



Williamsburg

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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October 4, 2026
8:15 and 11:00am

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Prayer for Communion
(Hugh S. Livingston)

Organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Foundry UMC, modified

On this World Communion Sunday, gather us in, O God!

We are part of the grand spectrum of your children.

We are prisms that catch your light, O God,

And we shine it out in a variety of blended hues.

Gather us in, O God, as the combined colors of the rainbow of your covenant.

As individuals and as a community, use us to shine the fulfillment of your promise to all the nations. Amen.

*HYMN

Standing on the Promises

UMH 374

OPENING PRAYER

Central UMC, modified

Let us confess that we have not always lived as those set free to live united in the promise of the Gospel.

O God, our reconciler, we come before you as a people of folly, who have sought the wisdom of the world. We flex our strength and power, thinking that will bring peace and security. Yet, we find ourselves to be an anxious people, isolated from one another and from you. We have sought to make ourselves great by pointing out the evil in others.

But we must confess that we, too, are stained with evil. Help us, O God, to turn to you in sure hope that you will draw us together in reconciliation that you may teach us your ways to walk in your paths. Amen.

[time for silent reflection]

Hear the good news! While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. That proves God's love towards us. In the name of Jesus Christ, we all are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Micah 4:1-7 (864 OT)

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(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-5 are invited to Children's Worship in the Godly Play Room (215) to encounter God in story, song, and creativity.

Our Nursery, located in Rm. 203, is open for Kids 6wks – 4yrs. during both services and Sunday School.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12:12-21 (174 NT)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church!

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE "Standing on the Promises: Promises That Shape a People" Rev. Troy Sims
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
MINISTRY CELEBRATION

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY *Arms Opened Wide* Sanctuary Choir
(Howard Helvey)

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH 94

**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!**

PRESENTING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

[The minister continues this prayer of thanksgiving, concluding:]

And so, with your people on earth

and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy

(21 red book)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full – full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

[The minister continues the prayer, recalling the institution of the Lord's Supper, concluding:]

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died

(22 red book)

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Amen

(22 red book)

Amen, amen, amen, amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH 895

**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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

Those who prefer to remain in their seat may do so; simply notify an usher, and they will make sure the elements are brought to you. You may go forward to receive communion when an usher dismisses your row. You will be able to choose between dipping the bread in the cup or receiving an individual cup of grape juice. You may return to your seat via the side aisle once you have received. Persons requiring gluten free elements may obtain these at the station at the front or have it brought to them in their seat.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION (Please join in the singing:)

HYMNS	<i>Come and Find the Quiet Center</i>	TFWS 2128
	<i>Make Me a Channel of Your Peace</i>	TFWS 2171
	<i>Shine, Jesus, Shine</i>	TFWS 2173
	<i>Together We Serve</i>	TFWS 2175
	<i>Make Me a Servant</i>	TFWS 2176

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world as those illumined by your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen

*HYMN *Gather Us In* TFWS 2236

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE *Festive Trumpet Tune* Organ
(David German)

The flowers are given in loving memory of Drew Welty - 10 years from Rita Welty and family.

SERMON NOTES FOR THIS WEEK, OCTOBER 4, 2026

SERMON SERIES: *Standing on the Promises*

MESSAGE: *"Promises That Shape a People"*

Micah 4:1-7; 1 Corinthians 12:12-21

KEY IDEA: Often in Christianity, we focus on the individuals, but God promises to form individuals into a people, a community, that looks beyond itself for the good of others.

KEY POINTS

- God has created the human body and the Body of Christ to operate most efficiently with all its parts — even the parts that sometimes cause us pain.
- In what might be considered Micah's version of the "peaceable kingdom:"
 - All the peoples of the world stream to God to be taught God's ways;
 - God brokers peace between these varied nations;
 - Peace entails not only turning weapons into tools for farming but making sure everyone has their own means of sustenance: vines and fig trees; and
 - No one is afraid.

