



Williamsburg

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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In the Beginning

Sermon Series on the First Eleven Chapters of Genesis
Week 3

The First Murder

July 19, 2026
8:15 and 11:00am

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Prière
(Jacques Lemmens)

Organ

INTROIT

Come, Emmanuel
(Twila Paris)

Summer Choir

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We come today to listen for God's voice above all others.

We come today trusting in God's voice above all others.

So often we listen to voices that tell us we are not enough, that tell us we are alone.

But those voices are not true.

God is powerful yet knows us by name.

God is merciful yet loves us without condition.

Now, let us worship the One whose perfect love casts out all fear.

Amen.

*HYMN

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

UMH 127

OPENING PRAYER

Loving God,

You created us in your image and called us very good.

Yet we confess that we have listened to other voices.

We have believed the lie that we are not enough.

We have allowed fear to speak louder than faith

and doubt louder than love. Like Adam and Eve, we hide.

We hide behind busy schedules and guarded hearts.

Forgive us for believing voices that are not yours.

Help us to trust in you above all else. Your voice calls us beloved,

and invites us into abundant life. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

ANTHEM

Depth of Mercy
(Penny Rodriguez)

Summer Choir

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 3:23-24 (154 NT)

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Where Children Belong

(11:00)

**This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.
Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.**

We welcome children of all ages to participate in Worship in the Sanctuary. At 11:00 am, Grades K-5 are invited to Children's Worship in the Godly Playroom (215) to encounter God in story, song, and creativity.

Our Nursery, located in Rm. 207, is open for Pre-K and younger during both services and Sunday School.

SECOND READING

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-11 (2 OT)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church!

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

"Who Do We Listen To?"

Rev. Madison Ailinger

*HYMN

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

UMH 348

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH 895

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.**

MINISTRY CELEBRATION

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

Cantilene
(Hall Macklin)

Organ

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 94

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

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

UMH 154

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

BENEDICTION

Touch the Earth Lightly
(Swee-Hong Lim)

Summer Choir

The flowers are given to the Glory of God in honor of The Ministry Team – Brian, Madison, Troy and Zach from a Grateful Member.

WELCOME TO WUMC



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, 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. 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.*

FAMILY MINISTRY CHECK-IN STATION

If your children are participating in the Nursery or Children's Worship, at any worship hour, visit the kiosk in the Atrium to check them in for the programs they will attend. This helps us ensure your children's safety by knowing who is present and gives our guests a way to provide 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. Thank you for using this check-in system and for partnering with us to help your children have a safe, fun, and faithful experience at WUMC!

THIS WEEK – ANNOUNCEMENTS – CLASSES

RESPIRE GARDEN PARTY TICKETS

Lunch and raffle tickets will go on sale TODAY. Lunch tickets are \$30 each, \$180 for a table of 6, and \$300 for a table of 10. You may pay by check with a registration form or online until we are sold out. This year we celebrate our 25th anniversary. Raffle tickets will be available up to and at the event. You do not need to be present to win one of our prizes. See you there!

LOCAL OUTREACH SCHOOL SUPPLIES

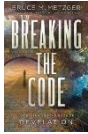
It is time to provide school supplies for middle and high school students living in Highland Park. Paper apples will be available in the Welcome Area July 26 with a list of all the supplies needed. Place your purchases in the Collection Closet by August 9. Be sure to include the paper apple in the backpack.

KMO PRESCHOOL IS HIRING!

Have a love for early childhood education or know someone who does? Consider the opportunities here at the Kid's Morning Out Preschool! We have several opportunities available! Learn more and apply at:

- KMO Lead Teacher - tinyurl.com/kmo-lead
- KMO Assistant Teacher - tinyurl.com/kmo-assistant
- KMO Substitute Teacher - tinyurl.com/kmo-substitute

Questions? Contact Deacon Troy Sims tsims@williamsburgumc.org.



BREAKING THE CODE: UNDERSTANDING THE BOOK OF REVELATION **Marvin Willard Sunday School**

6 Sundays beginning August 2, 9:30-10:30am | Rm 174

The Book of Revelation contains passages of beauty and comfort, passages that can strike us as bizarre, bewildering, and sometimes frightening if one does not understand the symbolism. This study provides a guide presented in a non-academic style that counters the false interpretation shared in pop culture and the popular "left behind" series. Questions? Contact Deacon Troy Sims tsims@williamsburgumc.org

PASTOR MADISON'S BIBLE STUDY ON THE BOOK OF EPHESIANS

Thursdays, August 6 – August 27, 10:00am – 11:00am, Rm. 171.

Join us for this 4-week study. Pastor Madison will share her insights from her time in Ephesus and Turkey as we read Scripture together. Bring your Bible.

