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EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL 20, 2025

ORDER OF SERVICE

***Our service begins in silence – the echo of a sealed Tomb.
Then, at daybreak that first Easter morning, three women make their way
to the tomb to prepare the body of Jesus for burial.
We join as they hear unexpected news...***

ECHOES OF GOOD FRIDAY

from Mark 15& 16

Since it was late in the afternoon on Preparation Day, just before the Sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea dared to approach Pilate and ask for Jesus' body. Pilate gave the dead body to Joseph. He bought a linen cloth, took Jesus down from the cross, wrapped him in the cloth, and laid him in a tomb that had been carved out of rock. He then rolled a stone against the entrance to the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James saw where he was buried. When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they could go and anoint Jesus' body. Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they came to the tomb.

THE FIRST EASTER MORNING

from Mark 16

Now the women were saying to each other, "Who's going to roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb for us?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man in a white robe seated on the right side; and they were startled. But he said to them, "Don't be alarmed! You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised!"

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

PROCESSIONAL

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today
(B. Wayne Bisbee)

UMH 302 (VV 1-5)
Organ/Brass/Timpani

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Ps. 118, 1 Cor. 15

This is the day of our salvation; God is our strength and our song.

***Christ has been raised from the dead,
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.***

The one who was rejected has become the firstborn of the Resurrection.

The Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes!

God reigns; let all peoples and nations rejoice, for Christ is risen!

Christ, our guarantee that we also shall rise to new life.

OPENING PRAYER

From a dark and shadowed world in need of hope, we greet you, Lord Jesus, with a renewed sense of gratitude for the day of your rising.

We confess that we are grieved by war and violence,

though you are the Prince of Peace.

And we know many lack what they need for daily sustenance,

though you came to bring abundant living.

Some live in sickness and fear, lacking basic care,

though you are the Great Physician.

Still others long for freedom from injustice and oppression,

though you, the Messiah, came to proclaim freedom to all.

Risen Lord, what might you hold in your pierced hands for us today?

If we dwell in fear, give us courage.

When we falter for lack of certainty, bring us hope.

Where there is sickness or indifference to the sick,

poverty or indifference to the poor, deliver compassion.

Where our relationships are fractured and broken,

remake and renew us.

Move not only our hearts today, Risen Savior, but our feet, tomorrow,

so that we can claim a new boldness of belief as *our* day rises.

Amen.

WELCOME

MOMENT OF TEACHING

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

GOSPEL LESSON

John 20: 1 - 18

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

A New and Dawning Day

Rev. Dave Rochford

* HYMN

Christ Is Alive

318 (red book)
Organ/Brass/Timpani

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

OUR OFFERING TO GOD

OFFERTORY

Resurrection Hymn (*See What a Morning*)
(Arr. Steven Strite)

Sanctuary Choir/Organ,
Piano/Brass/Timpani

DOXOLOGY

UMH 94 (red book)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CLOSING HYMN

Hallelujah Chorus
(from Messiah by G.F. Handel)

Organ/Brass/Timpani

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Easter Fanfare
(Kevin Hildebrand)

Organ/Brass/Timpani

We are so grateful to welcome you this Easter Sunday!

Thank you for joining us as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ—God’s powerful promise that love is stronger than death and that new life is always possible.

We hope today’s worship fills you with joy, hope, and the assurance that the story isn’t over. This is just the beginning. (And we’d love to welcome you again any Sunday as we continue to live into the good news of Easter!)

**** Congregation invited to stand. Please take the opportunity to meet your neighbors!***

NEW HERE?

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.

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 or the church office Mon - Fri. Your generosity is deeply appreciated and makes a real difference in the lives of those we serve!

THIS WEEK AT WUMC



ReNEW Youth Group

Apr 20 @ 12:30pm Youth Room

Join us for lunch, faith exploration, and fun from 12:30 – 2:00pm. Our WUMC ReNEW Youth Group is designed to offer holistic faith formation for students in 6th-12th grade.



The Table – Sunday Night Service

Apr 20 @ 5pm in Fellowship Hall

A relaxed, welcoming space where we gather as a community to share a meal and explore our faith together through guided conversations.



Elevate Your Fitness

Apr 23 @ 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & MEETINGS

NEW STUDIES!

Join the Perspectives Sunday School Class beginning April 27 to engage and wrestle with life's uncertainties, not ignore them, while following Jesus with courage, hope, and obedience.

Join the Searchers Sunday School beginning April 27 in seeking to understand God's desire for our lives by unpacking your experiences alongside those of the apostle Paul.

Walk with the Marvin Willard Sunday School Class through the earliest existing source for the life of Jesus with revered scholar Amy-Jill Levine. Study begins May 4.

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

CARE COMMITTEE: Provides rides to your doctor and aide when you're sick. Please contact Linda Inge (757) 345-6527 and Jan Boykin (757) 565-2950 at least 2 days in advance to arrange for assistance.

HANDS ON MISSION WEEK | May 17–22, 2025

Join the United Women in Faith for a week of meaningful service and connection! From writing notes to missionaries and creating placemats for Kairos Prison Ministry, to sorting donations, organizing outreach supplies, and sharing lunch with residents of Latisha's House—there are opportunities for all ages to get involved.

Volunteer Opportunities Include:

- Sorting donations at Habitat Restore
- Cleaning candleholders
- Supporting Grove Christian Outreach
- Hosting a picnic with Latisha's House
- Crafting and games with The Arc of Abilities

Can't join in person? Donate food, household items, or clothing to support local missions.

Full details and sign-ups will be available soon. Please **contact Grace Holloway** (gracewholloway@gmail.com) with questions.

EASTER LILIES GIVEN...

