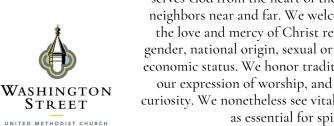


Sermon Series: Reset Soul Reset

January 8, 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.



WASHINGTON STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

January 8, 2023 | Epiphany Sunday | White or Gold

(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

*EPIPHANY CALL TO WORSHIP+

One: Lord, this year, we will follow the Star of Bethlehem.

All: Too long we've gone the wrong way. Followed the wrong stars!

One: We went South following movie stars, greed, and lust.

All: Star of Wonder...

One: We went East following stars of militarism, nationalism, and war.

All: Star of Light...

One: We even went North following our own visions, our own intuition, and our own way.

All: Star with Royal Beauty Bright - this year, we will follow the Star of Bethlehem.

One: The Star of Hope. All: The Star of Peace. One: The Star of Joy.

All: The Star of Love. The Star that is You. Amen.

This the star of Love. The star that is four thien.

Hail to the Lord's Anointed ELLACOMBE

Words: James Montgomery, 1821 (Ps. 72)

Music: Gesangbuch der H. W. k. Hofkapelle, 1784, alt; adapt. and harm. by W. H. Monk, 1868

OPENING PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN #203

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.

ANTHEM Who But the Lord? Craig Courtney

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Beth Matthews

OFFERTORY Fit for a King Joseph M. Martin Soloist: 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.)

*DOXOLOGY #95 OLD 100TH

Words: Thomas Ken, 1674 Music: Attr. to Louis Bourgeois, 1551 Words: Isaac Watts, 1719 (Ps. 72) Music: John Hatton, 1793

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 3:21-23

SERMON

Soul Reset
Part one of a four-part series: Reset

Rev Becky Shirley

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH FOR EPIPHANY++

We believe in God, the creator of all things, the giver of life and breath.

We believe in Jesus Christ, born Emmanuel, God with us, baptized and revealed the most beloved Son of God; he sought to heal humanity by taking our brokenness upon himself, suffering for us, dying for us and being raised from the dead for our sake and for the sake of all the world.

We believe that he will come again.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, continually poured out refreshing our lives, leading us into a new day, ever-birthing the church, the body of Christ in the world.

This Spirit is our soul companion and counselor of truth reminding us of the gift of faith, the ever presence of God and the promise of eternal life. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*THE GLORIA PATRI #70

MEINEKE

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

*HYMN #251

Go, Tell It on the Mountain GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN Words: Afro-American spiritual; adapt. by John W. Work, Jr., 1907 (Lk. 2:8-20)

Music: Afro-American spiritual; adapt. and arr. by William Farley Smith, 1986

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

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

When our worship ends, our service begins!

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- ++The Rev. Dr. Amanda Burr is a United Methodist elder appointed to United Methodist Church of Palm Springs, California.

SAVE THE DATE!

CURRENT STATUS OF THE UMC IN SOUTH CAROLINA

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2023 | 6:00-7:30 PM | CHRIST CHAPEL A Q&A WITH DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT REV. FRAN ELROD

The purpose of this Q&A is to share with the congregation the current status of where the denomination and specifically where the SC Conference is in regard to the ongoing debate over the Book of Discipline restrictions on same sex unions and the ordination of professing LGBTQIA persons. As most of you know, there is an abundance of misinformation available from a plethora of resources. Rev. Elrod will share what we anticipate moving forward so that as many of us as possible will know the facts and can quell any misinformation we hear others sharing via social media or in person.

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PRAYER THOUGHT

Our Savior can move any mountain. He is mighty to save.

PRAYER LIST

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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 Acolyte Rosemary Aravena Children's Moments Beth Matthews Sound/Video Spencer Stevens/Jane Peterson Visitor Cards Suzanne Joye Pew Maintenance Jammie Watters Nursery Mackenzie Powers, Sydney Clark STEWARDSHIP REPORT As of 1-5-23

Church Budget: TBD

Church Actual \$4,760 Soup Cellar 0 Foundation 0

SCANTO GIVE



Attendance on 1/1/23: 108 (in-person); 80 (online as of 1-5-23); TOTAL = 188