.

*Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of heaven and earth, we give you thanks for sending us Jesus Christ in your name. Even though we profess to follow him, we confess that in times of trial we too often deny him. Forgive us and heal us, we pray. Help us to put our faith not in the princes of this world, but only in the Prince of Peace. In Jesus' 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: It is the Lord who helps us; who will declare us guilty? Because of the grace we received in baptism, we have nothing to fear. We are forgiven and freed.

GLORIA IN ABEYANCE DURING LENT

SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

Adrian Williams

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison)

Gracious God, shine the light of your Spirit upon us as we hear these words of Scripture read and proclaimed. Reveal your saving presence in these words, and lead us further down the path of faith. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens— wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. ⁷The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ⁹It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

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

PSALM 118:1-2, 19-29 (Responsive)

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

All: Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

Leader: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give

thanks to the Lord.

All: This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

Leader: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

All: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

Leader: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

All: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

All: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from

the house of the Lord.

Leader: The Lord is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with

branches, up to the horns of the altar.

All: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you.

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

Second Lesson: Luke 19:28-40

²⁸After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" ³²So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴They said, "The Lord needs it." ³⁵Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" ³⁹Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." ⁴⁰He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

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

SERMON

"He Went on Ahead"

Rev. John E. Morgan

RESPONDING TO THE WORD



*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 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

At the Name of Jesus

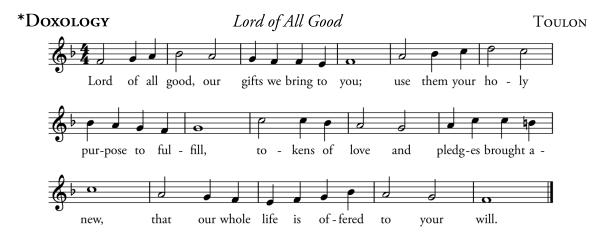
Richard Waters

At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, every tongue confess him King of glory now; 'tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord, who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

Humbled for a season to receive a name from the lips of sinners unto whom he came, faithfully he bore it spotless to the last, brought it back victorious, when from death he passed.

Name him, brothers, name him with love as strong as death, but with awe and wonder and with bated breath; he is God the Savior, He is Christ the Lord, ever to be worshipped, trusted, and adored.

In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue all that is not holy, all that is not true; crown him as your captain in temptation's hour; let his will enfold you in its light and pow'r.



*Prayer of Dedication

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Williamsburg Presbyterian Church welcomes all who believe in Jesus Christ to share the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper with us today. This morning you should have picked up prefilled communion elements from the table as you entered the sanctuary. If you did not, please let an usher know so they can bring you one. Once the Words of Institution are spoken you will be invited to open the bread and eat it, followed by the cup.

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

Pastor: Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God! They will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at table in the kingdom of God. All are welcome here without regard to denomination or membership. This is the Lord's Table and all are welcome to join in Holy Communion.

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: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O God our

creator and redeemer. In your wisdom, you made all things and sustain them by

your power.

People: 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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (Unison)

Thank you, merciful God, for the bounty of your creation — for the gifts of the field and vine that nourish our bodies, souls and hearts. Sustained by this meal and the assurance of your grace through our Lord, Jesus Christ, may our lives reflect your presence and may you be our priority. Amen.

GOING OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

*Invitation and Lord's Day Greeting

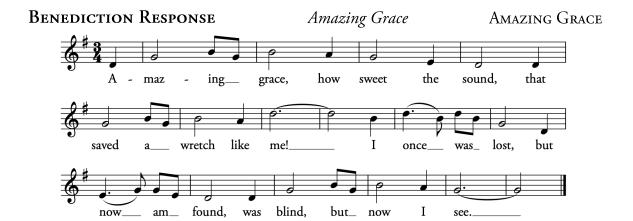
We are glad you are worshipping with us today. If you are joining us online, please remember to 'sign' our online friendship register:

- 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.





*Charge and Benediction



Postlude

O Scared Head, Now Wounded

S. Andrew Lloyd

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 Jane Stewart by Harley Stewart and Family.

