



*Williamsburg*

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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**MARCH 29, 2026**  
**8:15 and 11:00am**

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

*Ellacombe*  
(J. Wayne Kerr)

Organ

## LITURGY OF THE PALMS

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 21:1-11 (23 OT)

PROCESSIONAL SONG

*Lift Up Your Voice*  
(Anthony Kouri Williams)

Youth & Children's Choir

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Hosanna to the Son of David!

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

Hosanna in the highest!

**Hosanna to the King of Israel. Hosanna in the highest heaven!**

Let us pray,

**God our Lord, today we proclaim Jesus as our Messiah and King.**

**Teach us to honor him every day, so that we may serve him faithfully  
and follow him on the road that leads to you. Amen.**

\*HYMN

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

278 (red book)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

**Lord, today we remember that the same people who celebrated you  
as King on Palm Sunday cried out for your execution on Good Friday.  
Keep us from denying you this week, and enable us to encounter  
your mercy through the story of your great love for us.  
In the name of Jesus, our crucified King, we pray. Amen.**

## LITURGY OF THE PASSION

SCRIPTURE

Philippians 2:5-11 (197 NT)

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

*Wondrous Love*  
(Frank Pesci)

Sanctuary Choir

INVITATION TO CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

(11:00)

SCRIPTURE IN THREE VOICES

Adapted from Matthew 26:36-56

**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.**

## INTRODUCTION TO PASSION READING

## SCRIPTURE IN THREE VOICES

Adapted from Matthew 26:36-56

Instructions: This is a participatory reading. About midway through the reading, the narrator will say *"and they shouted out"* and you will respond by saying *"Crucify him!"* This will happen twice in a row.

## MESSAGE

"King on the Cross"

Rev. Brian Johnson

## \*HYMN

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

298 (red book)

## OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

*There Is a Redeemer*  
(arr. Marty Parks)

Sanctuary Orchestra

## STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

## SPOKEN DOXOLOGY

## \*HYMN

*O Love Divine, What Hast Thou Done*

287 (red book)

## \*LEAVE IN SILENCE

## TODAY AT WUMC

### NEW FAMILY MINISTRY CHECK-IN STATION

We're excited to launch a new Family Ministry Check-In station in the Atrium for Sunday mornings! If you have kids in the Nursery or Children's Worship, at any worship hour, visit the computer kiosk to check them in for the programs they will attend. This helps us know when children are present and gives our guests a way to provide us with an emergency contact and allergy information. The station will also print out a name tag for your child and a matching security tag for their adult to use at pickup time. Please plan to visit the check-in kiosk so someone from Family Ministries can show you the new system!



### MESSY CHURCH - EASTER EGG HUNT TODAY @ 3:00-5:00pm

Join us for a special Messy Church Egg Hunt! Come search the WUMC grounds for over 1,500 Easter eggs after exploring the themes of the Lent and Easter seasons through games, crafts, music, and Bible stories. No cost to attend, and free carnival-style snacks will be available. Thank you for your help.

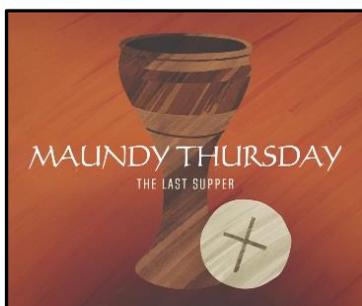


## WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

We're delighted to have you with us! Between services, follow the signs to our Fellowship Area for coffee, connection, and our Kids Corner. We'd love to welcome you and answer any questions you may have. We're honored you chose us to worship with today!

**ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES** are available in the Narthex (or ask an usher for help). If you have a "t-coil" switch on your hearing aid, you may be able to simply activate the t-coil switch. If that does not work, use one of the listening devices with a loop instead of the headphones. The loops are in the basket next to the devices. Just leave the headphones and plug in the loop instead. *Please leave devices on the cabinet where you picked it up; do not put it back in the basket. That helps us know the batteries need to be charged.*

## HOLY WEEK AT WUMC



### MAUNDY THURSDAY April 2 | 5:30pm | Fellowship Hall

Join us for an interactive time that combines engaging craft and activity stations, a potluck meal and worship, as we consider Jesus' supper in the Upper Room with his disciples.



### GOOD FRIDAY April 3 | 6:00pm & 7:00pm

6:00pm is a simple service of prayer and quiet. 7:00pm is a service of scripture, music, contemplation, and silence.



### SUNRISE SERVICE April 5 | 6:30am

Join us on the front lawn for our Sunrise outdoor service, where we will welcome the dawning light of Christ's rising.



### MODERN WORSHIP April 5 | 9:30am

On Easter Sunday, WUMC will hold our Modern Worship Service outdoors.



