



Love & Football

February 12, 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

PROUD MEMBER OF



RECONCILING MINISTRIES NETWORK

WASHINGTON STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

February 12, 2023 | 5th Sunday After Epiphany | Green

(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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, let us worship the Lord our God,

All: That we might discern the will of our Creator.

One: Come, let us worship the Lord our God,

All : That we might become the people God is calling us to be. Amen.

*HYMN #568

Christ for the World We Sing

ITALIAN HYMN

Words: Samuel Wolcott, 1869

Music: Felice de Giardini, 1769

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #884 A Statement of Faith of the Korean Methodist Church

OPENING 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.

ANTHEM

Spirit, Open My Heart

Alfred V. Fedak

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Beth Matthews

MINISTRY MOMENT

Christine Taylor

OFFERTORY

Balm In Gilead

arr. H. T. Burleigh

Soloist: Pato Aravena

(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 #557

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

DENNIS

Words: John Fawcett, 1782

Music: Johann G. Nægeli; arr. by Lowell Mason, 1845

*SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 15:12-16

SERMON

Love and Football

Rev. Becky Shirley

*HYMN #555

Forward Through the Ages

ST. GERTRUDE

Words: Frederick Lucian Hosmer, 1908

Music: Arthur S. Sullivan, 1871

*RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (UMH #38)

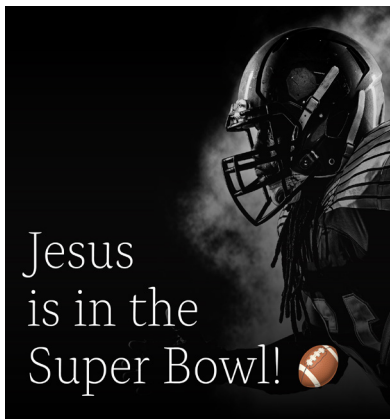
*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

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

Jesus is in the Super Bowl!



Yes, you read that correctly. While he won't be on the field, it's not often that we, as Christ-followers, get a spot to promote Jesus with such national attention. Now, you might be wondering, "did our church buy a Super Bowl ad?" and the short answer is no.

We've partnered with the He Gets Us campaign, which is a national campaign reintroducing people to the Jesus of the Bible and his confounding love and forgiveness. Maybe you've seen their ads already? (Check out @hegetsus or hegetsus.com if you haven't!)

Here's how you can get involved to equip yourself to have conversations after the game:

- Pray that God would use these ads to raise awareness of Jesus and His way of life. To receive Prayer Texts from us via text messages throughout the 40 days of Lent, text your name and #Prayer to 833-295-5114. This number is unique to WSUMC.

- Watch the Super Bowl! When talking with others about the commercials (a common Super Bowl topic of conversation), ask them if they noticed the commercials that mentioned Jesus and what they thought about the commercials. Then share your own impressions of the commercials.

- If you are seeking the hope, healing, peace and love that Christ has to offer, text us at this number—833-295-5114 — this number is unique to WSUMC and we will respond.

Share this WSUMC text number (833-295-5114) with anyone you may know who is seeking the hope, healing, peace and love that Christ offers to all and we will respond.

#HeGetsUs #SuperBowlAd #SuperBowl #JesusInTheSuperBowl #Friendship #Love #Jesus #SuperBowl2023

Reverend Becky J. Shirley
Senior Pastor
rjshirley@umcsc.org

Reverend Alston Lippert
Associate Pastor for Nurture
& Discipleship Development
aflipert@umcsc.org

Christine Taylor
Director of Congregational &
Volunteer Engagement
christine@wsmethodist.org

Sarah-Kate Gravely
Director of Children & Family
Ministries
sarahkate@wsmethodist.org

Nicholas Todd Shumate
Director of Music
nicholas@wsmethodist.org

Felicia Yockel
Director of Child
Development Center
felicia@wsmethodist.org

Robbie Douglas
Business Manager
rdouglas@wsmethodist.org

Jane Peterson
Director of Communications
jane@wsmethodist.org

Jerry Sumpter
Director of Maintenance
jerry@wsmethodist.org

Jammie Watters
Administrative Assistant
jammie@wsmethodist.org

Terrence Chisolm
Soup Cellar Manager
tee_chisolm@yahoo.com

Louis Shirer
Organist
louis@wsmethodist.org

Rick Frierson
Pianist

PRAYER THOUGHT

God is our freedom, and God's love is never ending. We should continuously lift God higher.

PRAYER LIST

Betsy Alexander
Martha Boynton
David Byrum
Wendy Clark
Mickey Epting

Pat Griffin
Rev. Paul Harmon
Karen Horne
Lisa Johnson
Debby Joyner

Martha Helen King
Paul McClanahan
David Middleton
Shawn Powers
Genie & Ron Quinn

Rick Rowe
Jim Webber
Nancy Williams
Mary Anne Young
Our homebound

NEW MEMBERS

We hope that you will take a moment as you exit to welcome our newest members: Beth Baxter, James and Jennifer Laughlin, and Sophia Farthing.

SERVING TODAY

Director of Music	Nicholas Todd Shumate
Organ	Louis Shirer
Piano	Dr. Rick Frierson
Acolyte	Lucy Woods
Ushers	Tommy Betenbaugh, Alan-Jon Zupan
Children's Moments	Beth Matthews
Sound/Video	Lynn Shirley
Visitor Cards	Suzanne Joye
Pew Maintenance	Jammie Watters
Children's Church	Tracy Powers, Shelley Stafford
Nursery	McKenzie Powers, Olivia Rowland
Online Moderator	Ed McClain

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

As of 2-9-23

Church Budget: TBD

Church Actual	\$100,131
Soup Cellar	\$ 6,601
Foundation	\$ 500

SCAN TO GIVE



GIVE TO YOUR TEAM FOR OUR SOUPER BOWL!

**WILL IT BE THE GAMECOCKS OR THE TIGERS? WHO WILL WIN THE "SOUPER BOWL"?
STOP BY FOR YOUR SOUP AFTER THE SERVICE. EAT NOW OR TAKE AND FREEZE!**

Attendance on 2/5/23: 156 (in-person); 104 (online as of 2-9-23); TOTAL = 267

1401 Washington Street • Columbia, SC 29201 • 803-256-2417 • wsmethodist.org