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Welcoming Neighbors - Nurturing Faith - Transforming Our World



All Saints Sunday

November 3, 2024 - 8:15 and 11:00 a.m.

24th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

Meditation on "For All the Saints"
(Dennis Janzer)

WELCOME

*GREETING THE SAINTS

from 1 Corinthians 1; Romans 1; 2 Corinthians 1

Grace to you, and peace from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

**We are set apart for the gospel of God,
and through Christ we have received grace.**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation,

**who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able
to comfort the afflicted with that same consolation.**

Now the table of the Lord is set, and we who gather here
are nourished, together with all the saints.

Christ our Hope is with us! Praise the Lord.

*HYMN

Sing with All the Saints in Glory

UMH 702 (red book)

A PRAYER FOR ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Lord Jesus, hope of all who trust in you,

**we remember that you weep with those who mourn,
even as you have triumphed over the grave.**

Free us from the bitterness of disappointment,

the burden of anxiety, and our captivity to lesser claims on our love

**so that we may join that great congregation of saints
who sing unceasing praises to your holy name,
and to you, the Resurrection and the life. Amen.**

ANTHEM

I'll Be On My Way
(Shawn Kirchner)

Sanctuary Choir
Anthony Williams, solo;
Robert Trower, bass

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

John 11:1, 3-7, 17-27 (104 NT)

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

When the Rescue Is Late

Dave Rochford

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

In our own lives, we often sit at tables with empty chairs, a sign of the people we love and miss. We grieve those empty seats, but have faith that in Christ, our separation is only for a time. We come to this table because it is an echo of another meal, another table that stretches farther than the eye can see, laden with God's good gifts, where no one goes hungry, or finds themselves sitting alone. At this table all those embraced by the love of God, the living and those who have died, commune together.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Holy God, we ask for your graceful Spirit so that we can amend our lives and grow more each day into the image of Christ.

We confess that we tend to judge those who are different.

We find it easier to lock the doors of our hearts than to receive those who don't look like we look, love as we love, or vote the way we vote.

We confess that we struggle to live out your call to share in abundant life and unconditional love.

But we also believe that you have the power to turn us around.

Give us the courage to change, and the energy, imagination, and love to embody your life in all we say and do. Amen.

[a time of silent confession]

God is gracious and merciful, knowing our needs before they reach our lips.

Still, we engage in confession, admitting before God all would hold us back, confident of the abiding forgiveness offered in the person of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

OFFERTORY

Communion Improvisation

(Eugene Englert)

*DOXOLOGY

UMH 94 (red book)

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 saints in heaven and on earth, we join our voices with that great multitude from every nation, in their unending hymn:

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, concluding:]

Jesus shattered the power of the grave, showing us once and for all that your love for us is stronger than death.

Confident in that triumph, we name before you these saints who are precious to you, and to us:

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

Gene Mason

Mary Cavallo

Sam Brown

Ruth Sweaney

JoAnn Daus

Bill Bowie

Ann Rathkamp

Dewey Clemmons

Rebecca Harbin

Chip Crews

James Suter

Marilyn Johnson

Ann Laib

Phyllis Lee

Sandy Simmons

Jack Donley

Ron Dunn

Joyce Tewkesbury

Gil Monell

Dan Dollarhide

Catherine Ripley

Harold Gill

William T. Jones

Janice Coakley

John Alewynse

Jay Buttner

Shirley Leyland

Bob Henderson

Phoebe Stephens

Harold Hildebrand

Bud Voorhess

Jackie Fetner

Warren Bell

Carolyn Adams

Astrida Bishop

Mary Robinson

Bill Nizinski

Joanne Sutlive

Anita Clegg

Spirit, move in us, that we might know we too are counted among the saints, beloved children of God, vessels of divine grace.

So, in remembrance of your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving, a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, and upon these gifts of bread and cup, that the bread we break together and the cup we share may remind us of that your love is found in ordinary things, your grace, amid ordinary lives and your presence on ordinary days.

