

WILLIAMSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1ST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS • COMMUNION SUNDAY

JANUARY 1, 2023

PRAYER FOR PREPARATION

Holy God, we are so grateful. You sent your Son to live among us, walk with us and die for us. Now that Advent is over, may the joy and peace that captured our hearts continue to pervade our lives in the new year. In that same spirit, we bring our gifts to you today. Because you've given much, we, in turn, give back to you. May our gifts be a joy to your heart. Amen.

THE GATHERING

PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

PASTORAL GREETING AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE Chorale Prelude on *Das Alte Jahr Vergangen Ist* Bach
The Old Year Has Passed

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We are the people of God,
All: **Marked by water,**
Leader: Claimed by the Spirit,
All: **Precious and honored in God's sight.**
Leader: We are the body of Christ,
All: **Gathered around the table,**
Leader: Fed by the Bread of Life,
All: **Filled with the cup of joy,**
Leader: Strengthened for the new year.
All: **We are the community of faith,**
Leader: Following God's star,
All: **Bringing our gifts,**
Leader: Seeing the Holy in the ordinary,
All: **And being made new as we travel new roads.**

*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 130Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light*

ERMUNTRE DICH

Break forth, O beauteous heavenly light,
and usher in the morning.
You shepherds, shudder not with fright,
but hear the angel's warning.
This child, now weak in infancy,
our confidence and joy shall be,
the power of Satan breaking,
our peace eternal making.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Leader: Let us confess our sins, for God is gracious and always ready to forgive.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

Creative God, you make all things new and you hold out a new day and a new year for us. Yet how often we squander the opportunities, letting our doubts overwhelm us, letting our sins bind us, letting our fears stop us. You offer us new dreams, and we succumb to old weaknesses; you offer us hope and we choose the comfortable. Creative God, we have touched the joy of Christmas. Let us carry a measure of delight and bounty of love into your new day. Fill us with the joy of living and the spirit of giving as we approach the new year. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER***KYRIE***O Little Town of Bethlehem*

ST. LOUIS

O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to__ us, we pray;

cast out our sin and en - ter in; be born in__ us to - day.

We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad ti - dings tell;

O come to us; a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Friends, hear the good news of your salvation: God freely bestows God's grace on us through Jesus Christ. In Christ we receive redemption and forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of the grace that God lavishes on us. So be reconciled to God and one another.

*GLORIA

Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA



(11:00) SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

Adrian Williams

“At the end of Sharing Faith, we will ask all of the congregation to participate in a litany. Each time the leader will say “O God...” respond with “**Light our paths and lead us closer to you.**”

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison)

Illuminating God, by the power of your Holy Spirit reveal to us through the reading of these words your Word become flesh, living among us full of grace and truth. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: *Revelation 21:1-6*

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

PSALM 8 (Unison)

OLord, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.
Out of the mouths of babes and infants
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,
to silence the enemy and the avenger.

(Psalm continues on the next page.)

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have established;
what are humans that you are mindful of them,
mortals that you care for them?
Yet you have made them a little lower than God
and crowned them with glory and honor.
You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet,
all sheep and oxen,
and also the beasts of the field,
the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.
O Lord, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

SECOND LESSON: *Colossians 3:1-18*

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

SERMON

“Resolutions”

Pastor John E. Morgan

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 104

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

O Lord, how shall I meet you,
how welcome you aright?
Your people long to greet you,
my hope, my heart's delight!
O kindle, Lord most holy,
a lamp within my breast,
to do in spirit lowly
all that may please you best.

Love caused your incarnation;
love brought you down to me;
your thirst for my salvation
procured my liberty.

(Hymn continues on the next page.)

O love beyond all telling,
that led you to embrace
in love, all loves excelling,
our lost and fallen race.

You come, O Lord, with gladness,
in mercy and goodwill,
to bring an end to sadness
and bid our fears be still.

In patient expectation
we live for that great day
when your renewed creation
your glory shall display.

***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

Wexford Carol

arr. Funderburk

Good people all, this Christmastime,
Consider well, and bear in mind
What our good God for us has done
In sending his beloved Son.
With Mary holy we should pray
To God with love this Christmas day;
In Bethlehem upon that morn
There was a blessed Messiah born.

