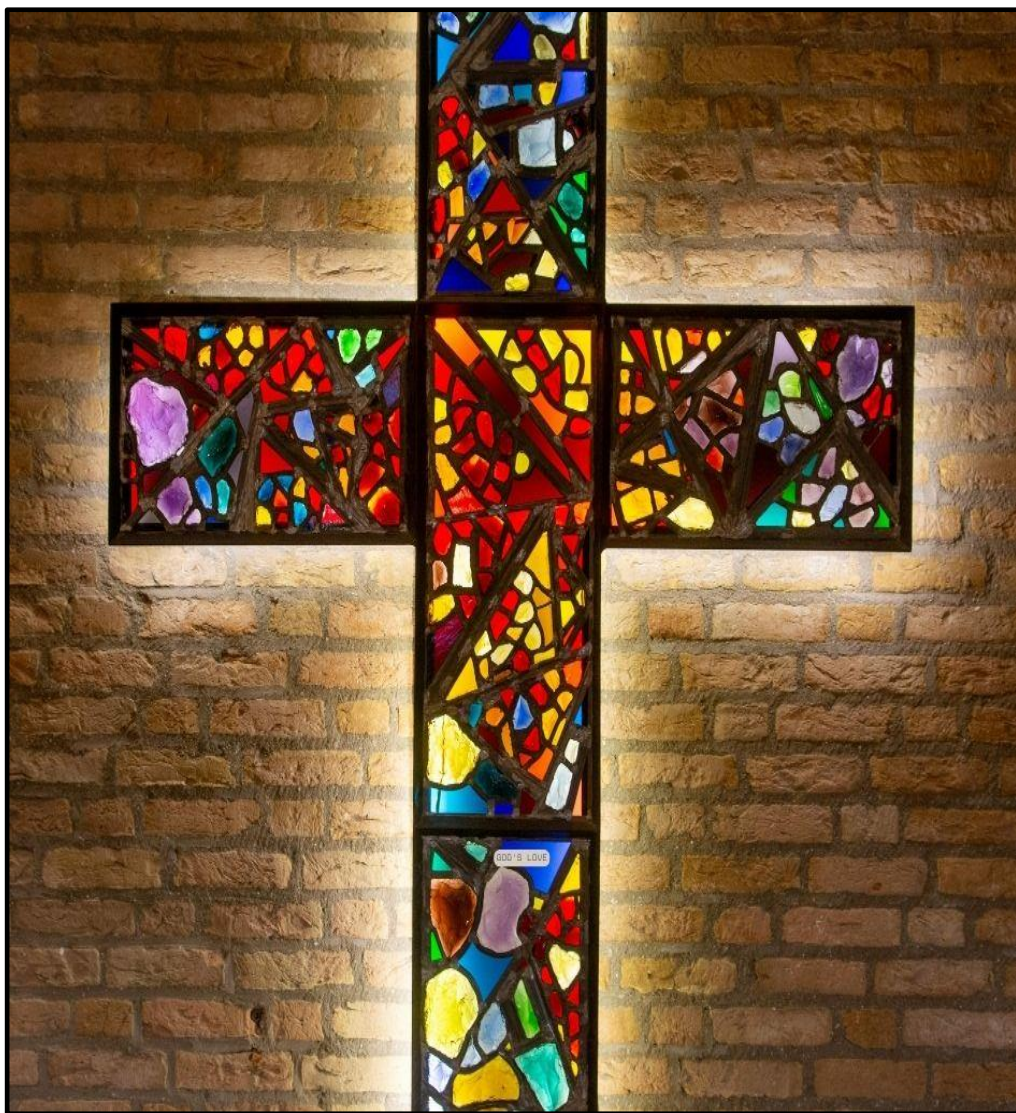




Williamsburg

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST OCTOBER 19, 2025

ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE *All Glory Be to God on High* organ
(Johann Krebs)

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

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We turn to the rock from which we were hewn, to the God who calls us beloved.

We give thanks to the One who shapes us in love and sets our feet upon the path of grace.

We come to present our lives as a song of praise—as a holy offering of love and grace.

We offer our hearts, our gifts, our very selves, to be the body of Christ in the world.

God's mercy endures. God's salvation is forever. God's love never fails.

Let us worship the One who creates, calls, redeems, and sends us.

*HYMN *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* 103 (red book)

OPENING PRAYER

Holy and Living God, you are the Rock from which we are hewn, the Love that shapes our stories, and the Mercy that fills our days. You have created us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. Form us again with your grace, that our minds may be renewed, our hearts made steadfast, our hands made ready for your work. Bind us together as one body, united in your mission of love and grace for the whole world. Teach us to offer all that we are—our gifts, our voices, our lives—as a living sacrifice of love. As we gather together in worship, shine your enduring light upon us, so that we may trust, serve, and rejoice in your presence – and be equipped to go forth and live in love for you and all people. Amen.

