



A New Year

January 1, 2023

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.



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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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January 1, 2023, 1st Sunday after Christmas/ White

(As our worship begins, please silence any electronic devices.

Portable hearing devices are available in the Narthex. Please ask an usher for assistance.)

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

May God make our year a happy one!

Not by shielding us from all sorrows and pain,

But by strengthening us to bear it, as it comes;

Not by making our path easy,

But by making us sturdy to travel any path;

Not by taking hardships from us, but by taking fear from our heart;

Not by granting us unbroken sunshine,

But by keeping our face bright, even in the shadows;

Not my making our life always pleasant,

**But by showing us when people and their causes need us most, and by making us
anxious to be there to help.**

God's love, peace, hope and joy to us for the year ahead.

Amen!

*HYMN #242

Love Came Down at Christmas

GARTAN

Words: Christina G. Rossetti, 1885

Music: Trad. Irish melody; harm. By David Evens, 1927; alt.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we come before you to confess our sins. We confess that we have turned the page in our calendar, but still haven't fully turned our hearts to you. We confess that we too often seek fulfillment in human potential rather than in the peace, instruction, and new life you offer us. We confess that we would rather chart our own course than submit to your loving design. Gracious God, help us to remember that true life is found only in you. Give us courage to follow the radical path of Jesus in this New Year. Let us be lights that reflect your love and truth to our friends and neighbors so that they may know that the power of sin has been broken. Let this be the year we seek Your glory more than our own. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; 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.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #881 The Apostles' Creed

*THE GLORIA PATRI #70

MEINEKE

Words: Lesser Doxology, 3rd-4th cent.
Music: Charles Meineke, 1844

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

OFFERTORY

(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.)

SOLO

What child is this?
Soloist: Cody Lidge

arr. Mack Wilbery

*DOXOLOGY #95

OLD 100th

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 46

SERMON

A New Year

Rev. Alston Lippert

*HYMN #641

Fill My Cup, Lord
Words: Richard Blanchard, 1959
Music: Richard Blanchard, 1959; arr. By Eugene Clark, 1971

Fill My Cup

GREAT THANKSGIVING (See insert)

*HYMN #238

Angels We Have Heard on High
Words: Trad. French carol; *Crown of Jesus*, 1962, alt. (Lk. 2:6-20)
Music: French carol melody; arr. By Edward Hippen Barnes, 1937;
harm, by Austin C. Lovelace, 1964

GLORIA

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

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PRAYER THOUGHT

Each year is a new beginning. Try to do what is right, do your best, and put your trust in God.

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David Byrum
Dr. Walter Dean
Mickey Epting
Pat Griffin
Rev. Paul Harmon
Karen Horne

Lisa Johnson
Debby Joyner
Martha Helen King
Mike LeFever
Paul McClanahan
David Middleton
Nelle Peterson
Shawn Powers

Genie & Ron Quinn
Rick Rowe
Sarah Threatt
Paula Walters
Nancy Williams
Our homebound

SERVING TODAY

Director of Music
Nicholas Todd Shumate

Organ
Louis Shirer

Piano
Dr. Rick Frierson

Ushers
Tommy Betenbaugh,
Alan-Jon Zupan

Sound/Video
Spencer Stevens/
Lynn Shirley

Visitor Cards
Suzanne Joye

Pew Maintenance
Jammie Watters

Nursery
Mackenzie Powers/
Sarah-Kate Gravely

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

(YTD as of):
Church Budget:
Church Actual:
Soup Cellar:
Foundation:

<p>Attendance December 24: 205 (in-Person); 83 (On-line); Total 288 December 25: 46(In-Person), 134 (On-Line), Total 180</p>
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