



February 26, 2023

Jesus is the Bread of Life

Part I: "Who Is Jesus?"

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.

PROUD MEMBER OF



WASHINGTON STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

February 26, 2023 | First Sunday in Lent | Purple

(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 One who can relieve our hunger,

All: We come, trusting in the One who gives us bread for the journey.

One: Come, let us give thanks to God, for God is good.

All: God's love endures forever, and God's grace feeds our hungry souls. Thanks be to God.

Amen.

*HYMN #534

Be Still, My Soul

FINLANDIA

Words: Katharina von Schlegel, 1752; trans. by Jane Borthwick, 1855 (Ps. 46:10)

Music: Jean Sibelius, 1899; arr. from The Hymnal 1933

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #881 The Apostles' Creed

*GLORIA PATRI

MEINEKE

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

Music: Charles Meineke, 1844

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

Since by Man Came Death
from *Messiah*

G. F. Handel

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Susan Caskey

OFFERTORY

If I Can Help Somebody
Soloist: Cody Lidge

arr. Nathan Carter

(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 #269

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

LAND OF REST

Words: Claudia F. Hernaman, 1873 (Mt. 4:1-11; Mk. 1:12-13; Lk. 4:1-13)

Music: USA folk melody; arr. by Annabel Morris Buchanan, 1938; harm. by Charles H. Webb, 1988

*GOSPEL LESSON

John 6:24-35

SERMON

"I Am the Bread of Life"
Part I of a VII Part Series
"Who Is Jesus"

Rev. Becky Shirley

*HYMN #378

Amazing Grace

AMAZING GRACE

Words: John Newton, 1779; st. 6 anon.

Music: 19th cent. USA melody; harm. by Edwin O. Excel, 1900

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

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

IN SYMPATHY

Rev. Becky Shirley joins the entire staff and Washington Street Church family in expressing our deepest sympathy and Christian love to David Warden in the death of his grandmother, Peggy Hughes, on Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2023.

F.U.E.L.
FELLOWSHIP. UNITE. EAT. LOVE.
Fill up your tank at Sunday Night Fuel!

TACOS! & Trivia Night

**MARCH 5
5:00-7:00 PM**

THREATT HALL
BRING A TEAM OR JOIN ONE ON-SITE!

WASHINGTON STREET
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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The poster features a yellow gas gauge with a red needle pointing to 'F' (Full) on a scale from 'E' (Empty) to 'F'. The background is teal. The text 'TACOS! & Trivia Night' is written in a playful, bubbly font. The event details 'MARCH 5 5:00-7:00 PM' and 'THREATT HALL' are in bold red letters. The bottom right corner includes the Washington Street United Methodist Church logo and the Washington Street Network logo.

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PRAYER THOUGHT

Did God move every mountain? Did God part every sea? Yes, God did, so yes God can.

PRAYER LIST

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Martha Boynton
David Byrum
Wendy Clark
Mickey Epting
Pat Griffin

Rev. Paul Harmon
Karen Horne
Lisa Johnson
Debby Joyner
Jean Kanes
Martha Helen King

Paul McClanahan
Sharon McCullough
David Middleton
Shawn Powers
Genie & Ron Quinn
Rick Rowe

Jim Webber
Nancy Williams
Mary Anne Young
Our homebound

ABSENCE OF FLOWERS DURING LENT

Throughout Lent we will not have flowers on the altar during this season of austerity and simple reflection. We hope this absence of flowers will amplify the resurrection message of the Easter flowers when they arrive!

SERVING TODAY

Director of Music	Nicholas Todd Shumate
Organ	Louis Shirer
Piano	Dr. Rick Frierson
Acolyte	Rosemary Aravena
Ushers	Tommy Betenbaugh, Alan-Jon Zupan
Children's Moments	Susan Caskey
Sound/Video	Spencer Stevens/Lynn Shirley
Visitor Cards	Suzanne Joye
Pew Maintenance	Jammie Watters
Children's Church	Cindy & Dane Waund
Nursery	Olivia Rowland, Molly Grochowski
Online Moderator	Ed McClain

STEWARDSHIP REPORT**As of 2-23-23****Church Budget: TBD**

Church Actual	\$122,647
Soup Cellar	\$ 8,683
Foundation	\$ 500

SCAN TO GIVE

Attendance on 2/19/23: 133 (in-person); 80 (online as of 2-22-23); TOTAL = 213

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