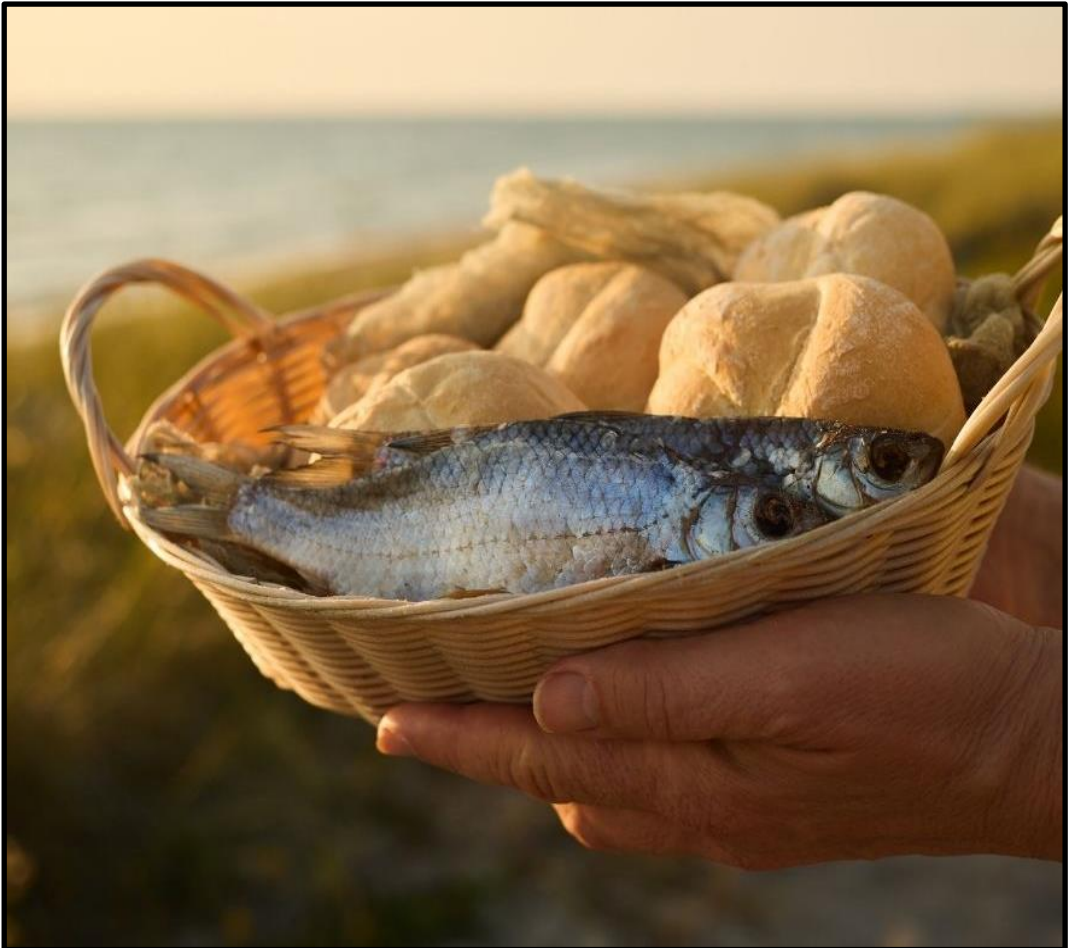




Williamsburg

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST OCTOBER 5, 2025

ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE

Andante in D
(Felix Mendelssohn)

Organ

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, all you who are hungry for good news.

We gather, for Christ is the Bread of Life.

Bring what you have, even if it seems too small,

Christ will bless it, break it, and make it enough.

At this table, Christ feeds us with grace,

at this table, we are called to share freely and faithfully.

Come, for God's abundance is more than we can ask or imagine.

We come, ready to worship, ready to give, ready to be fed.

*HYMN

Christ for the World We Sing

568 (red book)

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sin, and seek to live in peace with one another.
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will,

we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love,

we have not loved our neighbors,

and we have not heard the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

[a time of silent confession]

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 62:1-5 (526 OT)

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Where Children Belong

(11:00)

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.

Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.

