

***We build bridges across divides to deepen connection to Christ
and one another to serve the world.***

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PRESBYTERY OF EASTERN VIRGINIA
ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-THIRD STATED MEETING
APRIL 25, 2023, AT 10:00 am
Williamsburg Presbyterian Church, Williamsburg, VA

Offering is for the Matthew 25 Initiative Fund
<https://abundant.co/peva/pevamtg4252023>



Check-in begins at 9 a.m.

Prelude "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" Adolphus Hailstork

Call to Order, Opening Prayer (10 a.m.) The Reverend Dr. **John E. Morgan**, Moderator

Quorum Stated Clerk, RE **Q. John Tamm**

Adoption of Docket Stated Clerk

Consent Agenda Stated Clerk

Land Acknowledgement RE **Lisa Schlickemeyer** (Hilton)

Call To Worship - Adapted from Bryan Stevenson

We gather in worship to remember that we are people of God called to join God in God's work of love and justice.

We remember God's call with hope, because hopelessness is the enemy of justice.

With courage, because peace requires bravery.

With persistence, because justice is a constant struggle.

With faith, because we shall overcome.

Let us worship God.

Hymn #66 (*GTG) "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" Anonymous

Welcome to Williamsburg Presbyterian Church Dr. Morgan

Call to Confession

Maya Angelou wrote, "History, despite its wrenching pain, cannot be unlived, but if faced with courage, need not be lived again." We confess to God the things we cannot unlive. As we confess, we hope to be given the courage not to live, yet again, the places where we have erred.

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin:

* *Glory to God Presbyterian Hymnal*

Prayer of Confession (unison from Presbytery Mission Matthew 25 Resources)

O Lord our God,
you have made each person in your own image—
your holy handiwork, crowned with beauty.
Yet we have denied your image in others.
We have allowed our prejudice
to obscure our vision of our neighbors.
We have built up oppressive systems
that mistreat the many and favor the few.
We have remained silent and safe
while others have suffered so much.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Set us free from the sin of structural racism,
strengthen us to dismantle dividing walls,
and help us to build a home of hope for all;
through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Savior.

Assurance of Pardon

Tell the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation:
the steadfast love and faithfulness of the Lord are everlasting.
I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ,
we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

Scripture	John 9:1-6	The Reverend Brian Harroff
Sermon	"Work While It Is Day"	Rev. Harroff
Offertory Announcement		Moderator
Anthem	"Shall We Gather at the River"	Rev. Robert Lowry
Offertory Prayer		Moderator
Massanetta Springs Presentation	The Reverends Clark DeSarro-Raynal and Valena Hoy	
Commission on Ministry		RE Roxie O. Holder , moderator
Introductions	The Reverends Elizabeth "Betsy" & Gerritt "Skip" Baker-Smith	
Ordination Anniversary Recognition		Stated Clerk
Nominations	the Reverend Elnoria L. Harrison , moderator	
Break Out Groups		
Break 12:00 p.m.		
Speak Out		
Board of Pensions		Keenan Rogers , BOP Representative

Presbytery Council

Ruling Elder **Dianne Schoonover**, moderator

Congregational Vitality Team

The Reverend Dr. **Chris Carrasco**, moderator
and the Reverend **Joel Phillips**

Good News

The Reverend **Elizabeth G. Hendricks**, General Presbyter

Unfinished Business

New Business

Hymn #339 (*GTG)

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"

James Weldon Johnson

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Dr. Morgan & the Reverend Dr. **Helen Bessent Byrd**

Blessing and Adjournment

The Reverend Dr. John E. Morgan, Moderator

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