



The Land of Beginning Again

August 7, 2022



The congregation of Washington Street UMC praises and serves God from the heart of the city in ways that reach our neighbors near and far. We welcome and affirm all who seek the love and mercy of Christ regardless of race, creed, age, gender, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, or economic status. We honor traditions as rooted in our history, our expression of worship, and our respect for theological curiosity. We nonetheless see vital change and ongoing renewal as essential for spiritual growth.



WASHINGTON STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

August 7, 2022 | 9th Sunday after Pentecost | Liturgical Color: Green

*(As our worship begins, please silence any electronic devices.
Portable hearing devices are available in the Narthex. Please ask an usher for assistance.)*

GATHERING IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

PRELUDE

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather in the name of the living Christ to worship God.

All: Surely, God is in this place and calls us to worship in spirit and in truth.

One: God's love is for you and for all people everywhere.

All: That we may share God's love and life, may we be renewed in the refreshing Spirit of the living Christ.

One: The living Christ is with us.

All: Let us celebrate Christ's presence and love in our midst. Amen.

*HYMN #103

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

Words: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867 (1 Tim. 1:17)

Music: Welsh melody from Canaidau y Cyssegr, 1839; adapt. By John Roberts

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #883 A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

*THE GLORIA PATRI #70

MEINEKE

Words: Lesser Doxology, 3rd-4th cent.

Music: Charles Meineke, 1844

MORNING PRAYER

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Rev. Becky Shirley

(After the Children's Moments, children 2 yrs. to first grade may be dismissed to Children's Church.)

OFFERTORY

For Everyone Born

arr. Tom Trenney

Soloist: Maria Beery

Bassoon: Bob Evans

(Giving is easy! Place your gift in the offering plate; text the word "CONNECTIONS" to the number 73256; donate through Realm Connect; visit us online at wsmethodist.org/giving; mail a check to WSUMC, 1401 Washington St., Columbia, SC 29201; or scan the QR code on the back of the bulletin.)

Words: Thomas Ken, 1674
Music: Attr. to Louis Bourgeois, 1551

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ephesians 2:1-10

SERMON

“The Land of Beginning Again”

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION: UMH pg. 12

The Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Confession and Pardon

The Great Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

The Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

Communal Music

Celtic Laud
Soloist: Bob Evans
Flute: Rebecca Rebl

Craig Courtney

We will be participating in continuous communion today with the ushers directing the congregation to the chancel area to receive communion. After you have received the elements, you are invited to either kneel at the chancel rail in prayer as long as you would like or you may simply return to your pew to engage in silent prayer and reflection.

*HYMN #529

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

Words: “K” in Rippon’s Selection of Hymns, 1787 (2 Tim. 2:19; Heb. 13:5; Is. 43:1-2)

Music: Early USA Melody; harm. from Tabor, 1866

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Congregation standing. If standing is uncomfortable, please remain seated and continue your participation.
When our worship ends, our service begins!*

**Church-Wide
Celebration Lunch**
Sunday, Aug. 21
12:00-2:00 pm | Threatt Hall

Bring a side or dessert.
Drinks & meat provided!

Enjoy presentations on
Salkehatchie & Ecuador!



As our students and educators will be starting a new school year the week of August 14th, it is a time of great excitement and also great anxiety for many. As a reminder that God is with us in all things, children, youth and educators are invited to bring their backpacks to the worship service on Sunday, August 14, as we offer a special time of blessing for the coming school year.

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PRAYER THOUGHT

You will call, and the Lord will answer. You will cry for help, and He will say "Here I am."

PRAYER LIST

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David Byrum
Laura Collins
Heidi Conte
Mickey Epting
Rev. Paul Harmon
Bud Harrelson
Karen Horne

Lisa Johnson
Debby Joyner
Rev. Judy King
Martha Helen King
Mike LeFever
Malcolm Lemons
Paul McClanahan
David Middleton

Genie & Ron Quinn
Frances "Tut" Robertson
Rick Rowe
Boyd Saunders
Stephanie Saunders
Sarah Threatt
Edee Vaughan
Jim Ward

SERVING TODAY

Director of Music	Nicholas Todd Shumate
Piano	Dr. Rick Frierson
Ushers	Tommy Betenbaugh, Lee Smith
Sound/Video	Charles Garren/Lynn Shirley
Visitor Cards	Suzanne Joye
Pew Maintenance	Sarah Jones
Nursery	Mackenzie Powers, Jane Polk
Children's Church	Mackin Wall
Online Service Moderator	Ed McClain

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

(YTD as of 8-3-22):

Church Budget: \$865,000

Church Actual	\$323,230
Soup Cellar	\$43,719
Foundation	\$22,930

SCAN TO GIVE



Aldersgate Special Needs Ministry operates three Christian homes for adults with developmental disabilities. Residents are active in the community and are encouraged to be as independent as possible. Aldersgate does not receive funds from apportionments. Next Sunday, August 14, is designated as Aldersgate Special Needs Ministry Sunday by the SC Conference. Your support allows us to care for our residents and homes, as well as plan for the future. Visit aldersgatespecialneedsministry.org to make an online donation.



Attendance on 7/31/22: 82 (in-person); 95 (online as of 8/3/22); TOTAL = 177

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