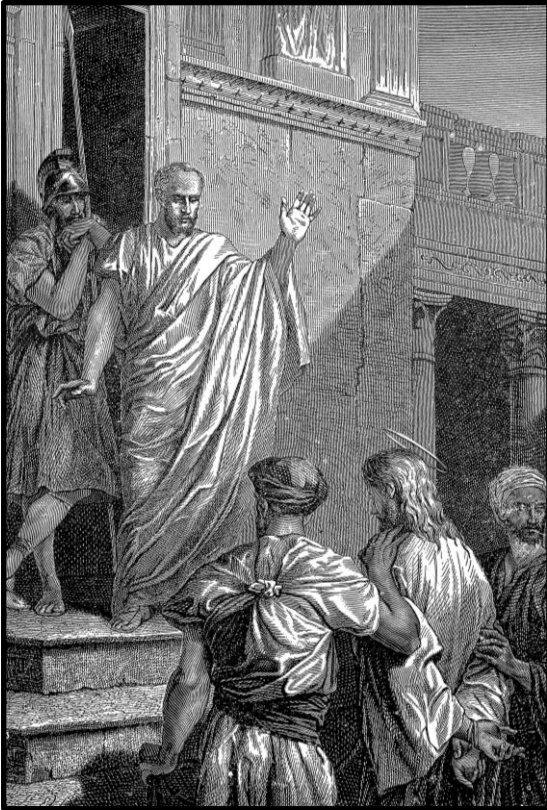




Williamsburg

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

EST. 1785



"Christ Before Pilate," John Everette Millais,
English Woodcut, 1864

"The days are coming,"
declares the Lord,
"when I will raise up for David
a righteous branch, a King
who will reign wisely and do
what is just and right in the land."

This is the name
by which he will be called:
the Lord our Righteous Savior."

Jeremiah 23:5-6

Christ the King Sunday - November 24, 2024

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

PRELUDE

Dank sie die Herr
(G.F. Handel)

INTROIT

Enter His Gates with Thanksgiving
(Hal H. Hopson)

Sanctuary Choir

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 99

The Lord reigns; let the nations tremble.

Great is the Lord in Zion; he is exalted over all the nations.

Let us praise his great and awesome name;

he is holy.

The King is mighty, he loves justice;

the Lord has established equity, what is just and right.

He alone is holy.

Exalt the Lord our God and worship at his holy mountain,

for the Lord our God is holy.

*HYMN

Lift High the Cross

UMH 159 (red book)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God,

Only you are holy; only you deserve our truest devotion and adoration.

You alone can save us from self-deception,

from the competing idols of our world

that weigh down our hearts and dim our sight.

Free our hearts, and open our eyes!

Rescue us from the delusion that we are self-made people,

and remind us again in whose Image we are made.

If we are truly yours, O God, then hear our confessions,

these regrets that would otherwise keep us from full communion with you...

[Silent Prayer]

**Thank you that by the obedient and selfless leadership of your Son,
our King, are we forgiven and made whole. Amen.**

RECEPTION OF A NEW MEMBER

Rhonda Filipp

(8:15)

Will & Diane Ameen, Roy & Allison Fuller, Emily Hayden, Mark Blair & Jane McNeil

(11:00)

**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, and our witness,
that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

ANTHEM	<i>Crown Him with Many Crowns</i> (George Elvey)	Sanctuary Choir
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	The Word of God for the People of God. Thanks be to God.	John 18:33-38 (113 NT)
MESSAGE	<i>Pilate's Error</i>	Rev. Dave Rochford
*HYMN	<i>We Will Glorify the King of Kings</i>	TFWS 2087 (black book)
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE		
THE LORD'S PRAYER		UMH 895 (red book)
OFFERTORY	<i>Give Thanks</i> (arr. Marty Parks)	Sanctuary Orchestra
*DOXOLOGY		UMH 94 (red book)
*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING		
*HYMN	<i>Rejoice, the Lord Is King</i>	UMH 715 (red book)
*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING		
BENEDICTION	<i>O God Who Has Called Us</i> (Eleanor Daley)	Sanctuary Choir
POSTLUDE	<i>Voluntary on Kremser</i>	

The flowers in the Chancel are given to the Glory of God
in memory of and in thankfulness for the life of David Ziskind from Betsy and family.

****congregation invited to stand***

Daily Devotionals

Would you like to 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!

THIS ALSO IS OUR WORSHIP

Welcome to Williamsburg United Methodist Church

Welcoming Neighbors – Nurturing Faith – Transforming Our World

We Give Thanks for All Our Blessings

TODAY

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!

