



Williamsburg

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Do Justice,
Love Mercy,
Walk Humbly
with your God



October 25, 2026

8:15 and 11:00am

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

God of Grace

(Paul Manz)

INTROIT

O Come, Let Us Sing Unto the Lord

(Carol A. Hunter)

Sanctuary Choir

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Adapted from Psalm 146 and Psalm 82

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

**I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God
all my life long.**

Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob,

whose hope is in the Lord their God,

who works justice for the oppressed,

who gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets the prisoners free;

the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

**the Lord watches over the strangers and upholds the orphan
and the widow.**

Rise up, O God, and judge the earth!

Teach us what is good, and what the Lord requires of us.

Teach us to walk in your ways of justice, mercy, and love.

Teach us to worship and live for you, O Lord. Amen.

*HYMN

Oh For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

UMH 57

OPENING PRAYER

**Righteous and merciful God, you have showered us with love and invited us
to live for you. Like a mother hen, you have sheltered us under your wings.**

Like a caring parent, you have challenged us to grow in faithfulness

**and love. You anointed your Son to bring good news to the poor and hope
to the hopeless. Open our ears to hear what you have to say to us today.**

**Open our hearts and minds to be transformed by your Spirit. Teach us
to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with you, that our worship
today may become faithful living all our days; through Jesus Christ
our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, Eternal Father, in the unity
of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

ANTHEM

Offertory

(John Ness Beck)

Sanctuary Choir

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Micah 6:1-8 (861 OT)

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 Playroom (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

Luke 4:14-21 (61 NT)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church!

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

"Do Justice"

Rev. Brian Johnson

*HYMN

Where Charity and Love Prevail

UMH 549

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.**

REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Wayne Johnson

(8:15)

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.**

MINISTRY CELEBRATION

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

Psalm Prelude 2
(Murray Bradshaw)

*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!**

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN

God of Grace and God of Glory

UMH 577

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Amen
(Philip E. Baker)

Sanctuary Choir

POSTLUDE

Fanfare
(Kenneth Leighton)

Organ

The flowers are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Pete and Jean Morris by Elgin Morris.

SERMON NOTES FOR THIS WEEK, OCTOBER 25, 2026

SERMON SERIES: *Do Justice. Love Mercy. Walk Humbly.*

MESSAGE: *"Do Justice."*

Micah 6:1-8 · Luke 4:14-21

THE GOOD NEWS: Jesus is God's justice in human form. He calls us to lives of justice – and he also embodies God's upside-down Kingdom of justice and love. His cross and resurrection are the justice that we could not achieve for ourselves and the love that we struggle to share on our own. Jesus is the one who perfectly fulfills the calling that we are given in Micah 6:8.

KEY POINTS

- God desires faithful lives—not religious activity detached from love of neighbor.
- Biblical justice lifts up the lowly, welcomes outsiders, and seeks freedom and wholeness for those who suffer.
- Jesus places good news for the poor and liberation for the oppressed at the heart of his ministry.
- Our baptism calls us to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in every form.

QUOTATIONS TO REMEMBER

"What does the Lord require from you? To do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with your God." – Micah 6:8

"We respond to God's love by loving others." — Brett Younger

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

1. Where do I see people being pushed down, excluded, or overlooked?

2. How might I help lift up the lowly this week?
3. Do my worship, giving, service, and prayer lead me toward mercy and justice?
4. What would it mean for me to live out my baptismal vows to resist evil, injustice, and oppression today?
5. In the midst of conflicting voices telling me how to live, does my life multiply justice, share mercy, and reflect walking humbly with God?

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.

JOIN OUR FACEBOOK GROUP - WUMC Prayers, Praises, & Questions

If you are on Facebook, we invite you to join our new Facebook Group. This is a place where we want to try to build online community outside of Sunday morning. You'll be able share prayers of joy or concern, ask questions about the church or area, and more. Maybe you're going to trivia night and would like to invite some church folks to join you. Make an invitation there. Maybe you are wondering what to do with a piece of furniture. Ask it there. There are a few rules you'll need to read as you join, but we hope you'll give it a try. Questions? Contact Deacon Troy Sims tsims@williamsburgumc.org or Stacey Gardner sgardner@williamsburgumc.org. Join now at tinyurl.com/wumc-fb-group.

