Williamsburg
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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November 22, 2026
8:15 and 11:00am

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE — *Sing to the Lord of Harvest* (Dennis Elliot) — Organ

INTROIT — *This is the Day* (Mark Patterson) — Sanctuary Choir (8:15)

Largo (Antonin Dvorak/arr. Anthony Kouri Williams) — Youth (11:00)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP — adapted from Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries

Come! Let us give thanks to God!

We give thanks for the gift of warm bread and abundant harvests, the smell of dinner cooking in the oven, and the joy of gathering around a table together.

Come! Let us give thanks to God!

We give thanks for all the times God has made a way out of no way, providing for us in body and spirit just when we need it.

Come! Let us give thanks to God!

We give thanks for the ways God weaves us together as a community of love and care, supporting one another in the ebbs and flows of daily life.

Come! Let us give thanks to God!

We give thanks that the Crucified One is the true King of the cosmos, that the Lord who is revealed in humility is the power who moves the universe.

Let us come into God's presence with grateful praise!

Come! Let us worship God together. Amen.

*HYMN — *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* — UMH 89

OPENING PRAYER — adapted from *Vanderbilt Lectionary Project*

You raised up your Son, O God, and seated him at your right hand as the shepherd and king who seeks what is lost, binds up what is wounded, and strengthens what is weak. As we gather for worship, forgive us of our sin, set us free from our selfishness, and enable us to join Jesus in loving those who are in need. Empowered by the Spirit, grant that we may share with others that which we have received from your hand, to the honor of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANTHEM — *Crown Him King of Kings* (J.S. Bach/arr. Hal H. Hopson) — Sanctuary Choir

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING — Ephesians 1:15-23 (192 NT)

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. from 8:00am - Noon.

SECOND READING Matthew 25:31-46 (29 NT)

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

MESSAGE "Christ the King" Rev. Brian Johnson

*HYMN *Crown Him with Many Crowns* (UMH 327)

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 Arthur, Darcia, Sophia and Palmer Treadwell (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 *Rejoice the Lord Is King* (arr. Colin Peckham) Sanctuary Orchestra

*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 *Lift High the Cross* UMH 159

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

BENEDICTION *Go Out With Joy* (Mark Patterson) Sanctuary Choir

POSTLUDE *Harvest Fanfare* (Gilbert Martin) Organ

The flowers are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Judy Angles by Gordon Angles... and in loving memory of our Aunt Mary Pavlich and our cousin Stephen Pavlich by Carol Maviglia and Kathy Kohler

SERMON NOTES FOR THIS WEEK, NOVEMBER 22, 2026

MESSAGE: *"Christ the King Sunday."*

• Ephesians 1:15-23 • Matthew 25:31-46

THE GOOD NEWS: Our King is not far away. Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One, is Lord over all creation, and he chooses to be with us, especially in the person of the hurting and the poor. God's love for us rests not on what we do but on what God has done in Jesus Christ. He will not abandon us, and his kingdom will have no end.

KEY POINTS

- **The God of the universe is most clearly seen in the Crucified One.** Christ the King turns our ideas of power upside down.
- **Jesus is the King who calls us to care for the poor,** and the King who is present with us among them.
- **God's grace does not depend on our performance,** yet how we treat others matters.
- The **Jesus** who **shows up in and through the poor and hurting** is "far above every ruler and authority and power."

QUOTATIONS TO REMEMBER

"His throne is a cross and his kingdom will have no end."

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

1. How does a king who reigns from a cross challenge what you think of as strength or success?
2. Where might Jesus be waiting for you among the hungry, the stranger, the sick, or the lonely?
3. As Thanksgiving approaches, what is one concrete way you can care for someone in need 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.

NEED A QUIET SPACE? Go to the Den in the hallway behind the Sanctuary.

The **HARVEST DISPLAY** in the Sanctuary is placed in gratitude for God's Bounty, the abundance in our lives and in tribute to our local farmers. A special thanks to Kelrae Farm for their contribution to this year's display. And we thank Debbie Bruss, Ann Brown Hailey, Judy Halstead and Kelli Mansel Arbuckle for arranging this display.

MINISTRIES

HART MULTIFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE - TODAY, 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

SENIOR ADULT FELLOWSHIP
Fitness Class Monday & Wednesday, 9:30-10:30am | Wesley Hall

DONATE TO SUPPORT THE THANKSGIVING MEAL MINISTRY:
tinyurl.com/wumc-t-giving

HELP DECORATE THE CHURCH - 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—but everyone is welcome! Register at tinyurl.com/wumc-advent-decorating or contact Debbie Bruss dsbruss@cox.net

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH NEWS

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH SWEATER DRIVE Ends November 30. Place items in the Collection Closet marked *Sweater Drive*. Items will be donated to FISH.

HERITAGE SCOTT CIRCLE – December 1, 9:45am Rm 303. Gift exchange and lunch at Opus 9.
RUTH SIMPSON CIRCLE – December 2, 11:00am Home of Elaine Howell meeting and brunch.
SISTERS IN GRACE – December 8, 10:00am | ARC 438 McLaws Circle
Christmas celebration with Arc of Abilities Day Program.

DISCIPLESHIP NEWS

PASTORS' ADVENT BIBLE STUDY - All the Good: A Wesleyan Way of Christmas
Wednesdays, Dec 2, 9, & 16, 7:00-8:30pm | Rm 171
Thursdays, 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

ADVENT STUDY - Holy Disruption
4 Tuesdays, starting December 1, 10:30am -noon | WUMC
Deacon Troy invites you to this study (using the book by the same name) that presents a fresh understanding of the holiness of Christmas grounded, not in a conventional cozy Christmas message, but through the Gospel According to Mark in its disquieting narrative, which invites its readers to experience God's disruptive but transformative love for us and our world. Questions? Contact Deacon Troy Sims tsims@williamsburgumc.org. Learn more or register at tinyurl.com/wumc-advent.

Wanna receive **DAILY DEVOTIONALS** in your email during special times of the year like Advent and Lent? Visit www.tinyurl.com/wumc-devotional and share your email address!

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 If your recycling is in a plastic bag it won't be recycled. The bag will be pulled off the line and trashed because there is no time to open and empty it. Plastic bags cannot be allowed to go through because they tangle up the equipment and cause shutdowns. Items must be dry and not soiled with food and then placed loose into the recycling bin.

HAT, SOCK AND GLOVE CHRISTMAS TREE – Starting November 29
Local Outreach will collect hats, socks and gloves for children throughout Advent. Donated items will be delivered to FISH for distribution to local children in need. Bring items to church and place them under the Christmas tree near the Welcome Desk. Question? Contact Sherry Phipps at sherrylphipps@gmail.com

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 to help with the Messiah Concert December 4, 7:00pm and December 5, 5:00pm. Scan the QR code to volunteer.

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.

Tweens: Ice Skating December 1. **Next Youth Group December 6, 5:30pm**

November 15 ATTENDANCE

Worship Attendance Total	641
In Person 11:00am	334
Modern Worship 9:30am	83
In Person 8:15am	143
Online	81

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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

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

OUR CHURCH STAFF

BRIAN JOHNSON, **Lead Pastor** (x110)
MADISON AILINGER, **Pastor of Congregational Care** (x114)
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