By these mighty acts in Christ Jesus, unite us amid our differences, a sign of unity in a fractious and divided world, until you return to this earth you made, to this people you cherish. Until that day, we lift our prayer to you, using the words your Son taught us, saying:

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.

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

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

HYMN 623 *red book* *Here, O My Lord, I See Thee*

HYMN 626 *red book* *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

HYMN 2260 *black book* *Let Us Be Bread* (sing 3 times)

HYMN 2265 *black book* *Time Now to Gather*

HYMN 2268 *black book* *As We Gather at Your Table*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Jesus Christ who is both Lamb and Shepherd, we hold to you as we remember all your saints, especially those precious to us by their example.

**Enable us to embody the hope that we are never alone,
but loved by you and surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses,
united and sustained by your love. Amen.**

*HYMN

Rejoice in God's Saints
(verses 1, 2, 4)

UMH 708 (red book)

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune
(Anthony Giamanco)

The flowers in the Chancel are given to the Glory of God
in memory of Jennifer Morris by Elgin Morris

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!

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. 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.

God Came Near in Christ — An Advent Conversation

You are invited to attend an Advent conversation, 4 Sundays beginning November 24, 3:30-4:45 p.m. in Rm. 206, on the theology of the incarnation, (the idea that God came near in Christ). This discussion will include a review of the Apostle Paul's declarations of who Jesus is and the relationship of Jesus to God. Together we will review the birth narratives in Matthew and Luke, the relationship of John the Baptist and Jesus, and conclude with remembering the seven last words of our Savior as recorded in the gospels. Moderator for the discussion will be Rev. Dr. Robert Parsons, a retired United Methodist Pastor and adjunct professor at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC. For more information or to get connected to Bob, contact Deacon Troy Sims tsims@williamsburgumc.org. Register at tinyurl.com/2024-advent-near.

Carol Brinkley Memorial Book Club

Our next meeting will be Monday, November 11, 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. Our book for this month is, "I Am a Girl from Africa," by Elizabeth Nyamayaro. This is an inspirational memoir of Elizabeth's unflinching journey from a small village in Zimbabwe to a leader in the struggle for gender equality. Her guiding dream is to work for the United Nations. Does she make it? Join us for this discussion! All are invited! Contact Cindy Banek, banek1@cox.net for the Zoom link.

Churchwide Fellowship Breakfast

The next Fellowship Breakfast, hosted by United Methodist Men, will be November 16, 8:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP by November 13. The cost for the breakfast is \$15 per person; \$5 of that amount goes towards the Harbour Scholarship Fund and other UMM supported ministries. Our November program speaker is Ms. Rebecca Huff, Chief Executive Officer of Heart Havens, a ministry of our Virginia Conference.



United Women in Faith Circles & Events

UWF continues to sponsor the sale of fresh greenery and gifts through the end of November. Visit lynchcreekfarm.com to view the wide array of selections. Specify your preferred ship date as well as our project number 0370144 at checkout. A generous portion of the farm's proceeds will be donated to local and global missions supported by UWF. Question? Stop by the UWF table in the Atrium today, November 17 or November 24.

Ruth Simpson Circle will meet November 5, 10:00 a.m. in Rm. 174.

Heritage Circle will meet November 6, 9:45 a.m. Change of date due to the election. We will sort winter outerwear for donation to FISH and Grove Christian Outreach Center. The business meeting will be followed by a bag lunch.

Friendship Circle will meet November 12, 10:00 a.m. in Rm. 174 and assemble Thanksgiving baskets.

Carol Scott Circle will meet November 12, 1:00 p.m. in Resource Rm. 206. Ryan LaRock, W&M Wesley Campus Minister, will speak.

Sisters in Grace will meet November 12, 1:00 p.m. in Rm. 303. Pam MacGregor, Director of Arc of Greater Williamsburg will speak.

