



WASHINGTON STREET

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



November 24, 2024

Watch what God does, and then you do it, like children who learn proper behavior from their parents. Mostly what God does is love you. Keep company with him and learn a life of love. Observe how Christ loved us. His love was not cautious but extravagant.

He didn't love in order to get something from us but to give everything of himself to us. Love like that. Don't act thoughtlessly, but try to find out and do whatever the Lord wants you to. Don't drink too much wine, for many evils lie along that path; be filled instead with the Holy Spirit and controlled by him. Talk with each other much about the Lord, quoting psalms and hymns and singing sacred songs, making music in your hearts to the Lord. Always give thanks for everything to our God and Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 5:1-2, 17-20

Order of Worship

Christ the King Sunday

PRELUDE	<i>Make Me a Servant</i>	Carolyn Hamlin
WORDS OF WELCOME		
RINGING OF THE BELL		
CHORAL INTROIT	<i>Keep Your Lamps</i>	arr. Andre Thomas
*HYMN #159 (UMH)	<i>Lift High the Cross</i>	CRUCIFER
*CALL TO WORSHIP +		Lee Smith
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #881 (UMH)	<i>The Apostles' Creed</i>	
*THE GLORIA PATRI #70 (UMH)		MEINEKE
PASTORAL PRAYER		Rev. Alston Lippert
THE LORD'S PRAYER		
ANTHEM	<i>Beautiful Savior</i>	arr. F. Melius Christiansen
CHILDREN'S MOMENT		Adrienne Fink
Following the Children's moments, children will follow an adult into the choir room for a brief choir experience. Afterwards, children ages 3-5 will be escorted by a Children's Church leader to Children's Church in the 2-3 year-old Sunday school room, where they may be picked up after the worship service. Older children will return to their parents.		
OFFERTORY	<i>Thanks to God for My Redeemer</i>	arr. Paul S. Jones
	Soloist: Maria Beery	
*DOXOLOGY #94 (UMH)		LASST UNS ERFREUEN
*HYMN #131 (UMH)	<i>We Gather Together</i>	KREMSER
SCRIPTURE LESSON	Ephesians 5:1-2, 17-20	
SERMON	Follow the Leader	Rev. Becky Shirley
*HYMN #694 (UMH)	<i>Come Ye Thankful People, Come</i>	ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR
*BENEDICTION & CHORAL RESPONSE		
*POSTLUDE	<i>Now Thank We All Our God</i>	J.S Bach arr. Virgil Fox

Text Of Today's Anthem - *Beautiful Savior*

(Scripture references include: Psalm 45:2, Psalm 27:4, and Daniel 7)

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring: Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer who makes the woeful heart to sing. Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations! Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine.

NOTES: UMH = Red United Methodist Hymnal

* = Please stand as you are able

+ = Call to Worship Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, August 2024.

Opportunities to Grow in Faith & Serve in Love

UWF Bake Sale Today - 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

CAKES, PIES, COOKIES, BISCUITS, & JAMS

Proceeds will go to local missions.

Movie Discussion Tomorrow Night

Join us for a discussion of Sister Act tomorrow, November 25 at 7:00 PM in the Wesley Room and on Zoom. For more information or to get the Zoom link contact Rev. Alston aflippert@umcsc.org

Sunday, December 1, 5:00 pm—Advent Festival

Begin your preparations for the birth of Christ, our king as we enjoy a simple supper of baked potatoes, grilled cheese sandwiches, salad, and cookies. There are crafts for children and a service project for children and adults. For those who want to make an Advent wreath for their family, oasis wreath forms, candles and live greens will be available for \$10 payable that night. Please contact Mary Lide, neaudl@aol.com, if you plan to attend.

Sunday, December 1 - Deadline for Epworth Angel Tree Gifts

Help us spread Christ's love by purchasing gifts for residents at Epworth. Gift tags listing gift items ranging in price from \$10 to \$100 are located in the main hallway near Threatt Hall. Please pick a tag that fits your budget and return the unwrapped gift to Church by December 1st.

Save The Date For The Following Ministry Events

Sunday, December 8 - 11:00 Service - The Children's Nativity

Any child interested in participating is welcomed! For details, Contact Andrea McAtee (acmcaatee21@gmail.com or 803-727-9518)

Sundays, December 8 & 15 - Heifer Living Gift Market

This Christmas, give a gift that makes the world a better place by donating working animals to families struggling with hunger and poverty around the world. We will be receiving donations in the main hallway of the church 9:30-11 and 12 -12:30 on December 8 and 15.

Monday, December 16, 7:00 pm - Sing-A-Long Messiah

Celebrate the season with an evening of music, community, and joy!

Doors open at 6:00 PM for first-come, first-served seating. Come between 5:00 - 6:30 PM to view a beautiful collection of nativity sets from around the world and secure your spot.

A Note from The Soup Cellar Committee

On behalf of the people who eat in the Soup Cellar, we want to say "thank you" to the congregation of WSUMC for your generous contribution of food, supplies and money, and to the Toni White Circle for organizing and implementing last Sunday's donation project.

In Sympathy

Rev. Becky Shirley joins the entire staff and Washington Street Church family in expressing our deepest sympathy and Christian love to Garry and Sylvia Stevens and family in the death of his brother, Johnny Stevens, who died November 19, 2024.

In Our Prayers

Ann Bell
Ron Bowden
Mickey Epting
Nancy Epting

Carl Evans
Pat Griffin
Karen Horne
Lisa Johnson

Sam Mathews
Paul McClanahan
Patrick McClanahan
Sharon McCullough

Ellen Parker
Joe Plough
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.

Thank you for your Financial Support

Your Gifts help make ministry happen every day!

You may give by texting CONNECTIONS to 73256
Your gift to 1401 Washington Street, Columbia, 29201
by scanning the QR you see here.



Today's Volunteer Team

Acolyte:

Children's Church: Melanie Dobson
McCullough Adams

Greeter: Jim Lane

Sound/Video/Projection: Lynn Shirley
Spencer Stevens

Ushers: Pam & Phil Jenkins

Contact Information

Website: wsmethodist.org

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Phone: 803-256-2417

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Office Hours: Monday - Thursday
9:00 am-4:00 pm
& Fridays 9:00-am- 2:00 pm

Stewardship Report

Attendance on 11/17: 433 (206 in person + 227 online as of 11/20)

YTD Offerings Received: \$599,084 YTD Soup Cellar Gifts: \$59,456

YTD Expenses: \$784,378 YTD Soup Cellar Expenses: \$68,074

YTD Gifts to WSUMC Foundation: \$25,551

Staff Worship Leadership Team

Senior Pastor:	Rev. Becky Shirley	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)