



Williamsburg

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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**CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 23, 2025**

ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* Sanctuary Orchestra
(arr. David Winkler)

INTROIT *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* Sanctuary Choir
(John Goss)

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus said, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the End."

He is the One who was, and who is, and who is to come.

Jesus is the King of kings and the Lord of lords.

**May all blessing and honor and glory and power be given
to the Lamb who was slain.**

Worthy is Christ, who has gathered his people from every tribe
and tongue and nation.

Christ tears down every wall. Christ claims our ultimate allegiance.

Christ unites us across every division.

**Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty,
who was and is and is to come! Amen.**

*HYMN *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* 89 (red book)

OPENING PRAYER

**Almighty God, you made your Son Jesus Christ Lord over all peoples,
nations, and languages, so that all might serve him and walk in the way
of his love. As we gather for worship, make us loyal followers of our living
Lord; that we may always hear his word, follow his teachings, and live in his
Spirit. We know that it is your will to restore all things to Christ and to establish
his reign of justice, mercy, and love. Teach us to follow Jesus in a way that
enables us to love our neighbors more faithfully. Grant that all the people of
the earth, divided by sin and hatred, may be united under the glorious and
gentle reign of Jesus Christ. In the name of Christ our true King we pray. Amen.**

ANTHEM *Coronation* Sanctuary Choir
(Craig Courtney) Lew Mabie, alto saxophone

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Jeremiah 23:1-6 (725 OT)
The Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC *Taste and See* Wesley Choir (11:00)
(arr. Mark Loria)

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 Luke 23:33-43 (89 NT)
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church!
Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE "Christ the King" Rev. Brian Johnson

*HYMN

Crown Him with Many Crowns

327 (red book)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

895 (red book)

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Bill and Melissa Magowan
Geoffry, Julia, Grayson and Delaney Berryman

(11:00)

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Delaney Berryman

(11:00)

APOSTLES’ CREED

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

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.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

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.

CONGREGATIONAL WELCOME

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, our witness that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

SUNG RESPONSE

God Claims You
(sing “Delaney” for child’s name)

2249 (black book)

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INTRODUCTION TO OFFERING

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
(Johann Walther)

organ

*DOXOLOGY

94 (red book)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN

Lift High the Cross

159 (red book)

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Seven-fold Amen
(Peter Christian Lutkin)

Sanctuary Choir

POSTLUDE

Lift High the Cross
(Ronald Arnatt)

organ

The flowers in the Chancel are given to the Glory of God in memory of
and in thankfulness for David Ziskind by Betsy Ziskind.

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.*

HARVEST DISPLAY

The harvest display in the Sanctuary is placed in gratitude for God's bounty, the abundance in our lives and in tribute to our local farmers. A special thanks to Kelrae Farm for their contribution to this year's display. And we thank Debbie Bruss, Gene Bruss, Ann Brown Hailey, and Judy Halstead for arranging this display.

CONTINUE YOUR SHOPPING TODAY

Members of United Women in Faith will be in the Atrium before services and after the 11:00am service to take orders for soup and cookie mix jars and Christmas cards. Stop by and get some of your holiday shopping out of the way!

QUILT MINISTRY MARKET TODAY

Shop for unique handcrafted gifts at the Quilt Ministry Market. The shop will be open in Fellowship Hall before and after Sunday morning services. The Market will feature quilts, kitchen and home décor, Advent calendars, cross-stitch hangings, knit caps, and more—all made by members of the WUMC Quilt Ministry. Proceeds will be donated to the WUMC Advent offering.

HART MULTIFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Today 7:00pm | Walsingham Academy 1100 Jamestown Rd

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.

ELEVATE YOUR FITNESS November 24 @ 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.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS DECORATING 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! Let's come together to create a beautiful space that reflects the joy of this holy season!

CHARGE CONFERENCE NOVEMBER 25

Williamsburg UMC will be hosting a called Charge Conference as part of our Tuesday evening Church Council meeting, at 7:00pm on Tuesday, November 25. The purpose of this meeting will be to approve compensation for our pastors for 2026. This will occur as part of our larger discussion of approving the overall church budget for 2026. All are welcome to attend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



DAILY DEVOTIONALS?

Wanna receive daily devotionals in your email during special times of the year like Advent and Lent? Visit www.tinyurl.com/wumc-devotional and share your email address!

WUMC PICTORAL DIRECTORY

Want a directory? Come to the table in the Atrium today and purchase one for \$5.00. Proceeds will go towards the new Modern Service...sneak preview of this service coming December 14.

DEAR CONGREGATION:

As Christmas approaches, we invite you to join us in expressing gratitude to our dedicated church staff through our traditional Love Offering. Our staff embodies Christ's love, working tirelessly for our community.

Your contribution, whether a card, gift, or donation, will make a meaningful impact. Please mark all contributions for the "Staff Love Offering." You can place them in the Sunday offering plate, mail to the church (500 Jamestown Rd., Williamsburg 23185), or donate online at <https://tinyurl.com/wumcstaff> now through December 31st.

May this Christmas season be a time of abundant blessings, shared love, and profound gratitude. Thank you for being a vital part of our church family and for contributing to the warmth and unity that define our Community in Christ.

Wishing you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year.

Blessings,

Williamsburg UMC Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee



MESSIAH CONCERT AT WUMC

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

Featured Soloists: Michelle Trovato, soprano; Cecelia McKinley, contralto; Ian Lane, tenor; Branch Fields, bass

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. 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.



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**

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

CREATION CARE TEAM

Celebrate thanksgiving with care for God's creation: choose reusable dinnerware and cloth napkins, less meat/more plant-based foods, a plan to use leftovers, a kitchen set up to maximize composting and minimize trashing, and washable rags for cleanup. Earth will be thankful you did.



CLASSES

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.

PREPARE THE WAY FOR THE LORD - Pastors' Advent Study - continues

Wednesday December 3, 7:00-8:30pm | Rm 171

Thursday December 4, 10:30-12:00pm | Zoom

FAITHFUL - Marvin Willard Sunday School

4 Sundays beginning November 30, 9:30-10:30am | Rm 174

Join the Marvin Willard Sunday School to examine Christmas through the eyes of Joseph. Using Adam Hamilton's book of the same name, you will understand how Joseph's story is much like our own, encountering and working through circumstances that we would never have chosen for ourselves. For more information or to get connected to the class leaders, contact Deacon Troy Sims (tsims@williamsburgumc.org).

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



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

Director of Worship Arts: Lou-Anne Smith

Organist: Tom Marshall

Readers 8:15: Mike Starry **11:00:** Barbara Monteith

Acolyte 11:00: Ella Bullock, James Clayton

Greeters 8:15: Diane Robbins **11:00:** Sylvia Teeuwen, Linda Upshaw

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. 16 Worship Attendance Total 551

In Person 11:00am 215

In Person 8:15am 157

Virtual 83

The Table 29

Messy Church 67

**Deadline for Bulletin Submissions:
MONDAY, NOON**

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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