



Williamsburg

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST AUGUST 3, 2025

ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE

Sonata in F major i: Vivace
(Georg Philipp Telemann)

Margaret Carlson, piccolo

WELCOME

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is the image of God.

The firstborn of all creation.

He is before all things,

and he holds all things together.

He is our new beginning.

The firstborn from among the dead.

He is our reconciliation.

He brings peace through his cross.

We once were far away,

but now we are brought near through Christ.

This is the mystery, once hidden, but now revealed:

Christ is in us. He is our hope. He is our glory.

We gather to worship in joy.

When we look at Jesus, we see God.

* HYMN

Christ Is the World's Light

188 (red book)

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sin, and seek to live in peace with one another.
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will,

we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love,

we have not loved our neighbors,

and we have not heard the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

[a time of silent confession]

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

FIRST READING

The Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

Luke 11:9-13 (72 NT)

ANTHEM

Chorale Prelude on "Bread of Life"
(Steven Scott/William F. Sherwin)

Margaret Carlson, flute

MOMENT OF TEACHING

We welcome children of all ages to participate in Worship in the Fellowship Hall. At 11:00 a.m., Grades K-5 are invited to Children's Worship in Rm. 161 to encounter God in story, song, and play. Our Nursery, located in Rm. 160, is open for Pre-K and younger during both services and Sunday School.

SECOND READING

Colossians 1:15-29 (199 NT)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church!

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

“Jesus: Image of the Invisible God”

Rev. Brian Johnson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

Vocalise (on Bach, Prelude in C)
(J.S. Bach/Rami Bar-Niv)

Margaret Carlson, flute

* DOXOLOGY

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
(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
(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
(22 red book)

Amen, amen, amen, amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

895 (red book)

**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**

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

Those who prefer to remain in their seat may do so; simply notify an usher, and they will make sure the elements are brought to you. Those wishing to come forward may come to the stations at the front, where they will be able to choose between dipping the bread in the cup or receiving an individual cup of grape juice. You may return to your seat via the side aisle once you have received. Persons requiring gluten free elements may obtain these at the station at the front or have it brought to them in their seat.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION (Please join in the singing:)

One Bread, One Body 620 (red book)
You Satisfy the Hungry Heart 629 (red book)
Now Let Us from This Table Rise 634 (red book)
Take Our Bread 640 (red book)
Fill My Cup, Lord (2 times) 641 (red book)

*PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have
given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world
as those illumined by your Spirit, to give ourselves for others,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

* HYMN

Maker, in Whom We Live

88 (red book)

* DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Sonata in F major iii: Allegro
(Georg Philipp Telemann)

Margaret Carlson, piccolo

The flowers are given to the Glory of God by...

... Ron and Ann Vineyard in memory of our son, Steve.

...Barbara Feagin & a grateful church family to welcome home from deployment Greg Whiteside
and a special thanks and appreciation to Rick Viancour and Russ Henke for their expertise and
many hours spent filling in for facilities during the past year.

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



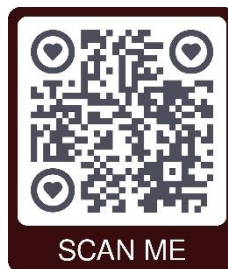
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TEXT YOUR GIFT TO 757-992-9862. You do not need an account to give; simply text your gift amount in any format (\$10, 10, 10.00). Receipts are sent via email.



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

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Android and
iPhone

LIGHTING THE WAY CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



THIS WEEK 166 Commitments

Committed - \$1,260,687

Unpledged contributions - \$115,549

Total committed & unpledged - \$1,376,236

CREATION CARE TEAM

Recycling batteries is crucial for environmental and health reasons. Discarded batteries can leak toxic chemicals into the soil and water. Recycling batteries recovers valuable materials, reduces the need for mining new materials, and minimizes the amount of waste sent to landfills. Recycling locations:

Batteries Plus (4655 Monticello Avenue) recycles used batteries, light bulbs, and small electronics. They also accept rechargeable batteries.

Call2Recycle accepts rechargeable batteries and cell phones. Find a drop-off location near you (including Lowe's & Home Depot) by checking <https://www.call2recycle.org/>

James City County Convenience Centers recycle lead-acid batteries, scrap metal and appliances made of 50% metal. Check with the specific center for details on hours and any potential fees <https://www.jamescitycountyva.gov/2459/Convenience-Centers>.