The night before that happy tide
The noble Virgin and her guide
Were long time seeking up and down
To find a lodging in the town.
But mark how all things came to pass:
From every door repelled, alas!
As long foretold, their refuge all
Was but a humble oxen stall.

With thankful heart and joyful mind
The shepherds went the babe to find,
And as God's angel had foretold,
They did our savior Christ behold.
Within a manger he was laid,
And by his side the virgin maid,
Attending on the Lord of life,
Who came on earth to end all strife.

***DOXOLOGY**

The First Nowell

THE FIRST NOWELL

Then let us all with one accord sing praises
to our heavenly Lord, that hath made heaven and earth of
nought, and with his blood mankind hath bought.
Now - ell, Now - ell, Now - ell, Now - ell,
born is the King of Is - ra - el.

***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. We receive the elements by means of intinction, taking a piece of bread and dipping it into the cup. For those who desire an individual serving, regular or gluten free, they will be on a table in front of the baptismal font and on the small tables located in the balcony. If you are seated on the main floor of the sanctuary, you are invited to come forward to the chancel area by way of the center aisle and return to your pews by the side aisle. If you are sitting in the balcony, an usher will guide you to the sacrament. If you are unable to come forward easily, please signal to one of the ushers or elders so the communion elements can be brought to your seat.

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (Unison)

God of grace, your Son Jesus Christ left us this holy meal of bread and wine in which we share his body and blood. May we who have celebrated this sign of his great love show in our lives the fruits of his redemption; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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/).
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*HYMN 664

Morning Has Broken

BUNESAN

Morning has broken
like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken
like the first bird.
Praise for the singing!
Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing
fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall
sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall
on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness
of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness
where God's feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight!
Mine is the morning,
born of the one light
Eden saw play!
Praise with elation;
praise every morning,
God's re-creation
of the new day!

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Away in a Manger

MUELLER



Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask thee to stay close by me for -
ev - er and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear chil-dren in
thy ten-der care, and fit us for heav-en to live with thee there.

POSTLUDE

Chorale Prelude on *In Dir Ist Freude*
In Thee Is Gladness

Bach

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 22nd anniversary, January 1, by Jodi & Gary Davis.

⌘ THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY ⌘

PASTORS

John E. Morgan, Pastor/Head of Staff

Rachel Hébert, Associate Pastor for Community Care

Pam Hrcir, Covenant Pastor for Congregational Care

MUSIC MINISTRY

Christopher Bechtler, Director of Music Ministries

Norman Elton, Organist and Assistant Director of Music

Chancel Choir

LITURGIST

Lynne Savidis

SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

Adrian Williams

GREETER

9:30 Megan Davis

11:00am: Jim Winthrop

USHERS

9:30am Richard Murray, Pat Murray, John VanAken, Jerry and Jay Hardy

11:00am Ric Cheston, Kathryn Hall, Richard Murray, Pat Murray

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOST

Happy and Ralph Simmons

***WILLIAMSBURG LANDING USHERS**

Dick Sahlen, Duncan McIver

***WINDSOR MEADE USHERS**

Paul Hotinger

AUDIO AND VIDEO TECHNICIANS: Mike Squire 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 Hrcir (phrcir@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, January 1 – Saturday, January 7

Pastor John E. Morgan

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

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

- Sarah Dulaney on the death of her grandmother who died on Wednesday, December 21, 2022.

Please pray for:

- Marguerite Brown, Dortha Doersch, Bond Carter, Don Darnton, Bill Sessoms, Lauralyn Copan, 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 🎀

