



Williamsburg

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Everyday Practices of Faith Sermon Series

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 9, 2025

ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE *When Morning Guilds the Skies* organ
(Robert Lind)

INTROIT *What Does the Lord Require of You?* Sanctuary Choir
(Hal H. Hopson)

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We come today asking, what does God want from us? What can we do for God?

Scripture answers our questions:

Act justly. Love mercy. Walk humbly with our God.

We come again, still wondering, How can we be better? How can we follow more faithfully?

And the Word speaks again.

Greatness isn't found in power or position, but in service, in following the way of Jesus, who came not to be served, but to serve.

So, we open our hearts to God, ready to listen, ready to move, and ready to serve. Amen.

*HYMN *The Summons* 2130 (black book)

OPENING PRAYER

God of mercy,

You have shown us that you desire for us to be in service to others. We confess, we want to follow but it is hard when the road is rocky and when we are overwhelmed by reality. So, forgive us for the ways we turn away from you. Forgive us for measuring success by what we gain instead of what we give. Remind us that You call us not to be admired, but to be faithful. Lead us to serve in the quiet places where no one sees and to remain humble no matter what. Now, we surrender to the God who died so we can live. Amen.

ANTHEM *Still Small Voice* Sanctuary Choir
(Karen Marroli)

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Micah 6:6-8 (866 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 Matthew 20:20-28 (22 NT)
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church!
Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE "The Ministry of Noticing" Rev. Madison Ailingier

*HYMN

Would I Have Answered When You Called

2137 (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

Paraphrase on 'Kingsfold'
(Robert Powell)

organ

*DOXOLOGY

94 (red book)

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

BLESSING OF THE QUILTS

*HYMN

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

2153 (black book)

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Seven-fold Amen
(Peter Christian Lutkin)

Sanctuary Choir

POSTLUDE

Festival March
(Robert Powell)

organ

The flowers in the Chancel are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Lester W. Higbee, Jr.
and in remembrance of his birthday by Dorothy Higbee.

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.*

THE TABLE – Sunday Night Service November 9 @ 5:30pm | Fellowship Hall

The Table will be meeting for the last time on Sunday, November 16. After more than a year of worship together, we will celebrate the ways we've experienced God's grace and community together - and we will say goodbye to our pattern of Sunday evening worship. We will invite folks to share stories about what this worship service has meant to them and how they have seen God show up through it. And we will pray over what's next - for Williamsburg UMC and for each of us.



MESSY CHURCH – CUP OF THANKSGIVING November 11, 5:30pm

We will participate in this celebration of Eucharist-which means Thanksgiving-as we also remember and give thanks for all life's blessings in the Fall season. After Communion, we'll share a Thanksgiving feast full of delicious food options for kids and adults. Discover a new theme of life with God through free play, crafts, fun praise songs, and Bible stories. Wrap up the evening with a delicious family-style dinner.

WAYS YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

ELEVATE YOUR FITNESS November 10 and November 12 @ 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.

WINTER SHELTER

Thanks to all who will be helping with the Winter Shelter ministry that begins next Sunday, November 16. All required volunteer slots have been filled! We will host on-site training sessions at WUMC for volunteers who want to attend. Volunteers should only attend one of these, either Friday, November 14 at 2pm or Saturday, November 15 at 10am. We look forward to serving our neighbors in need and sharing Christ's love with them by providing a warm safe place to sleep, hearty food and a listening ear.



THANKSGIVING MEAL MINISTRY

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 Just like we tidy our homes, it's good to tidy our online spaces, too. Old emails, photos, and files stored in the cloud take up energy in data centers around the world. Take a few minutes this week to delete what you don't need — and don't forget to empty your digital "trash." A little digital decluttering helps care for God's creation by reducing energy use!



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. Our November Coordinators are Carol Schuster (757) 603-2574 and Karen Red (757) 532-6893. Call at least 2 days in advance for assistance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS DECORATING 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!

ORDER FLOWERS ONLINE

Our chancel flower calendar is available to place online orders for 2026. Orders must be placed on this form <https://tinyurl.com/wumc-flowers> at least 9 days in advance of the Sunday requested. There are still two dates available in 2025: November 30 and December 7. Need help ordering? Contact wumcflowers@gmail.com. Orders will not be taken in the church office or placed in the offering plate. We appreciate your desire to help beautify our sanctuary in this meaningful way.



