



Williamsburg

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST OCTOBER 12, 2025

ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE *Now Pray We to the Holy Ghost* organ
(Dietrich Buxtehude)

INTROIT *Bind Us Together* Sanctuary Choir
(Bob Gillman)

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God has heard the cries of the people and sent bread from heaven.

Everything good is a gift from God.

Jesus calls us to love God with everything we are

and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

We gather together, giving thanks for God's gifts of mercy and grace.

We gather together, hoping that God will use us to bless others.

We worship the God who gives us more than we can imagine.

We worship the God who is always faithful.

*HYMN *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* 57 (red book)

OPENING PRAYER

Generous God, you are the giver of every good gift—the One who feeds us in the wilderness and fills our lives with grace. Teach us to trust in your abundance even when we are afraid.

Teach us to live in your hope even when we are unsure of your future. Teach us to share your love no matter what the world brings our way. Open our hearts to love you fully and our hands to serve our neighbors freely. As we worship you today, make us mindful stewards of all you have given, that our lives may become bread for the world, shared in love and offered in joy. Amen.

ANTHEM *Make a Joyful Noise to the Lord* Sanctuary Choir
(Robert A. Hobby)

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 16:11-16, 31 (63 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.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Luke 10:25-29 (71 NT)
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church!
Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE	“Gifts are Meant to be Shared”	Rev. Brian Johnson
*HYMN	<i>All Who Hunger</i>	2126 (black book)
APOSTLES’ CREED		
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.		
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.		
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.		
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.		
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE		
THE LORD’S PRAYER		895 (red book)
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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.		
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.		
ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MINISTRY MOMENT		
OFFERTORY	<i>Consecration</i> (John Ness Beck)	Ian Lane, tenor
*DOXOLOGY		94 (red book)
*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING		
*HYMN	<i>What Gift Can We Bring</i>	87 (red book)
*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING		
CHORAL BENEDICTION	<i>Amen</i> (Danish)	Sanctuary Choir
POSTLUDE	<i>Toccata in F</i> (Dietrich Buxtehude)	organ

The flowers are given to the Glory of God by
 ...Lew and Nan Mabie in reflection of 64 amazing and loving years together.
 ...Ron and Carolyn Munro in honor of our 40th wedding anniversary.

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, 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.*

OUR DIRECTORIES HAVE ARRIVED!

For those who had pictures taken last November, you may pick up your complimentary copy in the Atrium.

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.

CLASS: 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.

THE TABLE – Sunday Night Service October 12 @ 5:30pm | 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 13 and October 15 @ 9:30am | Fellowship Hall

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

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

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

Wednesday 7:00-8:30pm | Rm 171

Thursday 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.

WAYS YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE



STEWARDSHIP

Our Gifts God's Multiplier

We're celebrating how your generosity is multiplying God's work through Williamsburg UMC! Scan the QR code to view our Annual Report Snapshot and see the impact your giving is making in lives near and far.

If you haven't yet submitted your **2026 ESTIMATE OF GIVING**, you can also do that online here: williamsburgumc.org/pledge

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.

SWEATER COLLECTION

Thanks to you, the Heritage Circle took 30 large bags of sweaters to FISH this week. What a wonderful show of support to our neighbors in need.

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.

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 BacsKay (757) 604-7279 and Elaine Howell (703) 463-7013. Call at least 2 days in advance for assistance.



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!



CREATION CARE TEAM

Did you know that the decline of insect and bird populations is directly linked to the widespread use of non-native plants and the elimination of native habitats? Ninety-six percent of birds raise their young on insects, primarily caterpillars, that feed exclusively on native plants. A single clutch of chickadees requires thousands of caterpillars to fledge! To learn what small steps you can take to encourage a native habitat, the

Creation Care team recommends reading any books written by Doug Tallamy or perhaps participating in a free webinar on October 16th, "Next Steps for Nature," that will feature Doug Tallamy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Let's be the church together... online.

- 🔍 Look up members in our church directory
- 👤 Update your personal information
- 💰 Give online - one time & recurring gifts
- 📄 View giving history & print giving statements
- 📅 Make & keep track of pledges



REALM

Our new Online Church Community is live!

If you haven't already, you'll soon receive an invitation to join us on Realm. Once you accept, you'll be able to update your information, sign up for groups and serving opportunities, and stay informed about what's happening at WUMC—all in one place. It's an easy way to stay connected and engaged in the life of our church outside of worship. We can't wait to have you join us there!

CLASS: MARVIN WILLARD SUNDAY SCHOOL - Between the Testaments

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

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.

CLASS: COVENANT BIBLE STUDY - Creating, Living, Trusting

Thursdays, beginning October 23, 7:00-8:30pm | Rm 171

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.

CLASS: UNDISTRACTED: CAPTURE YOUR PURPOSE, REDISCOVER YOUR JOY

SEARCHERS SUNDAY SCHOOL

5 Sundays beginning October 26, 9:30-10:30am | Rm 303

Join the Searchers Sunday School in using Bob Goff's book, Undistracted, to consider what it looks like to live a beautiful and purposeful life rather than drifting aimlessly from one season to the next. You'll be encouraged to fix your eyes on Jesus and harness life's distractions so you can find joy despite your circumstances. **To get connected to classes contact Deacon Troy Sims tsims@williamsburgumc.org or (757) 229-1771.**

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 from our membership roster. 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

"GIVETOWUMC" to 73256 to give using your mobile device. 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

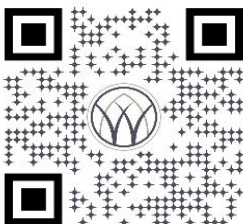
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WAYS TO BE INVOLVED AT WUMC.

TODAYS SERVICE LEADERS

Worship Leaders: Brian Johnson, Troy Sims, Zach Griggs

Director of Worship Arts: Lou-Anne Smith

Organist: Tom Marshall

Readers 8:15: Warren Harper **11:00:** Barbara Monteith

Acolyte 8:15: Linda Upshaw **11:00:** Brody Brock, Camden Brock

Greeters 8:15: Fran Hermance, Linda Upshaw **11:00:** Ray Adams, Linda Baker

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: Todd Lindley, Josh Clayton

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Oct. 5 Worship Attendance	Total	500
In Person 11:00am		244
In Person 8:15am		163
Virtual		57
The Table		36

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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