

Williamsburg United Methodist Church

Welcoming Neighbors - Nurturing Faith - Transforming Our World



Woodcut Bible Illustration, American, 1850s

truly

*just as you did it
to one of the least of these*

you did it to me

Matthew 25:40b

November 26, 2023 - 8:15 and 11:00 a.m.
Christ the King Sunday

PRELUDE

Holy, Holy, Holy
(arr. M. Sherrill Kelsey)

INTROIT

Give Thanks to the Lord
(Hal H. Hopson)

Sanctuary Choir

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

**Worship the Lord with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.**

Know that the Lord, who made us, is God.

**we are the Lord's, we are his people,
the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!

Give thanks and bless his holy name!

For the Lord is good;

his steadfast love endures forever; his faithfulness to all generations.

*HYMN

O Worship the King
(verses 1,2 and 5)

UMH 73 (red book)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, Lord, for even in coming to worship
we do not always expect to encounter you.

We take refuge in routines of religion.

We prefer to keep you at a safe distance, so as to live in complacent comfort.

**We hesitate to acknowledge your authority as our Just and Merciful King,
and thus we live according to lesser claims on our allegiance.**

We ask that you seek us out, as we are,

and give us a vision of what we may become.

Hear, O God, our silent confessions to you...

[for a moment we confess our need for grace]

Thank you, Lord, for sending to us the King who came not to be served,
but to serve, who has taken away our guilt
and provided for us a place in the Kingdom that is coming.

Amen.

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.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 24:3, 25:31-46 (28 NT)

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Christ Is the King
(John Eggert)

Sanctuary Choir

MESSAGE

Holy Habit

Dave Rochford

*HYMN

The King of Glory Comes

TFWS 2091 (black book)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH 895 (red book)

**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.**

OFFERTORY

All Creatures of Our God and King
(arr. Hal H. Hopson)

Covenant Ringers
8:15 a.m.

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need
(arr. Nancy Tipton)

Koinonia Belles
11:00 a.m.

*DOXOLOGY

UMH 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 up-lifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*HYMN

Crown Him with Many Crowns

UMH 327 (red book)

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

BENEDICTION

God's Hand Shall Lead You
(Hal H. Hopson)

Sanctuary Choir

POSTLUDE

Rejoice in the Lord
(James Mansfield)

The flowers in the Chancel are given to the Glory of God
in loving memory of Jim Hewitt by Deborah Hewitt, Linda Upshaw and families.

THIS ALSO IS OUR WORSHIP

Welcome to Williamsburg United Methodist Church

If an event or ministry below captures your interest, we would love to know about it.
Please call us at 757 229-1771.

Welcoming Neighbors – Nurturing Faith – Transforming Our World

A Special Welcome to Our Guests

To those visiting with us today, we are delighted to have you worship with us. Please stop by the Hospitality Table in our Atrium after the service, so a team member can provide you with a welcome gift. Come back to be with us again!

Adult Sunday School Classes

The following groups are meeting each Sunday at Church from 9:30–10:30 a.m. **Aldersgate Fellowship:** Wesley Hall, **Bishop McKendree:** Rm. 102, **Marvin Willard:** Rm. 174, **Searchers:** Rm. 309, **Walking the Footsteps:** Rm. 160.

Join the **Marvin Willard Sunday School Class** for the new study, *Almost Christmas: A Wesleyan Advent Christmas*, to consider breaking down the barriers that prevent us from experiencing the fullness of love, hope, joy, and peace in Christ in our lives and in the world around us. The promises God offers to us makes this longing for fullness a reality, inviting us to claim those promises for ourselves this Advent in preparation for Christmas as well as the Christian year.

Join the **Searchers Sunday School Class**, 4 Sundays beginning today for *While We Wait: Living the Questions of Advent*. Coming from a fresh angle, make time in Advent to connect with your own faith questions. Together with others, go deeper into the different levels in which we engage God through real-life struggles and questions that are a legitimate part of Advent's spiritual exploration.

