



Williamsburg

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

EST. 1785

blessed are those who have not seen



"The Incredulity of Thomas,"

English Woodcut Engraving, 1854

and yet have believed

John 20:29b

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 27, 2025

ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE

Christ Is Alive
(Edwin T. Childs)

WELCOME

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Dare we admit it, we must admit it:
at times we count upon our own strength more than that of God,
but it is through God alone that world-changing power comes.

Our help is in the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

At times, we allow our witness to be undercut by quarreling and schism,
but through Christ, we are invited to become new creatures.

Our hope is in the Lord, who intends mercy and healing for all

When overwhelmed with the busyness of life, we often overlook those in need,
but God quiets our spirits, and reminds us to look beyond ourselves.

Our peace is in the Lord, who made us and continues to shape us.

At times doubt overshadows our faith,
but God's light is a guide to overcome our unbelief.

Our life is in the Lord, who invites us to touch and see. Praise the Lord!

* HYMN

Easter People, Raise Your Voices

UMH 304 (red book)

OPENING PRAYER

O God of Grace and Hope,
we thank you that you do not judge us according to the imperfection
of our actions, but by our willingness to live boldly by faith, together.

**Breathe life into us again, and individuals and as a congregation,
so that we can indeed become your Body on earth,
a seal and sign that your spirit is among us and at work in the world.**

Forgive us, Lord, our halting witness, our passionless discipleship,
and our propensity to repeat the mistakes of the past.

[a time of silent confession]

Share with us again, this new day, the news of the forgiveness
that makes possible the abundant life that we share.

Amen.

ANTHEM

Berceuse (Cancion de Cuna)
(Leo Brouwer)

Anthony Williams, guitar

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 and Sunday School.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:19-31

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

“The Man Who Wasn’t There”

Rev. Dave Rochford

* HYMN

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

UMH 420 (red book)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

UMH 895 (red book)

A TIME OF TESTIMONY

Jeanne Niebel

OFFERTORY

Caprice on ‘This Joyful Eastertide’

(John Barr)

* 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

Thine Be the Glory

UMH 308 (red book)

* DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Paraphrase on ‘Judas Maccabeus’

(Alexander Guilmant)

The flowers in the Chancel are given to the Glory of God by

Josh and Meghan Roth Clayton in honor of the 12th wedding anniversary

A Special Guest

Today we are both grateful and honored to welcome Mr. Ryan Snuffer, the new Executive Director of Hope in the Mountains of Sophia WV. One of our three WUMC-designated Mission Partners, HitM offers individual and group life-skills training, support networks, and a host of other ministries dedicated to the goals of permanent housing, steady employment, and the opportunity for people to improve their lives in Raleigh County, southern West Virginia.

An artist, musician and author, Ryan has been engaged in ministry and non-profit work for 30 years, and we appreciate both his ministry to the people of Appalachia as well as his presence with us this morning.

Please take the opportunity to meet your neighbors!

*At the conclusion of our services, those wishing to hear the Postlude in its entirety are invited to remain seated. * **Congregation invited to stand***

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NEW HERE?

We're delighted to have you with us! After the service, 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!

WAYS TO GIVE

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



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THIS WEEK AT WUMC



ReNEW Youth Group

April 27 @ 12:30pm Youth Room

This month, our outing is at Go-Karts Plus to drive, play mini-golf, or whatever activity you want to try. We will eat a quick lunch in the Youth Room before heading out right at 12:30pm; pickup will be at Go-Karts Plus.



The Table – Sunday Night Service

April 27 @ 5pm in Fellowship Hall

A relaxed, welcoming space where we gather as a community to share a meal and explore our faith together through guided conversations.



Bystander Intervention Training

April 27 @ 6:00pm in Wesley Hall

Join SURJ - Historic Triangle for a 4-session Bystander Intervention Training, Learn how to safely and effectively respond to hate and harassment. All participants will receive a free copy of *I've Got Your Back*. Open to all—whether you're new or experienced in this work.



Elevate Your Fitness

April 28 & 30 @ 9:30am in Fellowship Hall

Come experience sessions crafted with care, featuring heart-boosting chair aerobics, muscle-strengthening light weight training, and equilibrium-enhancing balance exercises.