> Those Serving in Worship Today <>

PASTORS

John E. Morgan, Pastor/Head of Staff

Rachel Hébert, Associate Pastor for Community Care

Pam Hrncir, Covenant Pastor for Congregational Care

Music Ministry

Christopher Bechtler, Director of Music

Norman Elton, Organist and Assistant Director of Music

Chancel Choir

LITURGIST

Laura Hild

SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

Adrian Williams, Director of Christian Education

GREETERS

9:30am Nancy Kistler 11:00am Dick Hubbard

Ushers

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

11:00am Ford Moseley, Nancy Moseley, Ruth Cobb, Kirk Lovenbury

*WILLIAMSBURG LANDING USHERS

Terry Backus

*Windsor Meade Usher

Paul Hotinger

Audio and Video Technicians: Matt Slack 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, April 10 – Saturday, April 16

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

Please continue to pray for:

- Ken Crumbly, 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:

• Clifford Wallington, husband of Janet Wallington, Friday, April 22, 2022, 11:00am.

➢ ANNOUCEMENTS ←

- The Men's Bible and Bacon Breakfast will meet on Wednesday, April 13 at 7:30am in Stevenson Hall for their traditional home cooked bacon and eggs breakfast. On Wednesday the men will continue their study of the Letter to the Hebrews. This is a wonderful opportunity for newer men to our congregation to meet longer time men. Join the men for fellowship and lively bible discussion. The meeting is over at 8:30am for men who have other commitments that morning. Rob Brown will send an email to all men on Monday with the latest information about the Wednesday meeting. New members, please visit our web page at https://www.mywpc.org/bibleandbacon/ to learn more about our group.
- Painting in the Garden: Join us on Tuesday April 12 at 5:30pm as we use art to explore
 the idea of "On Holy Ground." We will be meeting in the Herb Garden and this event will
 have opportunities for all ages and skill levels to create and help make this space Holy Ground.
- Holy Saturday Stations & Smores: Come join us in the courtyard on Saturday April 16
 from 5:30-7pm as we reflect on how Christ's journey to the cross echoes in our lives
 today. Our stations of the Cross will include creative, family friendly, activities to help us
 connect through reflection, creation, and service. In addition, we invite all to join us as we sit at
 the firepit and fellowship together over smores as we await Easter morning.
- Holy Week Labyrinth: Just a reminder our Labyrinth will be set up all week in Stevenson Hall.
 Stop by and take a reflective walk before or after services on Maundy Thursday or Good Friday or anytime that you are near the church building.
- Can you help track the visitors that sign the Friendship Register each Sunday and the visitors that express an interest in joining our church? The time commitment is about 60-90 minutes once a week for a month. For more information please contact Tommy Michaels.
- 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.

• 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 the new freezer has arrived and a new stove 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
- 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.

would be a great fit, please contact Jodie Davis (garyandjodie@cox.net).

> OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS ≪

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 10

9:00am-Noon Nursery / Nursery Rm located on the main level

9:30am Walk Through Holy Week / CE Wing

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

MONDAY, ARPIL 11

Labyrinth in Stevenson Hall

9:30am DISCIPLE Bible Study / LL011 7:00pm Lenten Joyful Mess / Rm 220

7:00pm Hunger and Homeless Team Mtg / WPC LL010

TUESDAY, APRIL 12

Labyrinth in Stevenson Hall

10:00am DISCIPLE Bible Study / ZOOM

1:00pm Staff Mtg / ZOOM 1:00pm Kirk Krafters / Library

5:30pm On Holy Ground: Community Art in the Garden 6:30pm Presbyterian Women's Circle 5 / Rm 220

7:00pm AA Wmsbg. Tuesday Night Big Book Study / LL049

7:00pm Lenten Book Study / ZOOM

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13

Labyrinth in Stevenson Hall

7:30am Men's Bible and Bacon Study / Stevenson Hall

10:00am Circle 14 / Rm 220

6:00pm Earthcare Committee Mtg / ZOOM
6:00pm Genesis Ringers / Bell Room
6:00pm UKirk Campus Ministry / UKirk Rm
7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 14

Labyrinth in Stevenson Hall

7:00pm Maundy Thursday Worship with Communion / Sanctuary

7:30pm Westminster Ringers / LL049

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 15

Labyrinth in Stevenson Hall

7:00pm Good Friday Tenebrae Worship / Sanctuary

GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER, SATURDAY, APRIL 16

9:00am Easter Decorating / Around the church

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP: APRIL 17, 2022 - EASTER SUNDAY ← The sermon, "They Remembered His Words," is based on Luke 24:1-12. *9:30am service is live-streamed on mywpc.org and YouTube. **11:00am service is broadcast on FM93.5 The Burg and AM740.

№ HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES &

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.