



Williamsburg

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE

Cantilene
(Hall M. Macklin)

organ

INTROIT

Bring Forth the Kingdom
(Marty Haugen)

Sanctuary Choir

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, beloved people of God, bring your worries, your weariness,
and your wandering hearts.

We come with lives aching for mercy.

Hear the voice of Jesus who whispers, “Even faith as small as a mustard seed
can move mountains.”

We come with souls longing for hope.

Hear the voice of Jesus who proclaims, “forgive as you have been forgiven,
and love as you have been loved.”

We come to worship with wonder, joy and all that we are. Amen.

*HYMN

To God Be the Glory

98 (red book)

OPENING PRAYER

Merciful God,

**Scripture teaches us to speak truth even if it is easier to stay silent,
to forgive even when our hearts want to close. Let these powerful truths
guide us to be better people for Your kingdom. We are sorry for the times
we have said we aren’t strong enough, or good enough. For the times
we assumed you would call someone else to speak up in Your name.**

**For the times we have made faith about us, about our reputation,
and our control instead of trusting that You will work through us.**

**Forgive us, we pray. Remind us that we are dust, and that your power
is made perfect in our weakness. Now, we surrender and wait for you to move.**

Amen.

ANTHEM

The Meditations of My Heart
(Elaine Hagenberg)

Sanctuary Choir

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 (871 OT)

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 SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 17:1-10 (80 NT)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church!

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

“Courage in the Hands of God”

Rev. Madison Ailinger

*HYMN

Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know

163 (red book)

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MINISTRY MOMENT

OFFERTORY

In Thee I Rest
(Roger C. Wilson)

organ

*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!**

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

* HYMN

Hymn of Promise

707 (red book)

* DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Alleluia, Amen
(Carl Wiltse)

Sanctuary Choir

POSTLUDE

Grand Choeur
(Theodore Dubois)

organ

The flowers are given to the Glory of God by
...Monty & Pamela Mason in honor of their 24th wedding anniversary.
...Donna Potts in memory of Fred Potts.



WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

Whether you use the pew pad or the QR code, your check-in helps us celebrate your presence and extend care when it's needed. Choose whichever way works best for you — no need to do both.

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!

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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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!



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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.

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LIGHTING THE WAY CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



THIS WEEK 176 Commitments

Committed - \$1,367,787

Unpledged contributions - \$143,440

Total committed & unpledged - \$1,511,227

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

PIZZA WITH THE PASTORS September 14, 12:15pm I 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

THE TABLE – Sunday Night Service September 14 @ 5:30pm I 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 15 and 17 @ 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.

CHURCHWIDE FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

Mark your calendar! Join the United Methodist Men for a delicious breakfast September 20, 8:30am in Fellowship Hall. Contact for this event: John Tressler jbtrsx3@outlook.com

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

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

EVENING CLASSES

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.

CLASS: PASTORS' BIBLE STUDY - Stand Up with Esther

3 Wednesdays beginning September 17, 7:00-8:30pm Rm 171

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

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

CLASS: THE CUP OF OUR LIFE – Opportunity for Women

7 Sundays beginning October 12, 2:00pm at Virginia Greens 4301 Battery Blvd

Register now at tinyurl.com/wumc-cup

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: A TESTAMENT OF DEVOTION - An Opportunity for Men

6 Thursdays beginning September 18, 6:30pm | Rm 352

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MEETINGS

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.

WAYS YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE



CREATION CARE TEAM

WUMC has covenanted to adopt the Green Church Initiative, a program of the Virginia Conference that empowers the local church to be faithful stewards of creation. It focuses on Creation Justice and Stewardship in five areas: -Worship -

Discipleship -Stewardship -Evangelism -Mission Learn more about the Green Church Initiative at <https://vaumc.org/creationjustice/green-church-initiative/>

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.



HANDS-ON MISSIONS? Are you one that likes to get your hands dirty? Do you have some basic fixer-upper skills or even experience in construction? If you answered yes to at least one of these and would be interested in helping to form a team(s) that could do such work in the community -- or even go on a mission trip -- fill out this form tinyurl.com/wumc-hands or contact Deacon Troy Sims tsims@williamsburgumc.org.

WINTER SHELTER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

WUMC will be serving as a host church for the shelter ministry again this year in partnership with Community of Faith Mission (COFM), St. Stephen Lutheran, and Williamsburg Baptist during the week of November 16 – 23. We invite you to participate as a volunteer to assist our guests and make them feel welcome. There are many volunteer openings in the evening, overnight and early morning shifts. Your help is needed to make this ministry happen! To volunteer, please use the Signup Genius link found in the church newsletter/email, *The Messenger*, or you can sign up in person at a table in the Atrium on upcoming Sundays when this option is available.



JOIN OUR MUSIC MINISTRY Do you have a heart for worship and a gift for music? Whether you sing or play an instrument, we invite you to be part of our Music Ministry! This is a meaningful way to use your talents to glorify God and serve our church. -

MESSIAH CONCERT IS COMING Chorus rehearsals November 16, 23, 30 and Thursday, December 4 (dress rehearsal with soloists and orchestra) REGISTER EARLY TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT! Space is limited! Free and open to the public. A love offering will be accepted.

Performances: Friday, December 5 at 7:00pm
Saturday, December 6 at 5:00pm

Soloists: Michelle Trovato, soprano
Cecelia McKinley, contralto
Ian Lane, tenor
Branch Fields, bass

Sign up today: Scan the QR Code above.

This is a meaningful way to share your talents and maybe even step out of your comfort zone. Let's make a joyful noise—together!

CONNECT

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WAYS TO BE INVOLVED AT WUMC.

TODAYS SERVICE LEADERS

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

Director of Worship Arts: Lou-Anne Smith

Organist: Tom Marshall

Readers 8:15: Russ Henke **11:00:** Susan Sallwasser

Acolyte 8:15: Nancy Donnelly **11:00:** Johanna Foley

Greeters 8:15: Judi French, Fran Hermance **11:00:** Connie Bullock, Tim Bullock

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, Josh Clayton

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August 31 Worship Attendance	Total	551
In Person 11:00am		218
In Person 8:15am		158
Virtual		77
The Table		33
Messy Church		65

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)

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