

WILLIAMSBURG
UNITED
METHODIST
CHURCH

Welcoming Neighbors
Nurturing Faith
Transforming Our World

February 3, 2019
Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany



*God has been with us and knew us before we were ever born.
The one who calls us to love has been loving us longer than we have drawn breath.
Sink into the arms of Love this day and trust the hand that holds you.*

PRELUDE

ANDANTE RELIGIOSO
(Felix Mendelssohn)

*HYMN 261 *red book*

LORD OF THE DANCE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God is our refuge, **our rock and our shelter.**
The Lord is our hope, **who rescues us from trouble.**
God knows us from birth, **nurturing us with love and care.**
Praise be to our God! **Praise God at all times!**

*OPENING PRAYER

You know us, O God; you understand our worries and fears.
Open our hearts to your transforming love, that your word may grow
within us – building a community that bears all things, believes all
things, and hopes all things. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

JEREMIAH 1:4-10 (698 OT)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON

LUKE 4:21-30 (61 NT)

SERMON

The Gift of Rejection

Rev. Bill Jones

PRAYERS

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will,
we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry
of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear the good news:

While we were yet sinners, God sent Jesus into the world where he lived among us, died as one of us, and rose from death to life. That proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

ANTHEM/OFFERTORY

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

(David M. Cherwien)

Sanctuary Choir

*DOXOLOGY 94 *red book*

**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!**

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

(The minister continues this prayer of thanksgiving, concluding:)

And so, with your people on earth

And all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full – full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest,
hosanna in the highest.**

(The minister continues the prayer, recalling the institution of the Lord's Supper, concluding:)

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,
all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

Amen, amen, amen, amen.

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.**

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP *Please join in the singing:*

HYMN 591 *red book* *RESCUE THE PERISHING*

HYMN 593 *red book* *HERE I AM, LORD*

HYMN 600 *red book* *WONDERFUL WORDS OF LIFE*

HYMN 601 *red book* *THY WORD IS A LAMP*

HYMN 634 *red book* *NOW LET US FROM THIS TABLE RISE*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have
given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the
strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name
of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*HYMN 463 *red book*

LORD, SPEAK TO ME

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

ALLEGRO MAESTOSO
(Felix Mendelssohn)

The flowers in the Chancel are given to the Glory of God in loving remembrance
of Rose Marie Rock, sister of Dorothy Higbee and Anne Beckley.

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

Monday, 2/4

7:00 WUMM Book Group

Tuesday, 2/5

7:00 Staff Parish

Wednesday, 2/6

5:30 Recharge
6:15 Discipleship Classes
7:00 Sr. Pastor Bible Study

Thursday, 2/7

10:30 Sr. Pastor Bible Study
5:30 Bell Choir
7:00 Sanctuary Choir

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."

Recharge Dinner

Join us on February 6, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. for a delicious dinner of *beef stew with rustic bread 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](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.

CARE Committee...

...will provide rides to the doctor, helps with funeral receptions or will provide help when you are sick. Mary Ann Durboraw (253-9028) and Carol Schuster (208-0094) are the February coordinators. If you need **CARE**, please let the coordinators know at least 2 days in advance to arrange for assistance.

New ReCharge Class: "Sharing Your Faith Story"

In our rapidly changing culture of fewer interpersonal relationships, most people feel uncomfortable talking to others about their faith. For faithful Christians living in this secular world, it is essential to learn how to "tell the old story of Jesus and His love," claim their own faith, and proclaim the Good News to others. Join us for this 4-week class that will begin to equip you to speak and share spiritual conversations. Class begins Wednesday, February 6, 6:10 - 7:00 p.m. under the leadership of Cindy Banek. Call or email Cindy to register (229-1771) or cbanek@williamsburgumc.org



Children

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 have classes for preschool through 5th grade.
Room 207-Preschoolers
Room 302-Kindergarten through 2nd grade
Room 301-3rd grade through 5th grade

Youth Group

Morning: Join us in the Youth Center this morning at 9:30 a.m. for conversation, prayer and donuts. We will also take a look at prayer.

Evening: Breathe Café opens its doors tonight at 5:30 p.m. for all Middle and High School students. Join us for hotdogs, games and conversation.

Music

Joyful Noise Ringers (grades 2-6)
Sunday, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Bells of Praise (grade 7-12)
Sunday, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Canticles of Praise (grade 7-12)
Sunday, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Praise Band (grade 6-12)
Sunday, 5:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Wesley Choir (grades 1-6)
Thursday, 5:30 – 6:15 p.m.

