

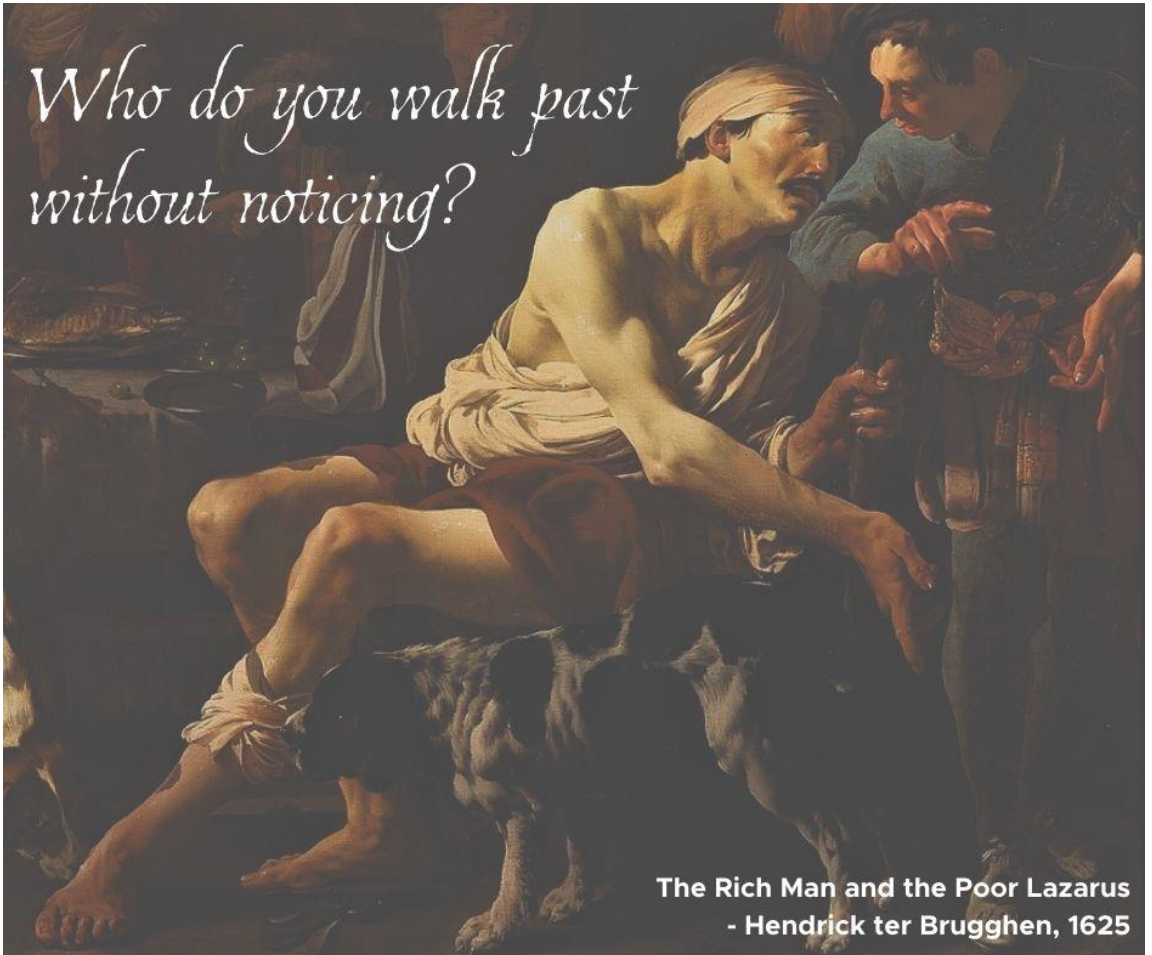


Williamsburg

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

EST. 1785

*Who do you walk past
without noticing?*



The Rich Man and the Poor Lazarus
- Hendrick ter Brugghen, 1625

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
(arr. Robert Sterling)

Sanctuary Orchestra

INTROIT

Bring Forth the Kingdom (Marty Haugen)

Sanctuary Choir

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, people of God, to encounter the Word made flesh.

