



Williamsburg

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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In the Beginning

Sermon Series on the First Eleven Chapters of Genesis

Week 4: Noah and the Flood

August 2, 2026
8:15 and 11:00am

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Aria in E-flat
(G.F. Handel)

Organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

In the days of Noah, the earth was filled with hatred and violence.

But God was at work to bring justice and transformation.

In the days of the flood, all hope seemed to be lost.

But God was at work to bring about new life.

After the floodwaters receded, the earth received a new beginning.

And God promised never to give up on the world.

In our own time, we have many worries, and there is much in our world that is broken.

But God promises never to give up on us.

We belong to the God who always keeps God's promises.

We gather to worship the God who promises to make all things new. Amen.

*HYMN

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

UMH 140

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 SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 6:9-22; 7:24; 8:14-19, 9:8-13 (5 OT)

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

1 Peter 3:18-22 (234 NT)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church!

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

"Noah and the Flood"

Rev. Brian Johnson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MINISTRY CELEBRATION

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

Creation Sings
(Traditional Irish Melody)

Summer Choir

*DOXOLOGY

UMH 94

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.

Amen

(22 red book)

Amen, amen, amen, amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH 895

BREAKING OF 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. You may go forward to receive communion when an usher dismisses your row. You 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:)

HYMNS

Break Thou the Bread of Life
Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters

UMH 599

UMH 605

HYMNS

*O Thou Who This Mysterious Bread
Come, Sinners, to the Gospels Feast
One Bread, One Body*

UMH 613

UMH 616

UMH 620

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

How Firm a Foundation

UMH 529

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

The Rejoicing
(G.F. Handel)

Organ

The flowers are given to the Glory of God in memory of our son Steve by Ron and Ann Vineyard.

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

BOOK OF EPHESIANS BIBLE STUDY

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

Join Pastor Madison as she shares her insights from her time in Ephesus and Turkey as we read Scripture together. Bring your Bible.

LOCAL OUTREACH SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Place your purchases in the Collection Closet by August 9. Be sure to include the paper apple in the backpack.

SISTERS IN GRACE CIRCLE - Tuesday, August 11, 11:30am

Second Street American Bistro Restaurant for a time of fellowship and fun.



MUSIC REHEARSALS RETURN

SANCTUARY CHOIR - Thursday, August 20, 7:00pm Choir Room.

Questions? Contact Lou-Anne Smith lsmith@williamsburgumc.org.

Register now at williamsburgumc.org/music-ministries/

HANDBELL CHOIRS

Koinonia Bells - Tuesday, September 1, 11:00am Bell Room

Covenant Ringers - Thursday, September 3, 5:30pm in the Bell Room

SANCTUARY ORCHESTRA - Monday, September 14, 5:30pm Atrium.

Whether you have played your instrument regularly for years, you're just learning for the first time, or you're picking up your instrument after decades, this opportunity is for you. Join an orchestra that is super helpful to all its members. Mentors in each section can help and guide players. This is for those entering 9th grade and above. You must supply your instrument. We will supply the music!

CREATION CARE TEAM

In Virginia, August is the hottest month of the year. Keep yourself and home cool by:

- Closing blinds, shades, or drapes on windows receiving direct sunlight to stop heat from entering and lessen the burden on the air conditioner.
- Replace your AC air filter every one or two months and check that objects aren't blocking air registers and vents to allow cooled air to circulate freely.
- Run ceiling fans counterclockwise to push air straight down.
- Avoid using large heat-producing appliances like the oven, stove, dishwasher, or clothes dryer during the hottest afternoon hours.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Join our band and/or AV team for Modern Worship! Whether you play an instrument, love to sing, or enjoy working behind the scenes with sound, slides, or video, there's a place for you to serve and make a difference. No matter your level of experience, we'll support and guide you—what matters most is a willing heart. Come be part of a team that helps create a meaningful, welcoming space for worship each week! For more information, contact Anthony Williams awilliams@williamsburgumc.org

RESPIRE GARDEN PARTY – September 11, Noon – 2:00pm

There are a few single seat tickets available, so register soon. You may still contribute by purchasing raffle tickets online or by filling out a form located in the Church Lobby. Prizes are spectacular in keeping with the 25th anniversary celebration. An anonymous donor has offered to double all raffle tickets up to the first \$1,500 purchased. Get yours now at tinyurl.com/wumc-garden to double your chances of winning! You do not need to be present to win.

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 August Coordinators are Karen Red (757) 532-6893 and Nathalie Bacskey (757) 604-7279. Call at least 2 days in advance for assistance. To join this team, email Pastor Madison mailinger@williamsburgumc.org

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP - For Students, Early Career Professionals August 20, 7pm

Come for meaningful conversations, spiritual growth, laughter, and genuine connection with others navigating many of the same seasons of life. If retirement is still a few decades away, you're probably in the right place! Contact Pastor Madison mailinger@williamsburgumc.org

SUMMER MEALS FOR KIDS Thursdays through - August 20, 8:30am – 10:00am

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

To help, sign up at tinyurl.com/wumc-kids-meals. Cookies still needed August 20.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY

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.

SAVE THE DATE

CHURCHWIDE FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST – September 12, 8:30am Fellowship Hall

Sign up at tinyurl.com/wumc-umm-breakfast

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH CELEBRATE MORE LIFE BLOOD DRIVE



Saturday, August 22, 9-2:00pm Atrium

Sign up at tinyurl.com/uwf-blood-drive All donors will receive a \$20 Amazon Gift Card via email. **GIVE BLOOD.**

UMM MEN'S SPIRITUAL RETREAT: B1, Inspire1

September 18-19, 3:00pm-3:00pm

All men are invited to take part in this UMM event of the Virginia Conference of the UMC. Rev. Dr. Clarence Brown will be the keynote speaker on topics of discipleship, mentoring, and prayer life. The event will take place at *Massanutten Springs Camp and Conference Center*, Harrisonburg, VA 22801. It will include breakout sessions, fellowship time, and gospel singing; all registrations include dinner, breakfast, and lunch. *Cost*: \$150 per person (with overnight lodging) OR \$65 per person (without overnight lodging). The registration deadline is September 11. Register now vaumc.org/ummretreat/



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
October 3, 9 – 9:30am
WUMC Front Lawn

BEWARE OF SCAMS

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
MONDAY, NOON

Please submit to Nancy Reynolds
nreynolds@williamsburgumc.org.

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JULY 26 ATTENDANCE

Worship Attendance Total.....	428
In Person 11:00am.....	211
In Person 8:15am.....	116
Modern Worship 9:30am.....	45
Online.....	56

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.

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)

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