*Questions? Contact
Anthony Williams, Director
(229-1771)*



Messy Church in February

All are invited to our next Messy Church on Tuesday, February 12 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Our theme is, “Self Confidence,” based on the story of Gideon in Judges 6:11-16. How do you think of yourself? Strong and mighty or scared and weak? Do you know that God thinks you are incredible? Come to Messy Church for crafts, games, Celebration Time and dinner – and learn how God can help you change your life! Questions? Contact Cindy Banek (229-1771).

Youth

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Homosexuality in Text and Context: What Does the Bible Say?

When asked what sources have contributed to their present attitudes and opinions concerning homosexuality, laypersons and clergy in major Protestant denominations name Scripture significantly more often than any other source as having contributed the most. In this three-week Senior Pastor's Bible Study we will examine the scripture texts that have been traditionally associated with homosexuality and what those texts mean for 21st century Christians. This study will be held on Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. and repeated on Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. beginning February 13/14.

The Search for Peace and Justice in the Holy Land

Wonder who the Christians of the Holy Land are, how they practice the faith, why they are important to the global Church, and what challenges Christianity faces there? Learn about this and more, through *The Search for Peace and Justice in the Holy Land*, a five-week small group created by Churches for Middle East Peace (CMEP), offered each Wednesday in Lent, March 13-April 17, 6:45-8:30 p.m., and led by David Hindman and David Benedict. Register now. Contact Cindy Banek cbanek@williamsburgumc.org or (229-1771).

Save The Date

Are you interested in learning more about the practice of spiritual disciples? Rev. Clayton will be offering a 3-week class on Wednesday evenings March 13, 20 and 27 after the ReCharge dinners.

Silver Saints in February

The Silver Saints will meet Wednesday, February 13 at noon in Fellowship Hall. Our program will feature music by Richard and Dana Newsome. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share for lunch and \$1.00 to cover the cost of fried chicken. We always welcome new people to come and enjoy the music and lunch! Also, for anyone who would like to participate in a picture contest, please bring a picture of yourself at a much younger age and we will try to guess who is in the picture. If you have questions about the Silver Saints, please contact Eloy Villa (564-0083).

Joining the Church

If you were a recent participant of **Connect 101**, the next joining Sundays will be February 10, February 17 and February 24. Call the Church Office (229-1771) to let us know if you want to join. Don't forget to turn in your Membership Information Form.

United Methodist Women

Olive Casey Circle – February 4, 9:30 a.m. Den.

Clarke/Heritage Circle - February 5, 9:45 a.m. Den. Service Project Program followed by lunch at a local restaurant.

Jean Craig Circle – February 5, 1:30 p.m. Brookdale Activities Room. Program “God using a person to bless others.”

Susanna Wesley Circle – February 6, 10:00 a.m. Rm. 309.

Friendship Circle – February 12, 10:30 a.m. Old Library. We will pack vitamins for the March Honduras mission team.

Carol Scott Circle – February 12, 1:00 p.m. Den. Program presented by Connie Magruder.

Sisters-In-Faith Circle – February 12, 7:00 p.m. Rm. 309. Program presented by Bill Jones.

Williamsburg Landing Circle – February 19, 10:30 a.m. Williamsburg Landing Main Building, 1st Floor next to kitchen.

United Methodist Women Book Club

The UMW Book Club will meet Monday, February 11, 7:00 p.m. at the home of Linda Upshaw, 101 Mathew’s Grant in Kingsmill. We will be reading and discussing *Together: United Methodists of the Temple, Tabernacle, and Table*, for our study on The Way Forward. All are welcome. For more information, please contact Carol Brinkley (258-0617).

United Methodist Men

Dave Masterson, President of Sentara Williamsburg Regional Medical Center, will be the guest speaker at the men's breakfast on Saturday, February 9 at 8:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Dave will discuss the "Heart Safe" program in Williamsburg. Join us for a full breakfast; cost is \$10.00. Contact John Tressler (259-1193) for a reservation. All are welcome.

UMW Candle Burning Ceremony

Please mark your calendars for **Saturday, March 2 at 10:00 a.m. for the UMW Candle Burning Ceremony**. All are invited to attend and enjoy this time of gathering for worship and friendship shared thru a special candle burning ceremony to honor and remember loved ones who are treasured in our hearts.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Prayer Shawls are a wonderful gift our ministers can give to someone who is sick, lonely, or mourning the loss of a loved one. The hope is that the recipient will feel the warmth of God's loving arms wrapped around them when they wear the shawl and know they are not alone.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on a Wednesday and Thursday each month in the Church Den from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. The next meeting dates will be: February 13 & 28, March 13 & 28, April 10 & 25, & May 8 & 23.