ANTHEM *If My People* Sanctuary Choir
(Joseph Martin)

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 51:1-6 (681 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 Romans 12:1-8 (161 NT)
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church!
Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE	“The Body of Christ”	Rev. Brian Johnson
*HYMN	<i>We Are God’s People</i>	2220 (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 INTRODUCTION TO OFFERING		
OFFERING AND OFFERTORY	<i>Give Thanks</i> (Marty Parks)	Sanctuary Orchestra
*DOXOLOGY		94 (red book)
*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING		
*HYMN	<i>Seek Ye First</i>	405 (red book)
*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING		
CHORAL BENEDICTION	<i>Amen</i> (Danish)	Sanctuary Choir
POSTLUDE	<i>Toccata in C</i> (J.S. Bach)	organ

The flowers in the Chancel are given to the Glory of God by
Lou-Anne Smith, Hunter Payne, Annalise Sears, Hamilton Payne and Imane Khoufaify
in honor of the October 28 birthday of Mark Smith.

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 today to sign up.

CLASS: MADE TO MOVE: Knowing and Loving God Through Our Bodies

Today, 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.

CLASS: MARVIN WILLARD SUNDAY SCHOOL - Between the Testaments

5 Sundays beginning today, 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.

WORLDS TRANSFORMED: NAVIGATING RELIGIOUS DIFFERENCE, PAST AND PRESENT

Sunday, October 19, 2:30-4:00pm | Jamestown Settlement, 2100 Jamestown Rd

Come learn about the complexity of religious expression in early Virginia—African, Indigenous, and English—and discuss how we can stand up for different ways of being in our world today. Panelists are Harvey Bakari, curator of Black History and Culture; Sarah Quint, Mattaponi Nation citizen and storyteller; and Mark Summers, public historian at Historic Jamestowne. Join us for this HART (Historic Area Religions Together) Event! Please RSVP at www.tinyurl.com/hart-oct19 For more information, contact Deacon Troy Sims (tsims@williamsburgumc.org).

THE TABLE – Sunday Night Service October 19 @ 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 20 and October 22 @ 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.

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.

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.

CLASS: COVENANT BIBLE STUDY - Creating, Living, Trusting

Thursdays, beginning October 30, 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. Register now: tinyurl.com/covenant-study

PUMPKIN PICK-N-PAINT

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

Join us for Kid's Morning Out fall fundraiser: the Pumpkin Pick-N-Paint! Pick a small pumpkin on the front lawn, to decorate! Proceeds from this fundraiser go to support our scholarship fund. You may also donate a pumpkin for someone to paint tinyurl.com/2025-kmo-pumpkin.

WAYS YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

STEWARDSHIP



Our Gifts God's Multiplier

We're celebrating how your generosity is multiplying God's work through WUMC! 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

WINTER SHELTER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We still need a few more volunteers for the week November 16 – 23 that WUMC is hosting the shelter. Sign up now at tinyurl.com/2025-shelter. Thank you so much for your willingness to volunteer!

PASTOR APPRECIATION

We invite you to express your appreciation this month as we celebrate and give thanks to Brian, Madison and Troy. WUMC is blessed with three wonderful pastors who lead our church with love, dedication, compassion, and tireless service. Consider sharing a specific way in which our pastors have touched your life: a Sunday morning message, a visit during a difficult time, a prayer or even a smile that lifted your spirits through sending a card, email or a kind word after service. Expressions of gratitude remind our pastors that their ministry truly makes a difference. Let's uplift and encourage our pastors, reminding them how deeply valued and loved they are.

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.

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.



CREATION CARE TEAM

Christians are called to be kind and compassionate toward animals, reflecting the love and care God has for all of creation. Please consider: volunteering at animal shelters or sanctuaries, supporting animal welfare organizations, that protect animal welfare, such as spay/neuter programs, picking up trash to prevent animals from getting entangled or ingesting it, educate others, teach children about the importance of animal care and pray for animals and for the restoration of creation.

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!

UPCOMING USHER TRAINING Saturday, October 25, 9:00 – 10:30am | Fellowship Hall

Interested in joining our Sunday morning Usher Team? Join us for training Oct. 25 from 9:00 – 10:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Email info@williamsburgumc.org with questions.

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.

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.

Carol Brown, 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

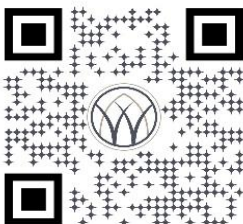
Your generosity changes lives and empowers ministries. Visit our Resources page at williamsburgumc.org/articles to read stories about the difference your giving makes in our community and beyond.

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TODAYS SERVICE LEADERS

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

Director of Worship Arts: Lou-Anne Smith

Organist: Tom Marshall

Readers 8:15: Mike Starry **11:00:** Nathalie Bacskey

Acolyte 11:00: Johanna Foley, James Foley

Greeters 8:15: Marjorie Croswell, Joyce Alewynse **11:00:** Tim Bullock, Connie Bullock

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, Todd Lindley, Josh Clayton

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Oct. 12 Worship Attendance	Total	481
In Person 11:00am		158
In Person 8:15am		133
Virtual		99
The Table		20
Messy Church		71

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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