### TRADITIONAL SERVICES April 5 | 8:00am & 11:00am

Join us for dramatic readings, choral and orchestral music, preaching, prayer and song. **(note time change for early service from 8:15 to 8:00am)**

### EASTER SUNDAY Bring flowers to adorn the Flowering Cross on the front lawn of the church.

## LOOKING FOR WAYS TO OBSERVE LENT?

Visit our new Lenten Practices page for simple, meaningful ways to grow in faith this season including prayer, Scripture, fasting, generosity, and love in action. Head to [williamsburgumc.org/lenten-practices](http://williamsburgumc.org/lenten-practices) for ideas.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ELEVATE YOUR FITNESS March 30 and April 1 @ 9:30am | Atrium



Scan the QR code to learn more about opportunities for you and your family to grow, learn, and find community at WUMC.

## UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH CIRCLES

Our Circles are open to all! Please visit any of our circles and join in a time of sisterhood and service.

**Ruth Simpson Circle** will meet April 1, 10:00am Rm 309. Valerie Lamb will present a program on the book, *Before We Were Yours*.

**Heritage Scott Circle** will meet April 7, 9:45 pm Rm 303. We hope to have a program about the church's Global Outreach programs.

**Sisters in Grace** will meet April 14, at 1:00pm in Room 309. Our program will be a time of in-reach and outreach.

**Sisters in Mission** will meet April 21, 5:00pm in Room 309.

## WALK FOR A HEALTHY HONDURAS April 12, 1:00pm

Carolina Honduras Health Foundation (CHHF) is hosting a walk to raise funds for a Healthy Honduras. Register at [tinyurl.com/chhf-walk](http://tinyurl.com/chhf-walk) Stop by the table in the Atrium today and April 5 for more information.

## YOUNG ADULTS GROUP - For Students, Early Career Professionals, And Any of Us Who Are Not Retiring for More Than 30 Years. We Got This!

Join us Thursday, April 16, 7:00pm. Dinner will be provided or we will go somewhere fun! Contact Pastor Madison [mailinger@williamsburgumc.org](mailto:mailinger@williamsburgumc.org)

## SISTERS IN SPIRIT WOMEN'S RETREAT – LIFE'S A PUZZLE

**April 17-19 | Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center, Toano**

Life is a puzzle, but thankfully, God helps us put it all together. Rev. Nancy Robinson will lead the retreat. Learn more or register: [tinyurl.com/2026-womens-retreat](http://tinyurl.com/2026-womens-retreat)

## PIZZA WITH THE PASTORS

**Sunday, April 19, 12:15-2:00pm | Rm 303 followed by optional building tour**

New to WUMC? Grab a slice and say hi! Pizza with the Pastors is a casual, quarterly gathering after the 11:00am service to meet our pastors, connect with others, and ask questions about life at WUMC. No pressure — just pizza and people. For more info, contact Deacon Troy Sims ([tsims@williamsburgumc.org](mailto:tsims@williamsburgumc.org)). Register now at [tinyurl.com/pizza-pastor](http://tinyurl.com/pizza-pastor).

## LOCAL OUTREACH

The next Kairos event will be held at Lawrenceville Correctional Center April 22 - April 26. Local Outreach's involvement will be to bake cookies, make placemats and pray for the participants. Come by the table in the Atrium today or on April 12; sign up to make cookies and pick up a bag containing the instructions/recipe. Cookies need to be delivered to the church on April 19, 20, or 21 by 4:00pm. We appreciate your help with this ministry.

## **GIVING STATEMENTS**

As we approach the end of the first quarter, we want to ensure everyone receives their First Quarter Giving Statements promptly. Statements will be sent out in April, so please take a moment to verify that your email address is current and up to date in the REALM system.

## **CLASSES**

### **THE BIBLE WITH AND WITHOUT JESUS - Searchers Sunday School**

**6 Sundays beginning April 12, 9:30-10:30am | Rm 303**

You're invited to consider how Jews and Christians read the same stories of the Bible differently. Using videos and a book by Amy-Jill Levine and Mark Zvi Brettler, you'll compare various interpretations – historical, literary, and theological – of each ancient text, finding deeper understandings of the original narratives and the way they are understood in later times and places. For more info or to get connected to the class leaders, contact Deacon Troy Sims [tsims@williamsburgumc.org](mailto:tsims@williamsburgumc.org)

### **THE DEAD SEA SCROLLS AND THE ORIGINS OF CHRISTIANITY - Marvin Willard Sunday School**

**4 Sundays beginning April 12, 9:30-10:30am | Rm 174**

They called themselves the "Poor," "Poor in Spirit," "Way," "Brethren," and "Sons of Light" -- all names adopted Jesus' followers in the early church. New research is revealing how the messianic expectations and apocalyptic theology of the Essenes may have played a role in shaping the beliefs and practices of the early church. Hap White will lead this study. For more info or to get connected to the class leaders, contact Deacon Troy Sims [tsims@williamsburgumc.org](mailto:tsims@williamsburgumc.org).

