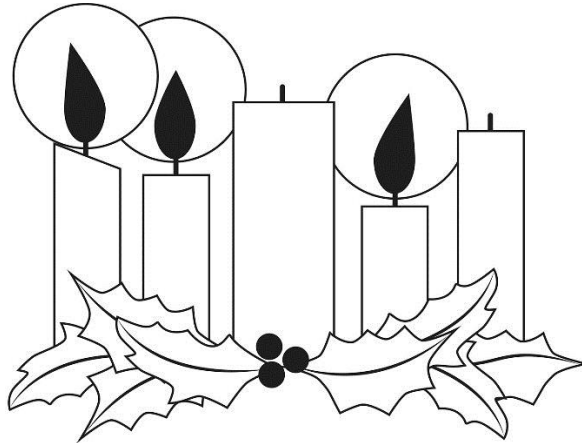


WILLIAMSBURG
UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH



THIRD SUNDAY
OF
Advent

December 16, 2018

*Emmanuel, God is with us. God is in our midst. This is the promise of Advent.
This is the reality of life in Christ. Emmanuel God is with us.*

PRELUDE

Intonation on "Regent Square"
(Edwin Johnson)

WELCOME

INTROIT

SING GLORIA
(Douglas E. Wagner)

Sanctuary Choir

*HYMN 220 *red book*

ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY

Sanctuary Orchestra

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Surely God is in our midst. **God is our strength and our shield.**
Christ is with us now. **Rejoice and give thanks for this gift!**

*OPENING PRAYER

With laughing hearts and joyous hope, we come to you, O God.
With tired souls and withered dreams, we come to you, O God.
In our joy and in our sorrow, we turn to you, O God.
Renew us with your love. Gather us into your strong embrace,
that we may know your presence and rejoice in your promised
coming. With hopeful expectation, we pray. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Introducing the Advent Wreath
Lighting the Candle of Joy

HYMN 73 *red book*

sing to the tune of "*O Worship the King*"

The candle of joy reminds us to sing,
For God is at work to do a new thing.
The proud will be humbled; the lowly will rise.
God's kingdom is one of delight and surprise.

MOMENT OF TEACHING

Please invite our children forward, singing:

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping
throng. Water, God's word, bread and cup, prayer, and song:
this is where children belong.

Children may depart for The Worship Place in Room 161 or return to their seats. 11:00 A.M. ONLY

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

ZEPHANIAH 3:14-20 (877 OT)

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE	<i>CAROLS OF CHRISTMAS MEDLEY</i> (arr. Edson Dickinson)	Sanctuary Orchestra
EPISTLE LESSON		PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7 (198 NT)
MUSICAL INTERLUDE	<i>O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM</i> (arr. Joe Utterback)	Tom Marshall, organ Sue Hunter, piano
SERMON	<i>WHEN FEAR GIVES WAY TO JOY</i>	Rev. Bill Jones
*HYMN 230 <i>red book</i>	<i>O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM</i>	Sanctuary Orchestra
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.	
PRAYER RESPONSE	<i>A NATIVITY PRAYER</i> (William David Young)	Sanctuary Choir
OFFERTORY	<i>Nowell, Nowell</i> (Jonathan Willcock)	Sanctuary Choir, Dan Knipple, percussion
*DOXOLOGY 94 <i>red book</i>		
*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING		
*HYMN 246 <i>red book</i>		<i>JOY TO THE WORLD</i>
*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING		
*CHORAL BENEDICTION	<i>A MERRY CHRISTMAS</i> (arr. Arthur Warrell)	Sanctuary Choir
*POSTLUDE	<i>Recessional on "Antioch"</i> (Alfred Fredak)	

The flowers in the Chancel are given to the Glory of God in memory of Jack Rascoe by Dorothy, Jackie and Craig.

The flowers in the Atrium are given to the Glory of God in memory of Kees van Leliveld's birthday.