- **The Church Office will be closed Monday, January 2, 2023 for the New Year's Day holiday. We will reopen on Tuesday, January 3, 2023.**
- **Coffee Fellowship, Usher, and Greeter 1st Quarter Sign Ups in Stevenson Hall TODAY!** Have you been looking for an opportunity to get involved in the Sunday morning action at WPC? Please stop by the tables in Stevenson Hall today through January 15th to sign up to Greet, Usher, and Coffee Fellowship Set Up for the months of January, February, and March. No previous experience necessary and all ages are welcome!
- **Faith Overcomes Fear.** The New Year often brings in new times, and that means change. Change is scary. And so it was when the Israelites entered the *Promised Land*. **The Squares** will begin this new year by considering the Israelites response to entering a new land (Numbers 13-14). Without fear, but in faith, join The Squares on **Thursday, January 5, at 7:30 in in Room LL011, or via Zoom at:**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84000897925?pwd=elQ5RDBrSVhKRTJMM1ZpckR4RUhwUT09>
Meeting ID: 840 0089 7925 Passcode: 005054
- **Presbyterian Men's Fellowship Meeting, Jan 7, 2023:** Our meeting on Saturday, January 7 will not have our traditional guest speaker. Instead, we are asking all men of the church interested in seeing a revitalization of this fellowship opportunity to join us in sharing ideas and suggestions for the future of PMF, and, if you are willing and able, to express your interest in becoming part of the leadership team. The meeting begins at 8:00am in Stevenson Hall with fellowship and breakfast. **Please make your reservations by Wednesday, January 4, at the church Welcome Center, or online at mywpc.org, so enough meals can be ordered from the caterer.** A donation of \$10.00 will be requested at the breakfast.
- **The first WPC Families event of 2023 will take place on Friday, January 13, at 5:30pm, when we will be hosting "Wonderfully Made Night".** WPC Science Teacher Extraordinaire Rebecca Elton will talk to the kids about incredible and fun facts about our bodies, how God made you, and that you are AMAZING. This is an event for the whole family in Stevenson Hall (this is not a drop-off evening). Games and activities will be planned for preschool through elementary age. Drop in any time between 5:30pm and 7:30pm, enjoy dinner as a family, and spend some time in fellowship with other families. Please register on the WPC website to ensure enough food is ordered for all.
- **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.
- **NEW EVENT: Macaroni and Cheese Cookoff, hosted by WPC Families, will take place on Friday, January 27, at 5:30pm.** Join us for a chance to "sell" your favorite mac-and-cheese when the emcee makes her rounds, and voting will take place after everyone has a chance to partake. And yes, there will be prizes. Plans and details are still forming, but voting MIGHT be broken down by categories such as "Youth Favorite," "Deacon favorite," "Presbyterian Women Favorite," and of course "Overall Favorite." **Registration on the WPC website is required for contestants**, but if you're just interested in tasting and judging no registration is required, just show up! Contact Jodie Davis for more information.

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, JANUARY 1 • NEW YEAR'S DAY

Communion served at all worship services

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

10:30am Fellowship Coffee Hour / Stevenson Hall

11:00am In-person Worship / Sanctuary; Broadcast on FM93.5 The Burg and AM740. or wmbgradio.com

MONDAY, JANUARY 2

Church Office Closed for New Year's Day Holiday until 9am, Tuesday, January 2, 2023.

Montreat College Conference

9:30am Disciple Class / LL010

1:00pm Caregiver Support Group

7:00pm Christian Fellowship Mtg / Stevenson Hall

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3

Montreat College Conference

10:00am Disciple Class / LL010 and Zoom

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

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4

Montreat College Conference

10:00am Monthly Grief Support Group / rm 220

6:00pm Genesis Ringers Rehearsal / Bell Rm

7:00pm Congregation Nominating Committee / Rm 220

7:00pm Christian Fellowship Committee / Church Library

7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Rm

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5

Montreat College Conference

9:00am Sanctuary Closed for Cleaning

10:00am Presbyterian Women Circle 1 / Stevenson Hall

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6

2:00pm From His Hand Motel Meals Prep / Kitchen

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7

8:00am Presbyterian Men's Monthly Fellowship / Stevenson Hall

✧ **Next Sunday in Worship** ✧

Baptism of the Lord

Epiphany Series: Gifts that Keep on Giving

The sermon this week is "*Gifts that Keep on Giving*" is based on Matthew 3:13-17.

***9:30am service is live-streamed on mywpc.org. **11:00am service is broadcast on FM93.5 The Burg and AM740**

✧ **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 January 1—January 8

St. Martin's Episcopal Church

1333 Jamestown Road, Williamsburg, VA 23185