



*Williamsburg*  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
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Welcoming Neighbors –  
Nurturing Faith –  
Transforming Our World



*The Transfiguration, Raphael Oil,  
Italian Renaissance, 1520*

*this is my Son  
whom I have chosen*

*listen to him*

*Luke 9:35b*

*Transfiguration Sunday - March 2, 2025*

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

PRELUDE

*Now That Daylight Fills the Sky*  
(Dale Wood)

WELCOME

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 99

The Lord is great in Zion, and is exalted over all the nations.

**Let the people praise God's great and wondrous name!**

The King is mighty, he loves justice, and has established equity;

**in Jacob the Lord has done what is just and right.**

Extol the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain.

**Surely the Lord our God is holy!**

\*HYMN

*Shine, Jesus Shine*

TFWS 2173 (black book)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, long ago upon a mountain you revealed our Messiah,  
who by his death and resurrection would fulfill both the Law and the prophets.

**So we pray today that you would come to us,  
and transfigure our shadows of doubt by the radiance of faith,  
our anxieties into an abiding sense of peace.**

Speak to us this new day, Lord.

Silence the competing voices and noise, that we might perceive your word.

**Forgive us our drowsiness, our failure to pray and wait with you.**

**Speak to us again, and convict us of our need for a Savior  
who will come again in glory, radiant with Divinity.**

**Rescue us, and hear our silent confessions to you...**

[for a moment we confess our need for grace]

As with a blanket of snow, so far do you remove the stain of our sins  
from us as we dine with you, and worship unashamed before  
your Father.

**Amen.**

ANTHEM

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*  
(Dan Forrest)

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-5 are invited to Children's Worship in the Fellowship Hall to encounter God in story, song,  
and play. Our Nursery, located in the Education Wing, is open for Pre-K and younger during both services.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 9:28-43 (pg. 69 NT)

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

*Another Robe to Wear*

Dave Rochford

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

*There Is a Balm in Gilead*  
(John David Peterson)

\*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!**

PRESENTING THE BREAD AND CUP

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 company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*Holy, holy, holy*  
(UMH 21 red book)

**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, recalling the institution of the Lord's Supper, concluding:]*

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

*Christ has died*  
(UMH 22 red book)

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

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

**By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other,  
and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory  
and we feast at his heavenly banquet.**

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,  
**all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.**

*Amen*  
(UMH 22 red book)

**Amen, amen, amen, amen.**



# 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; **Perspectives:** Rm. 171; **Walking the Footsteps Small Group:** Fellowship Hall; Join the **Marvin Willard Class** in Rm. 174 today for a six-week study, *The Message of Jesus: Words that Changed the World* exploring six of the most important themes in Jesus' teachings, why they matter, and how they speak to us today. Jesus's message is not only life-changing, but world-changing. **Young Adult:** Rm. 180/182.

To get connected to the class leaders, contact Deacon Troy Sims [tsims@williamsburgumc.org](mailto:tsims@williamsburgumc.org)

#### **Sacred Resistance: a Practical Guide to Christian Witness**

*4 Sundays beginning March 2,  
6:15-7:30 p.m. Rm 206*

Questions? Contact Deacon Troy Sims [tsims@williamsburgumc.org](mailto:tsims@williamsburgumc.org) or Pastor Meghan Roth Clayton [mclayton@williamsburgumc.org](mailto:mclayton@williamsburgumc.org)  
Register now at [tinyurl.com/sacred-resist-2025](http://tinyurl.com/sacred-resist-2025)

#### **This Week At WUMC**

##### **Sunday, 3/2**

4:45 p.m. The Table

6:15 p.m. Sacred Resistance: a Practical Guide to Christian Witness

**Ash Wednesday Services** March 5, Noon and 7:00 p.m.  
Sanctuary.

#### **Daily Devotionals?**

Wanna receive daily devotionals in your email during special times of the year like Advent and Lent? Visit [www.tinyurl.com/wumc-devotional](http://www.tinyurl.com/wumc-devotional) and share your email address!



#### **Mended Hearts of Williamsburg**

On March 10 at noon, all are welcome to a presentation from the Mended Hearts chapter of Williamsburg. A light lunch will be available. Mended Hearts chapter offers peer-to-peer support, education, and advocacy; helps patients cope with emotional recovery from heart disease; and provides social, emotional, and practical support. Register now at <https://tinyurl.com/mendedheartsumc> Questions? Call Pastor Meghan.



## Give Up Complaining for Lent

*Mondays, beginning March 10, 7:00-8:00 p.m.*

There's so much to complain about in life, but what good does complaining really accomplish, anyway? What if you could give up complaining this Lent and turn that complaining-energy into action? Join Laura Beach and Ema Kossin on a 6-week journey to living complaint-free using Will Bowen's book, *A Complaint Free World: Stop Complaining, Start Living*. For more info or to get connected to the class leaders, contact Deacon Troy Sims [tsims@williamsburgumc.org](mailto:tsims@williamsburgumc.org). Register now at [tinyurl.com/wumc-no-complaining](http://tinyurl.com/wumc-no-complaining).

