

WILLIAMSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT - MARCH 17, 2019

YOUTH SUNDAY

*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

Let me be at peace within myself. Let me accept that I am profoundly loved and need never be afraid. Let me be aware of the Source of Being that is common to us all and to all living creatures. Let me be filled with the Great Compassion toward myself and toward all living things. Let me always be an instrument of my own liberation and not of my own oppression. Let me see the face of Jesus in others. Let me be the face of Jesus for others. Let me be at peace within myself. -The Reverend Canon Elizabeth Kaeton

THE GATHERING

PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

PASTORAL GREETING

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

MINUTE FOR MISSION: Women's Fellowship Luncheon Margie Newcomer

PRELUDE Harp Prelude Sydney Harris

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Please join us in the guided meditation led from the front.)

***HYMN 450**

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

*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: Our God is merciful and compassionate, faithful in all seasons, and close to all in need. Yet we are often distracted from God's work. So we turn to you, O God, to confess our waywardness together.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

God you call us to focus on you and your loving work in the world, but we are often distracted. The world seems to offer so much, but we struggle with the busyness and noise surrounding us. We find ourselves absorbed by uncertainty, fed by conflicting messages which cause us to lose sight of your call. We find ourselves isolated in our mistakes, and therefore anxious that we will not be accepted when you've constantly reminded us that your love is unending. The choices we have paralyze us with fear and cloud us from your love. May we not allow our fear to escalate into anger or hate, but may we trust and show your love. So may we seek only your love, and help us to remember that you soothe our fears and ease our burdens.

A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER

***KYRIE (Unison)**

Leader: Kind and Loving Creator, have mercy on us,

People: **Sustaining Protective Redeemer, have mercy on us,**

All: **Faithful Compassionate God, have mercy on us.**

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Leader: This is the good news! We are forgiven by you, O God, our protector and comforter. You are faithful in your provision and do not forget us! As we await your reign, we find strength and take heart in you for your love protects us.

***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

Megan Davis and Kayleigh Black

(11:00) WEE WORSHIP

Megan Davis and Kayleigh Black

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)

PSALM (Responsive)



The Lord is my light, my light and sal-va-tion: in God I trust, in God I trust.

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid? When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.

Congregation Response

Leader: Though an army should encamp against me, yet my heart shall not be afraid; And though war should rise up against me, yet will I put my trust in God. One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life; To behold the fair beauty of the Lord and to seek God in the temple.

Congregation Response

Leader: For in the day of trouble God shall shelter me in safety; and hide me in the secrecy of the holy place and set me high upon a rock. Even now God lifts up my head above my enemies round about me. Therefore I will offer in the holy place an oblation with sounds of great gladness; I will sing and make music to the Lord.

Congregation Response

Leader: Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me. You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." Your face, Lord, will I seek. Hide not your face from me, nor turn away your servant in displeasure. You have been my helper; cast me not away; do not forsake me, O God of my salvation. Though my father and my mother forsake me, the Lord will sustain me.

Congregation Response

Leader: Show me your way, O Lord; lead me on a level path, because of my enemies. Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who speak malice. What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living! O tarry and await the Lord's pleasure; be strong, and God shall comfort your heart; wait patiently for the Lord.

Congregation Response

FIRST LESSON: *Matthew 13:13-17*

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

"Finding Your Divine Spark"

Jane Black

SECOND LESSON: *Matthew 20:1-16 and 13:31-33*

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

"Small Things with Big Impacts"

Abby Trowbridge

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN 493**

Now There Is No Male or Female

OMNI DIE

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: FROM A PRISON MINISTRY** (Unison)

We believe in the God of Life, who creates and loves people, who acts in history, and who promises never to leave us alone.

We believe in Jesus of Nazareth, who is our brother, who wants not to be idolized but to be followed.

We believe that we dwell in the presence of the Holy Spirit; without her we are nothing; filled with her we are able to become creative, lively, and free.

We believe in the Church of Jesus Christ, a community where we find companions and courage for the struggles of life, where we grow in our understanding of the faith, through worship, prayer, nurture, and service.

We believe that God has a use for us in this time and place, that though we walk through the valley of the shadow of death, we are called to be instruments of God's peace.