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, Gene Bruss, Ann Brown Hailey, Judy Halstead and Kelli Mansel Arbuckle for arranging this display.



Quilt Ministry Market

Don't wait for Black Friday! Shop for unique handcrafted gifts at the **Quilt Ministry Market TODAY**. We will be open in Fellowship Hall between services and after the 11:00 a.m. service, and will feature quilts, kitchen and home décor items, doll clothes, Advent calendars, Christmas stockings, knit caps, and more. There will also be a Kids' Korner with \$1 - \$5 gifts and free gift bags for children to

do their own shopping. All sale proceeds from this Market will be donated to our **Advent Mission Offering**. The Quilt Ministry has donated **83** quilts this year; check out the sign at the Market to see who has received this gift of love and warmth.

Green Gifting Creativity

Stop by the Atrium after services today for displays and suggestions for "green gifting!" The Green Team will have different items each Sunday for the kitchen, food storage, shopping, households, etc. Our theme is to Rethink, ReUse, Reduce!

United Women in Faith

UWF continues to sponsor the sale of fresh greenery and gifts today. Visit lynchcreekfarm.com to view the wide array of selections. Specify your preferred ship date as well as our project number 0370144 at checkout.



Poinsettias

You are invited to purchase a poinsettia for \$25 to be placed in Memory or in Honor of a loved one. Please complete the online **Poinsettia Order Form on the church website** <https://tinyurl.com/wumc-poinsettia>. You may make your payment online at the above link. For assistance, there will be a table in the Atrium today to place orders. December 1 is the last day to purchase.

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.

God Came Near in Christ — An Advent Conversation...

...beginning today, 3:30-4:45 p.m. in Rm. 206, on the incarnation when God came near in Christ. This will review the Apostle Paul's declarations of who Jesus is and his relationship to God, the birth stories in Matthew and Luke, the relationship of John the Baptist and Jesus, and conclude with the seven last words of our Savior. Our moderator will be Rev. Dr. Robert Parsons. Register at tinyurl.com/2024-advent-near. To get connected to the class leaders or have questions on any Bible Studies, Small Groups, or other activities listed above, contact Deacon Troy Sims at tsims@williamsburgumc.org.

Embracing Forgiveness-An Advent Spiritual Practice

Do you struggle with forgiveness for anyone? Are you in need of forgiveness from anyone? Embracing Forgiveness is an opportunity to learn more about forgiveness — what it is and what it isn't — as well as ways to enter into forgiveness. Pastor Meghan and Deacon Troy *especially* invite folks who aren't currently in Sunday School or a Small Group to consider taking part in this opportunity. Beginning today, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. in Rm. 103 (5 Sundays). *Space is limited!* Register now at tinyurl.com/2024-forgive.

THIS WEEK

7th Annual Multifaith Service of Thanksgiving

November 24, 7:00 P.M.

Walsingham Academy

Sponsored by

Historic Area Religions Together
(HART)

Fitness Class November 27 Cancelled.

Help Decorate the Church for Christmas

Time to decorate our church for Advent and Christmas on November 26, 9:00 a.m. Volunteers needed and taller folks who can climb ladders! Contact Rita Welty 757 209-4609.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Nov 24 4:45 p.m... The Table Supper Service
Nov 25 6:30 p.m..... United Women in Faith
Nov 26 7:00 p.m..... Church Council

Thanksgiving Meal Ministry

Williamsburg UMC is partnering with Meals on Wheels and From His Hands to prepare 125 individual Thanksgiving dinners for our neighbors in need. To make this ministry possible, we need your support. Each meal, along with the necessary supplies, costs approximately \$15. Your generous donations can help ensure that every recipient receives a warm, nourishing meal. Please make your checks payable to Williamsburg UMC, with "Thanksgiving Meals" noted in the memo line. Any extra food will be shared with a community food program, and any unused funds will go directly to support local food distribution efforts. Thank you for helping us spread hope, one meal at a time!



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.

IN DECEMBER

The Christmas Letters:

Celebrating Advent with Those Who Told the Story First

The letters in the New Testament, known as the Epistles, contain the first attempts by the church to understand and celebrate the mystery of when God first came near in Christ. By spending time with these holy, ancient words this Advent, you'll come to know the meaning of Christ's coming like never before. Join the Searchers Sunday School December 1 – December 22, 9:30 a.m. Rm. 303 for this different look at the season of Advent. To get connected to the class leaders, contact Deacon Troy Sims tsims@williamsburgumc.org.