We welcome children of all ages to participate in Worship in the Sanctuary. At 11:00 am, Grades K-3 are invited to Children's Worship in the Godly Play Room (215) to encounter God in story, song, and creativity.

Our Nursery, located in Rm. 207, is open for Pre-K and younger during both services and Sunday School.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church!

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

“You Bring Them Something to Eat”

Rev. Brian Johnson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MINISTRY MOMENT

OFFERTORY

Ahrirang

Sanctuary Choir

(Korean Folk Song; arr. Ruth Elaine Schram)

*DOXOLOGY

94 (red book)

PRESENTING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

[The minister continues this prayer of thanksgiving, concluding:]

And so, with your people on earth

and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Zum Sanctus

Youth Choir

(Franz Schubert)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full – full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

[The minister continues the prayer, recalling the institution of the Lord's Supper, concluding:]

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died

(22 red book)

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

**By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other,
and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory
and we feast at his heavenly banquet.**

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,
all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

Amen

(22 red book)

Amen, amen, amen, amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Abana

Youth Choir

(arr. Greg Scheer; Traditional Lebanese Folk Melody)

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

Those who prefer to remain in their seat may do so; simply notify an usher, and they will make sure the elements are brought to you. You may go forward to receive communion when an usher dismisses your row. You will be able to choose between dipping the bread in the cup or receiving an individual cup of grape juice. You may return to your seat via the side aisle once you have received. Persons requiring gluten free elements may obtain these at the station at the front or have it brought to them in their seat.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION (Please join in the singing:)

All Who Hunger 2126 (black book)

You Who Are Thirsty 2132 (black book)

As We Gather at Your Table 2268 (black book)

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart 629 (red book)

Bread of the World 624 (red book)

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have
given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world
as those illumined by your Spirit, to give ourselves for others,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

*HYMN

The Gift of Love

408 (red book)

BENEDICTION

May the God of Hope Go with Us
(Michael Burkhardt)

Youth Choir

POSTLUDE

Toccata (Organ Symphony #5)
(Charles-Marie Widor)

organ

The flowers are given to the Glory of God by
...Rita Welty and family in memory of Drew Welty.
... in honor of the October 3 wedding of Jordan Bruss to Alex Armbruster.

THIS WEEK AT WUMC



WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

We're delighted to have you with us! Between services, follow the signs to our Fellowship Area for coffee, connection, and our Kids Corner. We'd love to welcome you and answer any questions you may have. We're honored you chose us to worship with today!

ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES are available in the Narthex (or ask an usher for help). If you have a "t-coil" switch on your hearing aid, you may be able to simply activate the t-coil switch. If that does not work, we encourage you to use one of the listening devices with a loop instead of the headphones. The loops are in the basket next to the devices. Just leave the headphones and plug in the loop instead. *Please leave devices on the cabinet where you picked it up; do not put it back in the basket. That helps us know the batteries need to be charged.*

THE TABLE – Sunday Night Service October 5 @ 5:30pm I Fellowship Hall

The Table, our Sunday evening worship experience, provides dinner each week! Join us for a warm meal, conversation, music, and a welcoming worship environment.

ELEVATE YOUR FITNESS October 6 and October 8 @ 9:30am in Fellowship Hall

Come experience sessions crafted with care, featuring heart-boosting chair aerobics, muscle-strengthening light weight training, and equilibrium-enhancing balance exercises.

PASTORS' BIBLE STUDY - The Book of Hebrews: Grace & Gratitude

Wednesday beginning October 8, 7:00-8:30pm | Rm 171

Thursday beginning October 9, 10:30-12:00pm via Zoom

Join Pastors Brian & Madison for this 6-week study discussing the Book of Hebrews to help us see the connection between God's grace in our lives and the call to invest ourselves in God's mission in the world. This study will use a book and videos featuring David deSilva. Questions? Contact the pastors. Register now at tinyurl.com/pastors-hebrews.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH Saturday, October 11, 10:00am I Fellowship Hall

Join us for our annual Call to Prayer and Self-Denial program: "Empowering Women Worldwide Through Economic Development." Funds collected will support the work of United Methodist conference women's teams leading projects making a direct impact on improving the lives of women and their families and community members. We'll enjoy a short program with prayer, song, light refreshments, and a hands-on activity as well as a reflection by Cindy Banek on "Hands to Act(s)." All are welcome!