We believe in living, hoping, laughing, and enjoying the good of the earth;

We believe that people can change, and God keeps pulling us to life and to a new world of joy and peace. – Rev. Dr. Constance Baugh

PRAYERS OF PETITION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Amazing Grace
Youth Choir

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come.
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me;
his word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun

***DOXOLOGY**

Lord of All Good

TOULON

We give our minds to un-der-stand your ways; hands, eyes, and voice to
 serve your great de - sign; heart with the flame of your own love a -
 blaze; till for your glo - ry all our powers com - bine.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION*GOING OUT TO BE THE CHURCH*****INVITATION AND LORD'S DAY GREETING*****HYMN 756***O God of Every Nation*

LLANGLOFFAN

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION*BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

Take My Life

Hendon

Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
 take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti -
 ful for thee, swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.

***POSTLUDE**

Irish Postlude

Charles Perry

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

INTERN

Emma Diduch, College of William and Mary

MUSIC MINISTRY

Christopher Bechtler, Director of Music, Director of the Junior and Youth Choir

Norman Elton, Organist and Director of Westminster Ringers

Rebecca Elton, Director of the Carol Choir

Robin Restrepo, Director of Sanctuary and Genesis Ringers

Michael Gibson, Organ Scholar

SPECIAL MUSIC

Sydney Harris, Harp

Charles Perry, Small Pipes

Youth Choir under the direction of Christopher Bechtler

DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION MINISTRIES

Adrian Williams

GREETERS

9:30am: Gay Boles

11:00am: Barbara Benson

BEADLE

9:30am: Hazel Whitney

11:00am: Don Darnton

USHERS

9:30am: Youth Ushers, Pat and Rick Murray

11:00am: Youth Ushers, Elaine and Mike McBeth

SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

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WEE WORSHIP

Megan Davis and Kayleigh Black

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS: Sarah Houghland, Mary Lib and Buddy Puller

AUDIO AND VIDEO TECHNICIANS: John Schoenberger and Dick Price

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given today to the glory of God and in celebration of family birthdays by Aurelia and Tommy Michaels.

DEACON-ON-CALL WEEK OF SUNDAY, MARCH 17 – SATURDAY, MARCH 23

Karol Sibley (757-378-3568; sibleyk@sbcglobal.net)

WPC Youth

Bowman Basic
Jackson Black
Jane Black
Kayleigh Black
Aleigh Custer
Audrey Davis^
Megan Davis
Allysa DeLaGarza
Cameron DeLaGarza
Dunlen Francis
Michael Gibson
Ben Green
Jake Harris
Sydney Harris
Abby Hrcir
Lilli Hrcir
Rachel Lowekamp
Karli Mainor#
Catherine McLain^
Lacy McLain~
Layton Miller
Madeline Miller
Parkman Miller
Caroline Parziale
Nina Parziale^
Charles Perry
Trip Peters
Maria Salud
Heather Sammis
Abigail Trowbridge^
Quentin Trowbridge
Hayden Walker
Sydney Walker
Emma Wolfe*
Lizzy Wolfe

^ Youth Planning Team

* Moderator of Youth Ministries

Youth Elder (Incoming)

~ Graduating Moderator of Youth Ministries

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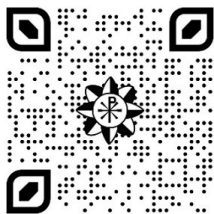
☞ WORDS OF WELCOME AND INFORMATION ☞

- **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. **Please return the worship bags after the service.**

- **WPC accepts cashless offerings** through the following methods:



- 1) Go to mywpc.org/give or scan the QR code to the left.
- 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) Use PayPal send your offering to giving@mywpc.org.

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

∞ SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS ∞

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING — SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2019

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for the election of Hazel Whitney to fill the remaining term of office for Deacon Catherine Blessing, Class of 2021, who has relocated.

The meeting will be held in the sanctuary on Sunday, March 24, 2019, immediately following the 9:30am worship service. All members of WPC are invited to attend.

