



Williamsburg

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Everyday Practices of Faith Sermon Series

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST OCTOBER 26, 2025

ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE *A Joyful Melody* Koinonia Belles
(Bob Burroughs)

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

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;

let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation!

We enter God's presence in gratitude and in grief, in worry and in hope.

We gather to worship the God who creates us in love and is faithful in all things.

Whatever we face, we give thanks for the God who is always good.

Our joy is found in the God of Jesus Christ, in the One who saves us.

Come, let us worship and bow down before our Maker;

for the Lord is our God, and we are the sheep of God's pasture.

We are the people of the crucified and resurrected One.

With joy and thanksgiving, we worship the One who shepherds us in love.

*HYMN *Maker, In Whom We Live* 88 (red book)

OPENING PRAYER

God of love and peace, we gather together to praise you and give you thanks.

You are our Maker and our Shepherd, the One who leads us beside still waters and fills

our days with mercy and grace. Teach us to rejoice always, to pray without ceasing,

and to give thanks in all circumstances. Teach us to trust in you even when we are afraid

and overwhelmed. Teach us to live in your peace, even when things seem anything

but peaceful. Open our hearts to your Spirit in this time, that our worship may be faithful,

our gratitude deep, and our lives a continual offering of praise.

In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray. Amen.

ANTHEM *What a Fellowship* Sanctuary Choir
(David M. Cherwien)

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 95: 1-7 (550 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 Playroom (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

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (205 NT)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church!

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

“Everyday Worship”

Rev. Brian Johnson

*HYMN

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

402 (red 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

Blessed Jesu, We Are Here
(J.S. Bach)

organ

*DOXOLOGY

94 (red book)

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN

Be Thou My Vision

451 (red book)

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Amen
(Danish)

Sanctuary Choir

POSTLUDE

Toccata con Fuga in D minor
(J.S. Bach)

organ

The flowers in the Chancel are given to the Glory of God in memory of Valerie Phillips Hillyer
by her children, Victoria Brantley and Scott Hillyer.

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.*

CHARGE CONFERENCE TODAY AT 2:30 PM

Williamsburg UMC's yearly charge conference will occur today, 2:30pm at Urbanna United Methodist Church (221 Marston Ave, Urbanna, VA 23175). This is a business meeting at which our church's leadership for the upcoming year will be elected. The meeting is being held together with numerous other churches in our area. All are welcome to attend.

OUR DIRECTORIES ARE HERE!

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

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.**



A TIMELESS WUMC TRADITION: POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS.

A gift of **\$25 or more** places a poinsettia **in honor or in memory** of loved ones. Dedications will be listed in the bulletin. There will be a table in the Atrium today to place orders, use the QR code attached, or

<https://tinyurl.com/poinsettiaswumc> **Order deadline is November 2.**

For **questions**, please **contact Rita Welty at wumcflowers@gmail.com.**



THE TABLE – Sunday Night Service October 26 @ 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 27 and October 29 @ 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.

WAYS YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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.

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.

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.**

WINTER SHELTER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We still need a few more volunteers for the week that WUMC is hosting the shelter for our unhoused neighbors, November 16 – 23. If you can help us at any of the times listed below, please use the QR Code to sign up or email Melody Nichols at melnichols@comcast.net Mon, 11/17, 9pm-1:00am; Tues, 11/18, 1–5:30am (Female); Sat 11/22 9pm-1:00am (Female); Sun, 11/23, 1 – 5:30am (Male)



THANKSGIVING MEAL MINISTRY

With grateful hearts for all our many blessings, our congregation will partner with Meals on Wheels and From His Hands to provide about 125 individual dinners to neighbors in need within our local community. Both monetary donations and hands-on volunteers are needed to make this happen. Use the QR code or follow this link

<https://tinyurl.com/thanksgivingmealministry> to learn more or to sign up to serve!



CREATION CARE TEAM

Caring for animals honors God by reflecting His compassion and love for His creation. Please consider responsible consumerism by: making conscious choices to reduce meat and dairy consumption, buy cruelty-free products and consider the welfare practices of farmers, and minimize waste and choose products that heal rather than harm God's creation.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GIVING STATEMENTS UPDATE

Thank you for your patience as we complete our transition to Realm, our new giving system. To ensure accuracy, **all third-quarter giving** was processed in our former system. We are now transferring **August–October gifts** into Realm so that your full giving history appears correctly. If your recent contributions are not yet visible, don't worry—this is expected and will be updated soon. Questions? Contact **Mary Ellen Baker** in the Finance Office at mebaker@williamsburgumc.org.

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

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

Heritage Circle - Tuesday, November 4, 9:45 am, Rm 303.

Ruth Simpson Circle - Wednesday, November 5, 10:00 am, Rm 309. Our guest speaker will be Madison Ailingier.

Sisters in Grace – Tuesday, November 11, 1:00 pm, Rm 303. The guest speaker will be Rev. Brandon Robbins.

Sisters in Mission - Tuesday, November 11, 6:30 pm, Rm 309. Pastor Madison Ailingier will be the guest speaker.

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!

HART MULTIFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Sunday, November 23, 7:00pm | Walsingham Academy (1100 Jamestown Rd)

In our divided world, it is important to find things that bring us together, so you are invited to the 8th Annual HART (Historic Area Religions Together) Multifaith Thanksgiving Service. This event will include people from many different faith traditions helping us to find common ground of thanks for the common good of Greater Williamsburg and beyond. HART is a group of religious and community leaders representing diverse faith and religious traditions that meet monthly for mutual support, friendship, and learning from one another and special guests. Your pastoral team are proud participants in this group and work.

For more info, contact Deacon Troy Sims (tsims@williamsburgumc.org).

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS PREP 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

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

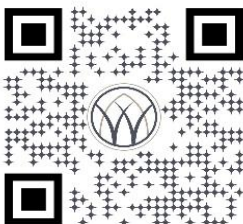
Your generosity changes lives and empowers ministries. Visit our Resources page at williamsburgumc.org/articles to read stories about the difference your giving makes in our community and beyond.

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FOR THE LATEST NEWS, UPCOMING EVENTS, AND
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

Readers 8:15: Sylvia Woodcock **11:00:** Charles Swadley

Acolyte 8:15: Linda Upshaw **11:00:** Nancy Donnelly, Susannah Naramore

Greeters 8:15: Damarius Marion **11:00:** Jan Boykin, Donna Potts

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	506
In Person 11:00am		251
In Person 8:15am		160
Virtual		75
The Table		20

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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