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"Baptism of the Lord" He QI

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me..."

Third Sunday After the Epiphany - January 26, 2025

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

PRELUDE

Prelude on a Shaker Hymn
(arr. James Southbridge)

INTROIT

Rule of Life
(arr. Cynthia Wilson)

Sanctuary Choir

WELCOME

*Call to Worship

from *Ministry Matters*, Luke 4, 1 Cor 12

The Spirit of God is upon us.

We are called to be God's people.

The Spirit of God is upon us.

We are called to be the body of Christ.

Come let us worship God, who binds us together in love and service.

*HYMN

Sing Out! Sound the Trumpets! Proclaim Jubilee Carolyn Winfree Gillette
(to the tune of *To God Be the Glory*)

**Sing out! Sound the trumpets! Proclaim jubilee!
Through words from Isaiah, we came to be free;
For blest by the Spirit, Christ read from that scroll,
Proclaiming his mission: To make our lives whole.**

**Hear the word! Sing it out! It's good news to the poor!
Christ has come! Let us shout! We are captive no more!
Lost sight is restored, and God's world is set free:
Christ came to our world to proclaim jubilee.**

**But still, women struggle for lives free and fair,
And children are hungry, and loved-ones despair.
Still, those long oppressed or in prisons of fear
Are longing to call this their jubilee year.**

**O God, through your Christ you knelt down to the earth,
And by your own Spirit, you gave us new birth.
May we as your church have a passion to share
Your jubilee love with the world everywhere.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Rev. Beth Merrill Neel

God's mercy is deeper than the depths of the sea, and God's grace is wider than the whole of the earth. Trusting in that mercy and that grace, let us make our confession, before God and each other, first in silent prayer.

**Holy God, we open our hearts to you this day,
and offer the truth of our lives:**

The fear that stifles us, the prejudice that blinds us, the ignorance that hobbles us, the doubt that plagues us. Help us, we pray, that we will find courage in unlikely places, see the world with new and gracious eyes, move to those places where love is needed, and have faith that you are with us. This we pray in Jesus 'name. Amen.

Hear the Good News: we are forgiven! We are set free to go out into the world and be the loving, gracious, hopeful people of God!

Alleluia! Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 4:14-21 (61 NT)

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

In His Hands
(Tim Osiek)

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.

MESSAGE

Wade in...

Rev. Meghan Roth Clayton

*HYMN

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

UMH 465 (red book)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH 895 (red book)

OFFERTORY

Blessed Quietness
(A.C. Whitworth)

*DOXOLOGY

UMH 94 (red book)

REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Will you turn away from the powers of sin and death?

We renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of our sin!

Will you let the Spirit use you as prophets to the powers that be?

We accept the freedom and power God gives us to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves!

Will you proclaim the good news and live as disciples of Jesus Christ, his body on earth?

We confess Jesus Christ as our Savior, put our whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as our Lord, in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races!

Will you be living witnesses to the gospel, individually and together, wherever you are, and in all that you do?

We will remain faithful members of Christ's holy church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world.

Will you receive and profess the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

We affirm and teach the faith of the whole church as we put our trust in God, the Father Almighty, in Jesus Christ, his only Son, and in the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

*THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Remember that you are baptized and rejoice!

*HYMN

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

TFWS 2241 (black book)

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

BENEDICTION

As We Go
(Jeremy Johnson)

Sanctuary Choir

POSTLUDE

Trumpets in Praise
(Robert J. Hughes)

**congregation invited to stand*

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*. **Young Adult:** God does extraordinary things through ordinary people. This is the theme of Nadia Bolz-Weber's book *Accidental Saints*. Starting back today, The Young Adult Group will use this as a launch for discussion in our new meeting time - 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings in Rm. 180.

Get Connected

Sundays, TODAY, & 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.



Sign Up for Chancel Flowers in the Atrium today!



Super Bowl Chili

Sisters in Mission Circle is sponsoring a Championship Chili Fundraiser to enjoy on Super Bowl Sunday, February 9. Vegan and standard meat/bean recipes will be offered for ordering ahead in the Atrium area between worship services today and February 2. Ordering online is available. 1-quart containers will be sold for \$12.00. All proceeds will be used for United Women in Faith 2025 mission's donations. Pickup on February 9.

WUMC Fitness Class

Exercise with your WUMC friends on Mondays and Wednesdays 9:30-10:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. The easy-to-follow fitness program includes stretching, aerobics (chair or standing), weight training, and balancing exercises.

Micro Activism Book Study

On Sunday evenings, January 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. Questions? Contact Pastor Meghan.

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.

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.

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 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.

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.

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

Anxious About Nothing: Finding Calm in a Chaotic World

Change of date: *Sundays, beginning February 9, 9:30-10:30 a.m. | Rm 171*

Join the Perspectives Sunday School Class to consider how NOT to let worry and fear control our lives. Find ways to walk with God to find peace and calm in an anxious time. The class will use Max Lucado's book and videos by the same name. For more info, or to get connected with the class leaders, contact Deacon Troy Sims tsims@williamsburgumc.org

Needed... Greeters for the 8:15 a.m. worship service. Contact the church office.

Meetings & Events

Jan 26	4:45 p.m.	The Table
Jan 27	6:30 p.m.	UWF Executive Meeting
Jan 28	7:00 p.m.	Church Council
Feb 1	7:00 p.m.	Liberty Jubilee Dixie Band Concert

Join us in prayer for the people of **Southern California**, who are currently being impacted by multiple fires. To support this and other U.S. disaster response and recovery efforts, donate here: <https://bit.ly/umcorusdr>

Concert

February 1, 7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall

Join us for an evening of lively jazz as the United Methodist Men host a benefit concert featuring the returning Liberty Jubilee Dixie Band and two of our own Lew Mabie and Ryan Staggs playing. This is a free concert open to the public. Donations will be accepted to support the Harbour Scholarship fund for students.

TODAYS SERVICE

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

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

Acolytes 8:15: Eira Johnson **11:00:** Sadie Yaneza, Johanna Foley

Reader 8:15: Warren Harper **11:00:** Dianne Colestock

Greeters 8:15: Steve Tingen, Linda Upshaw **11:00:** Ray Adams, Linda Baker

Ushers 8:15: Roy Geiger, Janet Henke, Russ Henke, Chalonnos 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

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

January 19 Worship Attendance Total.....	518
In Person 11:00 a.m.....	249
In Person 8:15 a.m.....	157
Online.....	77
The Table.....	35

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

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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