All are welcome – those who knit or crochet; beginners to experienced. Join us in the Den where we will knit/crochet and pray together. Yarn donations are being collected. Consider picking up a ball or two to help support this ministry. For questions, please contact Wendy Geiger (570-4656) or wendy.geiger@cox.net

Shepherd's Fold Ministry

During Lent, we will be delivering 25 wrapped shoeboxes filled with modest gifts to church members who are no longer able to attend worship. The intent is to include one little gift to unwrap each day of Lent. Each shoebox will contain the items listed below. If you would like to contribute, place items in the area marked "Shoe Box Gifts" by February 6. All donations should be unopened and unused. Questions? Contact Vikki DiToto (903-4976) or VikkiLynn@cox.net

Two each: *combs (no rat tails), pencils, click-type ink pens, Chapsticks, small note pads*

Travel sizes: *shampoo, hair conditioner, soap, deodorant, bath powder, toothpaste, mouthwash, tissue pack, hand lotion, pack of Band-Aids, Woolite pack.*

One each: *nail file, emery board, book mark, toothbrush, washcloth, small Easter-related trinket or solar-powered figurines; scotch tape, coasters, scented sachets, pencil sharpener.*

We can only accept two-piece shoeboxes; separate lid and bottom. Thanks!

2019 Confirmation Class

Pastor Meghan and Youth Director Andy invite youth in the 8th grade to participate in our 2019 Confirmation class. Grades 9th - 12th who have not been confirmed are welcome, too. In the United Methodist Church, Confirmation is an opportunity for people to recognize God's work of grace in their lives and embrace being disciples of Jesus Christ. Pastor Meghan will hold an interest meeting during the Sunday School hour, 10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. on **Sunday, March 17 in Room 161. Confirmation sessions will be held May 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 from 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. in Youth Center Rm. 180-182. Recharge dinner will be provided at no cost to the participants.** Confirmation Sunday will be on Pentecost Sunday, June 9.

Questions? Please contact Pastor Meghan at mclayton@williamsburgumc.org or Youth Director Andy Glascott at aglascott@williamsburgumc.org

Wesley Campus Ministry This Week

Today: Annual Interfaith Super Bowl party! The game will be on the big screen and plenty of food that is kosher/halal and vegetarian options, too!

Monday: Small Group, 6:00 p.m. in the Colony Room, Sadler.

Thursday: Fellowship 8:00 p.m. at Wesley.

Coming Up: Faith and Action trip to Birmingham and Atlanta for Spring Break!

We're just next door to the church at the Wesley House, which is your house!

Updates

If you have an **email address** you haven't shared with the church, or if you have changed your email address, please let us know so we may update our system. You will be able to get our weekly e-notes, deaths/services or other information deemed important to receive via email. Thanks!

TODAY'S SERVICE

Clergy: Bill Jones, Meghan Roth Clayton

Communion Servers: Bill Jones, Meghan Roth Clayton, Helen Casey-Rutland **(8:15):** Neil Bright **(11:00):** Jeanne Forrest

Assisting with Communion 8:15: Roy Geiger, Wendy Geiger, Patti Olsson, Holley Walling **11:00:** Drew, Judy, Kate and Lily Alexander

Director of Music Ministries: Lou-Anne Smith

Organist: Tom Marshall

Readers 8:15: Art Grant **11:00:** Frank Bacskey

Greeters 8:15: Bev and Joann Cox **11:00:** Dick and Pat Keiser

Ushers 8:15: Jack Jones, Liam Joyner, Bill Mershon, Jigger Sirois, Carrie van Leliveld, Anne Wilson, Gale Wilson **11:00:** Jean Bodine, Wil Colton, Bill Druschel, David Ertel, Fran Lane, Joann Lawson, Bill Hill, Cheryl Orr, George Sallwasser, Susan Sallwasser, Norb Smith, Buz Wilson

Sound System 8:15: Jimmy McCarter **11:00:** Bill Herman

Worship Attendance.....505
 Sunday School.....172

Estimates of Giving 2019:..... 318 pledges totaling
 \$1,167,051
 Giving Estimates 2018: 363 pledges totaling
 \$1,318,068
 Giving Estimates 2017:384 pledges totaling
 \$1,224,702

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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.

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.