



Williamsburg

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE *Allegro (Concerto in D)* organ
(Vivaldi; arr. J.S. Bach)

WELCOME

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Come and rejoice, for the lost are found!

God's grace seeks us out and brings us home.

Come and celebrate, for God's love is abundant!

In Christ, there is welcome for every wanderer.

Come and worship, as heaven itself rejoices!

We lift our hearts in praise to the God who is always faithful.

* HYMN *Come, Thou Almighty King* 61 (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.

ANTHEM *A Communion of Compassion* organ
(Victor C. Johnson)

FIRST READING 1 Timothy 1:12-17 (208 NT)
The Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (11:00) *Where Children Belong* 2233 (black book)
We welcome children of all ages to participate in Worship in the Sanctuary. At 11:00 am, Grades K-3 are invited to Children's Worship in the Godly Play Room 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 Luke 15:1-10 (78 NT)
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church!
Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE "The Foolish Shepherd" Rev. Brian Johnson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

Larghetto (Concerto in D)
(Vivaldi; arr. J.S. Bach)

organ

* DOXOLOGY

94 (red book)

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)

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. 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:)

The King of Love My Shepherd Is 138 (red book)
The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want 136 (red book)
God Will Take Care of You 130 (red book)
Cares Chorus (2 times) 2215 (black book)
God Is So Good 2056 (black 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 *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* 381 (red book)

* DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE *Presto (Concerto in D)* organ
(Vivaldi; arr. J.S. Bach)

The flowers are given to the Glory of God by Jimmy and Charlotte McCarter in honor of Ezra Jane Van Rooyen on her birthday.

NEW HERE?

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!



LIGHTING THE WAY CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

THIS WEEK 172 Commitments

Committed - \$1,342,687

Unpledged contributions - \$143,350

Total committed & unpledged - \$1,486,037

SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOM ASSIGNMENTS TODAY

Aldersgate/Fellowship Class - 103 *Walking the Footsteps* - Room 160

Marvin Willard Class - Room 174 *Searchers Class* - Room 303

Perspectives Class - Room 171 *Bishop McKendree* - Room 102

Nursery - Room 207 *Godly Play* - Room 215 (formerly the Parlor)

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



CREATION CARE TEAM

Go commercial for your car wash. When you wash your car in your driveway, you rinse grease, oil, cleaning products and other toxic chemicals into the stormwater drainage system, where it can pollute the water. Instead, use a commercial car wash which reclaims its wastewater using special filtration systems. This not only conserves water but minimizes polluted runoff entering local storm drain.

WAYS TO GIVE

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



TEXT TO GIVE

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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THIS WEEK AT WUMC

DID YOU KNOW You don't have to be a member of an Adult Sunday School Class to take part in a study being offered in an Adult Sunday School Class? You are always welcomed and encouraged to become a regular in a class but it is not required. **To get connected to classes contact Deacon Troy Sims** tsims@williamsburgumc.org or (757) 229-1771.

CLASS: THE WILL OF GOD - Searchers Sunday School
5 Sundays beginning September 7, 9:30-10:30am | Rm 303

CLASS: HEARING & RESPONDING TO GOD - Marvin Willard Sunday School
6 Sundays beginning September 7, 9:30-10:30am | Rm 174

CLASS: THE RUTHLESS ELIMINATION OF HURRY - Perspectives Sunday School
Sundays, beginning September 7, 9:30-10:30am | Rm 171

CLASS: THE CUP OF OUR LIFE - 2 Opportunities for Women
7 Thursdays beginning September 11, 6:30pm at WUMC Den or
7 Sundays beginning October 12, 2:00pm at Virginia Greenes 4301 Battery Blvd

THE TABLE – Sunday Night Service September 7 @ 5:30pm | 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
September 8 and 10 @ 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.

MESSY CHURCH September 9, 5:30pm WUMC

This month for Messy Church Jesus tells us that God is like a shepherd who notices one sheep is missing and leaves the others behind to go find the one, or a woman who loses a coin and sweeps the whole house to find out. We know and worship a God who doesn't lose count of us but knows each of us by name. We'll get to know The God Who Counts through these two parable stories as we wonder: do we ever forget to keep count of anyone in our lives? Who might be lost that we need to go search for?

RESPIRE CARE GARDEN PARTY September 12, 12:30pm

We're looking forward to a joyful afternoon filled with good food, and great company. Please carpool if possible and arrive no earlier than noon to allow the Respite members a seat first. To skip the lines at the event (or support from afar), you can purchase raffle tickets in advance at: <https://tinyurl.com/respitexp2025>. See you Friday!"