Advanced Care Planning

April 30 @ 12:30pm and 5:30pm Room 174

Explores the importance of advance directives and how documenting your healthcare wishes can provide clarity and peace of mind. Learn how to choose a healthcare agent, make informed decisions, and ensure your preferences are honored across the lifespan.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & MEETINGS

NEW STUDIES!

EMBRACING THE UNCERTAIN -Join the Perspectives Sunday School Class today, 9:30 am, to engage and wrestle with life's uncertainties, not ignore them, while following Jesus with courage, hope, and obedience.

WHICH WAY, LORD? Join the Searchers Sunday School today, 9:30 am, in seeking to understand God's desire for our lives by unpacking your experiences alongside those of the apostle Paul.

THE GOSPEL OF MARK - Walk with the Marvin Willard Sunday School Class through the earliest existing source for the life of Jesus with revered scholar Amy-Jill Levine. Study begins May 4, 9:30am.

MULTI-FAITH DIALOGUE EVENT - Join Historic Area Religions Together (HART) for an afternoon of storytelling, solidarity-building, and dialogue. We'll explore how our religious traditions can empower us to stand up for ourselves and others, promote kindness, fairness, and respect. Sunday, May 4, 2:30-4:00pm at St. Martin's Episcopal Church, 1333 Jamestown Rd. Space is limited. RSVP at tinyurl.com/multifaith-may4.

Visit our Classes page (www.williamsburgumc.org/classes) for more info.

CARE COMMITTEE: Provides rides to your doctor and aide when you're sick. Please contact Linda Inge (757) 345-6527 and Jan Boykin (757) 565-2950 at least 2 days in advance to arrange for assistance.

HANDS ON MISSION WEEK | May 17–22, 2025

Join the United Women in Faith for a week of meaningful service and connection! From writing notes to missionaries and creating placemats for Kairos Prison Ministry, to sorting donations, organizing outreach supplies, and sharing lunch with residents of Latisha's House—there are opportunities for all ages to get involved.

Volunteer Opportunities Include: Sorting donations at Habitat Restore, cleaning candleholders, supporting Grove Christian Outreach, hosting a picnic with Latisha's House, crafting and games with The Arc of Abilities

Can't join in person? Donate food, household items, or clothing to support local missions. Full details and sign-ups will be available soon. Please **contact Grace Holloway** (gracewholloway@gmail.com) with questions.

Teddy Bear Tea Party | May 10

Join us for a fun, family-friendly Teddy Bear Tea Party benefiting Kid's Morning Out! Come in your Sunday best, bring a stuffed friend, and enjoy tea, crafts, and activities. Tickets are \$15 at tinyurl.com/TeddyBearTea2025. Can't attend? Consider donating a "Non-Attending" ticket to help make this event accessible to all.

MEETINGS

Monday, 4/28

UWF Executive Meeting 6:30pm

Tuesday, 4/29

Hope in the Mountains Team Meeting 2:00pm

EXPLORE OUR MINISTRIES



Men's Ministry williamsburgumc.org/adults/men

United Methodist Men is a fellowship committed to the growth and expansion of the church's mission. Our Purpose is to provide a supportive fellowship for men seeking to know Jesus Christ, grow spiritually, and help others find a welcoming place for Christ in their hearts and lives



Women's Ministry williamsburgumc.org/women

We are a community for women who find deep meaning in relationship to God and each other. We understand that life is often packed full of activities and obligations — from juggling jobs to taking care of family. That's why we offer a space that combines study with meaningful fellowship and outreach opportunities.



Youth Ministries williamsburgumc.org/youth

As students grow and mature, we believe faith should grow and deepen with them. Our WUMC ReNEW Youth Group is designed to offer holistic faith formation for students in 6th- 12th grade. We study the Bible, learn spiritual practices, and respond through creative expression and intentional mission.



Children's Ministries williamsburgumc.org/children

We offer faith formation to our youngest disciples through Sunday Nursery and Children's Worship, monthly Messy Church, and monthly events for fun and fellowship. We also offer music programs, a vibrant preschool and music school and welcome Cub scouts through our doors each week.

