

Plugged Into Community

AUGUST 20, 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

12th Sunday after Pentecost | August 20, 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.

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

*HYMN #577

God of Grace and God of Glory Words: Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930 Music: John Hughes, 1907 CWM RHONDDA

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #883

*GLORIA PATRI #70 MEINEKE

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

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Christine Taylor

(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 The Lone, Wild Bird Jonathan Adams

MORNING PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Amazing God, we come together today grateful for this community of faith.

We welcome old and new friends to this time of worship.

May we celebrate the past that has set the foundation for today and step joyfully into this new season of learning and love.

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 reflect on how this community of faith lives out the biblical witness of faith, hope and love and let us give thanks for the generosity of those who make this witness a reality.

OFFERTORY My Hope Is Built Tom Trenney

Tenor Soloist: Cody Lidge

(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

> > **MICHAEL**

*HYMN #132 All My Hope Is Firmly Grounded

Words: Joachim Neander, 1680; trans. by Fred Pratt Green, 1986

Music: Herbert Howells, 1930, 1977

*SCRIPTURE LESSON Ephesians 2:19-22

Rev. Becky Shirley **SERMON** Plugged In, Part III

"Plugged Into Community"

*HYMN #529 How Firm a Foundation **FOUNDATION**

Words: "K" in Rippon's Selection of Hymns, 1787 (2 Tim. 2:19; Heb. 13:5; Is. 43:1-2)

Music: Early USA melody; harm. from Tabor, 1866

*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

If your day is hemmed in with prayer, it is less likely to be unraveled.

PRAYER LIST

Betsy Alexander Lin Fesperman
Karen Basso Pat Griffin
Martha Boynton Rev. Paul Harmon
David Byrum Karen Horne
Mickey Epting Lisa Johnson

Jean Kanes Martha Helen King Paul McClanahan Sharon McCullough David Middleton

Shawn Powers Genie & Ron Quinn Nancy Williams Our homebound

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 Christine Taylor Sound/Video/Projection Spencer Stevens, Lynn Shirley Visitor Cards Suzanne Joye Pew Maintenance Jammie Watters Children's Church Lee Haynes; Eleanore Lanley McKenzie Powers, Olivia Rowland Nursery

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

As of 8-17-23

Church Budget: \$866,231

Church Actual \$404,549 Soup Cellar \$43,257 Foundation \$14,850

SCAN TO GIVE



Attendance on 8/13/23: 154 (in-person); 105 (online as of 8/13/23); TOTAL = 259

Ed McClain