

Williamsburg United Methodist Church

Welcoming Neighbors - Nurturing Faith - Transforming Our World

November 5, 2023 - 8:15 and 11:00 a.m.

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

All Saints Sunday



I want you woven into a tapestry of love,
in touch with everything there is to know of God.

Colossians 2:2-4 *The Message*

PRELUDE

Song of Peace

(Jean Langlais)

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*We gather here in Jesus' name, his love is burning in our hearts like living flame;
for through the loving Son the Father makes us one: Come, take the bread;
come, drink the wine; come, share the Lord.*

*We'll gather soon where angels sing: we'll see the glory of our Lord and coming King;
now we anticipate the feast for which we wait: Come, take the bread; come, drink the wine;
come, share the Lord.*

*HYMN

God, We Walk Through Death's Deep Valley

(Carolyn Winfrey Gillette)

**God, we walk through death's deep valley, where such grief and pain abound.
In the midst of so much sorrow, Where, we ask, can you be found?
Where are hope and reassurance? Who will take away our fear?
God, we trust your presence with us: In our sorrow, you are here.**

**As an ordinary pebble tossed upon a quiet pond
Sends out rings of rippling waters, moving waters far beyond —
So we touch the lives of others; We are moved by how they live.
Help us, in our joy, remember; help us, in our pain, forgive.**

**"Do not let your hearts be troubled," Jesus said to those he loved.
"There are many dwelling places in my Father's house above."
Jesus, you have gone before us; Jesus, you will guide us there.
Lord, we trust your hand to lead us to the place that you prepare.**

**We hold onto what you promise: Earth and heav'n will be made new.
Then your home will be among us; we will always dwell with you.
There will be no sound of weeping; you will wipe away each tear.
God, we trust your promise to us: Now and always, you are here.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

by Beth Merrill Neel

It is in our confession where we realize our desire for God and our hope for God's mercy.
It is in admitting the truth of our lives that we take the first step toward wholeness
and healing. So let us make our confession, first in silent prayer.

[a time of silent confession]

**God of all the saints, God of all the sinners, hear our prayer.
We would be saintlike — holy, good, patient, loving. But we end up
feeling more like sinners — full of failures of morality, selfish, mean.**

Perhaps you see us simply as human – as beloved, and flawed, and trying, and failing, and succeeding. In all of this, forgive the wrong that we have done and bless the good we have accomplished. Keep on loving us, and helping us, and molding us more and more into the image of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Friends, hear this Good News: the love of God is beyond measure, and you are included in that love. Know that you are forgiven and thus freed to love and serve. Alleluia! 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

Revelation 7:9-14, 21:1-7, 22:1-5 (249 NT)

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

No Night There
(Dan Forrest)

Sanctuary Choir
Jeannie Niebel, violin

MESSAGE

A Future with Hope

Meghan Roth Clayton

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

RECOGNITION OF THE COMMUNION TABLECLOTH

OFFERTORY

For the Fruit of All Creation
(Frank Stoldt)

*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!**

PRESENTING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

from Rev. Beth Quick

Holy, holy, holy! God, you are most holy.

We lift up our hearts to you. Together, voices raise:

**We, your people gather, at the table gather!
God, in thanksgiving, now we sing your praise.**

You, O God, have formed us, shaped us in your image.
Breathed in us the breath of life and gave to us the earth.

**Still, we turn away, God. Still, we wander from you.
God, you are calling. Let us hear your words!**

God of priests and prophets, God of all disciples,
God of all the faithful who have run their course in faith:
Saints whose lives inspire us, holy friends who've shaped us,
God, for this witness, we give thanks and praise.

*A bell will chime twice, at the conclusion of reading all names
and again after an invitation to share others on our hearts.*

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

*Frank Bacskay
Albert Bills
Mary Black
Gene Bloomwell
William Bodie
Virginia Bolender
Nancy Brown
Mary Buckley
Steve Clemens
Orene Coffman
Marcy Coomer
Shaun Desmond
Kathy Dodge
Louise Eberhard*

*Holland Fairchild
Katherine Frey
Terry Gohsman
Becky Griggs
Chris Hagey
Coralie Hartung
James Hewitt
Vandal Holman
Al Horine
Joe Inge
Jerre Johnson
Jack Jones
Mel Jones
Miriam Jones*

