



Williamsburg

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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**APRIL 3, 2026
GOOD FRIDAY**

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Our worship tonight is a service of Tenebrae (Latin for “shadows” or “darkness”) and is meant to enable reflection on the passion and death of Jesus. Tenebrae services have a long history in the worldwide church, and usually occur between Wednesday and Friday of Holy Week.

This service marks Jesus’ journey to Golgotha, and makes space for extended meditation by proclamation of the Word through Scripture readings, the sermon, music, silent reflection, and increasing darkness. As we gather together this evening, we will enter into the dramatic story of Jesus’ betrayal, arrest, and crucifixion and reflect on God’s great love for us.

GATHERING

PRELUDE	<i>Were You There</i> (arr. Kevin Stewart)	Covenant Ringers
GREETING		
SONG	<i>Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross</i>	301 (red book)

SCRIPTURE		Mark 15:33-39 (54 NT)
MESSAGE		
SONG	<i>Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley</i>	2112 (black book)

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD

SCRIPTURE		Luke 22:39-46 (87 NT)
	<i>Jesus’ Disciples fall asleep in the Garden of Gethsemane</i>	
	<i>First candle extinguished</i>	
SONG	<i>Go to Dark Gethsemane</i> (verses 1-3)	290 (red book)

SCRIPTURE		Luke 22:47-53 (87 NT)
	<i>Judas betrays Jesus with a kiss.</i>	
	<i>Second candle extinguished</i>	
ANTHEM	<i>Ah, Holy Jesus</i> (Donald McCullough)	Sanctuary Choir

SCRIPTURE Luke 22:54-62 (87 NT)
Peter denies Jesus.
Third candle extinguished
SONG *To Mock Your Reign, O Dearest Lord* 285 (red book)

SCRIPTURE Luke 22:63-71 (88 NT)
Jesus before the Sanhedrin.
Fourth candle extinguished
SONG *What Wondrous Love is This* 292 (red book)

SCRIPTURE Luke 23:1-25 (88 NT)
Jesus before Pilate and Herod.
Fifth candle extinguished
SONG *Were You There* 288 (red book)
(verses 1 & 2)

SCRIPTURE Luke 23:26-43 (89 NT)
The crucifixion of Jesus.
Sixth candle extinguished
SONG *Were You There* 288 (red book)
(verses 3, 4, 5)

SCRIPTURE Luke 23:44-46 (NT 89)
The Death of Jesus.

Christ candle extinguished
(Silence will be observed while we reflect on the story we have just experienced.
During this time, a bell will toll 33 times - one time for each year of the life of Jesus
before he was crucified. After a time of darkness and reflection,
the lights in the sanctuary will be raised to facilitate exiting.
Please exit in silence to allow others to continue to reflect.)

EASTER SUNDAY AT WUMC



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 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)

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

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