THIS WEEK AT WUMC

THE TABLE – Sunday Night Service

August 3 @ 5:30pm in Fellowship Hall

The Table, our Sunday evening worship experience, provides dinner each week! Join us for a warm meal, conversation, music, and a welcoming worship environment.

ELEVATE YOUR FITNESS

August 4 and 6 @ 9:30am in the Atrium

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

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

GET TO KNOW YOU GATHERINGS

Our new Lead Pastor, Rev. Brian Johnson, wants a chance to get to know YOU by hearing from you about yourself and our church. Our current offerings for these listening sessions are FULL, but we'll be scheduling a few more gatherings soon. So be on the lookout or contact Deacon Troy Sims tsims@williamsburgumc.org or 757-229-1771 to get on a waitlist should anyone back out.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH



MESSY CHURCH

August 12 @ 5:30pm WUMC

Join us for August's Messy Church where the theme will be "The Garden of Blessing" — a joyful celebration of God's love growing in our hearts! It's completely FREE and open to all kids in our community — bring a friend and come ready to grow, play, and be blessed! There will be crafts, music & movement, free meal, worship skit, playtime fun, faith & friendship. Let's dig deep and grow together in God's love!

RENEW YOUTH: EXTREME SCAVENGER HUNT

August 17 @ 12:30 Meet in Youth Room

For our last event of the Summer, we'll disperse in Colonial Williamsburg for a scavenger hunt. Use the clues and your smartphone to hunt for waypoints, hidden boxes, and surprises around the CW. There will be prizes for the winning team, as well as each competitor. Use your skills to track down a great end to the Summer!

WAYS YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

CARE COMMITTEE Provides rides to your doctor and aide when you are ill. For August, please contact Karen Red (757) 532-6893 and Nathalie Bacskay (757) 604-7279 at least 2 days in advance to arrange for assistance.

LOCAL OUTREACH SUMMER MEALS FOR KIDS Thank you for the generous response to our Summer Meals for Kids food collection. We will continue to collect juice boxes, no sugar added fruit cups, fruit snacks, granola bars, cheese cracker packs, snack-sized cookies, crackers, chips, pretzels, Rice Krispy treats, and Zip-loc sandwich bags. Please place items in the WUMC collection closet labeled Summer Meals for Kids. Checks made out to WUMC/memo Summer Meals for Kids are appreciated. Needed: Cookie bakers in August. Thanks!

NOW HIRING

ECMS is seeking a talented, enthusiastic, and nurturing Early Childhood Music Teacher to join our team on a part-time, contract basis. The ideal candidate will have a strong musical background, experience working with young children, and a passion for creative, play-based learning. Classes typically involve singing, movement, rhythm games, and use of simple instruments in a group setting with children and their caregivers. Click the button for more information and for instructions on how to apply.



The **Wesley Foundation** is looking for a highly organized and motivated **Office Manager** to support its campus ministry at William & Mary. This part-time (20 hours/week) role plays a key part in keeping the Wesley House running smoothly and efficiently. Send a cover letter, resume and two references to the Wesley Board Personnel Committee: johndunning@cox.net

BACK-to-SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

All the apples are gone but you are welcome to bring whatever supplies they want and we will donate them to schools. The following supply list includes: **#2 Pencils, Ball Point Pens, Highlighters, Composition Books, 2-inch Three Ring Binders, Notebook Paper, 8-Tab Dividers, Folders with Brads.** Please deliver to church by August 11. Questions? Contact Deacon Troy at tsims@williamsburgumc.org



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH SWEATER DRIVE

Beginning August 1 – September 30, **Heritage Circle** will collect children, youth and adult new or gently used sweaters, hoodies or fleeces for people in our community. Place items in the Collection Closet marked *Sweater Drive*. Items will be donated to FISH.

