Williamsburg

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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November 8, 2026

8:15 and 11:00am

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE — *Praeludium in C* (Johann Krebs) — Organ

INTROIT — *Salisbury Introit: This Is the Day* (Mark Patterson) — Sanctuary Choir

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

With what shall we come before the Lord to make ourselves right with God?
Shall we come before God with offerings of whole calves a year old?
God has told us what is good. We are part of God's very good world.
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
God had told us what God requires of us — ourselves as a living sacrifice.
Should we give our oldest children, the fruit of our bodies for the sin of our spirits?
**God has told us: do justice, embrace faithful love,
and walk humbly with your God.**

*HYMN — *Just a Closer Walk with Thee* — TFWS 2158

OPENING PRAYER — from *Shaping Sanctuary*, modified

Loving God, your Trinitarian nature reveals you to be deeply relational, so deliver us from our false independence. Draw us closer to you through our relationships with one another so that we know the suffering of others as our own. God, we want to live as your children, but sometimes we get confused and place a high value on things and assume that things are what you want when these things can turn only to dust. Thank you for loving us as we discern the things that endure as we walk humbly with you. We pray knowing you as Parent, Friend, and Guide. Amen.

ANTHEM — *Walk Humbly with Your God* (Joel Raney) — Sanctuary Choir, Jeanne Niebel, violin

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 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 — Mark 8:31-37 (44 NT)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church!
Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE "Walk Humbly with your God" Deacon Troy Sims

*HYMN *Close to Thee* UMH 407

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH 438

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 Robert and Barbara Johnston (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.

MINISTRY CELEBRATION

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY *Offertory* Organ

(John Ness Beck; arr. Tom Marshall)

*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 *Forth in Thy Name, O Lord* UMH 438

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

CHORAL BENEDICTION *Service Music from Salisbury: Go Out With Joy* Sanctuary Choir
(Mark Patterson)

POSTLUDE *Presto (Concerto in G)* Organ
(Johann Ernst; arr. J.S. Bach)

The flowers are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Buddy Cockrell by Brenda and family.

SERMON NOTES FOR THIS WEEK, NOVEMBER 8, 2026

SERMON SERIES: *Do Justice. Love Mercy. Walk Humbly.*
MESSAGE: *"Walk Humbly with your God."*
• Micah 6:6-8 • Mark 8:31-37

KEY IDEA: What the Lord requires of us is a way of life in which: we not only *want* justice but *do* justice; we *love* loyal love and kindness; and we *journey* with God using wisdom and care.

KEY POINTS

- The Hebrew word translated "humble" is better translated "circumspectly, carefully, wisely." With that in mind, it seems doubtful that God is asking us to follow blindly but to be open and aware, always looking for how God will ask us to *do* equity and fairness, *love* loyal love and kindness in action, and to *move* with God.
- Jesus puts the requirement of Micah 6:8 in different terms when he says, "All who want to come after me must say no to themselves, take up their cross, and follow me. All who want to save their lives will lose them. But all who lose their lives because of me and because of the good news will save them" (CEB).
- Each of us has our own cross to carry.
- Simon of Cyrene had to carry Jesus' cross for a time, but once he gave it back, he had to pick up another cross. Sometimes, God asks us to take up a different cross than the one we currently carry. Maybe that's where the wisdom and care of our walk with God comes in – discerning when God is inviting us to something different.
- But no matter what God calls us to, we are still called to walk, to move with God.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

1. How have you understood humbleness / humility in the past?
2. What difference does it make to think God wants us to walk with God using wisdom and care?
3. What is the cross that Jesus is asking you to carry right now on your journey with God in Christ?

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

BRAVER ANGELS WORKSHOP - Families & Politics Today, 2:00-5:00pm Wesley Hall 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. Register: tinyurl.com/wumc-ggg-braver

MESSY CHURCH – November 10, Cup of Thanksgiving

Give thanks for God's blessings as we share Holy Communion together and a Thanksgiving feast.

