



Williamsburg

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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"The Baptism of Christ,"
Matthaeus Merian, Swiss woodcut engraving, 1626

*"You are my Son,
whom I love;*

with you I am well pleased."

Luke 3:22b

Baptism of the Lord Sunday - January 12, 2025

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

PRELUDE *Gott ist mein Heil, mein Hilf und Trost*
(J.S. Bach)

INTROIT *Rule of Life* Sanctuary Choir
(arr. Cynthia Wilson)

WELCOME

*Call to Worship from Psalm 29

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
let us worship the Lord in holy splendor.

**The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders!**

Over mighty waters, the voice of the Lord is powerful;

the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;

the Lord sits enthroned as a ruler forever.

May the Lord give strength to his people;

may the Lord bless us with peace!

*HYMN *When Jesus Came to Jordan* UMH 252 (red book)

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Father in heaven,
at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan
you proclaimed him your beloved Son,
and sent to him the power of your Spirit.

**We who claim to follow him have often forgotten our own baptism,
and behaved as if we were accountable to no one but ourselves.**

Grant us grace that we may remember the covenant we made with you
by the waters of our own baptism,

**as we confess to your our halting resolve, our failures,
our risk of drying out and living as those without hope.**

[for a moment we confess our need for grace]

Because God is not on the far shore, but has waded in with us,
by the faithfulness of Jesus, we may go forth to begin again.

Amen.

ANTHEM *One Golden Dawn on Jordan's Bright Sand* Sanctuary Choir
(Brad Nix)

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.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE *Songs of Faith: Joy* Bell Duet
(Kevin McChesney)

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 (60 NT)

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Second-string Is not our Thing

Rev. Dave Rochford

*HYMN

Baptized in Water

UMH 2248 (black book)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH 895 (red book)

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.

OFFERTORY

As the Deer with Fairest Lord Jesus

(Martin Nystrom; arr. Mark Hayes)

*DOXOLOGY

UMH 94 (red book)

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

Have Thine Own Way, Lord

UMH 382 (red book)

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

BENEDICTION

As We Go

(Jeremy Johnson)

Sanctuary Choir

POSTLUDE

Sinfonietta

(Georg Frederic Handel)

****congregation invited to stand***

The flowers in the Chancel are given to the Glory of God
by Williamsburg Floral and Paradise Plants.

THIS ALSO IS OUR WORSHIP

Welcome to Williamsburg United Methodist Church

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, *The Gospel of Mark*, **Perspectives:** Rm. 171, **Walking the Footsteps Small Group:** Den, **Marvin Willard:** Rm. 174, *Early Christian Heretics: History Lessons*.

Get Connected Starts Today

Sundays, TODAY, and 19, 26; February 2, 12:30 p.m. | Rm 303

Care to get to know the busy life of WUMC better? Are you perhaps curious about joining your story with that of our historic church? We invite you to attend this "get connected" discussion of ways to engage with one another and in the life and ministry at Williamsburg UMC. Questions? Contact Deacon Troy Sims tsims@williamsburgumc.org, Pastor Meghan Roth Clayton

mclayton@williamsburgumc.org, or Pastor Dave Rochford drochford@williamsburgumc.org or call at 757-229-1771. Let us know if you are coming at tinyurl.com/wumc-connected.



CARE Committee

...will provide rides to the doctor or will provide help when you are sick. Jan Boykin 757 565-2950 and Barbara Feagin 757 707-3795 are the January coordinators. If you need **CARE**, please let the coordinators know at least 2 days in advance to arrange for assistance.

United Women in Faith Circles

Carol Scott Circle will meet January 14, 1:00 p.m. in Resource Rm. 206.

Sisters in Grace will meet January 14, in Rm. 303.

Sisters in Mission will meet January 14, 6:30 p.m. in Rm. 309.

Help Tidy the Sanctuary for Worship...once a month on a Friday for 1 1/2 hours. Give back to your church in this rewarding way. Contact Kim Johnson 757 784-4614.



Messy Church

Join us for Messy Church January 14, 5:30-7:30 p.m. All are welcome for a time of play, worship celebration, and dinner fellowship. We hope to see you there!

Senior Fun and Games Day, January 16

Have the mid-winter blues? Join other WUMC seniors on Thursday, January 16 9:30 a.m.-noon for a morning of fun and games followed by a "souper" lunch. Bring your favorite game and a card table if you have one. Share a jigsaw puzzle in a puzzle exchange.

Churchwide Fellowship Breakfast and Program

Join us January 18 for breakfast at WUMC and a program afterwards provided by Jay Gaidmore, the Marian and Alan McLeod Director of Special Collections in the Earl Gregg Swem Library at William & Mary. Parking will be available behind Swem Library for easy accessibility. Register early as space is limited! The cost for breakfast (which includes a \$5.00 donation to our scholarship fund and other ministries) is \$15.00. The UMM sponsored Fellowship Breakfast is for all members and guests of WUMC. Come, enjoy and learn about the Swem Library.

Micro Activism Book Study

Have you wondered how your strengths can be a part of making change for good in the world? On Sunday evenings, January 19 and 26, February 2 and 9, from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m., Laura Emery will lead a small group book study on *Micro Activism* by Omkari Williams. This book helps you figure out the different ways activism can show up in our communities. Please register at tinyurl.com/wumc-be-an-ally Questions? Contact Pastor Meghan.

Save the Date:

Early Childhood Music School Winter Carnival

It's almost time for our ECMS Winter Carnival at WUMC! Join us February 7, 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. for a fun night of games, bounce house, face painting, slime bar, video gaming station, instrument petting zoo, silent auction, food truck, AND MORE! **All Access Wrist Band** will soon be available for \$15.

