



Williamsburg

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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*Show me your ways, LORD,
teach me your paths.*

Psalm 25:5

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost - Sunday, October 6, 2024

8:15 & 11:00 a.m. Worship Services

PRELUDE

I Want Jesus to Walk With Me
(Raymond Henry)

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 46

Our God is known in mighty thunder, and in the silence that follows the storm.

Our God calls, though not all are listening.

Those who bring thanksgiving as their sacrifice honor the Lord;
to these is shown the salvation of God.

**Let us draw near in the bond of the Spirit,
anticipating nourishment from our Creator's hand.**

Come to the Table, children of God, and know that a place has been set
for you by the grace of Jesus Christ.

**May we find in our Companion,
who ate with sinners and delighted in friends,
an enduring spirit of courage in uncertain times.**

*HYMN

How Firm a Foundation
(verses 1-3, 5)

UMH 529 (red book)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We gather, holy God,
weary of the diatribes and dishonest speech,
the wars and rumors of wars, the evident hardheartedness of humankind.

**We come as those whose ways have bent away
from the obedient pattern of your Son's life.**

**We are anxious and suspicious of others,
less inclined to find dishonesty, combativeness and hardheartedness
that may have manifested in ourselves. Forgive us.**

Free us to submit to the cup from which Jesus drank,
to embrace *his* upward mobility, which took the form of the Cross,
and to walk his road, which led through obedience on earth to glory in your Kingdom.

**For the opportunity to eat and drink together,
and for the life that we have received,
we give you thanks and praise.**

**In seasons of want, and seasons of abundance,
grant us grace to discover that you are with us throughout.**

**Make our daily bread into the bread of life,
and the cup from which we drink into the cup of salvation. Amen.**

ANTHEM

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ Sanctuary Choir,
(arr. Bradley Ellingboe) John Delos, flute, Maya Staggs, percussion

MOMENT OF TEACHING

We welcome children of all ages to participate in Worship in the Sanctuary. At 11:00 a.m.,
Grades K-3 are invited to encounter God in story, arts, and song in the Children's Worship Room.
Our Nursery, located in the Education Wing, is open for Pre-k and younger during both services.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 25:4-15 (402 OT)

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Our True Home on Any Road

Dave Rochford

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

Adagio

(Felix Mendelssohn)

*DOXOLOGY

UMH 94 (red book)

PRESENTING THE BREAD AND CUP

COMMUNION LITURGY

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is your faithfulness, O God Creator. There is no shadow of turning with you.
You waver not, your compassion – it fails not. To every promise, O God you are true.

Great is your faithfulness. Great is your faithfulness.

Morning by morning new life we receive.

All we have needed your hands have provided.

Great is your faithfulness in all we see.

Come to God's table now. Come lift your hearts up.

Come to the table and give God your praise!

Come and receive now the gifts God would give you.

Come now and follow for all of your days.

Great is God's faithfulness. Great is God's faithfulness.

Here at the table, God's grace we receive.

Here at the table, we lay down our burdens.

Here at God's table, we share in Christ's peace.

God, we remember that night at the supper, Jesus took bread and he gave thanks to you,
Breaking it, shared it with all the disciples, "Eat, and remember whenever you do."

Great is God's faithfulness. Great is God's faithfulness.

Come and receive Bread of Life, gift of grace.

Here we partake of the bounty Christ offers.

Here at God's table, we all have a place.

Christ shared the cup as a sign of forgiveness. "This is my gift of life poured out for you,"
pardon for sin, and a peace that's enduring. "Drink, and remember whenever you do."

Great is God's faithfulness. Great is God's faithfulness.

Take now the cup that will truly quench thirst.

**Here we are called by Christ to living waters here at the table,
in love we're immersed.**

Pour out your Spirit, God. We are your servants!

Pour out your Spirit and transform this meal.

Make this for us into Christ's sacred body and may we go forth as Christ for the world.

**Great is your faithfulness. Great is your faithfulness.
Morning by morning new life we receive.
All we have needed your hands have provided.
Great is your faithfulness in all we see.**

We give you thanks, God, for this holy mystery, we give you thanks for the gifts you provide:
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all ours, with ten thousand beside!

**Great is your faithfulness. Great is your faithfulness.
Here at the table, God's grace we've received.
All we have needed your hands have provided.
Great is your faithfulness in all we see!**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH 895 (red book)

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION *(Please join in the singing:)*

HYMN 521 *red book* *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

HYMN 618 *red book* *Let Us Break Bread Together*

HYMN 624 *red book* *Bread of the World*

HYMN 629 *red book* *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*

HYMN 2212 *black book* *My Life Flows On*

*PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

*HYMN

There's Within My Heart a Melody
(verses 1, 3, 4)

UMH 380 (red book)

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

How Firm a Foundation
(David Paxton)

The flowers in the Chancel are given to the Glory of God in memory of Drew Welty by Rita Welty and family.

****congregation invited to stand***



It's Picture Time!