GET TO KNOW YOU GATHERINGS

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.

WAYS YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

GRATITUDE WALKING GROUP Beginning Wednesdays, September 17, 5:30pm

Let's get back to our Wednesday evening strolls to Colonial Williamsburg

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. Monthly coordinators make the connections. If you can help, please contact Karen Red (757) 532-6893 or kgred1@gmail.com. Our September Coordinators are Judi French (757) 810-2925 and Fran Hermance (757) 645-5069. Call at least 2 days in advance for assistance.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH SWEATER DRIVE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS, CLASSES AND MEETINGS

CLASS: DIVORCE CARE 6 Sundays, 7:00-8:30pm | Den

September 14, 21, 28, October 19, 26, and November 2.

Register now at tinyurl.com/wumc-div-care.

PIZZA WITH THE PASTORS September 14, 12:15pm | Rm. 303

New to WUMC? Grab a slice and say hi! Pizza with the Pastors is a casual, quarterly gathering after the 11:00am service to meet our pastors, connect with others, and ask questions about life at WUMC. No pressure—just pizza and people (those new to WUMC). Please register at

tinyurl.com/wumcpizzawithpastors

CLASS: WE BELIEVE: HOW THE NICENE CREED CAN DEEPEN YOUR FAITH

6 Mondays starting September 15, 7:00-8:30pm via Zoom

Register now at tinyurl.com/wumc-nicene.

CLASS: PASTORS' BIBLE STUDY - Stand Up with Esther

3 Wednesdays beginning September 17, 7:00-8:30pm Rm TBD

3 Thursdays beginning September 18, 10:30-12:00noon via Zoom

Register now at tinyurl.com/wumc-pastors-study.

CLASS: A TESTAMENT OF DEVOTION - An Opportunity for Men

6 Thursdays beginning September 18, 6:30pm | Rm TBD

Join Steve Nichols in an opportunity to focus on centering your life on God's presence, to find quiet and stillness within modern life, and to discover the deeply satisfying and lasting peace of the inner spiritual journey using Thomas Kelly's *A Testament of Devotion*. Register now at tinyurl.com/wumc-testament.

PARTY OF 8 – Kick-Off with Dessert September 21, 6:45pm | Rm 174

Looking for a way to connect with others at WUMC? Love to eat? Why not do both at the same time? Join us for our dessert pot-luck kick off! Make a “reservation” for a party of 8. Sign up and be grouped with about eight other WUMC folks to share a meal—at a local restaurant, in someone’s home, or right here at the church. Each group sets its own schedule and chooses the locations, so it’s flexible and fun for everyone. Register at tinyurl.com/2025-party-8.

CLASS: THE SOCIAL PRINCIPLES OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

6 Sundays Starting September 28, 7:00-8:30PM | WUMC Rm TBD

The Social Principles are a prayerful and thoughtful response on the part of the General Conference to what the UMC believes God is doing in our lives and the public square. Join Anne Hardister and Deacon Troy Sims in exploring this common ground we share, reflecting our UMC priorities and helping us learn about and advocate for vulnerable peoples and the world. Register now at tinyurl.com/wumc-resolutions.

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WAYS TO BE INVOLVED AT WUMC.

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TODAYS SERVICE LEADERS

Worship Leaders: Brian Johnson, Madison Ailinger, Troy Sims, Zach Griggs

Director of Worship Arts: Lou-Anne Smith

Organist: Tom Marshall

Readers 8:15: Nathalie Bacskay **11:00:** Dianne Colestock

Acolyte 8:15: Linda Upshaw **11:00:** Sadie Yaneza

Communion Servers 8:15: Cindy Banek, Ginger Barr, Gwen Hinton, Gayle Justice, Joy Mair, Terri Osborne **11:00:** Nathalie Bacskay, Linda Baker, Nancy Donnelly, Susan Jones, Barbara Monteith, Karen Red

Greeters 8:15: Fran Hermance, Damarius Marion **11:00:** Cassie Maye, Dorayne Peitsch

Ushers 8:15: Roy Geiger, Janet Henke, Russ Henke, Chalannes Hoover, Monty Mason, Michael Johnson, Cindy Garman-Squier, Dan Squier **11:00:** Grace Bradley, James Bradley, Jennifer Bradley, Skylar Brock, Bonnie Knizatko, Laura Viancour, Rick Viancour

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

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August 31 Worship Attendance	Total 453
In Person 11:00am	209
In Person 8:15am	139
Virtual	81
The Table	24

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)

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

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

Ryan LaRock, **Campus Minister, Wesley Foundation** (757 201-8850)