

WILLIAMSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 25, 2022 • CHRISTMAS DAY

PRAYER FOR PREPARATION

Most Gracious God, for our salvation you were born and manifested in a human body. Help us see your likeness in humans of all nations, races, and cultures, that we may rejoice in our diversity and live together as one: in the name of your Child, our Savior Jesus Christ, give us this holy day. Amen. (St. Athanasius, 4th century)

PRELUDE Christmas Carols from Around the World

PASTORAL GREETING

FIRST LESSON: *John 1:1-14*

***FIRST HYMN 143** *Angles, from the Realms of Glory* REGENT SQUARE

FIRST READING *"The Christmas Blessing"*

MEDITATION *"Shine Like Stars"* Pastor Rachel Hébert

SECOND LESSON: *Psalms 98*

***SECOND HYMN 113** *Angels We Have Heard On High* GLORIA

SECOND READING *"The Christmas Blessing"*

MEDITATION *"Unity in Diversity"* Pastor Rachel Hébert

THIRD LESSON: *Isaiah 52:7-10*

***THIRD HYMN 145** *What Child Is This?* GREENSLEEVES

THIRD READING *"The Christmas Blessing"*

*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.

MEDITATION

“Working Together”

Rachel Hébert

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN 135

There’s A Star in the East (Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow)

FOLLOW

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.



FOURTH LESSON HEBREWS 1:1-4

FOURTH HYMN 128

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

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FOURTH READING

“The Christmas Blessing”

MEDITATION

“A Forever Family”

Rachel Hébert

*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.



FIFTH HYMN 136

“Go Tell It On the Mountain”

GO TELL IT

CHARGE & BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Bell Fugue

Green

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 are given today to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Dr. & Mrs. John M. Pitman, Jr., Reverend. F. W. Pitman, John M. Pitman, Sr.,
Catherine P. Pitman, Mary Sue Pitman Aldridge, Mary L. Pitman, Ella Pitman Jones,
Lawrence C. Pitman, Mary Phillips Pitman and Lawrence C. Pitman, Jr.,
by Dr. John M. Pitman, III and Mrs. Mary Bissell Pitman,
Second Lieutenant John M. Pitman, IV, Annamaria Pitman, and Bert Pitman.

≈ THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY ≈

PASTORS

Rachel Hébert, Associate Pastor for Community Care
Pam Hrnclir, Covenant Pastor for Congregational Care

MUSIC MINISTRY

Christopher Bechtler, Director of Music Ministries
Norman Elton, Organist and Assistant Director of Music
Chancel Choir

GREETER

9:30am: Laura, Katie and Josh Bechtler

USHERS

9:30am Gary Davis, Jodie Davis, Megan Davis, Audrey Davis

***WILLIAMSBURG LANDING USHERS**

Dick Sahlen

***WINDSOR MEADE USHERS**

Paul Hotinger

AUDIO AND VIDEO TECHNICIANS: Duncan McIver and John Schoenberger

*Satellite campuses

↻ STEPHEN MINISTRY OFFERS HELP, HOPE, HEALING ↻

Are you going through a difficult time? A Stephen Minister can help. Stephen Ministers are members of our congregation who listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support to people going through difficult times or crisis. To learn how you can receive a Stephen Minister's confidential care, please contact pastor Pam Hmcir (phrncir@mywpc.org). Learn more about this ministry at mywpc.org/stephen.

↻ 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, December 25 – Saturday, December 31

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

The WPC Family extends its deepest Christian sympathy and prayers to:

- The family of Phyllis Banks, who died on Thursday, December 15, 2022. A graveside service will be held at a later date in Farmersburg, IN.

Please pray for:

- Jim Skidmore, Marguerite Brown, Dortha Doersch, Bond Carter, Don Darnton, Bill Sessoms, Darryl Chambers, Marjorie Tongue, Mary Voorhess, Steve Custer, Bill Rennagel, Richard Friese, Jean Young, Rice Trolan, Bonnie Jefferson and Don Swain
- Those who have recently lost loved ones, those recovering from various surgeries and our sick and shut-ins who are at home or facility bound.
- Those serving our country in the military services and their families.

❧ ANNOUNCEMENTS ❧

- Pastor John E. Morgan is spending time with family.
- **The Church Office will be closed on Monday, December 26 and December 27 for the Christmas holiday. We will reopen on Wednesday, December 28. We will be closed Monday, January 2, 2023 for the New Year's Day holiday. We will reopen on Tuesday, January 3, 2023.**
- **The WPC Flower Calendar for 2023 has a few openings left.** The board is located in the rear entrance lobby to signup for a Sunday.
- **You may pick up your poinsettia AFTER the 9:30 a.m. service TODAY.** Kindly cross your name off the list that will be on the chancel steps and please leave the plastic saucers.
- **The WPC Book Club will meet on Monday, January 23, 2023, at 2 pm in the WPC Library (and on Zoom) to discuss *The Women of Chateau Lafayette*, by Stephanie Dray.** For a list of books chosen for the 2022-2023 season, or to request the Zoom link, please contact *Ellen Peters.

More information about the events and announcements listed above can be found on our website at mywpc.org/news/ or on the church calendar.

***Contact information can be found in our online directory.
You may also contact the church office at 757-229-4235.**

✧ OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS ✧

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25 • CHRISTMAS DAY

Merry Christmas to you and your family!

9:30am In-person Worship / Sanctuary; Live-Stream Worship; visit mywpc.org to access

11:00am Worship Broadcast on FM93.5 The Burg and AM740. or wmbgradio.com

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26

Church Office Closed

9:30am Disciple Class / LL010

1:00pm Caregiver Support Group

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27

Church Office Closed

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28

6:30pm Presbyterian Women's Coordinating Team Mgt / Stevenson Hall

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29

9:00am Sanctuary Closed for Cleaning

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30

NEW YEAR'S EVE: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31

NEW YEAR'S DAY, SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

Happy New Year to you and your family!

9:30am In-person Worship / Sanctuary, Live-Stream Worship

11:00am Worship Broadcast on FM93.5 The Burg and AM740. or wmbgradio.com

✧ COMMUNITY OF FAITH MISSION HOMELESS SHELTER LOCATION ✧

Emergency shelter program operates Sunday-Sunday from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.

Week of December 25-January 1

New Town United Methodist Church

5209 Monticello Avenue, Williamsburg, VA 23188

✧ Next Sunday in Worship ✧

1st Sunday of Christmas • January 1, 2023

The sermon "Resolutions" is based on Colossians 3:1-18.

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

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