

WILLIAMSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 25, 2018

*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.*

PRAYERS OF PREPARATION

God of salvation, our Lord entered his passion to raise us to life. In this holiest of weeks, help us to walk the way of the cross, that we may be raised in a resurrection like his and dwell forever in you, Eternal God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE GATHERING

PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

PASTORAL GREETING

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

MINUTE FOR MISSION: One Great Hour of Sharing Martha Jean Howell

PRELUDE Festive Intrada on *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* Powell

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

People: We will rejoice and be glad in it!

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: This house of worship blesses you, holy God.

Leader: God has sent the Light of the World to us.

**People: Let us celebrate God's gift with a procession of palms and shouts of
"Hosanna!"**

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord. God is good to us!

People: God's steadfast love endures forever!

***HYMN 197**

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

ELLACOMBE

*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 sins to God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

All: We confess that we have sinned, and although we would like to deny it, we have forsaken you. We are horrified by the suffering we cause—to you, ourselves, and the world you have created. Open the gates of your forgiveness and restore us in your love, for the sake of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER

***KYRIE** (Responsive)

Leader: Lord have mercy.

People: Christ have mercy.

All: Lord have mercy.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Leader: Sister and brothers, beyond the shadow of doubt, your sins are forgiven. By the mercy of Christ, let us stand together forgiven and free.

***GLORIA IN ABEYANCE DURING LENT**

We invite any and all children through the 5th grade to come forward at this time for Sharing Faith with Children.

(11:00) SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

Adrian Williams

(11:00) WEE WORSHIP

Jill Walton

Children ages 3 through 2nd Grade are invited to go with a leader to the Library for a special time of worship. Children will return to the Sanctuary following the sermon.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison)

Come Holy Spirit, source of all life. As we hear again the story of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, let the same mind be in us that was in Christ, who was a servant that we might be free. Awaken our ears, open our hearts, and sustain the weary with your Word. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: *Zechariah 9:9-12*

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!

**People: 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.

**People: 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.

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

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

**People: 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!

**People: 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.

**People: 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: *Mark 11:1-11*

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Hosanna”

John E. Morgan

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN 681** *This is the Day the Lord Has Made* NUN DANKET ALL' UND BRINGET EHR'

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

We recognize the work of God in Jesus' power and authority. He did what only God can do. We also recognize the work of God in Jesus' lowliness. When he lived as a servant and went humbly to his death the greatness that belongs only to God was manifest. In both his majesty and lowliness Jesus is the eternal Son of God, God himself with us.

PRAYERS OF PETITION

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.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Sanctus” from *Requiem*

Gabriel Fauré
(1845–1924)

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.

Holy, Holy, Holy,
Lord God of Hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

*DOXOLOGY

Lord of All Good

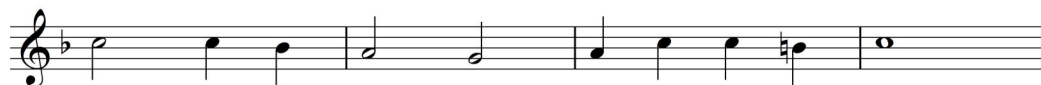
TOULON



Fa - ther, whose boun - ty all cre - a - tion shows;



Christ, by whose will - ing sac - ri - fice we live;



Spir - it, from whom all life in full - ness flows:



to you with grate - ful hearts our - selves we give.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GOING OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

*INVITATION AND LORD'S DAY GREETING

*HYMN 196

All Glory, Laud and Honor

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Just As I Am, Without One Plea

Woodworth

Just as I am, — with - out — one plea but that — thy
blood was shed for me, and that thou biddest — me come to
thee, — O Lamb of God, — I come; I come! —

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Fanfare

Ashdown

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.

PASTORS

John E. Morgan, Pastor

Rachel Hébert, Associate Pastor for Community Care

Harold McKeithen, Covenant Pastor for Congregation Care

SEMINARY INTERN

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MUSIC MINISTRY

Christopher Bechtler, Director of Music

Norman Elton, Organist

Rebecca Elton, Director of the Carol Choir

SPECIAL MUSIC

Cherie Brown, Pianist

DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION MINISTRIES

Adrian Williams

LITURGIST

Mark Newcomb

SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

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GREETER

11:00am: Cheryl Roettger

USHERS

9:30am: Richard Stratton, Betsy Anderson, Linda and Richard Eichhorn,
Pat and Layton Brenegan

11:00am: Euth and Tom Cobb, Pat and Rick Murray, Cynthia and John McCraw

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOST:

Gerry and Jackie Ward

AUDIO TECHNICIANS: John Schoenberger and Dick Sahlen

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Glen Koehn by Pat Koehn and family.