MINISTRIES

WE'RE HIRING! ECMS Part-time Director

This is an administrative position. Responsibilities include recruiting, hiring, scheduling, fundraising, financial management, advertising and reporting to the ECMS Advisory Board and staff. The pay range is \$25,000 - \$30,000 per year; onsite 25-29 hrs. per week. More information tinyurl.com/wumc-employment. Questions? Contact Emily Hayden emilyhayden127@gmail.com.

KIDS MORNING OUT DINING FOR THE CAUSE October 27, 4-8:00pm Panera – New Town. All proceeds will go to the KMO Tuition Assistance Fund. Use code FUND4U on the app, online or the in-person kiosk. Thanks for your support!

KMO'S HALLOWEEN PARADE October 29, 12:15pm. | WUMC

Come see the cutest pumpkins, pirates, etc. around.

SENIOR ADULT FELLOWSHIP

Pizza And Games October 27, Noon -2:00pm WUMC Room 174

Bring your favorite game and enjoy a free pizza lunch with your WUMC friends

Fitness Class Monday & Wednesday, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Wesley Hall

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME November 1. Remember to fall back an hour.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY November 1 Bring a picture of your loved one and place in a Sanctuary windowsill.



THANKSGIVING MEAL MINISTRY

With grateful hearts for all our many blessings, 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 tinyurl.com/wumc-t-giving to learn more, sign up to serve, or give.



THE WILL OF GOD - Marvin Willard Sunday School 5 Sundays beginning

November 1, 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? Contact Deacon Troy Sims tsims@williamsburgumc.org.



POINSETTIAS The time to order in honor or in memory is NOW. Each cost \$25. Deadline is Sunday, November 1 at 11:00pm. Order at tinyurl.com/wumc-flower. Need assistance, please send request via email to wumcflowers@gmail.com.

BRAVER ANGELS WORKSHOP - Families & Politics November 8, 2:00-5:00pm

Families are having political arguments, avoiding each other, or even cutting off relationships. This workshop will offer insight into why differences over politics are challenging, recognize roles family members play in political conversations and strategies for handling differences. Contact Deacon Troy Sims (757) 229-1771. Pre-register tinyurl.com/wumc-ggg-braver.

UMM SPAGHETTI DINNER November 7, 5-7:00pm | Fellowship Hall Tickets are on sale for dinner, live band entertainment and an auction. Monies raised will go towards Kids Morning Out tuition assistance fund. Buy your tickets here: tinyurl.com/kmodinner

WINTER SHELTER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED January 17-24, 2027

WUMC will serve as a host church for the shelter ministry assisted by St. Stephen Lutheran and Williamsburg Baptist Churches. There are many volunteer openings. Community of Faith Mission (COFM) will provide training on November 3, 6:30 – 8:00pm at Williamsburg Community Chapel, 3899 John Tyler Hwy in the Student Ministries Room - entrance doors West 4, East 4 or North. To serve as a volunteer or meal preparer, please visit tinyurl.com/wumc-shelter

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH SWEATER DRIVE

Heritage Scott Circle will collect new or gently used sweaters, hoodies or fleeces for children, youth and adults in our community through November 30. Place items in the Collection Closet marked *Sweater Drive*. Items will be donated to FISH.



SISTERS IN GRACE – November 10, 1:00pm | Rm 303

Angela Cingale, from the Master Gardeners Program, will show us how to make several holiday decorations.



QUILT MINISTRY MARKET - November 14, 9:00am – 3:00pm and November 15 between services in the Atrium. Quilts, table runners, gifts, and more. All proceeds will go to the WUMC Advent offering.

CREATION CARE TEAM

Conscious Candy: Fun-sized treats dominate the markets, but unfortunately their plastic wrappers are not recyclable. If you choose to partake in the season's sweet treats, look for candy that comes in cardboard boxes or in their own packaging. Choose paper instead of plastic bags to distribute candy as Halloween treats.



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 Bacskey (757) 604-7279 and Elaine Howell (703) 463-7013. Call at least 2 days in advance for assistance. Questions? Contact Pastor Madison mailinger@williamsburgumc.org

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.

OCTOBER 18 ATTENDANCE

Worship Attendance Total.....	544
In Person 11:00am.....	236
Modern Worship 9:30am.....	71
In Person 8:15am.....	127
Online.....	110

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.

Receipts are sent via email.

CASH/CHECK

Donations can be made via our collection plate on Sundays, mail, or to 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 CHURCH STAFF

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

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

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