Sign-ups to have your picture taken for our new printed church directory are now open. Here's how you sign up online:

- Go to www.ucdir.com.
 - Click on Photography Session Signup.
 - Enter va268 in the Church Code field and enter photos in the Church Password field.
- For in person, stop by and speak to our Directory Team in the Atrium before and after services this morning.

THIS ALSO IS OUR WORSHIP

Welcome to Williamsburg United Methodist Church

If an event or ministry below captures your interest, we would love to know about it. Please call us at 757 229-1771.

Welcoming Neighbors – Nurturing Faith – Transforming Our World

A Special Welcome to Our Guests

To those visiting with us today, we are delighted to have you worship with us. Please stop by the Hospitality Table in the Connection Corner area after the service, so a team member can provide you with a welcome gift. Come back to be with us again!

Get Connected

Today is our concluding session (there will be others) to get to know the life of WUMC, at 12:15 p.m., Rm. 303. Questions? Contact Troy Sims tsims@williamsburgumc.org, Meghan Roth Clayton mclayton@williamsburgumc.org, or Dave Rochford drochford@williamsburgumc.org.

Adult Sunday School Classes

The following groups are meeting each Sunday at Church from 9:30–10:30 a.m.

Aldersgate Fellowship: Wesley Hall, **Bishop McKendree:** Rm. 102, **Searchers:** Rm. 303, **Perspectives:** Rm. 171, **Walking the Footsteps Small Group:** Den, **Marvin Willard:** Rm. 174.

The Gospel according to John offered its first hearers a new language – of being born from above, of living water, of wind and spirit – insights that enhance how we understand the Divine, how we experience the world, and how we participate in the mystery of faith. Join the **Marvin Willard Sunday School Class for The Gospel of John: A Beginner's Guide to the Way, the Truth, and the Life beginning October 13**, using the new book written by Amy-Jill Levine.

The Book of Revelation contains passages of great beauty and comfort, as well as passages that can strike us as bizarre, bewildering, and sometimes frightening if one does not understand the symbolism. Join the **Searchers Sunday School Class for Breaking the Code: Understanding the Book of Revelation beginning October 20 – November 24**.

Join the Perspectives Class Rm. 171, 9:30 a.m. for ***Blessed are the Peacemakers: Creating Hearts of Peace*** 8 Sundays, **October 6 - November 10, and January 5-12**.

A Small Group Invitation – Society of Simeon & Anna starting **October 9**, 6:30 p.m. ***"Party of 8 Potluck Kick-Off"*** **October 13**, 12:15 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Covenant Bible Study: Creating, Living, Trusting a 24-week, in-depth study of the Bible based around the theme of "covenant." Beginning **October 20**, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. Rm. 352.

To get connected to the class leaders or have questions on any of the Bible Studies, Small Groups, or other activities listed above, contact Deacon Troy Sims at tsims@williamsburgumc.org.

Generous Giving

Five weeks into our annual Stewardship Campaign we have received 224 Estimate of Giving Cards totaling \$ 1,099,025, moving us toward our goals of 325 cards and \$1,500,000. **We truly appreciate everyone who has already responded in such a generous way. If you have not yet received an Estimate of Giving Card, please pick one up from the pew rack and prayerfully consider your response.** You can return your completed card in the offering plate, drop it off at the office, mail it to the church, or submit it online at www.tinyurl.com/WUMCPledge

Please return your card this week, so that together we can continue the work and share the Kingdom of God with those in need. With your support we can exceed the goal of \$1,500,000 and help many more in need here and around the world.

Through your prayers, your service, your gifts and your witness you are not only sustaining more than 90 vital ministries, like the *Community Benevolence Fund, Thanksgiving Morning Ministry, and our Family Ministry Outreach.* You are sponsoring vital disaster relief efforts through *UMCOR* and *Famine Relief* worldwide. **Thank you for your generous support.**

Ways to Give: send a text message to 757-993-9862 with the amount you would like to contribute; scan our QR Code or visit www.tinyurl.com/WUMCGiveNow or give by dropping your offering in offering the plate or at the church office.

United Women in Faith Meetings, Sweater Drive & Mission Fund Raiser

Sisters in Mission will meet October 8, 6:30 p.m. in Room 309.

Carol Scott Circle will meet October 8, 1:00 p.m. in the Resource Room.

Friendship Circle will meet October 8, 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

Sisters in Grace will meet October 8, 2:00 p.m. at Dreamcatchers.

Throughout October, **Heritage Circle** continues collecting children, youth and adult new or gently used sweaters, hoodies or fleeces for people in our community. Place items in the Collection Closet marked *Sweater Drive*. Items will be donated to FISH and the Grove Christian Outreach Center.

Join us for a dining-out event at **PANERA BREAD** - 25% of your order will go to support the mission work of our United Women in Faith!

- Order between 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. through the Panera App or online at Panera Bread.
- Use promo code FUND4U when placing your order to ensure a portion of your purchase is donated.
- To make sure you're at the right Panera location, select Cafe# 606064 (**6399 Richmond Rd.**)
- Orders can be picked up inside the store or through the drive-thru.