∞ ANNOUNCEMENTS ∞

- **Word of the Endowment Fund Matching Challenge has been spread throughout our Congregation!** Let's keep the excitement going! A very generous member of our congregation has offered to match financial gifts to our Endowment Fund with an equal amount, up to a cumulative \$250,000, thereby doubling the value of each individual gift. This campaign will run until May 15th. The potential growth in the Fund's value is \$500,000. What a powerful way to do God's work in the world through the continued distribution of Fund earnings into the future! Please pray about your ability to give generously to the Endowment Fund. Contact a member of the Endowment Committee if you have questions: *Nate Green, Richard Eichhorn, George Gilfillan, Faith Shartzer, Beth Parziale, and Rob Brown.*
- **Sign-Ups for Ushers, Greeters and Coffee Hosts continues.** Please visit the sign-up tables in Stevenson Hall between Services today through March 24th to sign-up to serve as an Usher, Greeter or Coffee Fellowship Host during April, May or June. If you have not previously served before and would like more information, please stop by and talk with our Usher Coordinators or Coffee Fellowship Deacons. They will be happy to answer your questions.
- **We LOVE our Volunteers! Please consider the following volunteer opportunities:**
 - **Spring Cleaning Party** – Please volunteer with members of the WPC ADM Ministry to Spring Clean the Sanctuary in preparation for Easter. You will meet our new Facilities Manager and work with some fun friends. Tuesday, April 9th from 9:00 – noon. Lunch will be served. Please contact Dorothea Shannon at: dshannon5@verizon.net if you are willing to help. "Many hands make light work."
 - **AV Booth Technician Assistant** – Join the team that volunteers alongside our AV Technician professional, John Schoenberger, to assist with the Sunday streaming and radio broadcast services. You will enjoy learning a new skill and assisting with this important ministry. If interested, please email John Schoenberger (wpcavbooth@mywpc.org).
- **Substitute Teachers Needed** – We are in need of a couple of substitute teachers for NEXT WEEK, March 24. If you are able and available, please let DEM "A" Williams know.
- **Bus Ministry Drivers Needed** – We are looking for additional drivers for our Bus Ministry, particularly on Sunday Mornings. No special license is needed, so if you are interested, please contact the Church Office (757-229-4235).
- **The Worship Ministry is seeking Usher Coordinators to succeed Pat and Rick Murray.** If you want to learn more or may be interested in serving our church in this way, please contact the Worship Ministry Moderator, Tom Bozek (tbozek@cox.net). If you have any questions about the

duties of the Usher Coordinator, please feel free to contact Pat or Rick Murray (rmurray41@cox.net).

- **Upper Elementary Class Food Drive for The Grove Christian Outreach Center.** The Center is located in the Grove area of James City County where many live in poverty. Its mission is to minister to the physical and spiritual needs of the poor and disadvantaged in the community. The pantry is only one part of their mission. Three years ago we collected 81lbs of food. Last year we collected 226lbs of food! This year we hope to collect even more. We are collecting nonperishable healthy canned foods--fruit, vegetables, meat, fish, pasta, sauces, cooking oils with the expiration date after 7/21/2019. You may deliver food to our classroom #204. The food will be delivered the week following March 17.
- **The WPC Book Club will meet at 2:00pm on March 25th in the Church Library** to discuss *Educated* a memoir by Tara Westover. Growing up in rural Idaho, Tara had no record of her birth, never attended school nor did she have any medical records since her father didn't believe in hospitals, public education, nor did he trust government. Nevertheless, she eventually received a PhD from Trinity College in Cambridge in 2014 in intellectual history. Curious? Join the discussion led by Ellen Peters. Judy Austin will guide the meeting. Questions, contact Joann Dettmann (dettjo2x39@gmail.com).
- **UKirk Campus Ministry Event:** Our UKirk Campus Ministry will be hosting a multi-faith event on Tuesday, March 26th where we hope to host 60 students and campus ministers to talk about why we do service. UKirk is planning to host the event in a coffee house style, and is in need of desserts for the event. If you would be willing to make a dessert to donate to the event, please email Pastor Rachel (rhebert@mywpc.org) for more information.
- **Florence, April 7-11:** The Florence Mission trip has been rescheduled. WPC will be taking a group to New Bern, NC in response to Hurricane Florence, and YOU can be a part of it. We will be helping with the reconstruction of homes, so even if you have the heart but no skill still save the date and watch the bulletin for more information. Questions? Contact Jim Kirkpatrick (757-903-7241, or send a note to volunteer@mywpc.org).
- **Brown Bag Prayer Lunch:** In an effort to give people a space for reflection and prayer throughout Lent this year, we are hosting a self-guided prayer lunch in room 123 (across from the nursery) each Tuesday at Noon. Bring your lunch and take some time to follow a guided prayer that will be provided each week.
- **Devotionals for Lent 2019:** As we continue into the Season of Lent, be sure to obtain a copy of the "Devotionals for Lent 2019" written by members of WPC. Each devotional is accompanied by a piece of artwork chosen by the member. Copies of the devotional are available around the church and in the Welcome Center. On Friday the upcoming week's devotionals will be emailed to members who currently are receiving news from the Church Office.
- **Messy Lent:** Join us as we use art to journey through the wilderness. The church is focused on the final words of Christ this season and we will riff off of the Wednesday night sermon each week. We will have a short devotional and introduce a small art project that is meant to help

