



Plugged Into the Bible

AUGUST 13, 2023



WASHINGTON
STREET
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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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11th Sunday after Pentecost | August 13, 2023 | 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: Welcome to the community of faith, the family of God!

All: We come seeking God's love.

One: God's love is here for you.

All: Help us to understand how we are connected to God.

One: We abide in Christ Jesus, in love and compassion. The Holy Scriptures help us learn how to abide. This community supports us in our pursuit.

All: May our spirits be renewed and our connection to God be strengthened through our worship today. Amen.

*HYMN #103

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

Words: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867 (1 Tim. 1:17)

Music: Welsh melody from *Canaidau y Cyssegr*, 1839; adapt. by John Roberts

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #881 Apostle's Creed

*GLORIA PATRI #70

MEINEKE

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

Music: Charles Meineke, 1844

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Dane Waund

(After Children's Moments, children five and under may go with the class leader to the 2-3's classroom located on the first floor past the elevator on the left. They may be picked up there, or they will be escorted back to the sanctuary prior to the benediction.)

ANTHEM

In the Shadow of Your Wings

John Leavitt

MORNING PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Holy One, we bow our hearts before you this day.

Strengthen us in our innermost being and dwell in our hearts through faith.

May we be rooted and grounded in Christ, whose love is beyond all knowledge.

Help us comprehend even the smallest part of the beautiful mystery of your grace.

Grant that we may experience the fullness of your presence with us.

We offer this prayer in Jesus' name as we pray the prayer He taught us to pray:

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

*PREPARING TO PRESENT TITHES AND OFFERINGS

As we prepare for the offering let us give thanks to God by reflecting on our various gifts, and the ways we can use our time, our gifts, our service, and our witness to create a community of amazing grace.

OFFERTORY

Lord, make me an instrument

Jonathan Willcocks

Tenor 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 #94

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Words: Thomas Ken, 1674; adapt. by Gilbert H. Vieira, 1978

Music: Geistliche Kirchengesänge, 1623; harm. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

*HYMN #128

He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought

HE LEADETH ME

Words: Joseph H. Gilmore, 1862 (Ps. 23)

Music: William B. Bradbury, 1864

*SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 1:1-3

SERMON

Plugged In, Part II

Rev. Becky Shirley

"Plugged Into the Bible"

*HYMN #733

Marching to Zion

MARCHING TO ZION

Words: Isaac Watts, 1707; refrain by Robert Lowry, 1867

Music: Robert Lowry, 1867

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*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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PRAYER THOUGHT

Lord, you're right here pulling us through. You carry our sins on your shoulders. We don't have to see to believe.
It is only You.

PRAYER LIST

Betsy Alexander
Karen Basso
Martha Boynton
David Byrum
Mickey Epting

Lin Fesperman
Pat Griffin
Rev. Paul Harmon
Karen Horne
Lisa Johnson

Jean Kanes
Martha Helen King
Paul McClanahan
Sharon McCullough
David Middleton

Shawn Powers
Genie & Ron Quinn
Nancy Williams
Our homebound

NEW MEMBERS

Join us in welcoming new members Taylor Beasley; Swann and John Adams and their children, Thompson and McCullough; Jane and Ray Arp

SERVING TODAY

Director of Music	Nicholas Todd Shumate
Organ	Louis Shirer
Piano	Rick Frierson
Ushers	Tommy Betenbaugh, Alan-Jon Zupan
Greeters	Lisa and Robbie Douglas
Children's Moments	Dane Waund
Sound/Video/Projection	Spencer Stevens, Lynn Shirley
Visitor Cards	Suzanne Joye
Pew Maintenance	Jammie Watters
Children's Church	Heidi Ankeny, Sarah-Kate Gravely
Nursery	McKenzie Powers, Olivia Rowland
Online Moderator	Ed McClain

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

As of 8-9-23

Church Budget: \$866,231

Church Actual	\$397,546
Soup Cellar	\$42,814
Foundation	\$14,850

SCAN TO GIVE



Attendance on 8/6/23: 114 (in-person); 116 (online as of 8/9/23); TOTAL = 230

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