**Williamsburg
United Methodist Church
WUMC Sanctuary Choir &
Community Chorus
The Handel Chamber Orchestra &
Soloists:**

*Branch Fields, bass
Ian Lane, tenor
Cecelia McKinley, contralto
Michelle Trovato, soprano*

**Presents
Messiah**

**Friday, December 6, 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 7, 5:00 p.m.**

Save
the
Date



**Messy
Church**

Our special Christmas Edition of the family friendly Messy Church will be **Tuesday, December 10** at 5:30 p.m. for a time of free play, crafts, games, worship celebration, and free meal!

Save the Date: Friday, March 28 – Sunday, March 30, 2025

The Cup Of Our Life Multi-Generational Women's Retreat.

Contact Deacon Troy or Pastor Meghan

Generous Giving

A big thank you to everyone who has already responded so generously with your Estimate of Giving. We have now received Estimates of Giving Cards from 285 people/family units totaling \$1,329,249 which is vital in your support of over 90+ ministries. Our goal of 325 cards totaling \$1,500,000 remains within reach.

You can still submit your Estimate of Giving by taking a card from the pew rack and place 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 offering the plate or at the church office.

TODAYS SERVICE

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

Director of Worship Arts: Lou-Anne Smith

Organist: Tom Marshall

Acolytes 8:15: Taylor Anne Mason **11:00:** Ella Bullock

Reader 8:15: Terri Morgan **11:00** Rachel Fowler

Greeters 8:15: Marilyn Riddle, Steve Tingen **11:00** Tammy Bullock, Linda Logerwell

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

Permission to podcast/stream the music in this service obtained from One License #A-737740, Williamsburg UMC CCLI #3168974 CCS/WCL #12349

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

November 17 Worship Attendance Total.....	524
In Person 11:00 a.m.....	215
In Person 8:15 a.m.....	145
Online.....	64
The Table.....	100

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Welcome to Williamsburg United Methodist Church

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PART OF WUMC?

Speak with any of our Pastors, Revs. Meghan Roth Clayton, Dave Rochford or Troy Sims, after the service or call 757 229-1771. They will be delighted to get to know you.

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP 8:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Live streaming of worship... will be available each Sunday at 11:00 a.m. <https://www.williamsburgumc.org/worship/livestream-services>, and the recorded service will be available at <https://www.williamsburgumc.org/worship/sunday-worship> by mid-afternoon Sunday. Upon entering the Sanctuary, understand that we are posting images to our media platforms. If you are uncomfortable with this, please let the ushers know you need to sit in an area away from camera angles. We are happy to accommodate!

Assisted Listening devices... are available from the ushers. Those with a "*t-coil*" switch in their hearing aids can simply activate the switch. Please advise an usher if you have this need.

Need a Quiet Place During Worship? The Den, located behind the Sanctuary, is open as a quiet place during Worship. It's equipped to watch worship livestream, has a partitioned feeding area and a diaper changing station for parents and caregivers.

Nursery Care is available for Pre-K and younger in Room 207. Our trained and background- checked care providers are ready to welcome your little ones during Worship and Sunday School.

CLASSES, GROUPS, AND BIBLE STUDY...

Please see the church website at www.williamsburgumc.org for a variety of choices. These are conducted both in person and by Zoom. We are always eager to welcome guests and new friends.

MESSY CHURCH

Messy Church held every second Tuesday, 5:30–7:30 p.m. This is an all-age worship experience that includes crafts, games, Celebration Time and dinner. Questions? Contact Zach Griggs

FAMILY MINISTRIES

We are committed to walking alongside families of all kinds on the lifelong journey of faith. Children are invited to grow in relationship with God and each other through Messy Church, Children's Worship, and fun fellowship events. Youth meet weekly on Sundays at 12:30 p.m. to have fun, engage current events theologically, respond creatively to scripture, and imagine how God is calling them to mission. Resources are available for parents and caregivers, and Zach would love to talk with you anytime about the joys and challenges of family life. Contact Zach at zgriggs@williamsburgumc.org to learn more. Interested in Youth Choir? Contact Anthony Williams awilliams@williamsburgumc.org

PRAYER

Contact the church office to speak to a pastor or submit a prayer request via the church website. Prayer concerns will be added to the prayer chain if desired or shared with the pastors and our intercessory prayer group. Prayer cards are located at Connection Corner and in the Narthex.

SUPPORT AND CARE

We are a Stephen Ministry Church and provide trained, strictly-confidential lay pastoral care for our congregation and community. Contact one of the Pastors for information on how you be connected to one of our Stephen Ministers 757 229-1771.

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