



*With the
Christmas Cantata*

Accepting the Gift

December 18, 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

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WASHINGTON STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

December 18, 2022 | 3rd Sunday of Advent | Purple or Blue

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

PRELUDE

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Don & Tricia Britt

*HYMN #211

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

Verses 1-4

Words: 9th cent. Latin; trans. st. 1, 3, 5ab, 6cd, 7ab The Hymnal, 1940; st. 2,
Henry Sloane Coffin, 1916; st. 4, 5cd, 6ab, 7cd, Laurence Hull Stookey, 1986
Music: 15th cent. French; arr. and harm. by Thomas Helmore, 1854

GOSPEL LESSON

Mathew 1:18-25

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

MESSAGE

“Accepting the Gift”

Rev. Becky Shirley

CANTATA

Gloria
(see insert)

Antonio Vivaldi

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.)

*DOXOLOGY #95

OLD 100th

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

*HYMN #240

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

Words: Charles Wesley, 1739; alt. by George Whitefield, 1753, and others (Lk. 2:8-14)

Music: Felix Mendelssohn, 1840; arr. by William H. Cummings, 1856

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

*BENEDICTION

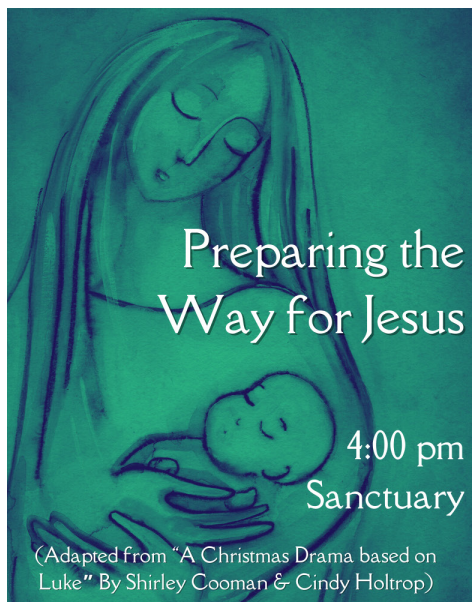
*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

**Congregation standing. If standing is uncomfortable, please remain seated and continue your participation.*

When our worship ends, our service begins!

***Christmas Eve Services will be available via livestream on our YouTube Channel
at www.youtube.com/washingtonstreetumc***



Christmas
Eve
2022



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PRAYER THOUGHT

The magic of Christmas is not in the presents, but in His presence.

NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome our new members MacKenzie Shannon and Michael Kennedy who are joining our church today.

PRAYER LIST

Betsy Alexander	Rev. Paul Harmon	Mike LeFever	Rick Rowe
Martha Boynton	Lee Haynes	Paul McClanahan	Sarah Threatt
David Byrum	Karen Horne	David Middleton	Paula Walters
Dr. Walter Dean	Lisa Johnson	Nelle Peterson	Nancy Williams
Mickey Epting	Debby Joyner	Shawn Powers	Our homebound
Pat Griffin	Martha Helen King	Genie & Ron Quinn	

SERVING TODAY

Director of Music	Nicholas Todd Shumate
Organ	Louis Shirer
Piano	Dr. Rick Frierson
Ushers	Tommy Betenbaugh, Alan-Jon Zupan
Acolyte	Rosemary Aravena
Sound/Video	Spencer Stevens/Lynn Shirley
Visitor Cards	Suzanne Joye
Pew Maintenance	Jammie Watters
Nursery	Olivia Rowland
Online Service Moderator	Ed McClain

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

(YTD as of 12-15-22):

Church Budget: \$865,000

Church Actual	\$559,418
Soup Cellar	\$69,709
Foundation	\$24,060

SCAN TO GIVE



Attendance on 12/11/22: 176 (in-person); 131 (online as of 12/16/22); TOTAL = 307

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