RESPITE CARE GARDEN PARTY

September 12, 12:30pm

Join us for a fun afternoon featuring a gourmet lunch, live music, and a raffle packed with exciting prizes—all to support the vital work of our Respite Care Program. Lunch tickets are limited, so early reservations are encouraged. Raffle tickets can be purchased in advance or at the event, and you do not need to be present to win. Use this link tinyurl.com/respitegp2025 to buy tickets online OR pick up a registration form at church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MEETINGS

DIGITAL MINIMALISM BOOK STUDY - on Zoom

6:30-8:00pm on August 14 & 28

Join in this summer adult book study for families with Children and Youth. Zach Griggs will lead an exploration of author Cal Newport's philosophy of Digital Minimalism to intentionally choose technologies that enrich our lives and relationships and happily release those that do not. While this book does not discuss the implications of technology's influence on our faith, we will discuss how our Christian discipleship calls us to be intentional with our time, choose life-giving connections, and live into healthy rhythms of rest as individuals and families. Our time together will include discussion on helping our kids set boundaries with technology, healthy relationships in person and online, and how to prioritize what is most important among a sea of possible choices. Visit the link to register and order your book: <https://tinyurl.com/fam-min-study>

CHANGES TO SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOM ASSIGNMENTS

Aldersgate/Fellowship Class - *Fellowship Hall*

Marvin Willard Class - *Room 174* Searchers Class - *Youth Room 180*

Walking the Footsteps - *Conference Room 352*

Perspectives Class - *off for the summer* Bishop McKendree - *off for the summer*

Godly Play - *Room 161*

Nursery - *Room 160*

Summer Choir - *Room 173*

CHOIR REHEARSALS

Thursdays 7:00pm

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsals begin August 21 at 7:00pm – Location TBA!!!! All are welcome! For more information, contact Lou-Anne Smith, Director of Music and Worship Arts at lsmith@williamsburgumc.org.

SIGN UP TO:

- Be an Acolyte at 8:15 or 11:00am services – tinyurl.com/wumc-acolytes

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, Godly Play Sunday School, 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.



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/globaloutreach

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.



STEPHEN MINISTRY williamsburgumc.org/connect/care-support

is a specialized ministry in our congregation that trains and empowers lay members to provide one-on-one, confidential, Christ-centered care to individuals facing various life challenges. While our pastors will always be at the forefront of crisis care, the needs of our community often exceed what they can provide alone. Whether it's the loss of a loved one, a difficult transition, or a prolonged period of stress, our Stephen Ministers are here to offer emotional and spiritual support.



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

RESPIRE CARE williamsburgumc.org/respice-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: Brian Johnson, Madison Ailinger, Troy Sims

Director of Worship Arts: Lou-Anne Smith

Organist: Tom Marshall

Readers 8:15: Mike Starry **11:00:** Linda Rhodes

Acolyte 8:15: Gwen Hinton **11:00:** JD Tressler

Communion Servers 8:15: Ginger Barr, Bo Bohannon, Gwen Hinton, Gayle Justice, Joy Mair, Terri Morgan **11:00:** Nathalie Bacskey, Linda Baker, Shane Johnson, Barbara Monteith, Beverly Tressler, JD Tressler

Greeters 8:15: Damarius Marion, Barbara Neary **11:00:** Pam Christensen, Tom Christensen

Ushers 8:15: Roy Geiger, Janet Henke, Russ Henke, Chalannes Hoover, Monty Mason, Michael Johnson, Cindy Garman-Squier, Dan Squier **11:00:** Sherry Brubaker, 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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July 27 Worship Attendance	Total 463
In Person 11:00am	227
In Person 8:15am	135
Virtual	76
The Table	25

Deadline for Bulletin Submissions:
MONDAY, 5:00 p.m.

Please submit to Nancy Reynolds
nreynolds@williamsburgumc.org.

OUR CHURCH STAFF

Madison Ailinger, **Pastor of Congregational Care** (x114)

Mary Ellen Baker, **Finance Manager** (x106)

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

Josh Clayton, **Digital Media Specialist** (x107)

Zach Griggs, **Family Ministries Coordinator** (x109)

Brian Johnson, **Lead Pastor** (x110)

Thomas Marshall, **Organist** (757 713-0584)

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

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

Michelle Roy, **Director of Congregation & Community Engagement** (x103)

Ellen Simon, **Bookkeeper** (x116)

Troy Sims, **Minister of Discipleship** (x108)

Lou-Anne Smith, **Director of Worship Arts** (x105)

Rick Viancour, **Facilities Manager** (x101)

Greg Whiteside, **Director of Facilities** (x101)

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

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