## Pastors' Bible Study - Pause: Spending Lent with the Psalms

*Wednesdays in Lent, beginning March 12, 7:00-8:30 p.m. | Rm 103*

*Thursdays in Lent, beginning March 13, 10:30-12:00 p.m. | Zoom*



Lent is an ideal time to step back and reflect on the deeper movements of the spirit. The season encourages us to consider a different pace - one of slowing down, noticing, reflecting - than what our dominant culture values. Join Pastors Dave, Meghan, and Troy in taking up the spiritual practice of encountering, sinking into, and deeply engaging with one Psalm each week during Lent and Holy Week. Questions? Contact Deacon Troy Sims [tsims@williamsburgumc.org](mailto:tsims@williamsburgumc.org). Register NOW at [tinyurl.com/pastors-lent-2025](http://tinyurl.com/pastors-lent-2025).

## Senior Adult Trip to American Revolution Museum

Join WUMC senior adults for a visit to the American Revolution Museum in Yorktown on March 13. Meet at the WUMC parking lot at 9 a.m. to carpool or meet at the Museum at 10:00 a.m. After viewing the museum exhibits, those who want to have lunch can go to a local restaurant in Yorktown. Admission to the Museum is free to residents of James City County, York County, and the City of Williamsburg. Bring proof of residency (driver's license or copy of a utility bill).

## Understanding Your Grief

Sundays, March 16 through April 27, (skipping Easter Sunday) Rm. 174 at 3:30 p.m.

Find support, fellowship and hope among others experiencing grief. Stephen Ministry Leader Nancy Rivero and Barbara Feagin will guide you using Dr. Alan Wolfelt's book *Understanding Your Grief* and the accompanying journal. Pre-registration is required at [www.tinyurl.com/wumcgriefgroup](http://www.tinyurl.com/wumcgriefgroup) Questions? Contact Pastor Meghan at 757-229-1771.

## Sanctuary Flowers

We are blessed to have lovely flowers adorn our church every Sunday. At Easter, we have the church filled with spring flowers. If you would like to purchase a lily in memory of or in honor of someone, please go to [tinyurl.com/wumceasterlily](http://tinyurl.com/wumceasterlily) to order. Cost is \$20 each. You may also sign up for chancel flowers at [tinyurl.com/wumcchancelflowers](http://tinyurl.com/wumcchancelflowers).

## CARE Committee

...will provide rides to the doctor or will provide help when you are sick. Mary Liz Sadler 757 229-8063 and Fran Hermance 757 229-8857 are the March coordinators. If you need **CARE**, please let the coordinators know at least 2 days in advance to arrange for assistance.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Sisters in Spirit Retreat – The Cup of Our Life

March 28-30 Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center, Toano

Cost: \$125 per participant – Scholarship available

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### Messy Church - Living in Lent

Our next Messy Church is Tuesday, March 11 and families of all types are invited! Join us for play, worship and spiritual practice stations, and a free community dinner as get ready to follow Jesus through the season of Lent.

### Churchwide Fellowship Breakfast

Join us March 15, 8:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall for a morning of fellowship and great food at our monthly Churchwide Fellowship Breakfast, hosted by United Methodist Men. Please RSVP by March 13. Our guest speaker will be Deborah Hewitt. Deborah will also lead us on a tour of our Respite Care space. The cost for the breakfast is \$10 per person. We also ask attendees to consider donating to the Harbour Scholarship Fund and other UMM-supported ministries.

### United Women in Faith News - Dining For Missions

Dine In or Carry Out lunch or dinner at Sal's by Victor Restaurant, 1242 Richmond Road between 2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. March 18 and Sal's will donate **15-20% of the income to the United Women in Faith for missions**. Join us and make a difference!

### Circle Meetings for March

- Ruth Simpson Circle will meet March 5, at 10:00 a.m. in Rm. 309.
- Heritage Circle will meet March 11 at 9:45 a.m. in Rm. 303.
- Sisters in Grace will meet March 11 at 1:00 p.m. in Rm. 303.
- Carol Scott Circle will meet March 11 at 1:00 p.m. in the Resource Room.
- Sisters in Mission will meet March 11 at 6:30 p.m.



### Welcome to Our New Executive Director, Respite Care

Ellen Bushman is an experienced non-profit leader and medical social worker. With several decades of experience in leadership and fundraising roles, she recently served as a fundraising professional at Hospice House of Williamsburg and EnCircle (Lutheran Family Services of VA), as well as working in hospice care as a social worker. Ellen has a caregiver's heart and enjoys leadership and mentoring roles in organizations supporting vulnerable populations. She is an accomplished musician and enjoys singing and listening to music of all genres. Ellen will begin her time as Executive Director of our Respite Care Ministry the first week of April.

## Today's Service

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

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

**Readers 8:15:** Rita Welty **11:00:** Scottie Boyd

**Acolyte 8:15:** Annamarie Warnke **11:00:** Aaron Yaneza

**Greeters 11:00:** Cassie Maye, Fred Rowell, Sally Rowell

**Assisting with Communion 8:15:** Ginger Barr, Bo Bohannon, Gwen Hinton, Terri Morgan **11:00:** Nathalie Bacskay, Linda Baker, Gerald Harrison, Jennifer Staggs

**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:** 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

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

February 23 Worship Attendance Total.....	478
In Person 11:00 a.m. ....	228
In Person 8:15 a.m. ....	142
Online .....	82
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)

Ginger Palmore, *Respite On-Board Director* (x118)

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)

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