THIS ALSO IS OUR WORSHIP

THIS WEEK AT WUMC

Today

8:15 Worship Service
9:15-11:00 Atrium Refreshments
9:30 Small Groups, Youth Group,
Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
Worship Place

Monday, 12/17

6:30 Communication Committee
7:00 UMM Book Group
Stephen Ministry

Tuesday, 12/18

7:00 Finance Committee

Wednesday, 12/19

4:00 Respite Committee
5:00 Service of Hope and Light
5:30 Recharge Special Events

Thursday, 12/20

7:00 Sanctuary Choir

Needed...

...Ushers for the Hope and Light Service December 19, 5:00 p.m.
Family Christmas Eve Service 5:00 p.m. Please contact Wil Colton (871-2523).

...Advent Reader December 24, 7:00 p.m.

...Communion Assistants December 24, 7:00 & 9:00 p.m.

...Scripture Readers December 23, 11:00 a.m. and December 30, 8:15 & 11:00 a.m. Please contact Gwen Hamrick (259-0318).

WELCOME! WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!

We invite you to participate in all the ministries and activities of the congregation. Join us for coffee and fellowship in the Atrium before and after Sunday School.

If you are a first-time guest, we invite you to fill out the pink card in the pew rack and take it to the Atrium after worship where you will receive a "Welcome Gift."



Special ReCharge Wednesday Events December 19

The holiday season is hard for those whose hearts are hurting. You are not alone. Join us Wednesday, at 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary for *A Service of Hope & Light*, a gentle, contemplative worship service for those who are carrying pain or loss during this season.

Recharge Dinner

Join us for 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. for a delicious dinner of *baked chicken packets with boursin cheese and puff pastry, whipped potatoes, vegetable and dessert*. The cost for the meal is only \$6/adult, \$3/child (ages 3-12) with a \$20.00 family maximum. Please make a reservation online at <http://www.williamsburgumc.org/connect/recharge-wednesday>, call the Church Office by noon on Tuesday or by completing a dinner form found at Connection Corner or in the Sanctuary pew racks. *Recharge Dinners will resume January 9.*

"Carols 'Round the Chrismon Tree"

Join us at 6:30 p.m. for our annual tradition of caroling around the Chrismon Tree in the Atrium. Led by Andy Glascott and Anthony Williams, we will sing, read scripture and reflect upon the birth of Jesus. And because Christmas is always about expecting the unexpected, we will also enjoy a few new twists on some of the old songs! Hot chocolate and homemade Christmas cookies will round out our festivities, so please bring you family and friends to attend this all-age joyous occasion!



Youth

Children

Nursery available all
Sunday morning
Room 203

Worship Activity Bags
available outside
Sanctuary doors

All Children Are Welcome at WUMC.
If you are a visitor or guest, we invite you to join in!

LEARN, GROW, MAKE FRIENDS
Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

We welcome preschoolers through 5th grade to join us for Worship Place after the Moment of Teaching in Room 161. Age appropriate lessons, games and activities in a fun and safe environment. Come join us! Contact Martha Hernandez, Director of Children's Ministry (229-1771).

Youth Group

Morning: Join us in the Youth Center for a relaxed, informal "we've just served breakfast at the shelter" session.

Tonight: Ice-skating on DoG St. Please bring a \$10 gift for our exchange. Meet at the ice rink at 5:00 p.m. and please arrange to be picked up from there. Please bring extra money if you want to buy snacks from vendors: skating costs are covered.

Next Sunday, December 23: No evening Youth Group.

Children's Ministry Christmas Sweater Party

Break out that Christmas sweater (ugly or fancy) and join us today, December 16, for games, crafts, cookie decorating and caroling! The party will be held in Room 302 during the Sunday School hour and continue into Worship Place (please note the location change). Come get in the Christmas spirit with us! Questions? Contact Martha Hernandez (229-1771).