DEACON-ON-CALL WEEK OF SUNDAY, MARCH 25 – SATURDAY, MARCH 31

Pat Underwood (757-220-8976, 216-905-5903; pwu@case.edu)



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≈ WORDS OF WELCOME AND INFORMATION ≈

- **Welcome to Williamsburg Presbyterian Church!** Any Usher (designated with a name tag) will be glad to answer your questions, help you find your way around, or help you find ways to connect with the ministries and people in this community of faith. Please feel free to ask an usher for large-print worship bulletins and hymns, directions to the nursery, restrooms, coat racks or access ramps.
- **We offer a nursery for infants and toddlers during the worship services.** Please see an usher for assistance. At our 11am worship service, children 3 years old through second grade begin in the main service, and then go to “*Wee Worship*,” a worship experience designed especially for children.
- **Restrooms are located in the Narthex** and through the side doors on the left near the front of the sanctuary. An usher will be happy to direct you.
- **If you would like invitations to special events and concerts,** please sign your name and email address in the Friendship Folder at the end of each pew. We will be happy to send you information—and hope to see you again!
- **For those of you with a T-coil option** installed in your hearing aid, our sanctuary includes two loop systems allowing you to better understand the spoken word. Although you may find adequate reception in many pew seating locations on the main floor, the highest signal levels will be between the two lines shown in the photo (4th-6th rows) and extends from the center aisle to the pew divider in each row.
- **The Christian Education Ministry provides worship bags for children to use during the worship service.** You will find them hanging on a rack outside the side door to the sanctuary. They include worship bulletins with space to color, pipe cleaners for busy and creative hands, and book marks to help children mark the pages for the hymns and scripture of the day. Take a moment to enjoy the beautiful display (outside the sanctuary) created from children’s artwork from the worship bags!



WPC accepts cashless offerings through the following methods:

- 1) Use PayPal send your offering to giving@mywpc.org.
- 2) Text the dollar amount you wish to give to 757-607-4675; be sure to include the dollar sign before the amount. Within minutes you will receive a response to lead you to the next steps.
- 3) Scan the QR code at left to access the WPC online giving page, mywpc.org/give.

- **Did you know?** WPC is an eligible AmazonSmile charity! Learn more at smile.amazon.com.

∞ ANNOUNCEMENTS ∞

- **One Great Hour of Sharing:** *You shall be called Repairers of the Breach.....Isaiah 58..* Would you like to help people in over 100 countries find hope and redirection? Our congregation has an opportunity to aid victims of crisis and disasters by contributing to **ONE GREAT HOUR of SHARING**. The offering provides a way to share God's love with those in need and to work together to build a better world. The special offering funds support to three areas of ministry: **HUNGER, DISASTER CRISIS, and SELF DEVELOPMENT of PEOPLE**. Please consider giving generously to this strategic world-wide ministry! A brochure and envelope are included in the bulletin. WPC also accepts cashless offerings through the following methods:
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 - 3) Scan the QR code below to access the WPC online giving page.
- **The Cross on Richmond Road during Lent and Easter:** The Cross is draped with a purple cloth during Lent to represent repentance of our sins. On Easter morning we will drape a white cloth over the cross, symbolizing the resurrected Christ. Please help us to decorate the cross on Easter morning with flowers from your garden. It makes a lovely spot to snap a photo of your loved ones on Easter morning, too!
- **Bible and Bacon Study:** On **Wednesday morning, March 28**, men of our church will meet at 7:00am in Stevenson Hall for bible study and breakfast. The men are studying the Epistle of James. This is an excellent opportunity for newer members of our church community to get to know longer term members. Join the men for coffee, fellowship, a home cooked bacon and eggs breakfast and lively bible discussion. The study is over at 8:00am to encourage participation by men who report to work later that morning. Please let Rob Brown, (robb@rlb2.com) know by Monday, March 26, so that the men can prepare enough home cooked bacon and eggs for all.
- **Presbyterian Women's 2nd Annual Fundraising Luncheon Is Set For April 15**
Mark your calendars! Presbyterian Women will be hosting a (FREE) luncheon after the 11:00am service. Nan Strader, Director of St. Francis Service Dogs, will be presenting a brief overview of the program, and answering questions. This will be the major fundraising event for PW this year, and all are welcome! **Please sign up in the Welcome Center by Friday, April 13**, so that there is enough food for all! If you are not able to make the luncheon, but would like to donate, please feel free to do so by check (made payable to WPC with "St. Francis Service Dogs" in the memo line), or use one of the cashless giving options listed on another page in the bulletin (look for the QR code). Childcare will be available on April 15 for pre-school and under.
- **WPC Book Club Discussion:** The WPC Book Club will meet on March 26 at 2:00pm in the library to discuss *Inside the O'Briens* by Lisa Genova. It deals with how the lethal Huntington's disease impacted one family who debate their fate and whether they should be tested or not for this genetic disease. Martha Burian will be our discussion leader. Questions—contact Joann (dettjo2x39@gmail.com).