We come to listen for God's truth and guidance.

Sometimes there are wide chasms between us,

But God's mercy bridges every divide.

Christ calls us to see the overlooked, to care for the suffering, and to live as neighbors in love.

We come asking God to open our eyes, our hearts, and our hands.

Let us worship the One who lifts up the lowly and calls us all into new life.

With gratitude and hope, we worship the Lord!

*HYMN

Holy, Holy Holy! Lord God Almighty

64 (red book)

OPENING PRAYER

God of the lost and God of the least, as we gather for worship, open our eyes to see as you see. Open our hearts to love as you love. Open our minds to be transformed by the power of your Holy Spirit. Some of us come to this place in joy, while others of us come carrying heavy burdens.

Where there is pain, kindle compassion. Where there is anxiety, give peace.

Where there is hunger, stir generosity. Where there is division, build your bridge of grace. Shape our lives by your justice and mercy, that we may walk in the way of Christ, now and forever. Amen.

ANTHEM

Great Is Thy Faithfulness
(arr. Dan Forrest)

Sanctuary Choir

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Amos 6:1a, 4-7 (854 OT)

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

God of Great and God of Small
(arr. Sue Ellen Page)

Wesley Choir (11:00)
Elaine Howell, piano

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Where Children Belong

2233 (black book)

(11:00)

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

READING Luke 16:19-31 (79 NT)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church!

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE "The Rich Man and Lazarus" Rev. Brian Johnson

*HYMN *Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service* 581 (red book)

APOSTLES' CREED
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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 *Beach Spring* organ
(Janet Linker)

*DOXOLOGY 94 (red book)

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* 121 (red book)

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

CHORAL BENEDICTION *Alleluia, Amen* Sanctuary Choir
(Carl Wiltse)

POSTLUDE *March Joyeuse* Ryan Staggs, trumpet,
(John Head) organ

The flowers are given to the Glory of God by Henry and Rachel Fowler in honor of Rachel Fowler, Michelle Fowler & Hazel Schroeder September birthdays.

THIS WEEK AT WUMC



WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE 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!

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, you may be able to simply activate the t-coil switch. If that does not work, we encourage you to use one of the listening devices with a loop instead of the headphones. The loops are in the basket next to the devices. Just 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.*

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.

THE TABLE – Sunday Night Service September 28 @ 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 Sept. 29 and Oct. 1 @ 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.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH SWEATER DRIVE - DEADLINE 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.

DINING OUT FOR MISSION SUPPORT September 30, 4:00 - 9:00pm

Williamsburg UMC's next Dining Out for Missions night will be at Tuscany Restaurant. They will donate 20% of your bill to Williamsburg United Women in Faith, supporting local and global mission projects. Call Tuscany (757) 378-3486; mention WUMC or RSVP online at groupraise.com/events/310356. Thanks for supporting UWF mission work.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS October 4, 9:00am WUMC front lawn

A short outdoor service with individual blessings for each pet and treats for pets. This event is a celebration of the unconditional love and companionship our pets give us every day. All are welcome—members, friends, neighbors, and anyone who loves animals.

CLASS: THE SOCIAL PRINCIPLES OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

6 Sundays Starting September 28, 7:00-8:30PM | WUMC Rm 171

Register now at tinyurl.com/wumc-resolutions

CLASSES

PASTORS' BIBLE STUDY - The Book of Hebrews: Grace & Gratitude

Wednesday beginning October 8, 7:00-8:30pm | Location TBD

Thursday beginning October 9, 10:30-12:00pm via Zoom

Join Pastors Brian & Madison for this 6-week study discussing the Book of Hebrews to help us see the connection between God's grace in our lives and the call to invest ourselves in God's mission in the world. This study will use a book and videos featuring David deSilva. Questions? Contact the pastors. Register now at tinyurl.com/pastors-hebrews.

