

## In Our Prayers

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### Making Disciples of Jesus for the Transformation of the World

*The congregation of Washington Street UMC praises and serves God from the heart of the city in ways that reach 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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### Today's Volunteer Team

Acolyte	Lucy Woods
Children's Church	Ethan Cook
 Greeters	Ute Wachsman-Linen Shelley Stafford
Sound/Video/Projection:	Spencer Stevens & John Pannell
Ushers:	Hal Hanlin & Kelly Epting

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### Stewardship Report

**Attendance on 8/25: 252 (179 in person + 73 online as of 8/28)**

**YTD Offerings Received: \$412,891      YTD Soup Cellar Gifts: \$43,146**

**YTD Expenses: \$570,032      YTD Soup Cellar Expenses: \$51,237**

**YTD Gifts to WSUMC Foundation: \$21,224**

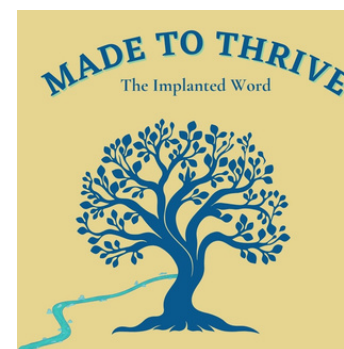
### Staff Worship Leadership Team

Senior Pastor:	Rev. Becky Shirley	rjshirley@umcsc.org
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Pianist:	Dr. Rick Frierson	(volunteer)



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September 1, 2024

**James 1: 19-27** (NRSVUE)

19 You must understand this, my beloved brothers and sisters: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger, 20 for human anger does not produce God's righteousness. 21 Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. 22 But be doers of the word and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. 23 For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; 24 for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. 25 But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. 26 If any think they are religious and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. 27 Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

## Opportunities to Grow in Faith & Serve in Love

### Youth Group Fellowship & Fun - September 8- 4:30 pm

Rising 6th through 12th graders are invited to gather in the Youth Room at 4:30 pm on Sunday, September 8th as we kick-off a new school year together with pizza and games.

Contact Rev. Kathy James (kljames@umcsc.org) for more information.

### Join Sole Mates for their upcoming walks!

- Saluda Riverwalk (650 Candi Lane): Saturday, September 21st at 9 AM
- Prisma Health Walk for Life Team: Saturday, October 12th at 7:55 AM (Cost: \$45). Contact Sara Wilcox at wilcox927@gmail.com to join.
- Paris Mountain State Park: Saturday, November 9th at 7 AM. Meet in the church parking lot to carpool. RSVP to Sara Wilcox at wilcox927@gmail.com.
- Sesquicentennial State Park: Saturday, December 7th at 10 AM

For more details or to RSVP, reach out to Sara Wilcox at wilcox927@gmail.com. We hope to see you there!

### FALL FESTIVAL 2024

Get ready for a day of autumnal fun at the Fall Festival. On October 27, 2024, from 4pm to 6pm, join us for an afternoon of exciting games, delicious food, and vibrant community spirit. It's the perfect opportunity to embrace the season and connect with friends and neighbors. Mark your calendar and stay tuned for more details!

## Order of Worship 15th Sunday after Pentecost

**PRELUDE** *Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown* Arr. Dale Wood  
**WORDS OF WELCOME** Rev. Alston Lippert

**RINGING OF THE BELL**

**CHORAL INTROIT** *I Will Arise* Arr. Shaw and Parker

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** *(Words will be projected)*

**\*HYMN #731(UMH)** *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* AUSTRIA

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** James 1:19-27

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT** Susan Caskey

*(After the lesson, children ages 5 and under may go with the class leader to the 2-3's classroom on the first floor past the elevator on the left. If this is your child's first time with us, please accompany them. Children may be picked up in this room following the service.)*

**OFFERTORY** *In Christ Alone* Stuart Townend

*In Christ alone, my hope is found. He is my light, my strength, my song. This Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace when fears are stilled, when strivings cease; my Comforter, my All in All; here in the love of Christ I stand! In Christ alone, who took on flesh; fullness of God in helpless babe. This gift of love and righteousness scorned by the ones He came to save; 'til on that cross as Jesus died the wrath of God was satisfied; for every sin on Him was laid - here in the death of Christ I live! There in the ground His body lay - light of the world by darkness slain. Then bursting forth in glorious day up from the grave He rose again! And as He stands in victory sin's curse has lost its grip on me; for I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ! No guilt in life, no fear in death - this is the power of Christ in me! From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No power of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand; 'til He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand.*

**\*DOXOLOGY #94 (UMH)** LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**\*HYMN #613 (UMH)** *O Thou Who This Mysterious Bread* LAND OF REST

**HOMILY** *The Implanted Word* Rev. Alston Lippert

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** *(Words will be projected)*

**RECEIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP**

**COMMUNION ANTHEM** *Come to Me* Dan Forrest  
Soloist: Anthony Porter Cello: Dottie Hanlin

**HYMN #630** *Become to Us the Living Bread* GELOBT SEI GOTT

**\*BENEDICTION & CHORAL RESPONSE**

**\*POSTLUDE** *HYFRYDOL* Arr. Carolyn Hamlin

\*Indicates Congregation stands as you are able  
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