Questions relating to Sunday School Classes? Contact Deacon Troy tsims@williamsburgumc.org or visit www.tinyurl.com/wumc-adult-ss

Advent Bible Study: Heaven and Earth

Advent is a time of reflective self-searching as a means of preparing for the birth (and re-birth) of Christ in our lives. So, join Pastor Dave in an Advent Bible Study beginning Wednesday, November 29, 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall and Thursday November 30, 10:30 a.m. via Zoom. Pastor Dave will use Will Willimon's book, *Heaven and Earth: Advent and the Incarnation*, to help guide this time of reflection to find the God who not only cares about us but is willing to show up among us and get to work with us, here and now. To register, visit www.tinyurl.com/wumc-pastors-study; those needing the Zoom link will receive it this way. For more info, contact Pastor Dave or Deacon Troy 757 229-1771.



Help Decorate the Church for Christmas

It's almost time to decorate our church for the upcoming Advent and Christmas season and we'd love your help!

- **Wednesday, November 29, 9:00 a.m.**

Contact Debbie Bruss dsbruss@cox.net or 757-903-6944 if you can help. Thanks.

Daily Devotionals

Would you like to receive daily devotionals in your email during special times of the year like Advent and Lent? Visit www.tinyurl.com/wumc-devotional and share your email address.

CARE Committee...

...will provide rides to the doctor or will provide help when you are sick. Carol Schuster 757 603-2574 and Karen Red 757 532-6893 are the November coordinators. If you need **CARE**, please let the coordinators know at least 2 days in advance to arrange for assistance.

**Williamsburg
United Methodist Church
Williamsburg UMC Sanctuary Choir
and
Community Chorus
The Handel Chamber Orchestra
and
Soloists:**

*Ian Lane, tenor;
Kelly Montgomery, contralto;
Chris Mooney, bass;
Michelle Trovato, soprano*

**presents
George Frideric Handel's**

Messiah

**Friday, December 1, 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 2, 5:00 p.m.**



Poinsettias... are a Christmas tradition at WUMC. A gift of \$23 or more enables a poinsettia to be placed in honor or memory of loved ones. Make your check payable to WUMC. Please return to Nancy Reynolds.

Deadline – December 3. I would like _____ poinsettia or
I would like to make a financial gift _____

(Print) In memory of:

(Print) In honor of:

(Print) Given by:



Messy Church

Our special Christmas Edition of the family friendly Messy Church will be Tuesday, December 12 at 5:30 p.m. for a time of free play, crafts, games, worship celebration, and free meal!

Paws For Stress – December 13



Volunteer bakers needed for Wesley Campus Ministry's largest event of the semester, **Paws for Stress!** All William & Mary students are invited to stop by the house to take a break from the stress of exams with home baked cookies, hot cocoa, pups and other pets! Please drop off any home-baked cookies at the Wesley House next door to the church by 4:00 p.m. on December 13. If you need someone to pick up your donation, please contact Karen Robins at robinsfam10@hotmail.com or 757 647-6741. Thank you!

Stephen Ministry...

...will offer a 50-hour training class to prepare people to serve as Stephen Ministers. The class will be comprised of people from our church and other Williamsburg-area Stephen Ministry congregations, and will meet weekly on Tuesday evenings from mid-January to mid-May 2024. Those feeling called to support those suffering a difficult time in their lives in a one-on-one supportive relationship are welcome to apply for a spot in this class. Contact Carol Schuster 757 603-2574 Applications are due Dec. 15.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Nov 27 7:00 p.m..... UWF Board
Nov 28 7:00 p.m..... Church Council

Youth

Join us each Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. in the Youth Room. *For students 6th to 12th grade.*

Volunteer Helpers

A few more people are needed to put envelopes and cards in pew racks and tidy up the book areas preparing the **Sanctuary for Worship Services**. It's an important duty, not a large time commitment - only once a month, 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Contact Sandy Simmons 757 564-6885 if you are interested. Thanks!

