

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.







WASHINGTON STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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**

Goodness of God **OFFER TORY** 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; 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

"How and Why Do I Forgive?" **SERMON** Rev. Becky Shirley

Part V: Questions We Ask God.

Freely, Freely FREELY, FREELY *HYMN #389

*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!

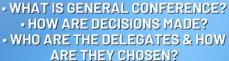
GENERAL CONFERENCE 2024



INFORMATION SESSION

GUEST PRESENTER - UMC BISHOP KEN CARDER

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



HOW CAN WE PARTICIPATE? HOW CAN WE LET OUR VOICES



BE HEARD? AND MORE...

IN PERSON OR LIVE ON YOUTUBE





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Dr. Rick Frierson Pianist (volunteer)

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

Acolyte Lucy Woods
Ushers Thom Berry, Susan Caskey
Greeters Ute, Thomas Berry
Children's Moment Beth Mathews
Sound/Video/Projection
Visitor Cards Lynn Shirley, Jane Peterson
Suzanne Joye

Children's Church McCullough Adams, Hayden Rowe

Nursery Cecelia Daigle, Maile Noda Online Moderator Ed McClain STEWARDSHIP REPORT

As of 3-13-24

Church Budget: \$ Pending

<u>YTD</u>

Church Actual \$154,464 Soup Cellar \$ 10,556

Foundation \$ 650



SCAN TO GIVE

Attendance on 3/10/24: 157 (in person); 184 (online) as of 3/14 = 341