Children

Youth



**Selected Adult Sunday School Classes
Looking for An Advent Study?**

Searchers Class (Rm. 171): Advent Study, *"The Redemption of Scrooge."*

World Religions Class and Bishop McKendree Class (Rm. 102): Advent Study, *"Down to Earth."*

Marvin Willard Bible Class (Rm. 174): Advent Study, *"The Thrill of Hope."*

All classes are open, welcome new people and meet from 9:30 – 10:30 am Sunday mornings. For information on any class, contact Cindy Banek cbanek@williamsburgumc.org (229-1771).

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will begin meeting two times a month. We will meet in the Den Wednesday, January 9 and Thursday, January 24, 6-7:30 p.m. Come when you can, stay as long as you can. All are welcome; beginners and experienced who can knit or crochet.

CARE Committee...

...will provide rides to the doctor, helps with funeral receptions or will provide help when you are sick. **December** coordinators are Sally Burri (565-9893) and Judy French (565-1138). If you need **CARE**, please let the coordinators know at least 2 days in advance to arrange for assistance.

ReCharge in January

Christianity: The First Four Centuries

Beginning Wednesday, January 9 –
January 30, 6:10 – 7:00 p.m.

This class will follow the history of the early Christian movement from the years 30 CE to roughly 480 CE. Christian movement resided within greater Judaism. Conflict soon arose between the beliefs of mainstream Judaism and this new Jewish Christian sect. This conflict resulted in an eventual parting of the ways between what became two irreconcilable belief systems. Then, having separated from Judaism, the Christian movement had to define its doctrinal beliefs. This class will cover the early development of the movement that became Christianity. That coverage will be laid against the relevant unfolding political and military events within the Roman Empire. Leader: Ray Morgan. Register online or contact Cindy Banek (229-1771).

Advent Schedule

Dec. 23 Traditional Sunday Worship 8:15 & 11:00 a.m.

Events During Advent

Dec. 19, 5:00 p.m. – A Service of Hope and Light
6:30 p.m. Carols Round the Chrismon Tree

Christmas Eve

5:00 p.m. Family Worship & Children's Pageant
7:00 p.m. Candlelight Worship & Holy Communion
9:00 p.m. Candlelight Worship and Holy Communion

Christmas Day

10:00 a.m. Worship

*Childcare is available for Sunday services;
5:00 and 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve services.*

Our Volunteers

Thanks to the following church members who gave their time and talents to decorate the Sanctuary and exterior of our church this Christmas season: Kay Clapp, Patti Olsson, Elaine Reubush, Kathy Shield and Barbara Feagin. Thanks to Bob Simmons and Dick Bennett who hung our large wreaths at the front entrance. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Calling Disciples for *Disciple*

Only a few spaces remain in *Disciple Bible: Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study*. This opportunity for in-depth, transformative study of scripture brings together weekly video presentations by Bible scholars and dynamic small group discussion, built on the foundation of your daily discipline of reading scripture. Beginning Wednesday, January 2, 6:30 p.m. with an Information Session followed by the 17 week Old Testament study beginning the following week. Don't delay; register now by contacting Cindy Banek (229-1771). Leaders: Helen Casey-Rutland and David Hindman.

Contributions

According to the **IRS rules**, any donation recorded for 2018 must be dated December 31 or earlier and must be delivered to the church by December 31. Exception: mail to the church and be postmarked December 31 or before. Donations postmarked January 1 or after (even if check is dated in December) will be recorded as a 2019 donation. ***With end of year vacations and holiday closing of the church, please direct any questions about your 2018 contributions to Nethea Calloway by noon December 21 (229-1771).***

Advent Recipients

Local and Global Outreach have chosen the following beneficiaries for the Advent Offering:

The Virginia Veteran Services Foundation

RIDES Transportation Services

Hospice House & Support Care of Williamsburg

*Just Neighbors, ReHace,
United Methodist Family Services*

Look for detailed information on each of the beneficiaries in the *Messenger*.

