Opportunities to Grow in Faith & Serve in Love

IN SYMPATHY

Rev. Becky J. Shirley joins the entire staff and Washington Street Church family in expressing our deepest sympathy and Christian love to James Boulware and his family in the death of his wife, Pam, who died September 10, 2024.

Come To The WELL

Join us at the WELL this Thursday, a special 30-minute service held at Christ Chapel from 11:00-11:30 am. The service features familiar hymns, an interactive Jesus story, and communion. Everyone, particularly individuals living with dementia or other challenges, along with their care partners, are warmly invited to experience this uniquely tailored service.

T-Shirt Sales

Washington Street UMC t-shirts will be available to preorder on Sunday, September today and on the 22nd before and after Worship. Active Faith is proud to be able to provide these t-shirts to our congregation. The teal, short sleeve shirt cost \$15. The white, long sleeve t-shirts will sell for \$20 and the short sleeve Washington Street UMC Pride t-shirts will cost \$20. Orders will go in after September 22 with an estimated delivery date of early October - in time for Pride Weekend. Show your pride in our church by ordering and wearing your new t-shirts.

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 17th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

RINGING OF THE BELL

CHORAL INTROIT Come, My Way

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Words will be projected) Rev. Kathy James

*HYMN #145 (UMH) Morning Has Broken

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Words will be projected) Rev. Kathy James

GLORIA PATRI #70 (UMH)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rev. Alston Lippert

(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.)

ANTHEM
Forevermore
Father, Son and Holy Spirit, word of God, the Cornerstone, yesterday, today, forever, seated on his beavenly throne. In this world that God created, broken by the fall of man, God remains the sure foundation, steadfast and unshakeable, forevermore. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the mighty blast and our eternal home. God will not forget his promise everfaithful to remain, never to forsake or leave us, by our side both night and day. Our tomorrows hold no secrets that the Father does not know; we can trust him ever working for his glory and our good, forevermore. Under the shadow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt secure; sufficient is Thine arm alone and our defense is sure. Praise the author of creation, of the world and all it hold; word eternal, standing firm our God is God forevermore!

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Alston Lippert

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Words will be projected)

OFFERTORY Prayer of St. Francis

Soloist: Emily Schlegel Allen Pote

*DOXOLOGY #94 (UMH)

*HYMN #617 (UMH) I Come With Joy Dove of Peace

*GOSPEL LESSON Mark 8:27-28

SERMON Who is He? Rev. Don Britt

*HYMN #664 (UMH) Sent Forth by God's Blessing The Ash Grove

*BENEDICTION & CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving honor of Mary and Lanneau Lide on the occasion of their 50th anniversary by their children Sara Matthews, Elizabeth Aravena, and Thomas Lide.

Prayer Request Card

If you would like for us to join you in prayer, please complete the information below and place it in the offering plate during the service today You may also email your prayer requests to wsumcprayers@gmail.com
Name:
Phone:
Email:
Please pray for:
Would you like to be contacted by one of our ministers?
Yes No
Should this request remain
confidential? Yes No

Prayer Thought

Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God.

Safe Space

We are committed to providing a safe, healing and affirming environment for All of God's Children to grow in Faith.





WELCOME

Whether you are visiting with us or looking for a church home, it's great have you here with us! Please fill out this card and place it in the offering plate during the service to help us get to know you.

September 15, 2024

Circle. Visitor Regular Attendee
Name(s)
Names & ages of children/youth:
Phone:
Email:
I/we would like to:
Know more about this church
Become a member
Speak with one of the Pastors
If there are any questions we can

answer for you today, please talk with

an usher, greeter or pastor.

In Our Prayers

Ann Bell Iohn Benfield Ron Bowden Mickey Epting

Nancy Epting Lisa Johnson Carl Evans Paul McClanahan Pat Griffin Patrick McClanahan Karen Horne Sharon McCullough

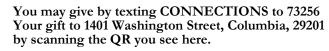
Ellen Parker Joe Plaugh Our Homebound

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 Rosemary Aravena Children's Church Heidi Ankeny

Jordyn Hughes

Martha Boynton Greeter.

Sound/Video/Projection:

Spencer Stevens

Robbie Douglas Ushers: Hal Hanlin

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9:00 am-4:00 pm

Stewardship Report

Attendance on 9/8: 220 (160 in person + 60 online as of 9/9)

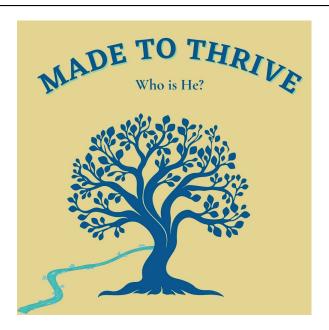
YTD Offerings Received: \$456,509 YTD Soup Cellar Gifts: \$48,111 **YTD Expenses: \$612,082** YTD Soup Cellar Expenses: \$55,037

YTD Gifts to WSUMC Foundation: \$25,551

Staff Worship Leadership Team

Rev. Becky Shirley Senior Pastor: rjshirley@umcsc.org Associate Pastor for Nurture: Rev. Alston Lippert aflippert@umcsc.org Director of Music Ministries: Dr. Catherine Nance catherine@wsmethodist.org Organist: David Turner david@wsmethodist.org Pianist: Dr. Rick Frierson (volunteer)





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Mark 8:27-28

27 Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, "Who do people say I am?" 28 They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets."