



Williamsburg

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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JANUARY 18, 2026
8:15 and 11:00am

ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE

Sinfonia 6
(Johann Sebastian Bach)

organ

INTROIT

Sing Praise and Glory
(Bach/Liebergen)

Sanctuary Choir

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus calls us to follow Him, not just with our words, but with our whole lives.

We come, ready to listen and respond.

Jesus invites us to trust Him more than our need for control.

We lay down what holds us back.

We lay down our fears in hope of something better.

What seems impossible for us is possible with God.

Praise be to God.

Amen

*HYMN

How Great Thou Art

77 (red book)

OPENING PRAYER

Glorious God,

We come to you with all the love we can muster up, and say thank you.

Thank you for saving us and loving us. Thank you for doing the impossible and breaking open all darkness. Thank you for teaching us that salvation is not about what we do but about what you did. So, lead us to understand scripture in the way you would like us to.

Lead us to understand context in the way you would like us to.

With all of this, we give you thanks forever and ever. Amen

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Proverbs 19:17 (601 OT)

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Author of Justice
(Lloyd Justice)

Sanctuary Choir

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 19:16-30 (21 NT)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church!

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

“Sell Everything: Why Jesus?”

Rev. Madison Ailinger

*HYMN

Take My Life and Let It Be

399 (red book)

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.**

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Bill and Bev Boyer

(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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INTRODUCTION TO OFFERING

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

Offertory
(Beck/Courtney)

Ian Lane, tenor

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

94 (red book)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up-lifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*HYMN

Seek Ye First

405 (red book)

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Amen! Alleluia! Amen!
(George Frideric Handel)

Sanctuary Choir

POSTLUDE

Fanfare for Organ
(Daniel Burton)

organ

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.*

WAYS TO CONNECT AT WILLIAMSBURG UMC

WEEKLY MODERN WORSHIP TODAY 9:30am | Fellowship Hall

Join us this morning at 9:30am for our Modern Worship Service. With weekly communion, a band leading contemporary Christian music, and a relaxed atmosphere, we hope you'll consider this new opportunity to connect with God together with us!

ELEVATE YOUR FITNESS January 19 & 21 @ 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.

KID'S MORNING OUT January 22, 5:30pm | Fellowship Hall

Information session intended for parents to learn about Kid's Morning Out, however, all are welcome. Session includes what we teach, how we teach it, and what to expect for the 2026-27 school. We will have a brief presentation, an open "Q&A" and tour classrooms. Registration begins in February.

CLASSES

A SPIRITUALITY FOR THE 21st CENTURY - The Rule of Benedict Every Other Monday through May 4, 7:00-8:30pm | via Zoom

You are invited to a small group, facilitated by Rev. David Hindman (retired United Methodist pastor and former campus minister at W&M's Wesley Foundation) in exploring the Rule of Saint Benedict, a helpful resource for tens of thousands of Christians from many Christian traditions. This study includes daily readings beginning January 1 from Joan Chittister's book *The Rule of Benedict*. Learn more or register now at tinyurl.com/wumc-21st.

THE BOOK OF JONAH - Pastors' Bible Study Wednesdays January 21 7:00-8:30pm | Rm 171 Thursdays starting January 22, 10:30 noon | Zoom

Join Pastors Brian and Madison in a Bible study of the book of Jonah! Our primary text will be the Bible itself, but we can recommend commentaries if you'd like one! Register now at tinyurl.com/wumc-pastors-study.

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT: Aldersgate Fellowship Sunday School 6 Sundays beginning January 18, 9:30-10:30am | Wesley Hall

The Sermon on the Mount of Matthew 5-7 contains what are arguably some of Jesus' most profound and challenging teachings with a solidly grounded call to obedience. You're invited to the Aldersgate Fellowship Sunday School to consider this important part of the Bible in a more lecture-type format.