EXPLORE OUR MINISTRIES



Local Outreach williamsburgumc.org/local-outreach

Our Local Outreach committee serves as the cornerstone of our commitment to embodying Christ's love beyond our sanctuary walls. We firmly believe that faith is not merely a personal journey but a transformative force that compels us to engage with the world around us.



Global Outreach williamsburgumc.org/global-outreach

Our global initiatives range from missionary sponsorships and disaster relief efforts to educational and healthcare projects. These endeavors aim not only to meet immediate needs but also to lay the groundwork for sustainable development and spiritual growth in communities around the world.



Music Ministries williamsburgumc.org/music

We eagerly experience God through diverse types of music. More than 150 adults, children, and Youth participate in our ensembles and share their musical gifts with our congregation. You'll find a wide range of opportunities tailored for all ages in our WUMC Music Ministry.



Join A Class or a Small Group

williamsburgumc.org/classes and williamsburgumc.org/small-groups

Studies and Small Groups help us grow spiritually and relationally, reflecting Jesus' example of teaching within community. Sunday school, Bible studies, and various short or long-term studies provide opportunities to learn from Christ and each other. Small groups, intentionally limited in size, foster deeper conversations, mutual support, and accountability. Together, we journey toward understanding our lives, faith, and relationships more deeply.

OUR CORNERSTONE MINISTRIES



Respite Care williamsburgumc.org/respite-care

This weekday afternoon ministry of Williamsburg United Methodist Church is open to all faiths and non-faiths. Our program provides time off for family members who care for dependent seniors by offering a safe, engaging, and nurturing environment where their loved ones can enjoy social activities, music, and companionship under the care of trained staff and volunteers.

By supporting both seniors and their caregivers, Respite Care fosters a sense of community and ensures that no one has to navigate the caregiving journey alone.



Early Childhood Music School williamsburgumc.org/ecms

ECMS is a weekday program offered to the community-at-large. Weekly classes in music and movement are taught by internationally certified early childhood music specialists. Through playful, engaging activities, children develop a strong foundation in rhythm, melody, and coordination while also enhancing their cognitive,

social, and motor skills.

Parents and caregivers are encouraged to participate, creating a shared musical experience that fosters deeper connections and a lifelong love for music.



Kids Morning Out kidsmorningout.org

KMO is dedicated to providing a nurturing environment for children aged one to four. Our program fosters each child's social, emotional, cognitive, physical, and spiritual growth, while creating a support system for caregivers. Through age-appropriate activities, we aim to demonstrate God's unconditional love for all children.

Our classes are divided into four age groups: Sprouts (young toddlers), Seedlings (twos), Saplings (threes), and Sycamores (fours). Each class is designed to meet the developmental needs of the children, providing a balance of structured learning and free play.

TODAYS SERVICE LEADERS

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

Director of Worship Arts: Lou Anne Smith

Assoc. Director Worship Arts: Anthony Williams

Organist: Tom Marshall

Readers 8:15: Warren Harper **11:00:** Susan Sallwasser

Acolytes 8:15: Gayle Justice **11:00:** Aaron Yaneza, James Clayton

Greeters 8:15: Steve Tingen **11:00:** Lois Cunningham, Laura Viancour

Ushers 8:15: Roy Geiger, Janet Henke, Russ Henke, Chalonne Hoover, Tom Justice, Monty Mason, Michael Johnson, Cindy Garman-Squier, Dan Squier **11:00:** Debbie Bruss, Gene Bruss, Nancy Donnelly, Barbara Monteith, Marty Monteith, Clark Wallace

Sound and Livestream: Jimmy McCarter, Todd Lindley, Josh Clayton

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April 20 Worship Attendance	Total 994
In Person 11:00am	487
In Person 9:30am	176
In Person 8am	231
In Person 6:30am	82
The Table	18

**Deadline for bulletin submissions:
Tuesday, 5:00 p.m.**

Please submit to Nancy Reynolds
nreynolds@williamsburgumc.org.

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)

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Ellen Bushman, **Respite Care Director** (x118)

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

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

Dave Rochford, **Lead Pastor** (x110)

Michelle Roy, **Director 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. Director Worship Arts, Director Early Childhood Music** (x115)

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