Special Advent Offering & "New" Alternative Gift Market

For each Sunday in Advent, we ask you to prayerfully consider financially supporting the organizations chosen by your Local & Global Outreach Committees. The worthy causes this year include:

- Peninsula Pastoral Counseling Center - Offers professional counseling and consultation in a faith context.
- Colonial CASA - Court-Appointed Special Advocates.
- Community Benevolence Fund - Provides for individuals in our community in need of financial assistance.
- Laos Church Building - Working to build a church community in south Laos.
- Cambodia Women's Livelihood Project - Provides relevant help to women in need and offers various trainings to empower women living in the countryside of Cambodia.

Your gift to the general Advent Offering will be equally divided among these projects. "New" this year is a modified Alternative Gift Market. If you'd like to make a gift of at least \$25 to any of the organizations above, we'll provide a card that you can gift to a loved one, noting that you gave a gift in their honor to support that mission. If you give \$75, we'll give you 3 cards. Questions? Contact Deacon Troy Sims tsims@williamsburgumc.org or 757-229-1771.

Today's Service

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

Director of Worship Arts: Lou Anne Smith

Guest Organist: Barbara Stahl

Readers 8:15: Linda Upshaw **11:00:** Laura Viancour

Acolyte 11:00: Micah Sims

Greeters 8:15: Dan Squier, Cynthia Garman-Squier **11:00:** Marijane Harper, Ginger Palmore

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

Nursery Care Provider: Kristina Wolf

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The Deadline for *This Also Is Our Worship*: Tuesday, 5:00 p.m. Please submit to Nancy Reynolds.

November 19 Worship Attendance.....	511
In Person 11:00 a.m.	285
In Person 8:15 a.m.	145
Online.....	81

Welcome to Williamsburg United Methodist Church

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PART OF WUMC?

Speak with any of our Pastors, Revs. Meghan Roth Clayton, Dave Rochford or Troy Sims, after the service or call 757 229-1771. They will be delighted to get to know you.

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

Live streaming of worship...

will be available each Sunday at 11:00 a.m. <https://www.williamsburgumc.org/worship/livestream-services>, and the recorded service will be available at <https://www.williamsburgumc.org/worship/sunday-worship> by mid-afternoon Sunday. Upon entering the Sanctuary, understand that we are posting images to our media platforms. If you are uncomfortable with this, please let the ushers know you need to sit in an area away from camera angles. We are happy to accommodate!

Assisted listening devices...

are available from the ushers. Those with a "*t-coil*" switch in their hearing aids can simply activate the switch. Please advise an usher if you have this need.

Need a Quiet Place During Worship?

Next to the Chapel, the Den is open as a quiet place during Worship. It's equipped to watch worship livestream, has a partitioned feeding area and a diaper changing station for parents and caregivers.

Nursery

Care is available for Pre-K and younger in the Seedlings Room 207. Our trained and background-checked care providers are ready to welcome your little ones during Worship and Sunday School.

CLASSES, GROUPS, AND BIBLE STUDY...

Please see the church website at www.williamsburgumc.org for a variety of choices. These are conducted both in person and by Zoom. We are always eager to welcome guests and new friends.

MESSY CHURCH

Messy Church held every second Tuesday, 5:30–7:30 p.m. This is an all-age worship experience that includes crafts, games, Celebration Time and dinner. Questions? Contact Zach Griggs

FAMILY MINISTRIES

We are committed to walking alongside families of all kinds on the lifelong journey of faith. Children are invited to grow in relationship with God and each other through Messy Church, Children's Worship, and fun fellowship events. Youth meet weekly on Wednesdays during the school year to grow as disciples through study and service, and to have fun together. Resources are available for parents and caregivers, and Zach would love to talk with you anytime about the joys and challenges of family life. Contact Zach at zgriggs@williamsburgumc.org to learn more.

Interested in Youth Choir? Contact Anthony Williams awilliams@williamsburgumc.org

PRAYER

Contact the church office to speak to a pastor or submit a prayer request via the church website. Prayer concerns will be added to the prayer chain if desired or shared with the pastors and our intercessory prayer group. Prayer cards are located at Connection Corner and in the Narthex.

SUPPORT AND CARE

We are a Stephen Ministry Church and provide trained, strictly-confidential lay pastoral care for our congregation and community. Contact one of the Pastors for information on how you can be connected to one of our Stephen Ministers 757 229-1771.