### **THE BOOK OF ACTS - Pastors' Bible Study**

**Wednesdays, April 15-May 20, 7:00-8:30pm | Rm 171**

**Thursdays, April 16-May 21, 10:30-12:00pm | Zoom**

You're invited to journey with Pastors Brian and Madison (and the early church) through the book of Acts. There we read the story of the early church as they told the story of Jesus and put God's love into action. The book provides a model for a church that is not afraid of change and that is passionately committed to loving and serving its neighbors. The primary text will be the Bible, following the reading plan that we are encouraging the congregation to read. For more info, contact Deacon Troy Sims [tsims@williamsburgumc.org](mailto:tsims@williamsburgumc.org). Register at [tinyurl.com/pastors-acts](http://tinyurl.com/pastors-acts).

## **WAYS YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

### **CARE COMMITTEE**

The CARE Committee is a dedicated group of volunteer members who provide rides to medical appointments, meals for the sick, and funeral receptions. Our April Coordinators are Betsy Ziskind (757) 291-3635 and Jan Boykin (757) 565-2950. Call at least 2 days in advance for assistance.



## CREATION CARE TEAM

Drought is increasingly affecting all of us. Treat water as sacred. Avoid wasting it. Don't let water run when brushing teeth, loading the dishwasher, cleaning vegetables, getting ready to shower. Little things you *can* do factor into dealing with the big changes of a shifting climate.

## VOLUNTEERS

Your worship experience today is made possible by many volunteers. Greeters, ushers, acolytes, readers, communion servers, communion preparation helpers, watering flowers, Sanctuary preparation, flower coordinator, Easter and Christmas decorating all work to make your worship experience exceptional. Now that the church has added a Modern Worship Service each Sunday the need for volunteers has grown. If you can help in any of these roles for the Modern Worship service, contact Cindy Banek [banek1@cox.net](mailto:banek1@cox.net) If you are interested in serving the 8:15 or 11:00am services, contact Betsy Harrison [betsyTharrison@gmail.com](mailto:betsyTharrison@gmail.com)

# LENTEN OFFERING

Lent is traditionally a time when we focus on committing to spiritual practices to help us grow in faith and love of God and neighbor – even and especially our enemies. An important spiritual practice for the members of WUMC during Lent is living into Jesus' call to give to support those in need (see Matthew 6:2 and 25:31-46).

The Local and Global Outreach Committees have selected the following as a means to live into that call:

### GLOBAL INITIATIVES

UMCOR Hygiene Kits  
UMCOR Sunday  
World Central Kitchen

### LOCAL INITIATIVES

Edmarc  
FISH  
VICPP (Virginia Interfaith  
Center for Public Policy)

Learn more and give online at  
[williamsburgumc.org/lentenoffering](http://williamsburgumc.org/lentenoffering)  
Thank you!



## WAYS TO GIVE

*"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give..." 2 Corinthians 9:7*

### TEXT TO GIVE

"GIVETOWUMC" to 73256 to give using your mobile device. You do not need an account to give; simply text your gift amount in any format (\$10, 10, 10.00). Receipts are sent via email.

### CASH/CHECK

Donations can be made via our collection plate on Sundays, mail, or the church office Mon - Fri. Your generosity is deeply appreciated and makes a real difference in the lives of those we serve!



### Giving Makes an Impact

Your generosity changes lives and empowers ministries. Visit our Resources page at [williamsburgumc.org/articles](http://williamsburgumc.org/articles) to read stories about the difference your giving makes in our community and beyond.

## MARCH 22 ATTENDANCE

Worship Attendance Total.....	521
In Person 11:00am.....	247
In Person 8:15am.....	141
Modern Worship 9:30am.....	58
Online.....	75

### Deadline for Bulletin

**Submissions: MONDAY, NOON**

Please submit to Nancy Reynolds  
[nreynolds@williamsburgumc.org](mailto:nreynolds@williamsburgumc.org).

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### SIGN UP FOR UPDATES

WANT TO STAY CONNECTED? SUBSCRIBE TO OUR EMAIL LIST FOR THE LATEST NEWS, UPCOMING EVENTS, AND WAYS TO BE INVOLVED AT WUMC.

## OUR CHURCH STAFF

Brian Johnson, **Lead Pastor** (x110)  
Madison Ailing, **Pastor of Congregational Care** (x114)  
Troy Sims, **Minister of Discipleship** (x108)  
Mary Ellen Baker, **Finance Manager** (x106)  
Ellen Bushman, **Respite Care Director** (x118)  
Josh Clayton, **Digital Media Specialist** (x107)  
Zach Griggs, **Family Ministries Coordinator** (x109)  
Thomas Marshall, **Organist** (757 713-0584)  
Laura Pittman, **Director Kid's Morning Out Preschool** (x113)  
Nancy Reynolds, **Engagement and Administrative Coordinator** (x104)  
Michelle Roy, **Communications and Systems Administrator** (x103)  
Ellen Simon, **Bookkeeper** (x116)  
Lou-Anne Smith, **Director of Worship Arts** (x105)  
Greg Whiteside, **Director of Facilities** (x101)  
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