TODAY'S SERVICE

Clergy: Bill Jones, Meghan Roth Clayton

Lighting the Advent Candle: 8:15: The Mason Family
11:00: Kent and Carol Brinkley

Director of Music Ministries: Lou-Anne Smith

Organist: Tom Marshall

Readers 8:15: Linda Upshaw **11:00** David Benedict

Greeters 8:15: Jim and Jean Clemens **11:00:** Dale and Frankie McHenry

Ushers 8:15: John Ayscue, Al Horine, Liam Joyner, Dick Morgan, Bill Mershon, Bob Simmons, Carrie van Leliveld **11:00:** Joye Barnes, Lee Barnes, Gene Bruss, Donna Coggins, Richard Coggins, Kay Colton, Wil Colton, Bill Hill, Barbara Monteith, Marty Monteith, Bob Spencer

Sound System 8:15: Lyman Hubbard **11:00:** Bud Rhodes

Worship Attendance	486
Sunday School.....	151
Messy Church.....	95

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Bill Jones, *Senior Pastor* (x 260)

Cindy Banek, *Dir. of Adult Discipleship & Christian Ed.* (x 258)

Lou-Anne Smith, *Director of Music Ministries* (x 107)

Anthony Williams, *Assoc. Dir. of Music for Children and Youth and Dir. Early Childhood Music School* (x 108)

Andy Glascott, *Youth Director* (x 259)

Nancy Reynolds, *Administrative Assistant* (x 252)

Martha Hernandez, *Director of Children's Ministry* (x 359)

Carolyn Yowell, *Director Respite Care* (x 354)

Thomas Redmond, *Director of Communications and Marketing* (x 353)

Meghan Roth Clayton, *Associate Pastor* (x261)

Helen Casey-Rutland, *Min. of Congregational Care* (x 357)

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

Nethea Calloway, *Finance Manager* (x 351)

Lianne Koch, *Administrative Assistant, Receptionist* (x 250)

Greg Whiteside, *Facilities Manager* (x 355)

Laura Pittman, *Director Kids Morning Out* (x208)

Max Blalock, *W&M Campus Minister* (229-6832)

Welcome To
WILLIAMSBURG UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
We Are Glad You Are Here!

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP 8:15 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Children can find soft **activity bags** just outside the Sanctuary.

Large print bulletins and **assisted listening devices** are available from the ushers. Those with a **"t-coil"** switch in their hearing aids can simply activate the switch.

SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES, GROUPS, AND BIBLE STUDY FOR ALL AGES 9:30 a.m.

Look inside or ask at Connection Corner just inside the parking lot entrance.

Visitors and guests are always welcome in every class and group!

MESSY CHURCH 2nd TUESDAY EACH MONTH

5:30 p.m.

Come as you are for all ages and families—crafts, games, music, dinner and more!

CHILDREN of all ages are always welcome in worship!

Nursery care for ages 3 and under is available all Sunday morning in the Nursery, Room 203.

Children ages 4 years old through 5th grade are invited to **The Worship Place**, in Room 161 after the Moment of Teaching during the 11:00 a.m. service.

YOUTH GROUP grades 6-12 meets Sundays 9:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Center, Room 180.

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

A Welcome Folder and brochures about church ministries are available at Connection Corner by the parking lot entrance and just inside the Jamestown Road entrance. Our website is filled with detailed information about our church, ministries, people, events and much more.

Check us out on www.williamsburgumc.org

INTERESTED IN BEING A PART OF WUMC?

Periodically we have an introductory meet and greet CONNECT 101 on Sunday morning in the Parlor, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Watch the church bulletin for the next date, complete the blue card in the pew rack and place in the offering plate, fill out on line or contact the Church Office.

PRAYER

Share prayer concerns on prayer cards located at the Jamestown Road entrance, at Connection Corner, in the pew racks, or by submitting the online prayer request on the Church website.

Prayer concerns will be added to the prayer chain and shared with the pastors and intercessory prayer group.

PASTORAL CONCERNS

We are a Stephen Ministry Church and provide trained, strictly confidential lay pastoral care for our congregation and community. Call one of the Pastors for information on how you can be connected to one of our Stephen Ministers.