meditate on the week's scripture. Because of the nature of the texts, this class will be geared towards older kids (mid-high) on up. We will also just have lots of art supplies available if you would like to do your own thing. Bring your art journal or if you don't have one, we'll have paper to use. If anyone would like to give one of the devotions, we would love to have you participate. Just let Phoebe Williams, Kelly Kirkpatrick or Alston Brown know during class. Monday nights throughout Lent from 6:30-8pm in Room 220.

∞ PRAYER CONCERNS, 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. Prayer chain requests are kept confidential unless it has been asked to share the request with the membership. Then it will appear on the white board and in this section of the worship bulletin.

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. John Morgan (757-903-7800) or Rev. Rachel Hébert (757-903-5488).

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

- Kathy Kruschwitz and family, on the death of her mother, Wilma Winstead, who died on Thursday, March 14, 2019.

Please pray for:

- Dortha Doersch, who is recovering at home from a fall which resulted in several cracked ribs.
- Patrick Willson, former Pastor of Williamsburg Presbyterian Church, who is recovering from a fall that resulted in a broken hip which required by a replacement.
- Jan Merritt, John Richardson, Marilyn Taylor, Barbara Finley, our homebound and those facility bound and those serving our country in the military services and their families.

∞ LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES AT WILLIAMSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ∞

Join us in *Journeying in the Wilderness*

Wednesday Worship Services

7 to 7:30pm

March 20

The Unknown

March 27

The Distance

April 3

The Affliction

April 10

The Revelation

∞ HOLY WEEK WORSHIP AT WILLIAMSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ∞

PALM SUNDAY

April 14

9:30 & 11am

MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 18

7pm

GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE

April 19

7pm

EASTER SUNDAY

April 21

8, 9:30 & 11am

∞ WPC WEEKLY CALENDAR ∞

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

9:00am Nursery for Infants and Toddlers through 3 years of age
9:15am New Member Orientation / LL049
9:30am Church School for Children, Youth and Adults / Education Wing and Lower Level
9:30 and 11am Sunday Worship Services / Sanctuary
10:30am Coffee Fellowship / Stevenson Hall
4:30pm Youth Choir / Choir Room
5:30pm PYF / Rm 222

MONDAY, MARCH 18

9:00am Disciple Bible Study / LL010
12:00pm Announcement Deadline
5:00pm Campus Kitchen / Kitchen
6:00pm Art Class / Rm 220
7:00pm Hunger and Homeless / LL010

TUESDAY, MARCH 19

10:00am Christian Believer Bible Study / LL010
10:00am Communication Ministry / Rm 255
12:00pm Self Guided Prayer Lunch / Rm 123
12:30pm Staff Mtg / Rm 255
3:00pm Sanctuary Ringers / Bell Rm
7:00pm Elder Training / Rm 220
7:00pm Deacon Training / Stevenson Hall

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

12:00pm Church Management Software Project / Stevenson Hall
6:00pm UKirk / UKirk Room
6:15pm Genesis Ringers / Bell Rm
6:30pm Admin. Ministry / Rm 255
7:00pm Lenten Service / Sanctuary
7:30pm Chancel Choir / Choir Rm

THURSDAY, MARCH 21

4:00pm Mental Health Support Group / Rm 123
4:30pm Carol Choir and Junior Choir / Children's Choir Rm
5:00pm Campus Kitchen / Kitchen
5:30pm Endowment Committee / Rm 255
5:30pm MOPS Class / Stevenson Hall
7:00pm Outreach Ministry / LL010
7:30pm Westminster Ringers / Bell Rm

FRIDAY, MARCH 22

Massanetta Springs Youth Retreat

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

Massanetta Springs Youth Retreat

∞ **NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP** ∞

MARCH 24 - THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

The sermon, "Seek the Lord While He May Be Found" is based on Isaiah 55:1-9.

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

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



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