BE THE CHURCH: Yardwork November 14, 8:30am | Meet at WUMC

Join us to do yardwork for people in need in our community. We'll meet at church and go to two homes; one also needs a mailbox installed. Bring your favorite lawn equipment to use, Contact tsims@williamsburgumc.org. Register tinyurl.com/wumc-be-church.



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.



SENIOR ADULT FELLOWSHIP

Potluck Thanksgiving Dinner - November 20, 11:30am - 2:00pm | Rm 174

Senior adults are invited to share a Thanksgiving meal with others. Turkey and ham provided; bring a favorite side dish or dessert to share.

Want to take leftovers home? Bring an empty container.

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

KID'S MORNING OUT NEWS

CALLING ALL VETERANS - November 11 KMO invites you to participate in our first ever **Veteran's Day Walk of Heroes.** The parade will begin at 9:45am.

RAY RAY'S PLANTS - November 17, 3:00 – 8:00pm | Monticello Ave. 20% of gross sales will go towards the KMO tuition assistance fund. Having kids or grandkids visit soon? The shop is also offering a take home plant activity for $15.

HOLIDAYS ARE COMING - November 24, 9:00am
Join us on for a morning of decorating, fellowship, and fun. We need a few tall friends who are comfortable on ladders to help with the higher decorations—but everyone is welcome! Use the QR code tinyurl.com/wumc-advent-decorating to sign up. Let's come together to create a beautiful space that reflects the joy of this holy season!

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH NEWS

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 | Rm 309 Collect and complete Samaritan's Purse boxes and write Christmas cards for our senior community visits.

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.

DISCIPLESHIP NEWS

PASTORS' ADVENT BIBLE STUDY - All the Good: A Wesleyan Way of Christmas
Wednesdays, Nov 18, Dec 2, 9, & 16, 7:00-8:30pm | Rm 171
Thursdays, Nov 19, Dec 3, 10, & 17, 10:30-noon | Zoom
Pastor Brian Johnson invites you to experience an Advent journey guided by the practices in John Wesley's means of grace -- practices of piety and mercy (or good works) drawn from the larger Christian tradition. Using the book *All the Good*, each of the four sessions guides participants through reflecting on biblical passages in light of an aspect of Wesleyan means of grace highlighted by illustrations and stories. Register at tinyurl.com/pastors-advent

HART MULTIFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE - November 22, 7:00pm
Walsingham Academy (1100 Jamestown Rd)
The Historic Area Religions Together invite you to this 9th annual community-wide Thanksgiving service. Many different faith communities in the Williamsburg area will help lead the service. All are welcome! Contact Deacon Troy Sims tsims@williamsburgumc.org

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.

CREATION CARE TEAM

Even "little" choices make a difference for creation. Choose aluminum cans over plastic bottles. Plastic can be successfully recycled just once or twice. On the other hand, aluminum can be recycled over and over again—as long as you put the can into the recycle bin.

MESSIAH CONCERT AT WUMC

December 4, 7:00pm • December 5, 5:00pm

Featured Soloists: Sarah Kate Walston, soprano; Cecelia McKinley, contralto; Ian Lane, tenor; Branch Fields, bass

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED SOON

The WUMC Music Ministry's annual performance of Handel's Messiah is a holiday tradition. It requires talent, hard work, dedication and volunteers. We invite you to help support our singers and players on these two special nights December 4, 7:00pm and December 5, 5:00pm. Want to volunteer? Click on the QR code.

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 5:30pm

November 1 ATTENDANCE

Worship Attendance Total	530
In Person 11:00am	218
Modern Worship 9:30am	71
In Person 8:15am	153
Online	88

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Deadline for Bulletin
MONDAY, NOON
Please submit to Nancy Reynolds nreynolds@williamsburgumc.org.

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 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

OUR CHURCH STAFF

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