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

COVENANT BIBLE STUDY - Creating, Living, Trusting

Thursdays, beginning October 23, 7:00-8:30pm | Location TBD

This is a 24-week, in-depth study of the entire story of the Bible based around the theme of "covenant." No previous study background required. Space is limited. Each participant will need a Study Guide. Deacon Troy Sims will lead the study.

WAYS YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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 October Coordinators are Jan Boykin (757) 565-2950 and Elaine Howell (703) 463-7013. Call at least 2 days in advance for assistance.



CREATION CARE TEAM

When we love and care for animals, we live into our call to be faithful stewards of all creation. The Blessing of the Animals reminds us that every creature—great and small—has its place in God's design and invites us to practice, gratitude, care, and respect for the earth we share. Information about the Blessing of the Animals on October 4 can be found in the bulletin and the Messenger.

LOCAL OUTREACH WINTER COAT COLLECTION

Join us in October to collect new winter coats (sizes 4T-8) for preschool-age children enrolled in Head Start. This program enables these children to interact with others and learn basic skills needed to begin kindergarten. Place donated coats in the WUMC Collection Closet near the church office. Deadline is October 27.

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.

WAGSTERS MAGIC SHOW October 22 @ 6:00pm

Join the United Women in Faith for an evening of entertainment and magic. They will donate 50% of the sales towards UWF missions. Call (877) 924-7837 to reserve your tickets. Invite your family and friends to join us for a special event just for us.

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, sign up with the person in the Atrium on Sunday or visit tinyurl.com/2025-shelter.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

REALM IS COMING SEPTEMBER 30!

We are excited to announce our new churchwide communication and engagement platform, Realm. Realm will make it easier to stay connected, engage with groups, access our online directory, and manage your giving, all in one place. You will begin receiving more information in *The Messenger*, in our Friday emails and on Sunday mornings from our pastors. Beginning September 30, we will launch a phased rollout to our congregation, during which invitations to join our online community will be sent.

In preparation for this transition, we've begun moving our recurring givers to Realm's giving platform. If you would like help setting up, please contact mebaker@williamsburgumc.org or mroy@williamsburgumc.org. We've also transitioned our forms to new platforms, so if a form you use looks a little different, don't worry—it's still ours, and your submission will reach the right staff members.

We can't wait to step into this new chapter of connection and community together!



PUMPKIN PICK-N-PAINT

Saturday October 25, 9:00-1:00pm WUMC Front Lawn

Kid's Morning Out is gearing up for our fall fundraiser: the Pumpkin Pick-N-Paint! Join us and bring a friend! Choose a small pumpkin from our "patch" on the front lawn, and then head to a Decoration Station to design, paint, and sticker your pumpkin! This is a fun event for all ages, and all families are welcome. Proceeds from this fundraiser go to support our scholarship fund. Want to support this cause but can't attend? Donate a pumpkin for someone to paint during the event tinyurl.com/2025-kmo-pumpkin.

GRATITUDE WALKING GROUP Wednesdays 5:30pm

Mark your calendars and tell your friends! We're so excited for the weather to change so we can get back to our Wednesday evening strolls down the picturesque Duke of Gloucester Street in Colonial Williamsburg. Meet in the church parking lot next week for our first walk!

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

We are blessed to have lovely flowers adorn our church every Sunday. If you would like to purchase an arrangement in memory of or in honor of someone, please sign up at tinyurl.com/wumcchanceflower

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

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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: Linda Lyons **11:00:** Bill Baer

Acolyte 8:15: Linda Upshaw **11:00:** Aaron Yaneza, Susannah Naramore

Greeters 8:15: Marjorie Croswell, Barbara Neary **11:00:** Melody Nichols, Steve Nichols

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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Sept. 21 Worship Attendance	Total 449
In Person 11:00am	218
In Person 8:15am	127
Virtual	72
The Table	32

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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