

deck THE halls



WITH
Joy

DECEMBER 17, 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.

PROUD MEMBER OF





WASHINGTON STREET
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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3rd Sunday of Advent | December 17, 2023 | Purple or Blue

(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

CHORAL INTROIT

E'en So Lord Jesus, Quickly Come

Paul Manz

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE NATIVITY STORY

Presented by WSUMC Ministry with Children

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN UMH #240 *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

MENDELSSOHN

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE (TFWS) #2090 verse 3

(After the presentation, children 5 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.)

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE 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.

OFFERTORY

The First Noel

Dan Forrest

(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

*HYMN #229

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

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SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 4:16-21

HOMILY

“Deck the Halls with Joy”

Rev. Becky Shirley

Part Two: Deck the Halls: Decorating Our Life with What Matters

*HYMN #230

O Little Town of Bethlehem

ST. LOUIS

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

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

When our worship ends, our service begins!



Narrators: Thompson Adams and Madelyn Geddes

Mary: McCullough Adams

Joseph: Elijah Hughes

Baby Jesus: James Oehler

Innkeeper: Alma Louise Aravena

Angels: Lucy Woods, Ellis Hall, Vivian Hall, Beatrice McGandy

Star: Lydia Fink

Magi: Rosemary Aravena, Teddy Aravena, Lucas Woods

Shepherds: Jackson Case, Emily McCook, Hayden Rowe

Sheep: Joey Graham, Scarlet Hall, Bella Silva

Animals: Eleanor Oehler, Isabel Oehler, Edwin Rogers

Backstage Help: Cora McGandy

Sarah-Kate would like to say a big "THANK YOU" to all of the parents and Sunday School teachers who helped "wrangle" the kids during rehearsals. Also, she would like to give a special thanks to Andrea McAtee for her time, talent, and service to this production.

SUNDAY, DEC. 24, 2023—CHRISTMAS EVE

11:00 am / "Deck the Halls with Love"

**5:00 pm / A Service of Carols, Candlelight & Communion featuring the WS Sanctuary Choir
with "Three Stops to Freedom: The Christmas Spirit(uals)"**

**presented by the Washington Street Players with musical assistance from Elizabeth & Mike Cameron,
Brianna Grant, Janet Hopkins, and Emmi Lee**

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PRAYER THOUGHT

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all flesh shall see it together.

PRAYER LIST

Betsy Alexander	Nancy Epting	Lisa Johnson	Shawn Powers
Karen Basso	Carl Evans	Jean Kanes	Genie & Ron Quinn
Ann Bell	Pat Griffin	Martha Helen King	Tara Spires
Mickey Bell	Betsy Halloren	Beverly McClanahan	Peggy Ward
Ron Bowden	Rev. Paul Harmon	Paul McClanahan	Nancy Williams
Mickey Epting	Karen Horne	Sharon McCullough	Our homebound

In Sympathy

Rev. Becky Shirley joins the entire staff and Washington Street Church family in expressing our deepest sympathy and Christian love to friends and family of longtime Washington Street member David Byrum, who died on Friday, Dec. 8.

SERVING TODAY

Director of Music	Catherine Nance
Organ	Louis Shirer
Acolyte	Cora McGandy
Ushers	Tommy Betenbaugh, Alan-Jon Zupan
Greeter	Ute Wachsmann-Linnan, Thomas Berry
Sound/Video/Projection	Spencer Stevens, Lynn Shirley
Visitor Cards	Suzanne Joye
Pew Maintenance	Jammie Watters
Children’s Church	Shelley Stanford, Tracy Powers
Nursery	McKenzie Powers, Olivia Rowland
Online Moderator	Ed McClain

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

<u>As of 12-13-23</u>	
<u>Church Budget: \$866,231</u>	
Church Actual	\$ 704,331
Soup Cellar	\$ 65,471
Foundation	\$ 14,619



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Attendance on 12/10/23: 211 (in person); 83 (online) = 230 (as of 12-14-23)