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

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

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

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.



DINE AT SAL'S BY VICTOR - 1242 RICHMOND RD, WILLIAMSBURG

November 20 anytime between 2:00 and 8:00pm.

Tell your server you're with Williamsburg United Methodist Church, and 20% of all proceeds will be donated back to the United Women in Faith to fund local and global missions! A delicious way to make a difference!

MESSIAH CONCERT AT WUMC

Friday, December 5, 7:00pm Saturday, December 6, 5:00pm

SUNDAY MORNING MODERN WORSHIP

Beginning in early 2026, we will be launching a weekly Sunday morning modern worship service. This worship service will meet each Sunday at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall and will feature music led by a band (guitars, drums, piano, etc.), a relaxed atmosphere and weekly communion. Come to our preview service on December 14 at 9:30am. **Interested in helping make modern worship happen?**

Contact Michelle Roy, mroy@williamsburgumc.org



REGISTER FOR AN EVENT IN REALM

View upcoming church events and register for the ones you'd like to attend. If an event's registration requires payment, you'll see its cost, any required deposit amount, acceptable forms of payment, and its no-refund date, if applicable. You can also manage your active registrations and see any outstanding balances. Log into Realm and head to EVENTS today to see what's happening at WUMC!

<https://onrealm.org/williamsburgumc>

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<https://tinyurl.com/bookrealmtraining>

CLASSES

PREPARE THE WAY FOR THE LORD - Pastors' Advent Study

4 Wednesdays beginning November 19, 7:00-8:30pm | Rm 171

4 Thursdays beginning November 20, 10:30-12:00pm | Zoom

Join Pastors Brian and Madison to consider the story and message of John the Baptist. In the first century, John called people to a journey through the wilderness in preparation for the Lord's coming. He continues to call us as we prepare ourselves to receive Christ again. Register now at tinyurl.com/pastors-advent

CHRISTMAS IS NOT YOUR BIRTHDAY - An Advent Study

Sundays, November 23, December 7, 14, & 21, 2:00-3:30pm; OR

Tuesdays, November 25, December 2, 9, & 16, 10:30-noon

Charlie Brown exclaimed, "Isn't there anyone who knows what Christmas is all about?" Maybe you've felt this way at times when being confronted with the way our culture approaches Christmas. Join Deacon Troy for a 4-week Advent Study as we let Mike Slaughter's book, Christmas is Not Your Birthday, help us navigate the Christmas season. Register now at tinyurl.com/advent-bday.

VOICES OF ADVENT - Searchers Sunday School

4 Sundays starting Nov 30, 9:30-10:30am | Rm 303

Searchers Sunday School invites you to listen to the voices of Advent in preparation for Christ's coming! Listen to Jesus' promises, John the Baptist's preaching, and to faithful people, poets, and angels who anticipate the magnificence of Jesus' birth and praise God. You'll hear hope.

For more information on any of the classes, contact Deacon Troy Sims tsims@williamsburgumc.org.

WAYS TO GIVE

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



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TODAYS SERVICE LEADERS

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

Director of Worship Arts: Lou-Anne Smith

Organist: Tom Marshall

Readers 8:15: Linda Lyons **11:00:** Betsy Campbell

Acolyte 11:00: Nancy Donnelly, Susannah Naramore

Greeters 8:15: Fran Hermance, Linda Upshaw **11:00:** Gary Drake, Kathy Drake

Ushers 8:15: Roy Geiger, Janet Henke, Russ Henke, Chalannes Hoover, Monty Mason, Michael Johnson, Cindy Garman-Squier, Dan Squier **11:00:** Drew Alexander, Val Dobson, Van Dobson, Walter Hall, Greg Johnson, Bonnie Knizatko, John Tressler, JD Tressler

Sound and Livestream: Jimmy McCarter, Todd Lindley, Josh Clayton

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Nov. 2 Worship Attendance	Total	494
In Person 11:00am		223
In Person 8:15am		169
Virtual		78
The Table		24

Deadline for Bulletin Submissions:

MONDAY, 5:00 p.m.

Please submit to Nancy Reynolds

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OUR CHURCH STAFF

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

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

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Ellen Simon, **Bookkeeper** (x116)

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

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

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