MORE CLASSES

MADE TO MOVE: Knowing and Loving God Through Our Bodies

Sundays, October 12 & 19, 9:30-10:30am | Rm 303

Take part in the Searchers Sunday School as Wendy LeBolt facilitates a discussion about how our living, breathing, thinking, feeling, moving bodies hold clues God has placed there for us to find that we are unique creations of God. Bring yourself and your curiosity. Wendy will supply the book.

MARVIN WILLARD SUNDAY SCHOOL - Between The Testaments

5 Sundays beginning Oct 19, 9:30-10:30am | Rm 174

Join the Marvin Willard Sunday School Class as Ray Morgan walks the class through the time period of tumultuous history between the Old and New Testaments that includes empires, tyrants, conflicts, cultures, and religions playing out on the stage we often call the Holy Land. For more info, or to get connected to the class leaders, contact Deacon Troy Sims tsims@williamsburgumc.org.

CLASS: THE CUP OF OUR LIFE – Opportunity for Women

7 Sundays beginning October 12, 2:00pm at Virginia Greens 4301 Battery Blvd

Register now at tinyurl.com/wumc-cup

COVENANT BIBLE STUDY - Creating, Living, Trusting

Thursdays, beginning October 23, 7:00-8:30pm | Location TBD

This is a 24-week, in-depth study of the entire story of the Bible based around the theme of "covenant." No previous study background required. Space is limited. Each participant will need a Study Guide. Deacon Troy Sims will lead the study.

WAYS YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

CARE COMMITTEE

The CARE Committee is a dedicated group of volunteer members who provide rides to medical appointments, meals for the sick, and funeral receptions. Monthly coordinators make the connections. If you can help, please contact Karen Red (757) 532-6893 or kgred1@gmail.com. Our October Coordinators are Nathalie Bacskey (757) 604-7279 and Elaine Howell (703) 463-7013. Call at least 2 days in advance for assistance.



WAGSTERS MAGIC SHOW October 22 @ 6:00pm

Join the United Women in Faith for an evening of entertainment and magic. They will donate 50% of the sales towards UWF missions. Call (877) 924-7837 to reserve your tickets. Invite your family and friends to join us for a special event just for us.

CREATION CARE TEAM

Bats have vast importance for both biodiversity and human economies. However, North American bat populations are declining due to habitat loss, wind energy development, and the spread of white-nose syndrome. Their disappearance would cause agricultural losses estimated at over \$3.7 billion annually. If you would like to learn more, the Williamsburg Botanical is having a program on October 18 that will explore the ecological roles of bats in Virginia.

LOCAL OUTREACH WINTER COAT COLLECTION

Join us in October to collect new winter coats (sizes 4T-8) for preschool-age children enrolled in Head Start. This program enables these children to interact with others and learn basic skills needed to begin kindergarten. Place donated coats in the WUMC Collection Closet near the church office. Deadline is October 27.

SAVE THE DATE

The next Kairos weekend is October 30 – November 2. It will be held at Nottoway Prison. Our involvement will be baking cookies, make placemats and pray for the participants. Come between services October 12 and 19 to sign up.

WINTER SHELTER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We still need a few more volunteers for the week November 16 – 23 that WUMC is hosting the shelter for our unhoused neighbors. We have a few early morning shifts 5:30am – 7:30am and overnight shifts 9pm – 1am or 1am – 5:30am available.

If you can help by volunteering at those times, please stop by the table in the Atrium to sign up; either before or after the early service or sign up now at tinyurl.com/2025-shelter. Thank you so much for your willingness to volunteer!

PUMPKIN PICK-N-PAINT

Saturday October 25, 9:00-1:00pm WUMC Front Lawn

Kid's Morning Out is gearing up for our fall fundraiser: the Pumpkin Pick-N-Paint! Join us and bring a friend! Choose a small pumpkin from our "patch" on the front lawn, and then head to a Decoration Station to design, paint, and sticker your pumpkin! Proceeds from this fundraiser go to support our scholarship fund. Want to support this cause but can't attend? Donate a pumpkin for someone to paint tinyurl.com/2025-kmo-pumpkin.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS Tuesday, November 25, 9:00am

Join us on for a morning of decorating, fellowship, and fun. We need a few tall friends who are comfortable on ladders to help with the higher decorations—but everyone is welcome! Questions? Contact Rita Welty (757) 209-4609. Let's come together to create a beautiful space that reflects the joy of this holy season!

