

## Order of Worship

Song: #4 To God Be the Glory

Call to Worship

Song: #1001 Hark! The Herald  
Angels Sing

Song: #364 Come, Share the Lord

The Lord's Supper

Song: #997 O Come, All Ye Faithful

Offering

Offering Song: #1017 Away in a  
Manger

Song: #800 What a Friend We Have  
In Jesus

Scripture Reading  
John 15:18-25

Sermon

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

Song: #147 I Stand Amazed

Family Time

Song: #1003 Silent Night! Holy  
Night!

Closing Prayer

Please join us for a lite brunch in the  
fellowship hall immediately after our  
worship service this morning.

## Join Us Again on Sunday & Wednesday Evenings

Grow in the love of God and His truth with us on Sunday and Wednesday evenings.

**Sunday Evening Sermon:** “A Study of Proverbs” with Archie R. Green

**Wednesday Evening Bible Study:** “The Sermon on the Mount” with Chris Gary

You may access Sunday Bible Class, Sunday Evening Worship Service, and Wednesday Evening Bible Study on Zoom through our website.

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### For The Record

Sunday Morning Worship	99	Sunday Morning Bible Study	71
Sunday Evening Worship	N/A	Wed. Morning Bible Study	11
Wed. Evening Bible Study	49	Contribution Average 2023	N/A

### Schedule Of Services

Sunday Morning Worship—9:30 a.m.	Sunday Bible Class—11:00 a.m.
Sun. Evening Worship—6:30 p.m.	Wed. Morning Bible Study—10 a.m.
Wednesday Dinner—6:00 p.m.	Wed. Evening Bible Study—7:00 p.m.

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# Williamsburg Weekly

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No longer do I call you  
servants, for a servant  
does not know what his  
master is doing; but I  
have called you  
friends, for all things  
that I heard from My  
Father I have made  
known to you.

John 15:15



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## We Welcome You!

We are honored that you chose to visit with us today. We hope that you will stay around a few minutes after our service to become better acquainted. We are eager to know you! We hope you will come to see us as we see ourselves, a group of people who desire to live and love like Jesus.

If you seek meaning and purpose in your life, we invite you to come and join us as we study God's word, the Bible, and find the true joy and fulfillment that can only be found in Him. Our doors and hearts are open. So, if you've been thinking, praying, searching, and hoping for a place to belong, we say again—welcome!

## “Jesus, the Best Kind of Friend”

Christian friends are an especially wonderful blessing. Having been redeemed by the blood of Christ and “joined together” in His one body (Eph. 2:16-22), our brothers and sisters in Christ should be our closest friends on this earth. Still, all friendships require work and diligent effort on our part to keep them strong and healthy. And, who would be a better teacher of the qualities, attitudes and conduct of a friend than Jesus Himself? Let’s consider this Friend.

Jesus saw potential in His friends (John 1:36-51; Matt. 4:18-22). Jesus saw the best in them (Matt. 9:9). Jesus had compassion on His friends and provided for their needs (Matt. 9:36; 14:13-21; John 21:1-14). Jesus came down and stood on a level place with His friends (Luke 6:17). Jesus served His friends, even washing their feet (Matt. 20:28; John 13:1-17).

Jesus comforted His friends in times of distress (Matt. 28:10; Luke 24:36; John 20:19-21). Jesus stuck with His friends through the storms of life (Matt. 8:23-27; 14:24-33). Jesus helped His friends, even in the middle of the night (Matt. 14:24-25). Jesus lent a hand to His friend, even when His friend was suffering the consequences of his own actions (Matt. 14:31). Jesus was troubled, groaned and wept at the grief and anguish of His friends (John 13:33-38). Jesus reassured His friends that with God all things are possible (Matt. 19:25-26).