- "Peace" in Hebrew is "shalom." Biblical scholar, Walter Brueggemann, wrote in *Names for the Messiah* that shalom in the Bible is "not only an absence of hostility but the maintenance of a prosperous social system so that the intent is something like '*promote the general welfare*.'"
- The ultimate goal of our generosity of prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness is to live into this peaceable kingdom that promotes the general welfare of not only ourselves and our loved ones.
- In caring for others, we care for ourselves.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

1. When has someone else's generosity transformed your generosity? Why did it affect you?
2. When has being generous brought you closer into community? What do you think caused that?
3. When has providing for someone who you find challenging been a blessing to you? How did it affect your future generosity?

WELCOME TO WUMC



We're delighted to have you with us! Between services, follow the signs to our Atrium 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, simply activate the t-coil switch. If that does not work, use one of the listening devices with a loop instead of the headphones.

FAMILY MINISTRY CHECK-IN STATION

If your children are participating in the Nursery or Children's Worship, at any worship hour, visit the kiosk in the Atrium to check them in for the programs they will attend. This helps us ensure your children's safety by knowing who is present and ensures we have emergency contact and allergy information. The station will also print out a name tag for your child and a matching security tag for their adult to use at pickup time.

MINISTRIES

GIVING STATEMENTS summarizing your generous donations will be distributed in October. We kindly request that you take a moment to log into the REALM system and review your contact information, especially your email address, and make any necessary updates to ensure timely delivery. Choosing email delivery helps us save both time and mailing expenses, allowing us to be better stewards of ministry resources. If you need help setting up Realm, contact Stacey Gardner sgardner@williamsburgumc.org

LOCAL OUTREACH KAIROS EVENT Dillwyn Correctional Ctr. October 8 – October 11
Please deliver cookies to church October 4, 5 or 6 before 4:00pm.

COVENANT BIBLE STUDY – Creating, Living, Trusting

Thursdays, beginning October 8, 7:00 – 8:30pm | Rm 171

This is a 24-week study of the entire story of the Bible based around the theme of "covenant." Study Guide is needed. Register: tinyurl.com/covenant-study

THE HOLY SPIRIT - Searchers Sunday School 6 Sundays beginning October 18, 9:30am | Rm 303

You're invited to explore what Scripture teaches about God's Spirit — from the Hebrew Bible through Jesus' promises in the Gospels, the powerful Pentecost experience in Acts, and the rich teachings found in the New Testament letters. Adam Hamilton's book used as a guide.

BE THE CHURCH EVENT - Reverse Trick-or-Treating Sunday, October 18, 1:30pm

Bring joy to people at the Williamsburg Post Acute & Rehab by providing the contents and / or delivering bags of goodies! Then, visit with the residents as Jeannie & Barbara lead the group in playing "Name That Tune!" We also need folks willing to pack the bags! Sign up to make a difference at tinyurl.com/wumc-be-church.

THE WILL OF GOD - Marvin Willard Sunday School 5 Sundays beginning October 25, 9:30am | Rm 174

Arguably one of the most misused theological phrases is "the will of God." You're invited to consider the classic book by British Methodist, Leslie Weatherhead, to get a handle on how to more fully understand God's will -- what it is and what it isn't!

Questions about any of the above, contact Deacon Troy Sims tsims@williamsburgumc.org.

HERITAGE SCOTT CIRCLE October 6, 9:45am | Rm 303. Barbara Stanley will present a program on *"Changing Your Perspective"* from the 2026 program book.

RUTH SIMPSON CIRCLE October 7, 10:00am | Rm 309

SISTERS IN GRACE CIRCLE October 13, 1:00pm | Rm 303

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH Candle Burning Event

October 10, 10:00am | WUMC Memorial Garden

Memorialize loved ones that have passed and honor living friends/family by lighting a candle, reading their names and displaying their picture. For each \$0.60 donated, the candle will burn for one second; donations will go toward missions. Rev. Helen Casey-Rutland will be our guest speaker; worship, music and light refreshments included. You do not have to attend to participate, however, if you do attend, please bring a lawn chair. In case of rain, we will relocate to Wesley Hall. Forms are available on the Welcome Desk, or register at tinyurl.com/uwf-candle

GUNS TO GARDENS EVENT October 10, 10:00am-1:00pm | WUMC Parking Lot

The Greater Good Group of WUMC and the James River Chapter/Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy (VICPP) invite all to anonymously give their guns to be safely dismantled and forged into garden tools. Donors, please leave unloaded guns to be donated in the trunk of your car; Donor must be present while the gun is being dismantled; No ammunition will be accepted. A blacksmith will demonstrate turning gun parts into a garden tool.