✧ PRAYER CONCERN, JOYS, & TOUCH NOTES ✧

Contact the Church Office (229-4235, secretary@mywpc.org) with any concern, special joy or touch note you may have. You may also submit a prayer request on-line at www.mywpc.org.

The Prayer Chain Coordinator is: JoAnn Youhas (handbellringer@cox.net)

If you are in need of a pastor after hours or on the weekend with an emergency request, contact:

Rev. Harold McKeithen (757-345-6910)

Rev. John Morgan (757-903-7800)

Rev. Rachel Hébert (757-903-5488)

Congratulations to:

- Pat and Michael Healy on the birth of their great-grandson, Conor Michael Carlin, who was born on March 9, weighing 8 lbs. 13 ozs. and 21 1/2 inches long.
- Joann and Darryl Dettmann on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary, March 23.

Please pray for:

- Roger Allen
- Our homebound and those facility bound at Brookdale Assisted Living, Consulate, Patriots Colony, Spring Arbor, Windsor Meade, Williamsburg Landing, Bayside Nursing Home, York Convalescent, Walter Reed Nursing Home and Edgeworth Park.
- Those serving our country in the military services and their families.

∞ HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES ∞

Maundy Thursday Service with communion



March 29
7pm*



Good Friday Tenebrae Service

March 30
7pm*



Easter Sunday Services

April 1

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

**Live-streamed on mywpc.org*

***Broadcast on WMBG FM97.7 and AM740*

∞ NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP ∞

April 1 - Easter Sunday

The sermon ,

“Chasing Jesus”, is based on Mark 16:1-8.

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

**11:00am service is broadcast on WMBG FM97.7 and AM740.

SUNDAY, MARCH 25

9:30am Nursery for Infants and Toddlers
 9:30am Church School for All Ages
 9:30 and 11am Worship Services / Sanctuary
 10:30am Coffee Fellowship / Stevenson Hall
 4:30pm Youth Choir / Choir Room
 5:30pm PYF / Stevenson Hall



MONDAY, MARCH 26

9:00am Disciple Bible Study / LL010
 12:00pm Announcement Deadline
 2:00pm Church Book Club / Library
 4:30pm Campus Kitchen / Kitchen
 6:30pm Meditation Yoga / Stevenson Hall

TUESDAY, MARCH 27

10:00am Disciple Bible Study: Christian Believer / LL010
 1:30pm Kirk Knitters and Crafters / Library
 2:00pm Staff Meeting / Rm 220
 3:00pm Sanctuary Ringers / Bell Rm
 6:00pm Flute Frenzy HS Ensemble / Choir Rm
 7:00pm Officer Training / Rm 220

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28

7:00am Bible and Bacon Study / Stevenson Hall
 9:30am Presbyterian Women's Coordinating Team / LL010
 6:00pm Eagle Scout Board of Review / Rm 227
 6:00pm Genesis Ringers / Bell Rm
 6:00pm UKirk / UKirk Rm
 7:30pm Chancel Choir / Choir Rm

THURSDAY, MARCH 29 – MAUNDY THURSDAY – COMMUNION

4:30pm Campus Kitchen / Kitchen
 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service / Sanctuary
 7:30pm Westminster Ringers / Bell Rm



FRIDAY, MARCH 30 – GOOD FRIDAY

7:00pm Good Friday Tenebrae Worship Service / Sanctuary



SATURDAY, MARCH 31

9:30am Decorate Church for Easter

SUNDAY, APRIL 1 – EASTER SUNDAY

8:00am Worship Service / Sanctuary
 9:30am Worship Service / Sanctuary
 11:00am Worship Service / Sanctuary

