

Rediscovering Our United Methodist

Roots...

BAPTISM

January 7, 2024



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





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First Sunday of Epiphany | January 7, 2024 | White

(As our worship begins, please silence any electronic devices.

Portable hearing devices are available in the Narthex. Please ask an usher for assistance.)

PRELUDE

Prière à Notre-Dame

Léon Boëllmann

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: As we celebrate Epiphany, let us come to the water to celebrate God's goodness!

All: We come to the water - to celebrate God's love!

One: Let us come to the water and remember that we are beloved, cherished, and forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

*HYMN #254

We Three Kings

KINGS OF ORIENT

UNISON PRAYER:

Holy God, we thank you today for the gift of baptism and how it unites us as one by the Holy Spirit. We thank you that before we do anything, you claim us as beloved, surround us in community, and nurture us to be your people. As we celebrate the meaning of baptism today, we ask once again for your cleansing love to wash over us. Help us to remember that we all belong to the body of Christ; we each have a special role in your family; and we are sent out into the world to do good and resist evil in your name. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Beth Matthews

(After Children's Moments, 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.)

MINISTRY MOMENT

OFFERTORY

Adagio

César Franck

(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 #252

When Jesus Came to Jordan

COMPLAINER

SCRIPTURE

Mark 1:4-12

HOMILY

Baptism

Rev. Becky Shirley

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: It is right, and a good and joyful thing...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

One: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son...as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

One: Pour out your Holy Spirit ...and so with the confidence that we are your children, we pray together the prayer Jesus taught us to pray:

All: 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.

COMMUNION ANTHEM *Must Leave Thy Lowly Dwelling*

Hector Berlioz

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

*HYMN #256

We Would See Jesus

CUSHMAN

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

Menuet Gothique

Léon Boëllmann

**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

Thank God for a new year of blessings and light.

PRAYER LIST

Betsy Alexander	Nancy Epting	Lisa Johnson	Shawn Powers
Karen Basso	Carl Evans	Jean Kanes	Genie 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 the family of Genie Quinn in the death of her husband, Ron Quinn, on January 3, 2024.

Alter Flowers

The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God and in loving memory of David Byrum by Sam Waldrep.

SERVING TODAY

Director of Music	Dr. Catherine Nance
Organ	Louis Shirer
Piano	Rick Frierson
Acolyte	Cora McGandy
Ushers	Shelley Stafford, Thomas Berry
Greeters	Cindy Cox, Jim Lane
Children's Moments	Beth Matthews
Sound/Video/Projection	Spencer Stevens,
	Lynn Shirley
Visitor Cards	Suzanne Joye
Pew Maintenance	Jammie Watters
Children's Church	Tracy Powers, Shelley Stafford
Nursery	Cecelia Daigle, McKenzie Powers
Online Moderator	Ed McClain

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

<u>As of 01-4-24</u>	
<u>Church Budget: \$ NA</u>	
Church Actual	\$ NA
Soup Cellar	\$ NA
Foundation	\$ NA



SCAN TO GIVE

Attendance on 12/31/23: 105 (in-person); 128 (online as of 01/04/24); TOTAL = 233