WRESTLING WITH DOUBT: Finding Faith 6 Sundays beginning January 25, 9:30-10:30am | Rm 174

Everyone has doubts, and too often, we treat doubt as the enemy of faith. But uncertainty doesn't mean our trust in God is lacking. You're invited to the Marvin Willard Sunday School as they wrestle with doubt and find faith - trust, not certainty; mystery rather than simple answers.

For more information on any of the above classes or to get connected to the class leaders, contact Deacon Troy Sims tsims@williamsburgumc.org.

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP - For Students, Early Career Professionals, And Any Of Us Who Are Not Retiring For More Than 30 Years. We Got This!

Every third Thursday February 19, March 19 and April 16, 7:00pm Pizza Dinner for the first. Dinner will be provided or we will go somewhere fun! Questions? Contact Pastor Madison mailinger@williamsburgumc.org

THE GIFT OF YEARS: Growing Older Gracefully

8 Wednesdays beginning February 4, 10:30-12:00pm | Rm TBD

You're invited to reflect on the many aspects of our aging – its purposes and concerns, our struggles and the joys, and, importantly, the promise of the fullness of life with its profound meaning. Rusty MacMullan will lead this discussion group using the book *The Gift of Years: Growing Older Gracefully* by Joan Chittister. For more info or to get connected to Rusty, contact Deacon Troy Sims (tsims@williamsburgumc.org). Learn more or register at tinyurl.com/wumc-gift-years.



Scan the QR code to learn more about opportunities for you and your family to grow, learn, and find community at WUMC

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**January 19 is Martin Luther King Day/Federal Holiday.
The Church Office is Closed**

ECMS WINTER CARNIVAL February 6, 5:30 – 8:00pm

It's almost time for one of our favorite events of the year - our Early Childhood Music School Winter Carnival! Mark your calendars for February 6, 5:30 – 8:00pm. and join us at Williamsburg UMC for a fun night of games, bounce house, face painting, slime bar, video gaming station, instrument petting zoo, silent auction, food truck, AND MORE! Tickets are \$10 Children 4 and under are free. Family Ticket for 4 or more \$35

Want to help? Donate to the Silent Auction or volunteer to work at the Carnival for set up, work at event stations, or help the cleanup crew.

The best part - all proceeds go to benefit Elliot's Song, an outreach ministry of ECMS that provides free music education to at-risk preschoolers in WJCC. Questions? Contact Anthony Williams, Director of ECMS (757) 229-1771.

THANK YOU

The Church Staff thanks the congregation for the generous love offering we received for Christmas! We sincerely appreciate the ongoing support of the congregation as is evidenced in many ways throughout the year. The church staff remains dedicated to fulfilling the mission of the Church, and we work tirelessly in the hope that all persons may come to know Jesus Christ. We are grateful and honored to receive such a generous monetary gift in recognition of the ministry we undertake to make disciples of Jesus Christ in Williamsburg and beyond.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH CHILI FUNDRAISER

You can support the missions of the United Women in Faith by pre-ordering 1-quart containers of beef or vegetarian chili for Super Bowl Sunday! The members of UWF will be making chili to be picked up in the Atrium on February 8 between services and after the 11:00am service. Pre-orders are encouraged. Online orders <https://tinyurl.com/uwfchiliorders> must be placed by February 1. If you cannot be present for pickup on February 8 your order will be labeled and placed in the church refrigerator for 1 week.

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 January Coordinators are Jan Boykin (757) 565-2950 and Barbara Feagin (240) 463-4565. Call at least 2 days in advance for assistance.



CREATION CARE TEAM

You may not think of Martin Luther King, Jr. in relationship to the environment, but corporate and governmental practices that despoil the land or water affect the poor and people of color infinitely more than richer and whiter communities. King stood against racism, including environmental racism. Caring for creation also means working for justice.

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.

JANUARY 11 ATTENDANCE

Worship Attendance Total	608
In Person 11:00am	222
In Person 8:15am	141
Modern Worship 9:30am	85
Online	91
Messy Church	69

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FOR THE LATEST NEWS, UPCOMING EVENTS, AND
WAYS TO BE INVOLVED AT WUMC.

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OUR CHURCH STAFF

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