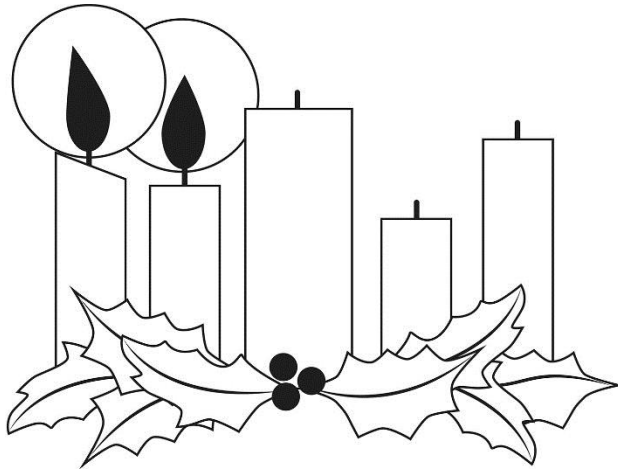


WILLIAMSBURG
UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH



SECOND SUNDAY
OF
Advent

December 9, 2018

Merciful God, during this holy season of Advent, grant me genuine repentance.

*Wherever I may have strayed from your love,
strengthen my resolve to get back on the path to holiness. Amen.*

PRELUDE

Savior of the Nations, Come
(Hugo Distler)

WELCOME

INTROIT

SING GLORIA
(Douglas E. Wagner)

Sanctuary Choir

*HYMN 211 *red book*

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL
(VERSES 1-7)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Look to the east. **Light is dawning this day.**
Look to the west. **Prepare for the journey ahead.**
Look to the north. **God is guiding our steps.**
Look to the south. **God is shining the warmth of love in our lives.**
Look to the heavens. **Christ is coming soon.**

*OPENING PRAYER

**We have prepared our homes, and our gifts, Lord, but we need help
in preparing our spirits to receive your message of Peace.
Free us from the stresses and strains of this time, and place your peace
which passes all our understanding in our hearts.
For we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Introducing the Advent Wreath
Lighting the Candle of Peace

HYMN 73 *red book*

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

**The candle of peace shines bright with God's plan;
The wolf will lie down and dwell with the lamb.
Our guns and our weapons, our hatred and war,
Will give way to gardens that heal and restore.**

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

GOSPEL LESSON

LUKE 1:68-79 (58 NT)

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

MUSICAL INTERLUDE	<i>O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL RING IN EXALTATION</i>	In Nomine Dei (8:15) Covenant Ringers (11:00)
NEW TESTAMENT LESSON		PHILIPPIANS 1:3-11 (196 NT)
SERMON	<i>Will We Ever Be Perfect?</i>	Rev. Bill Jones
*HYMN 228 <i>red book</i>		<i>HE IS BORN</i>
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>The Advent Carol</i> (Richard P. Gibala)	Sanctuary Choir
*DOXOLOGY 94 <i>red book</i>		
	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 uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!	
*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING		
*HYMN 209 <i>red book</i>		<i>BLESSED BE THE GOD OF ISRAEL</i>
*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING		
*CHORAL BENEDICTION	<i>A MERRY CHRISTMAS</i> (arr. Arthur Warrell)	Sanctuary Choir
*POSTLUDE	<i>NOËL: GRAND JEU ET DUO</i> (Louis-Claude Daquin)	Andrew Warrick, W&M organ student

The flowers in the Chancel are given to the Glory of God
in memory of Ellen Grant by Art Grant.

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
The Worship Place

Monday, 12/10

5:15 Orchestra Practice
6:30 Local Outreach
7:00 UMM Book Group
Stephen Ministry

Wednesday, 12/12

5:30 Recharge
6:00 Discipleship Classes
7:00 Sr. Pastor Advent Bible Study

Thursday, 12/13

10:30 Sr. Pastor Advent Bible Study
7:00 Sanctuary Choir

Welcoming Neighbors
Nurturing Faith
Transforming Our World

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."

Homeless Shelter This Week

Williamsburg United Methodist, St Stephen Lutheran and King of Glory Lutheran Churches will host the homeless shelter this week at WUMC. We are collecting DVDs, puzzle and paperback books, magazines, heavy coats and sweats (L-XL-XXL), socks, and rain gear). Please leave items outside the church office. Questions? Susan Cornett (220-2615).

The Power of Music Christmas Concert

Today 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., WUMC
Respite Open House & Refreshments
4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Featuring

The Covenant Ringers, In Nomine Dei Ringers, Joyful Noise Ringers, WUMC Sanctuary Choir, Congregational Carols, Tom Marshall, Organ and Testimonials from Respite Families

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).