... In Honor of

Charles Mitchell Hammond, Sr., from Barbara Bingley

Marilyn Thompson Casey's 91st birthday, from Family

Vivian Golding, from her church friends

Our grandchildren Hazel and Henry Schroeder, from Rachel and Henry Fowler

Lou-Anne Smith & Tom Marshall, from Nina and Mike Gabel

Friends Cheryl and Bill Baumgartner, from Lois Keith

Our children and grandchildren, from Bob and Fran Lane

Martha Stathis, from Damarius Marion and John Williams

Our granddaughter Mia, from Barbara & Martin Monteith

Our parents, our children, our children's children, from Gail & Mike Starry

Pastor Meghan, Josh, and James Clayton, from Janice Urquhart

... In Loving Memory of

Judy Angles and Kevin Angles, from Gordon Angles

Mrs. G.W.C. Whiting, from Nathalie W. BacsKay

Jean and Byron Bradley and James Eyster, from The Bradleys

Bonnie, from Roger Brothers

Phoebe & Ralph Stephens and Blanche & Mahlon Bruss, from The Bruss Family

Olive and Carl Casey, Lewis and Ercil Casey, from Family

Mark Switzer, from Douglas Crockett

Our Daughter, Manya Joy Daniel, from Doug and Gloria Daniel

Dr. Jack Donley, from LoAnn Donley

Terry Donnelly, from Nancy Donnelly

Glenn Feagin, from Barbara Feagin, Laurie, and Kevin

Chris Harvey, from Linda Harvey

My parents, George & JoAnn Weber, from Emily Hayden

Matthew Hershberger, from His Parents

Jim Hewitt, Venita & Joe Allen, from Deborah Allen Hewitt

Lester W. Higbee, Jr., from Dorothy J Higbee

Betty Jessie, from Evelyn Jessie

Blanche Johnson, from Wayne and Deb Johnson

Ted and Mary Herrington, from Their daughter Mary Kefalas

My husband, Ronald Keith, from Lois Keith

EASTER LILIES GIVEN...

... In Loving Memory of

**My parents, Joseph and Helen Knizatko, from Bonnie Knizatko
Mel and Dorothy Knowlton; Lee and Dorothy Leavitt, from The Knowlton Family**

My husband Richard L. Kohler, from Kathy Kohler

**Our parents, Munson Jr. and Annabelle Lane and Harry T. and Janet Broome,
from Bob and Fran Lane**

**Beloved parents, Phyllis and David Lee, from Michelle Lee and Mike Lee and Family
Bob MacDowell, from Debbie, Rebecca, Megan, and Ryan**

**My friend Caryn Renee Young Chewning & my mother Jane Hafner Squire Anderson,
from Charlotte McCarter**

Our Parents, from Hugh Siggins and Penny McClellan

**Robert and Betty Hutchison, Yancey McGann, and Melissa McGann, from Brian and
Tracey McGann**

**Our fathers, mothers, and Sandra's son John Wesley Watson III (Trip), from Sandra G.
McKenzie**

Katherine Frey, from Her sister Virginia Morgan

Colin Owens, Sr., from Courtney Owens

Richard Prosl, from Carol, Elizabeth, and Karen

Pauline Blake and Joe Pumilia, from Barbara Pumilia

Dearly departed Friends & family, from Karen Red

**My parents Bill and Shirley Alexander and my niece, Alisa Wash, from Terri Sim
Mary Walker, from Judy Talley**

My father Burton Bikle, from Linda Taylor

Our Parents, from Ron and Ann Vineyard

Roy and Drew Welty, from Rita Welty and Family

Our Parents, from Neal and Donna Wixson

David Ziskind, from Betsy and Family

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 and Children's Worship, monthly Messy Church, and regular 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.

EXPLORE OUR MINISTRIES



Local Outreach williamsburgumc.org/local-outreach

Our Local Outreach committee serves as the cornerstone of our commitment to embody Christ's love beyond our walls. We firmly believe that faith is not merely a personal journey but a transformative reality that compels us to be in mission to the world around us.



Global Outreach williamsburgumc.org/global-outreach

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.



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.

TODAYS SERVICE LEADERS

Worship Leaders: Dave Rochford, Meghan Roth Clayton, Troy Sims, Zach Griggs

Director of Worship Arts: Lou Anne Smith

Organist: Tom Marshall

Reader 8:00: Terry Smith **11:00:** Warren Harper

Acolytes 8:00: Eira Johnson, Sklyar Brock, Shane Johnson **11:00:** Sadie Yaneza, Aaron Yaneza, J.D. Tressler

Marys: Rosie Gilbride, Amelia Jensen, Ava Roy

Greeters 8:00: Linda Upshaw, Barbara Neary **11:00:** Kathy & Gary Drake

Ushers 8:15: Roy Geiger, Janet Henke, Russ Henke, Chalonne Hoover, Tom Justice, Monty Mason, Michael Johnson, Cindy Garman-Squier, Dan Squier **11:00:** Gene & Debbie Bruss, Barbara & Monty Monteith, Nancy Donnelly, Sherry Brubaker, Clark Wallace, Greg Johnson, Walter Hill

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

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April 13 Worship Attendance	Total 633
In Person 11:00am	346
In Person 8:15am	185
Virtual 11:00am	73
The Table	29

Deadline for bulletin submissions: Tuesday, 5:00 p.m.
Please submit to Nancy Reynolds
nreynolds@williamsburgumc.org.

OUR CHURCH STAFF

Barbara Blanton, **Finance Manager (x106)**

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

Meghan Roth Clayton, **Pastor of Congregational Care (x114)** Zach

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

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

Motes, **Provisional Bookkeeper (x116)**

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

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

Dave Rochford, **Lead Pastor (x110)**

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

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

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

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