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

Next meeting will be **August 20** at 7:00pm. Questions? Please contact Pastor Madison mailinger@williamsburgumc.org

WAYS YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

SUMMER MEALS FOR KIDS NEEDS YOU

Thursdays through - August 20, 8:30am – 10:00am

Where: Meals on Wheels at WISC, 5700 Warhill Trail, Williamsburg, VA

To help, sign up tinyurl.com/wumc-kids-meals

SUMMER ORCHESTRA Mondays through July 27, 5:00 - 6:00pm. | Atrium

Let us know you're coming, and we will have music ready for you and your instrument! Register here: williamsburgumc.org/music-ministries/ Contact Lou-Anne Smith lsmith@williamsburgumc.org or (757) 229-1771.

MUSIC MINISTRY Summer Choir Continues through August 30

Give this ministry a try for the summer. Each Sunday is independent; you won't miss anything if you are away. We meet thirty minutes before 8:15 and 11:00am. worship services to learn easy songs for worship.

MODERN WORSHIP

We are looking for volunteers to join our band and/or AV team for Modern Worship! Come be part of a team that helps create a meaningful, welcoming space for worship each week! Contact Anthony Williams awilliams@williamsburgumc.org for more information.

CREATION CARE TEAM: RECYCLE GLASS THE RIGHT WAY

Let your lawn grow taller.

Traditionally manicured lawns do not allow enough water to sink into the ground during peak rainfall events. Instead, the rain washes over the surface, carrying pollutants with it. Taller grass has deeper roots, which absorb rainwater, replenish groundwater, and keep streams alive during drought times.



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 July Coordinators are Betsy Ziskind (757) 291-3635 and Barbara Glover (757) 229-1198. Call at least 2 days in advance for assistance. To join this team of folks who care for others, email Pastor Madison mailinger@williamsburgumc.org

STEWARDSHIP As we travel this summer, the 90+ ministries we support through your generous giving continue Christ's work to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, care for families in need, and offer hope in Christ's name. Thank you for your continued faithful generosity throughout the year.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY

MESSY CHURCH SUMMER CAMP IS BACK! Like VBS but MESSY! Sunday, July 26 - Wednesday July 29, 5:30pm - 7:30pm | WUMC

Our theme this year is CONNECTIONS – CONNECTING WITH GOD! Connecting with each other in Bible stories, crafts, games and a shared dinner. To gather more information and to register, tinyurl.com/mcsc2026, contact Zach Griggs, Family Ministries Coordinator zgriggs@williamsburgumc.org

At WUMC, our goal is to help Children, Youth, and their families become disciples of Jesus Christ through nurturing relationships, practicing an active faith, and connecting their stories with God's Story.

- **Children (K–5th Grade):** Faith formation through worship, Godly Play Children's Worship, Messy Church, music programs, and more.
- **Youth (6th–12th Grade):** Holistic faith formation through Bible study, spiritual practices, creative expression, and mission opportunities. **TODAY, July 19** – Trivia Night! 5:30 – 7:30pm in our Youth Room.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH "Save the Date"



Sisters in Grace Circle

Tuesday, August 11, 11:30am at
Second Street American Bistro
Restaurant for a time of fellowship
and fun.

NEW ALERT - VAUMC's Perspective on Scammers

Church members have reported receiving texts or emails from someone claiming to be Pastor Brian and are asking the addressee for "time to talk". One message states, "I'm in a meeting so I can't talk on the phone". Messages like these are most likely a scam. **Please do not respond.** If you are unsure, contact **Stacey Gardner, Director of Congregation and Community Engagement** sgardner@williamsburgumc.org or give her a call (757) 229-1771 and let her know what you have received. She will check with the Pastors to make sure the email did not originate from one of them.

Deadline for Bulletin Submissions: MONDAY, NOON

Please submit to Nancy Reynolds
nreynolds@williamsburgumc.org.

JULY 12 ATTENDANCE

Worship Attendance Total	483
In Person 11:00am	162
In Person 8:15am	127
Modern Worship 9:30am	51
Messy Church	60
Online	83

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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 to read stories about the difference your giving makes in our community and beyond.

OUR CHURCH STAFF

BRIAN JOHNSON, **Lead Pastor** (x110)

MADISON AILINGER, **Pastor of Congregational Care** (x114)

TROY SIMS, **Minister of Discipleship** (x108)

MARY ELLEN BAKER, **Finance Manager** (x106)

ELLEN BUSHMAN, **Director Respite Care** (x118)

JOSH CLAYTON, **Digital Media Specialist** (x107)

STACEY GARDNER, **Director of Congregation & Community Engagement** (x103)

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LOU-ANNE SMITH, **Director of Worship Arts** (x105)

GREG WHITESIDE, **Director of Facilities** (x101)

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