Youth

Nursery available all
Sunday morning
Room 203

Worship Activity Bags
available outside
Sanctuary doors

Hat, Sock & Glove Tree

Don't forget the Hat, Glove, and Sock Christmas Tree located outside the office. This is a great family activity bringing warmth and happiness to children this Christmas season! All donations will be given to local charities. Collection continues through December 16.

Children's Ministry Christmas Sweater Party

Break out that Christmas sweater (ugly or fancy) and join us Sunday, 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).



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 have classes for preschool through 5th grade.
Room 207-Preschoolers

Room 302-Kindergarten through 2nd grade

Room 301-3rd grade through 5th grade

We welcome preschoolers through 5th grade to join us after the Moment of Teaching in our Worship Place Suite 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

This Morning: Join us in the Youth Center at 9:30 a.m. for an encounter with a woman at a well, another one of Jesus culture-upsetting moments.

Tonight: We're baking cookies for firefighters! Join us from 3:00 p.m. in the Wesley Foundation House next door to WUMC.

Messy Church in December

Our next Messy Church will be Tuesday, December 11, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. We will



celebrate Christmas the Messy way, so be sure to join us for snow balls, Christmas tiles and Nativity story stones as we learn about God's unconditional love as spoken to us in John 3:16-17. We will also serve our annual Christmas dinner with baked ham and all the trimmings! As always, never a fee to attend, and we enthusiastically welcome new families Questions? Contact Cindy Banek (229-1771).



United Methodist Women

Friendship Circle – December 11, 11:30 a.m.; pot luck lunch in Rm. 174.

Carol Scott Circle – December 11, noon; lunch at Waypoint Restaurant.

Sisters-In-Faith Circle – December 12 (*date change*) 6:30 p.m., Ford's Colony Clubhouse.

Wmsbg Landing Circle – December 18, 10:30 a.m. Wmsbg Landing Main Bldg. Gene Bloomwell will speak about Christmas in the early 1940's.

Calling Disciples for *Disciple*

Led by Helen Casey-Rutland and David Hindman, *Disciple: Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study*, is an opportunity for life transformation and growth in Christ. An information session will be held Wednesday, January 2, 6:30 p.m. and the 17 week study begins the following week. Register now by contacting Cindy Banek (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.



Special Recharge Event

December 19, 5:00 p.m.

Service of Hope and Light

The holiday season is hard for those whose hearts are hurting. You are not alone. Join us Wednesday, December 19, 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

December 19, 5:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall

Baked chicken packets with boursin cheese and puff pastry, whipped potatoes, vegetable and dessert
Followed by "Carols 'Round the Chrismon Tree"

ReCharge Wednesday

Our next ReCharge dinner will be December 12, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. for a delicious dinner of *glazed baked ham, cheddar cheesy potatoes, vegetable, roll 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/connection/recharge-wednesday>, call the Church Office by noon on Tuesday (229-1771), by completing a dinner form found at Connection Corner or in the Sanctuary pew racks.

"Carols 'Round the Chrismon Tree"

Following the ReCharge dinner on December 19, 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!

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.

Advent Recipients

On behalf of our congregation, Local Outreach 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, ReHac
United Methodist Family Services*

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

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).***

TODAY'S SERVICE

Clergy: Bill Jones, Meghan Roth Clayton

Lighting the Advent Candle: 8:15: Russ and Janet Henke **11:00:** The Bullock Family

Director of Music Ministries: Lou-Anne Smith

Organist: Tom Marshall

Readers 8:15: Rita Welty **11:00** Nathalie Bacskay

Greeters 8:15: Dave and Ruth Anderton **11:00:** Mel and Miriam Jones

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: Jimmy McCarter **11:00:** Roger Helmick

Worship Attendance465
Sunday School.....238

Alternative Giving Fair

Hope, healing and love will touch lives locally, nationally and globally as a result of donations totaling \$14,552.00 received by the 30 non-profit organizations represented at this year's Alternative Giving Fair. Thank you for your generous support of this outreach.

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Bill Jones, *Senior Pastor* (x 260)

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

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

Andy Glascott, *Youth Director* (x 259)

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

Nethea Calloway, *Finance Manager* (x 351)

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

Laura Pittman, *Dir. Kids Morning Out* (x208)

Greg Whiteside, *Facilities Manager* (x 355)

Meghan Roth Clayton, *Associate Pastor* (x261)

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

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

Carolyn Yowell, *Dir. Respite Care* (x 354)

Nancy Reynolds, *Administrative Assistant* (x 252)

Shari Kelley, *Bookkeeper* (x 350)

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

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

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.