Williamsburg
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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November 1, 2026
8:15 and 11:00am

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Come, Come, Ye Saints* Organ
(James Denton)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP adapted from Discipleship Ministries

On this All Saints Sunday, we gather to remember teachers and storytellers
who made God's stories come alive for us.
We give thanks!
We remember all the musicians who sang and played God's praises.
We give thanks!
We remember pastors and lay leaders who led our worship through the years.
We give thanks!
We remember parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and siblings
who showed us how to hold fast to the faith.
We give thanks!
We remember our church families – this one and others we have loved.
We remember all those who have been a part of this faith family
and all with whom we grew our faith and our love for God and neighbor.
We give thanks!
We remember our ancestors in the faith whose courage enables us to be here today.
We give thanks for the saints who came before us, are present here with us, and will continue after us. Thanks be to God!

*HYMN *For All the Saints* UMH 711

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sin, and seek to live in peace with one another.
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.
Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
[a time of silent confession]
Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Micah 6:6-8 (866 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 Matthew 5:1-12 (4 NT)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church!

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE "Love Mercy " Rev. Brian Johnson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MINISTRY CELEBRATION

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY *Come to Me* (Dan Forrest) Ian Lane, tenor; Sanctuary Choir

*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.

PRAYER OVER ELEMENTS AND REMEMBRANCE OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED.

David Ertel	Elaine Reubush	Gary Hagy	Jigger Sirois
Shirley Kyle	June Brantley	Michael Lundberg	Bill Hill
Roy Mitchell	Deborah Johnson	Sue Steberl	Buddy Cockrell
Brian Currier	Barbara Woolson	Julia Nordstrom	Ken Turner
Jeannie Longnecker	Marilyn Casey	Bill Corvello	
Lou Chatfield	Bill Moore	Margaret Gill	

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	*For All the Saints*	TFWS 2283
	We Walk by Faith	TFWS 2196
	We Need a Faith	TFWS 2181
	Make Me a Channel of Your Peace	TFWS 2171
	Just a Closer Walk with Thee	TFWS 2158

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 *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God* UMH 712

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE *Toccata in D minor* Organ
(J.S. Bach)

SERMON NOTES FOR THIS WEEK, NOVEMBER 1, 2026

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

MESSAGE: ***"Love Mercy."***

Micah 6:6-8 • Matthew 5:1-12 • All Saints' Sunday

THE GOOD NEWS: Jesus does not merely teach the way of justice, mercy, and humility—he embodies it. He walks this pathway with us, transforming and equipping us to live in love. The Christian life is not something we achieve through sheer effort; it is a gift of God's grace.

KEY POINTS

- Micah's words are easy to memorize but take a lifetime to learn to live.
- God's blessing often appears where the world least expects it: among those who grieve, show mercy, make peace, and hunger for justice.
- Saints are not only famous spiritual heroes. They include ordinary people whose lives belong to God.
- The saints remind us that we do not walk alone. We join a "great cloud of witnesses" in the long work of love.
- Every act of justice, mercy, kindness, and humility points toward God's kingdom.

QUOTATIONS TO REMEMBER

"Do justice. Love mercy. Walk humbly with God."

"The glory of God looks like humble love."

"Jesus is the words of the prophet Micah made flesh."

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

1. Who has shown you what justice, mercy, and humility look like?
2. Where do you recognize God's unexpected blessing today?
3. How is God's grace reshaping your life?
4. What act of mercy, justice, or humble love is Jesus calling you to do this week?

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

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



SENIOR ADULT FELLOWSHIP

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

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

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.

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.



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH NEWS

HERITAGE SCOTT CIRCLE – November 3, 9:45am | Rm 303.
A program about UMCOR will be given.
RUTH SIMPSON CIRCLE – November 4, 10:00am | Rm 309.
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.
SISTERS IN MISSION – November 17, 5:00pm.



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.

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.

SAVE THE DATE: MESSIAH – December 4, 7:00pm; December 5, 5:00pm

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.

CREATION CARE TEAM - Repair Fair & Recycling Expo
November 14, 9:00am - 1:00pm | J. Blaine Blayton Elementary School

A great opportunity to have items mended, drop off recyclable materials, and donate household items. Free shredding is also provided.

DROP-OFF AND DONATE

Drive thru to drop off tires, glass, soft plastic, e-waste and food scraps for composting. Donate shoes, furniture, building materials and household goods. Free shredding is also provided.

FIXERS AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Interested in helping? Visit jamescitycountyva.gov/3879
Sponsored by the James City County Clean County Commission

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. Questions? Contact Karen Red.

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

OCTOBER 25 ATTENDANCE

Worship Attendance Total	511
In Person 11:00am	203
Modern Worship 9:30am	65
In Person 8:15am	156
Online	87

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

SCAN ME

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 the Church Office Monday – Friday.

GIVING MAKES AN IMPACT
Your generosity changes lives and empowers ministries. To read stories about the difference your giving makes in our community and beyond, visit williamsburgumc.org/articles

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