



Williamsburg

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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JANUARY 25, 2026

8:15 and 11:00am

ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE *It Is Well With My Soul* organ
(Elizabeth Krouse)

INTROIT *Sing Praise and Glory* Sanctuary Choir
(Bach/Liebergen)

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP by Walter Brueggemann (modified)

We are bold to praise God.

We praise God for the gift of life.

We praise God for the mystery of creation

**As we stand in awe alongside all God's creatures — zebras, cabbages,
sharks, mocking birds, frogs.**

We praise God alongside all our human cousins of the single family of humanity:

**Hispanics and Koreans, homeboys and immigrants, our good friends
and our fearful enemies.**

*HYMN *In Unity We Lift Our Song* 2221 (black book)

OPENING PRAYER by Michael T. McRay (modified)

**Gracious God, Jesus told stories to shorten distances. His teaching
showed us a new world. He knew that no one can be fully defined by a story
but that no one can be fully understood without one. Open us
to Jesus' stories and teachings. Open us, O God, to the stories of others.
Ground us in the stories of ourselves, and shelter us, Lord, through
one another. We pray in Christ's name for the sake of the world. Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 3:14-21 (193 NT)

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *Awake, My Heart* Sanctuary Choir
(Jane M. Marshall)

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 14:25-35 (78 NT)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church!

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE "Jesus' Family Values: Hate Your Mother and Father" Deacon Troy Sims

*HYMN *We Need a Faith* 2181 (black book)

Sing to the tune of Amazing Grace 378 (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

Gem Blair

(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 *Near to the Heart of God*
(arr. Lenny Seidel)

piano

*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

This Is My Song

437 (red book)

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Amen! Alleluia! Amen!
(George Frideric Handel)

Sanctuary Choir

POSTLUDE

Ten Voluntaries
(William Boyce)

organ

The flowers are given to the Glory of God by Karen Red
In memory of Charlie on our 45th wedding anniversary.

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.*

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 26 & 28 @ 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.



WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT WHAT JESUS SAYS ABOUT FAMILY? Visit tinyurl.com/jesus-on-family.

CLASSES

THE BOOK OF JONAH - Pastors' Bible Study

Wednesday January 28 7:00-8:30pm | Rm 171

Thursday January 29, 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.

WRESTLING WITH DOUBT: Finding Faith

6 Sundays beginning TODAY, 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.

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.

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



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

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

Change the light bulbs AND change the laws! Every small action we do on behalf of creation helps, but the key driver of the climate crisis—burning of fossil fuels—can only be stopped through legislation. Write letters or emails, sign petitions, or call. Push the people in power to act on behalf of the planet, the future, and their constituents.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

You can support the missions of the United Women in Faith by pre-ordering 1-quart of beef or vegetarian chili (\$12) containers 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.

United Women in Faith is open to all women in the church, and we love to welcome new members. Pick a circle to visit - we meet at a variety of times, see below. Circles build community and discipleship through service projects and monthly meetings. Join us.

Heritage-Scott Circle - February 3, 9:45am Rm. 303. Program by Nancy Parsons on Getting Acquainted. Please bring a recipe to share.

Ruth Simpson Circle - February 4, 10:00am in Room 309.

Sisters in Grace - February 10, 11:00am lunch at Food for Thought. After lunch, circle members will lead a project and Valentine Bingo with members of Respite Care.

Sisters in Mission February 17, 5:00pm. Please note the new date (third Tuesday of the month) and time (5:00pm) for meetings going forward. The February topic will be Love Stories from the Bible.

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.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING February 8, Atrium

reNEW Youth are collecting canned and shelf stable food items for FISH food pantry as part of the national Souper Bowl of Caring food collection. Youth will be collecting food items in the Atrium before and after all three worship services. We'll have a table for both teams, and you can cast your vote for the winner of the big game by where you may put your donations. If you would like to support FISH with a monetary donation, we will also be collecting funds to support their work. Our goal for this year is 650 food items. We're excited to partner with you in showing God's love to the Williamsburg community this game day!

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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Deadline for Bulletin Submissions: MONDAY, NOON

Please submit to Nancy Reynolds
nreynolds@williamsburgumc.org.

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JANUARY 18 ATTENDANCE

Worship Attendance Total.....	522
In Person 11:00am.....	186
In Person 8:15am.....	133
Modern Worship 9:30am.....	83
Online.....	120

**DON'T FORGET TO PICK UP YOUR GIVING ENVELOPES
LOCATED ON THE TABLE AS YOU ENTER THE ATRIUM.**

OUR CHURCH STAFF

BRIAN JOHNSON, **Lead Pastor** (x110)
MADISON AILINGER, **Pastor of Congregational Care** (x114)
TROY SIMS, **Minister of Discipleship** (x108)
MARY ELLEN BAKER, **Finance Manager** (x106)
ELLEN BUSHMAN, **Director Respite Care** (x118)
JOSH CLAYTON, **Digital Media Specialist** (x107)
ZACH GRIGGS, **Family Ministries Coordinator** (x109)
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)
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)
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