Sisters in Mission will meet November 12, 6:30 p.m. in Rm. 309.

Help Decorate the Church for Christmas

It's almost time to decorate our church for the upcoming Advent and Christmas season and we'd love your help on **Tuesday, November 26, 9:00 a.m.** Contact Rita Welty 757 209-4609 if you can help. Thanks.



Get Your Picture Taken Now!

Sign-ups continue through November 15. Pictures are currently being taken at WUMC. To 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. Questions? Contact Gwen Hinton gph1149@aol.com or 757-876-0652.



Poinsettias are a Christmas tradition at WUMC. Purchase a poinsettia for \$25 to be placed In Memory or In Honor of a loved one. Different this year and going forward, please complete the



online **Poinsettia Order Form on the church website** at: <https://tinyurl.com/wumc-poinsettia> You will make your payment online at the above link. This replaces the form/payment printed in the bulletin and in The Messenger from past years. For assistance, there will be a table in the Atrium beginning November 10 to place orders.

Meetings & Events

Nov 3	3:30 p.m.Grief Support Group
	4:45 p.m. The Table
Nov 5	 Election Day
Nov 6	5:30 p.m. Gratitude Walking
Nov 7	5:30 p.m. Trustee

Generous Giving

A big thank you to everyone who has already responded in such a generous way. As Deacon Troy said last Sunday, he is so proud to serve our church that gives out winter coats and backpacks to preschool children, gives cookies to those who are in prison, gives meals to kids in the summer and people in need at Thanksgiving, gives flood buckets and hygiene kits to people reeling from disaster, sponsors young people in South Sudan to go to school, joins with other Youth from West Virginia in retreats, shelters those in need during cold winter months, takes our Youth to share the gift of music and mission to people outside Williamsburg, distributes warm clothes in the community-and even Boone, North Carolina. WUMC is indeed a congregation in mission. To God be the Glory!

We have received Estimates of Giving Cards from 275 people/family units totaling \$1,305,589. Our goal of 325 cards totaling \$1,500,000 is within reach. If you have not yet responded, please take a card from the pew rack and prayerfully consider responding today. You can return your card by placing it in the offering plate, dropping it off at the office, mailing it to the church, or submitting it online at www.tinyurl.com/WUMCPledge

Ways to Give: For giving by text, simply send a text message to 757-992-9862 with the amount you would like to contribute (example 35). To give online, scan our QR Code or visit www.tinyurl.com/WUMCGiveNow or give by dropping your offering in the plate or at the church office.



CARE Committee...

...will provide rides to the doctor or will provide help when you are sick. Karen Red 757 532-6893 and Carol Schuster 757 603-2574 are the November coordinators. If you need **CARE**, please let the coordinators know at least 2 days in advance to arrange for assistance.

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: Connie Magruder, Steve Tingen **11:00:** Marijane Harper, Deborah Hewitt

Acolytes 11:00: Aaron Yaneza, Susannah Naramore

Reader 8:15: Linda Upshaw **11:00:** Nathalie Bacskay

Assisting with Communion 8:15: Ginger Barr, Gwen Hinton, Gayle Justice, Terri Morgan

11:00: Nathalie Bacskay, Linda Baker, Barbara Monteith, Karen Red

Ushers 8:15: Roy Geiger, Janet Henke, Russ Henke, Chalannes Hoover, Mike Johnson, Tom Justice, Monty Mason, Dan Squier, Cindy Garman-Squier **11:00:** Drew Alexander, Valerie Dobson, Van Dobson, Walter Hall, Greg Johnson, Bonnie Knizatko, John Tressler, JD Tressler

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.

October 27 Worship Attendance Total.....	443
In Person 11:00 a.m.....	207
In Person 8:15 a.m.....	162
Online.....	60
The Table.....	14

OUR CHURCH STAFF

Barbara Blanton, *Finance Manager* (x 355)

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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