If you prefer to order in person, you can visit Panera from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., and your in-person order will also count towards our fundraiser.

WUMC Local Outreach Mission Events

October is designated each year at WUMC as "Winter Coats for Children Month". Children in the Head Start pre-school program are 3-5 years old and wear sizes 4T - 8. Please place coats in the Kid's Coat bin in the Collection Closet during the month of October. Thanks!

Community of Faith Mission (COFM) is a faith-based, emergency shelter program that serves unhoused in the Greater Williamsburg community during the coldest months of the year. WUMC will host the **Winter Shelter** ministry **February 16–23, 2025**. Our Local Outreach Team invites you to participate as a volunteer to serve in a variety of capacities. Opportunities to sign up for specific tasks will be offered later this fall.

Volunteers are required to attend training or watch training videos provided through the COFM website. Videos will be posted after the live sessions.

Key Leader Training Event

Date: October 23, 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Williamsburg Community Chapel.

Date: October 30, 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Same location; Student Ministries Rm.

WUMC will have the opportunity to participate in the **Kairos Prison Ministry** at Virginia Nottoway Correctional Center October 31-November 3.



Here's how you can help.

- **Bake cookies** – Each team member must provide 100 dozen cookies. Cookies must be packaged by the dozen in gallon zip-lock bags and should be delivered to WUMC by 4:00 p.m. October 29.
- **Make Posters or Placemats** – Welcoming posters and brightly colored placemats with words of encouragement and hope are a special blessing to the residents. Please deliver these to WUMC by 4:00 p.m. October 29.
- **Pray** – Sign up for half-hour time slots during the weekend devoting prayer for team members, correctional officers, residents and the Chaplain.
- **Donate** – Cost for each team member is \$250. Checks can be made out to WUMC, with the annotation KAIROS.
- **Become a team member** – Men only - Attend 4 team meetings on Saturdays preceding the event to participate.

Questions/Learn More - Contact Rob Brown at robb@rlb2.com or 757 564-7226

CARE Committee...

...will provide rides to the doctor or will provide help when you are sick. Jan Boykin 757 565-2950 and Karen Red 757 532-6893 are the October coordinators. If you need **CARE**, please let the coordinators know at least 2 days in advance to arrange for assistance.

Interested in Respite Care?

Respite Care is accepting applications for new "members" for every weekday except Wednesdays. This engaging program for dependent seniors, open from noon to 5:00 pm, also provides a gift of time to caregivers. Call Executive Director, Conny Jude to set up a visit 757 221-1771 ext 354.

TODAYS SERVICE

Worship Leaders: Dave Rochford, Meghan Roth Clayton, Troy Sims, Zach Griggs

Director of Worship Arts: Lou-Anne Smith **Organist:** Tom Marshall

Greeters 8:15: Fran Hermance, Steve Tingen **11:00:** Michelle Gates, Tom Gates

Acolytes 11:00: Aaron Yaneza, Johanna Foley

Reader 8:15: Linda Upshaw **11:00:** Rita Welty

Assisting with Communion 8:15: Doris McElfresh, Joy Mair, Terri Morgan, Terri Osborne

11:00: Linda Baker, Cindy Banek, Susan Jones, Beverly Tressler

Ushers 8:15: Roy Geiger, Janet Henke, Russ Henke, Chalannes Hoover, Mike Johnson, Tom Justice, Monty Mason, Dan Squier, Cindy Garman-Squier **11:00:** Marijane Harper, James Jones, Bonnie Knizatko, Joann Lawson, George Sallwasser, Susan Sallwasser

Sound and Livestream: Jimmy McCarter, Todd Lindley, Josh Clayton **Nursery Team:** Marcella LeGrand

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The Deadline for *This Also Is Our Worship*: Tuesday, 5:00 p.m. Please submit to Nancy Reynolds.

September 29 Worship Attendance Total	441
In Person 11:00 a.m.	215
In Person 8:15 a.m.	132
Online	64
The Table	30

OUR CHURCH STAFF

Barbara Blanton, *Finance Manager* (x 355)

Nethea Calloway, *Full Charge Bookkeeper* (x 351)

Josh Clayton, *Digital Media Specialist* (x 256)

Meghan Roth Clayton, *Pastor of Congregational Care* (x 261)

Zach Griggs, *Family Ministries Coordinator* (x 251)

Cornelia Jude, *Director Respite Care* (x354)

Thomas Marshall, *Organist* (757 713-0584)

Laura Pittman, *Director Kid's Morning Out* (x208)

Nancy Reynolds, *Administrative Assistant* (x 252)

Dave Rochford, *Lead Pastor* (x 260)

Michelle Roy, *Dir. of Congregation & Community Engagement* (x 250)

Troy Sims, *Minister of Discipleship* (x 258)

Lou-Anne Smith, *Director of Worship Arts* (x 107)

Rick Viancour, *Facilities Manager* (x 355)

Anthony Williams, *Assoc. Dir. of Worship Arts, Dir. Early Childhood Music* (x 108)

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