*Bob Kirts
William Kyle
Roger Lindley
Janis Locke
Bob MacDowell
Chris Mason
Bob McKnight
Gordon McNaughton
Ted Miller
David Moorman
Sue Moreland
Bobbie Nelson
Billie Norwood
Loretta Nunn*

*Becky Paden
David Page
Fred Potts
Frank Robert
Scott Robert
Rachel Rochford
James Sanders
Sharon Sams
Bryan Schempf
Donna Smith
Vince Sutlive
Elizabeth Thorpe
Margaret Wheeler
William Wright
Rebecca Zehmer*

**Holy, holy, holy, God of light and glory
Blessed is the one who comes – carrying your name
Holy, holy, holy, you are most holy.
You sent us Christ to usher in your reign.**

Gathered at the table, sharing with disciples
Jesus took and broke the bread as he gave thanks to you.
"Take and eat this bread, friends, symbol of my body.
Share and remember these my words to you."

When the meal was over, Jesus shared the wine
"Drink from this, the cup of life, forgiveness shared with you."
Jesus, we remember. Jesus, we are grateful.
Gift of redemption, covenant made new.

**Holy God, we praise you! All the saints adore you.
All their days they walked your ways and followed Jesus Christ.
In this bless'd communion, we are all your people,
Then, now, and always, to eternal life.**

Holy, Holy, Holy! God pour out your Spirit.
Make these gifts become for us the body and the blood.
Make us hands and feet, God. Christ for the world!
We are redeemed, God, made new in your love.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH 895 (red book)

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

Those who prefer to remain in the pew and receive elements may do so; an usher will bring these to you when the time comes. Those wishing to come forward may either stand or kneel as they receive bread and juice, pray and then return to their seats by the side aisle. Finally, persons requiring gluten-free elements may obtain these both at the rail or from our ushers in the pew.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION *(Please join in the singing:)*

HYMN 2283 *black book* *For All the Saints*
HYMN 2269 *black book* *Come, Share the Lord*
HYMN 2266 *black book* *Here Is Bread, Here Is Wine*
HYMN 2226 *black book* *Bind Us Together*
HYMN 2224 *black book* *Make Us One*

*PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

**Sent forth from the table, thankful for the mystery,
Thankful for this holy meal in which we share in Christ,
Joining with your saints, God, we are Christ's body.
Sent forth to change the world, giving others life.**

*HYMN

Shall We Gather at the River

UMH 723 (red book)

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

For All the Saints
(Arthur Hutchings)

The flowers in the Chancel are given to the Glory of God
in memory of Jennifer, Pete and Jean Morris by Elgin Morris

*** congregation invited to stand**

At the conclusion of our services, those wishing to hear the Postlude in its entirety are invited to remain seated.

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!

In-Person and ZOOM Adult Sunday School Classes

The following groups are meeting each Sunday at Church or ZOOM from 9:30–10:30 a.m.

Aldersgate Fellowship: Wesley Hall – *Galatians* with Dick Soulen

Bishop McKendree: Rm. 102 - Discuss Chapters 1-7 of Peter Enns' *How the Bible*

Actually Works

Marvin Willard: Rm. 174 - How We Got to General Conference 2024 with Troy Sims

Searchers: Rm. 309 and ZOOM - *Shiny Gods: Finding Freedom from Things That Distract Us*
Meeting ID: 879 6350 3829 | Passcode: 595342

Walking the Footsteps: Rm. 160 - A Small Group experience for a deepened understanding of the Christian journey of faith.

Contemporary Christian Life: Rm. 171 - A Small Group experience focused on finding healthy boundaries in life.

Questions? Contact **Deacon Troy Sims** tsims@williamsburgumc.org or 757 229-1771.

Charge Conference

Date: Sunday, November 5-TODAY

Time: 2:30 p.m.

Location: Chestnut Memorial UMC, 1024 Harpersville Rd., Newport News

Update On My Refuge House

On Monday, November 6, noon – 2:00 p.m., bring your lunch to the Wesley House next door to the church and learn about one of your Global Outreach committee's missions. My Refuge House works toward hope, healing, and restoration with survivors and communities impacted by sexual exploitation in the Philippines. Questions? Contact Deacon Troy Sims tsims@williamsburgumc.org or 757 229-1771.