MEMBERS WITH NO ADDRESS ON FILE

The following names will be presented to the Charge Conference on October 26, 2025 and any whose addresses are still unknown at the third such Charge Conference will be eligible for removal. If you can supply any address, contact Nancy Reynolds (757) 229-1771.

Dale Kelly, June Kelly, Rebecca Lundberg, Alisa Potter, Kristin Potter

WAYS TO GIVE

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give..." 2 Corinthians 9:7



TEXT TO GIVE

TEXT YOUR GIFT TO 757-992-9862. You do not need an account to give; simply text your gift amount in any format (\$10, 10, 10.00). Receipts are sent via email.



CASH/CHECK

Donations can be made via our collection plate on Sundays, mail, or the church office Mon - Fri. Your generosity is deeply appreciated and makes a real difference in the lives of those we serve!



Giving Makes an Impact

Your generosity changes lives and empowers ministries. Visit our Resources page at williamsburgumc.org/articles to read stories about the difference your giving makes in our community and beyond.

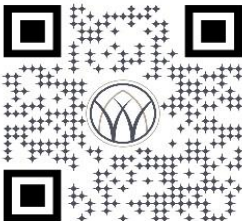
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WAYS TO BE INVOLVED AT WUMC.

TODAYS SERVICE LEADERS

Worship Leaders: Brian Johnson, Madison Ailinger, Troy Sims, Zach Griggs

Director of Worship Arts: Lou-Anne Smith

Organist: Tom Marshall **Piano:** Neil Bright

Readers 8:15: Rita Welty **11:00:** Scottie Wallace

Assisting with Communion 8:15: Cindy Banek, Ginger Barr, Bo Bohanon, Joy Mair, Terri Morgan, Bettie Morris
11:00: Nathalie Bacskay, Linda Baker, Gerald Bullock, Karen Red, Beverly Tressler, J.D. Tressler

Acolyte 8:15: Eira Johnson **11:00:** Sadie Yaneza, Fiona Lineberger

Greeters 8:15: Marjorie Crowell, Damarius Marion **11:00:** Nancy Donnelly, Deborah Hewitt

Ushers 8:15: Roy Geiger, Janet Henke, Russ Henke, Chalannes Hoover, Monty Mason, Michael Johnson, Cindy Garman-Squier, Dan Squier **11:00:** Marijane Harper, James Jones, Bonnie Knizatko, Joann Lawson, George Sallwasser, Susan Sallwasser, Buz Wilson

Sound and Livestream: Jimmy McCarter, Josh Clayton

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Sept. 28 Worship Attendance	Total	516
In Person 11:00am		243
In Person 8:15am		159
Virtual		83
The Table		31

Deadline for Bulletin Submissions:
MONDAY, 5:00 p.m.

Please submit to Nancy Reynolds
nreynolds@williamsburgumc.org.

OUR CHURCH STAFF

Madison Ailinger, **Pastor of Congregational Care** (x114)

Mary Ellen Baker, **Finance Manager** (x106)

Ellen Bushman, **Respite Care Director** (x118)

Josh Clayton, **Digital Media Specialist** (x107)

Zach Griggs, **Family Ministries Coordinator** (x109)

Brian Johnson, **Lead Pastor** (x110)

Thomas Marshall, **Organist** (757 713-0584)

Laura Pittman, **Director Kid's Morning Out** (x113)

Nancy Reynolds, **Engagement and Administrative Coordinator** (x104)

Michelle Roy, **Director of Congregation & Community Engagement** (x103)

Ellen Simon, **Bookkeeper** (x116)

Troy Sims, **Minister of Discipleship** (x108)

Lou-Anne Smith, **Director of Worship Arts** (x105)

Greg Whiteside, **Director of Facilities** (x101)

Anthony Williams, **Assoc. Director Worship Arts, Director Early Childhood Music** (x115)

Ryan LaRock, **Campus Minister, Wesley Foundation** (757 201-8850)

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