CHURCHWIDE FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST October 17, 8:30am Fellowship Hall

Learn more or register at tinyurl.com/wumc-umm-breakfast

FLU & COVID-19 VACCINE CLINIC October 15, 9:00-1:00pm - Atrium

WUMC is partnering with *The Prescription Shoppe* to provide this opportunity to the community. Bring your insurance card and photo identification (save time by filling out the vaccine consent form). Walk-ins are welcome, but help us prepare by registering at tinyurl.com/wumc-vaccine. Questions? Contact Deacon Troy Sims tsims@williamsburgumc.org



CREATION CARE TEAM

Don't discount the "small" things you can do. **Commit to picking up at least 3 pieces of litter** a day and in a year you will have disposed of more than 1,000! Invite your children to participate in the challenge too. You'll be teaching the next generation by showing that you care.

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 October Coordinators are Nathalie Bacskay (757) 604-7279 and Elaine Howell (703) 463-7279. Call at least 2 days in advance for assistance. Questions? Contact Pastor Madison mailinger@williamsburgumc.org

ANNUAL CHARGE CONFERENCE

Sunday, October 18, 2026 – 4:00pm – Fellowship Hall

This is a yearly business meeting that is required by United Methodist operating policies. It will be attended by leadership from our district, including our District Superintendent. Several other churches will be joining us and holding their charge conference together with us in the same place, at the same time. All church members are welcome to attend.

CHURCHWIDE PICNIC October 25, Noon | Fellowship Hall & Front Lawn

Bring a dish to share and get ready for games and activities on the front lawn of the church. Contact Deacon Troy tsims@williamsburgumc.org if you want to plan and help out.

SENIOR ADULT FELLOWSHIP

JAMESTOWN SETTLEMENT GALLERY TOUR October 15, Lunch at noon;

Tour at 1:00 p.m., 2110 Jamestown Road

PIZZA AND GAMES October 27, Noon -2:00pm WUMC Room 174

FITNESS CLASS Monday & Wednesday, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Wesley Hall

More Event Details to Follow

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY

At WUMC, our goal is to help Children, Youth, and their families become disciples of Jesus Christ through nurturing relationships, practicing an active faith, and connecting their stories with God's Story. Questions? Contact Zach Griggs zgriggs@williamsburgumc.org

- **Children (K–5th Grade):** Faith formation through worship, Godly Play Children's Worship, Messy Church, Tweens Outings, music programs, and more.
- **Youth (6th–12th Grade):** Holistic faith formation through Bible study, spiritual practices, creative expression, and mission opportunities.

YOUTH GROUP TONIGHT 5:30 – 7:30PM - WUMC Youth Rm

SEPTEMBER 27 ATTENDANCE

Worship Attendance Total.....	546
In Person 11:00am.....	236
Modern Worship 9:30am.....	66
In Person 8:15am.....	148
Online.....	96

Deadline for Bulletin MONDAY, NOON

Please submit to Nancy Reynolds
nreynolds@williamsburgumc.org.

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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). Several convenient giving options are available: debit or credit card, ACH — direct from your bank account and

Apple Pay and **Google Pay (new!)** 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 williamsburgumc.org/articles to read stories about the difference your giving makes in our community and beyond.

OUR PASTORAL STAFF

BRIAN JOHNSON, **Lead Pastor** (x110)

MADISON AILINGER, **Pastor of Congregational Care** (x114)

TROY SIMS, **Minister of Discipleship** (x108)

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