Jesus defended His friends against unwarranted criticism of their actions (John 12:1-8). Jesus defended His friends when they were charged with a serious offense (Matt. 12:1-8; 15:1-11). Jesus defended His friends against malicious slander, even when those friends were not around to defend themselves (Matt. 11:7-19). Jesus spoke highly and favorably of His friends, especially to their critics (Matt. 11:11). When there was a conflict with one of His friends, Jesus dealt with it and resolved it one-on-one (John 21:15-17), an occasion that involved love and forgiveness.

Jesus prayed for His friends, both in their presence (John 17) and out of their presence (Luke 6:12-13). Jesus loved His friends to the end (John 13:1), even giving His life for them, as completely undeserving as they were (John 15:13; 10:10).

What kind of friend are you? Are you like Jesus?

- David Sproule  
(Condensed)

## Church Family New

**Adjustments to Schedule of Services**—There will be no evening services on December 24th & 31st, as well as no Wednesday evening meal on December 27th.

**2024 New Year’s Eve Celebration**—A New Year’s celebration and devotional will be held at 10 pm on December 31<sup>st</sup>. Please see Chris Gary for more information.

**Craft Day**—Craft Day will be canceled on Monday, December 25th, and January 1st. It will resume on January 8th. See Pat Little for more information.

**Monthly Family Potluck**—Join us on Sunday, January 7th, at noon for our monthly family potluck. Please bring your favorite dish to share.

**Neighborhood Evangelism**—Join us in reaching out to the surrounding neighborhoods at 11:30 am on January 13th. See Chris Gary for more info.

**Tuesday Ladies Bible Class**—There will be a Ladies Bible Class at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, January 16th at the home of Tes Martin. The study will be based on the book “Living a Chocolate Life” by Deb Burma. Please have the book by the first class. It is available at christianbooks.com and other online retailers. See Tes Martin for more information.

**Saturday Ladies Class**—A bi-weekly Ladies Class will meet in the fellowship room beginning Saturday, January 20th at 10 am. The class will be based on the book “Keep It Shut” by Karen Ehman. Please see Sabrina Logan for more information.

### Happy Birthday

J.T. Fears 12/28, Ann Greer 12/28, Beverly Banks 12/30, Nicole Hundley 12/31, Jim Landrom 1/4, Pearle Johnson 1/8, Beth Broxton 1/13, Keith Bucknam 1/13, Rene Kassing 1/28,

### Wedding Anniversaries

Ken & Teresa Moran 12/28, Jerry & Camelia Munn 12/28, Gene & Mary Balthaser 1/8, Anthony & Toya Ricks 1/19, George & Annie Washington 1/31

## Prayer Request

### Immediate Concerns:

**Traveling members** - Safe travels  
**Mary Balthaser** - recovering from surgery for a fractured vertebrae  
**Brian Waterhouse** - recovering from a heart procedure  
**Margaret Rose** - health  
**Anthony Ricks** - undergoing treatment  
**Levi Abbott** - HDC Pediatric Center  
**Ken Moran** - health  
**K.P. Pressey** - colon cancer

### Long Term Concerns:

**The Boisseau Family** - health  
**M.C. & Juanita Bailey** - health  
**Lena Stone** - health  
**Taylor Myers** - health issues  
**Regina Clark** - MS  
**India Johnson** - health  
**Amy Girimont** - health  
**Cheryl Brown** - health  
**Abbott Family**

### Shut-ins

**Regina Clark**  
**Adassa Duncan**

### Family & Friends:

**Connie Broady’s** sister, **Virginia** - depression  
**Cara Patrick’s** brother, **Celsus Patrick Vanita Bagn** - health  
**Jack Reese** (Retired Preacher) - cancer  
**Frank Logan’s** mother, **Sophia** - cancer  
**Kay Himes’** nephew, **Carl Vandivier**, sister, **Francis** & friends, **Sigrid Polson-Randolph & Richard & Cynthia Cashore** - health  
**Peggy Boarman’s** son-in-law, **Jim Bristow** - current situation