Messy Church November 14 - 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

All are welcome to enjoy the crafts, games, celebration and dinner with us. Come and see for yourself what happens during this special time of fellowship, fun and worship. Questions? Please contact Zach Griggs 757 229-1771.



Historic Area Religions Together (HART)...

...will host its 6th Annual Thanksgiving Service Monday, November 20 at 7:00 p.m. at Walsingham Academy. HART is a group of community leaders, including our pastoral team, representing diverse faith and religious traditions. Through friendship and collegiality, HART builds unity and seeks the common good in Greater Williamsburg. All are welcome to this service of giving thanks while acknowledging the realities of grief, conflict, and strife in the world. Coming together is something for which we can be grateful.

Walking With Gratitude & Praise

Please join Linda Upshaw and Betsy Harrison at the church parking lot banner entrance each Wednesday evening at 4:00 p.m. (*note change of time*) for a walk down Duke of Gloucester Street. Walk at your own pace and enjoy the company of friends in faith.

Understanding Your Grief

Find support, fellowship and hope among others experiencing grief. Using Dr. Alan Wolfelt's book *Understanding Your Grief* and the accompanying journal, Rev. David Hindman and Stephen Ministry Leader Nancy Rivero will guide you through a 5-week series, beginning on Sunday, October 22 and ending Sunday, November 19, Rm. 174 at 4:00 p.m. Pre-registration is required at www.tinyurl.com/wumcgriefgroup Questions? Contact Pastor Meghan at 757-229-1771.

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.

2024 Flower Calendar...

...is located outside the Sanctuary on the bulletin board. The cost for next year will be \$80.00. Sign up now! Please call the church office when it's your week for recognition in the bulletin.



Carol Brinkley Memorial Book Club

Our next gathering will be held on **Monday November 13, at 7:00 p.m.** We will be discussing **Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools** by Monique W. Morris. This selection is available in several formats – video, audio book, TED Talks, print; many of which are available in our Williamsburg Regional Library (WRL). The movie can be streamed for free via TUBI TV; or downloaded for free from our WRL using their Kanopy app; or rented from Amazon Prime Video.

Save the Date... United Methodist Men Churchwide Fellowship Breakfast November 18. See *The Messenger* for more info or make a reservation at www.tinyurl.com/wumc-umm-breakfast.

Grief Workshop

Certified Life/Grief & Loss Coach Jeanne Forrest will lead a workshop called "Remembering During the Holidays" on Thursday, November 16 at noon in Room 174. This will be an especially helpful workshop for those who are navigating grief during the holiday season. We will have some lunch refreshments for participants.

United Women in Faith Circle Meetings

Friendship Circle will meet November 14, 10:00 a.m. in Room 174.

Sisters in Grace will meet November 14, at 1:00 p.m. in Room 309.

Carol Scott Circle will meet November 14 at 1:00 p.m. in the Resource Room.

Sisters in Mission will meet November 14 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 309.

Remember Those 40,000 Meals We Packed in September?

Some have been shipped to Nicaragua and others have been shipped to Madagascar. Thank you SO much for your generosity of time, energy and money. You are making a difference!

November Committees

Nov 8	5:30 p.m.	Welcome & Hospitality
Nov 13	5:30 p.m.	.....	KMO Board
	6:30 p.m.	.....	Local Outreach
Nov 14	5:30 p.m.	.....	Messy Church
Nov 16	6:00 p.m.	.....	Trustees
Nov 20	4:30 p.m.	.....	Stephen Ministry
Nov 27	7:00 p.m.	.....	UWF Board
Nov 28	7:00 p.m.	.....	Church Council

Today's Service

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

Director of Worship Arts: Lou Anne Smith

Organist: Tom Marshall

Readers 8:15: Zach Griggs **11:00:** Soren Ericksen

Acolyte 11:00: Sarah Yaneza

Assisting with Communion 8:15: Linda Baker, Ginger Barr, Joy Mair, Terri Morgan

11:00: Johanna Berry, Bo Bohannon, Barbara Monteith, Bettie Morris

Greeters 8:15: Laura Viancour **11:00:** Pam Christensen, Tom Christensen

Sound and Livestream: Jimmy McCarter, Lily Alexander, Josh Clayton

Nursery Care Provider: Kristina Wolf, Marcella LeGrand

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

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