Could you help? Donate to the Silent Auction or volunteer to work at the Carnival for set up, at event stations, or as part of the cleanup crew. All proceeds go to benefit Elliot's Song, an outreach ministry of ECMS that provides free music education to at-risk preschoolers in WJCC. Questions? Contact Anthony Williams, Director of ECMS 757 229-1771.

Music Anyone?

Sanctuary Choir rehearses Thursday nights from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Choir Rm. 114. Join experienced singers and music lovers to sing uplifting songs that inspire the choir and congregation.

Sanctuary Orchestra rehearses Monday nights from 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. in the Atrium. Two years' experience on your instrument as well as owning your instrument is required.

Koinonia Belles rehearse Tuesdays from 11:00-Noon in the Bell Rm. 112. Beginners and experienced ringers come join us!

Covenant Ringers rehearse Thursdays from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Bell Rm. 112. Some experience ringing is a plus!

For further information, contact Lou-Anne Smith, Director of Music and Worship Arts at lsmith@williamsburgumc.org

Winter Shelter Volunteers Needed

One of the most vital ministries in our community, the CoFM Winter Shelter provides kindness, a warm meal, and overnight hospitality to our unhoused neighbors each year. WUMC will be hosting the Winter Shelter ministry during the week of February 16 – 23. We invite you to participate as a volunteer to assist our guests and make them feel welcome.

Please stop by the table in the Atrium today to see which days and times your help is needed. There are still many volunteer openings in the evening, overnight and early morning shifts. Your help is needed to make this ministry happen!

Together, we can be the hands and feet of Christ by showing hospitality to our guests.

We Are Hiring!

The Executive Director position for Respite Care at Williamsburg United Methodist Church is presently open! Respite Care is a weekday afternoon ministry of Williamsburg United Methodist Church, offering social engagement and stimulating activities for dependent seniors in a safe and nurturing environment. It also allows care partners a few hours of respite, too.

The Executive Director provides leadership and oversight to ensure the effective operation of program delivery and the organization's financial stability. This position focuses on

increasing organizational visibility, supervising day-to-day operations, and ensuring the program meets its objectives. The role requires a proactive, strategic leader who is committed to the mission of Respite Care. This position is part-time (26-29 hours/week).

Interested? Contact Pastor Meghan mclayton@williamsburgumc.org

Meetings & Events

Jan 12	4:45 p.m.....	The Table
Jan 13	5:30 p.m.....	KMO Board Mtg
	6:30 p.m.	Local Outreach
	7:00 p.m.....	Brinkley Book Club
Jan 14	3:30 p.m.....	Dementia Support Group
	5:30 p.m.	Messy Church
Jan 16	10:00 a.m.	Memorial Garden
	6:00 p.m.....	Trustees

Mission River District Training

Start the new year off with a day of Worship, Fellowship and Education! Come for the morning, the afternoon or the whole day! Link to sign up: <https://bit.ly/41JcAdg>

WHERE: Williamsburg UMC

WHEN: January 25 Tentative Schedule:

8:15 - 8:45 a.m.: Registration

9:00-10:00 a.m.: Worship

10:00 - 12:30 p.m.: Session One

12:30 - 1:30 p.m.: Catered Lunch

1:30 - 4:00 p.m.: Afternoon Sessions

Advance Care Planning

February 5, Rm. 174

It is a holy gift to proactively prepare for a thoughtful and intentional final stage of life. Thanks to Commonwealth Senior Living, we welcome Crystal Scheer with Summit Care Partners. Crystal is a Qualified Advance Directive Facilitator and will guide participants in a Legacy Letter and Advanced Care Planning workshop. Please reach out to Pastor Meghan with questions or if you would like to attend. A flyer and sign-up link will be shared soon.

Needed... Greeters for the 8:15 a.m. worship service. Contact the church office 757 229-1771.

TODAYS SERVICE

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

Director of Worship Arts: Lou-Anne Smith **Guest Organist:** Barbara Stahl

Acolytes 8:15: Linda Upshaw **11:00:** Aaron Yaneza

Reader 8:15: Russ Henke **11:00:** Neil Bright

Greeters 11:00: Mike Motes, Theresa Motes

Ushers 8:15: Roy Geiger, Janet Henke, Russ Henke, Chalannes Hoover, Tom Justice, Monty Mason, Brent Whitaker, Michael Johnson, Cindy Garman-Squier, Dan Squier **11:00:** Grace Bradley, James Bradley, Jennifer Bradley, Bonnie Knizatko, Laura Viancour, Rick Viancour

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.

January 5 Worship Attendance Total	453
In Person 11:00 a.m.	208
In Person 8:15 a.m.	126
Online	93
The Table	26

OUR CHURCH STAFF

Barbara Blanton, *Finance Manager* (x106)

Josh Clayton, *Digital Media Specialist* (x107)

Meghan Roth Clayton, *Pastor of Congregational Care* (x114)

Zach Griggs, *Family Ministries Coordinator* (x109)

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

Mike Motes, *Temp. Bookkeeper* (x116)

Laura Pittman, *Director Kid's Morning Out* (x113)

Nancy Reynolds, *Engagement and Administrative Coordinator* (x104)

Dave Rochford, *Lead Pastor* (x110)

Michelle Roy, *Dir. of Congregation & Community Engagement* (x103)

Troy Sims, *Minister of Discipleship* (x108)

Lou-Anne Smith, *Director of Worship Arts* (x105)

Rick Viancour, *Facilities Manager* (x101)

Anthony Williams, *Assoc. Dir. of Worship Arts, Dir. Early Childhood Music* (x115)

Ryan LaRock, *Campus Minister, Wesley Foundation* (757) 229-6832

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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 talk with 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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