

# QUESTIONS



## We Ask God

How and Why Do I Forgive?

**March 17, 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.



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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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5th Sunday of Lent | March 17, 2024 | 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

*Choral*

Joseph Jongen

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Hear the good news, knowing all of our past, our thoughts and our deeds, God continually forgives our sins. As God forgives us, may we forgive one another.

**All: But how can we forgive when the bonds of love are torn, trust betrayed and we're in pain?**

One: When human loving fails, God's love will give us strength to forgive and freely live.

**All: Then let us pray: 'Lord, grant us the grace to receive your forgiveness of our sins. Give to us also the strength and courage we need to forgive as we have been forgiven. Amen.'**

\*HYMN #121

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

WELLESLEY

MORNING PRAYER

*(Today we are singing the Lord's Prayer from The Faith We Sing, #2278. The choir will be leading this Call and Response style song and the congregation is invited to respond where the directions indicate "All")*

HYMN FWS #2278

*The Lord's Prayer*

LORD'S PRAYER

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 before the benediction.)*

ANTHEM

*Wayfaring Stranger*  
Celloist: Dottie Hanlin

Craig Courtney

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #884 A Statement of Faith of the Korean Methodist Church

\*GLORIA PATRI #70

MEINEKE

OFFERTORY

*Goodness of God*  
Soloist: Taylor Goodwin

Jenn & Brian Johnson

*(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](http://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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Colossians 3:13

SERMON

"How and Why Do I Forgive?"  
Part V: Questions We Ask God.

Rev. Becky Shirley

\*HYMN #389

*Freely, Freely*

FREELY, FREELY

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

\*POSTLUDE

*Prelude, Fugue, and Chaconne*

Dietrich Buxtehude

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

## GENERAL CONFERENCE 2024



### INFORMATION SESSION

GUEST PRESENTER – UMC BISHOP KEN CARDER

**TODAY AT 3:00 PM**  
**1401 Washington St., Columbia, SC**



- WHAT IS GENERAL CONFERENCE?
- HOW ARE DECISIONS MADE?
- WHO ARE THE DELEGATES & HOW ARE THEY CHOSEN?

- HOW CAN WE PARTICIPATE?
- HOW CAN WE LET OUR VOICES BE HEARD? AND MORE...



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PRAYER THOUGHT

There are three elements that are almost always a part of Lent: prayer, giving something up, and giving something back.

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!

PRAYER LIST

Karen Basso	Nancy Epting	Jean Kanes	Shawn Powers
Ann Bell	Carl Evans	Beverly McClanahan	Genie Quinn
John Benfield	Pat Griffin	Paul McClanahan	Nancy Williams
Ron Bowden	Karen Horne	Sharon McCullough	Our homebound
Mickey Epting	Lisa Johnson	Ellen Parker	

VOLUNTEERS SERVING TODAY

Acolyte	Lucy Woods
Ushers	Thom Berry, Susan Caskey
Greeters	Ute, Thomas Berry
Children’s Moment	Beth Mathews
Sound/Video/Projection	Lynn Shirley, Jane Peterson
Visitor Cards	Suzanne Joye
Children’s Church	McCullough Adams,
	Hayden Rowe
Nursery	Cecelia Daigle, Maile Noda
Online Moderator	Ed McClain

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

<u>As of 3-13-24</u>	
<u>Church Budget: \$ Pending.</u>	
<u>YTD</u>	
Church Actual	\$154,464
Soup Cellar	\$ 10,556
Foundation	\$ 650



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