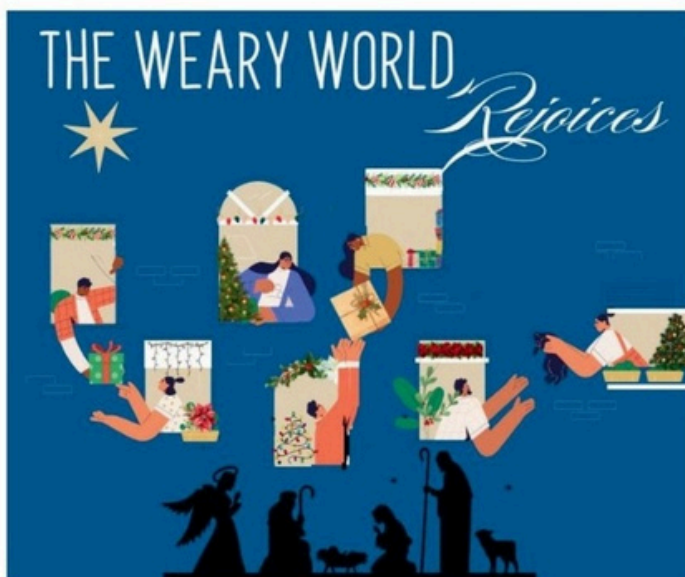




# WASHINGTON STREET

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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**December 1, 2024**

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Jeremiah 33:14-16

# Order of Worship

## 1st Sunday of Advent

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

RINGING OF THE BELL

CHORAL INTROIT *E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come* Paul Manz

\*HYMN #206 (UMH) *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* HOUSTON

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING+ Ann & Harvey Jessup & Bella Silva

CHORAL RESPONSE #211 (UMH) *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* (verse 1)

SCRIPTURE Jeremiah 33:14-16 Michael Oehler

MINISTRY MOMENT Nancy Whittle

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Dane Waund

Following the Children's moments, 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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION + AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

OFFERTORY *There Shall a Star from Jacob Shining* Felix Mendelssohn

\*DOXOLOGY (sung to the tune of "God Rest You Merry Gentlemen")  
Praise God from whom all blessings flow, on every hill and coast! Praise God above all angels who comprise the Holy Ghost! O Praise to the Father and the Son and to the Holy Ghost! O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy! O tidings of comfort and joy!

HOMILY Rev. Alston Lippert

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING FOR ADVENT # 13-15 (UMH)

COMMUNION ANTHEM *O Magnum Mysterium* Morten Lauridsen

\*HYMN #196 (UMH) *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* HYFRYDOL

\*BENEDICTION & CHORAL RESPONSE

\*POSTLUDE

### Altar Flowers

The poinsettias used in today's service are given to the honor and glory of God and in the celebration of Kay Ayers-Garren's birthday given by Charles Garren.

NOTES: UMH = Red United Methodist Hymnal

\* = Please stand as you are able

+ = Liturgy by Rev. Sarah Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | [sanctifiedart.org](http://sanctifiedart.org)

## Opportunities to Grow in Faith & Serve in Love

### **Tonight at 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 tonight.

### **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.

### **Save The Date For The Following Ministry Events**

#### **Sunday, December 15, 11 am - Cantata**

The Sanctuary choir and full orchestra, along with Rev. Becky Shirley as narrator, will present The Word Became Flesh at the 11am service on December 15. In addition to new choral and orchestral compositions, the program is balanced with several familiar hymns, and Christmas carols for the congregation to join in singing.

#### **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.

#### **Thursday, December 19, 11:00 am - WELL Christmas Service**

Please join us for this 30 minute service in the Chapel.

#### **Tuesday, December 24, 5:00 pm - Christmas Eve Service**

A special service filled with carols, candlights and communion

#### **Monday, January 6, 5:30 pm - Advocacy 101 Training**

Light supper at 5:30, with training to start at 6:00 pm.

### **Kindness Campaign Update**

Thank you to everyone who has already returned a Kindness Menu indicating your interest in volunteering and pledge cards indicating your anticipated financial gifts to WSUMC for 2025. To date we have received 37 Kindness Menus and \$540,000 in pledges toward our \$750,000 pledge goal. If you haven't turned in your Kindness Menu or pledge card yet, there is still time to do so. You may place them in the offering plate today, make your financial pledge online. Please contact Robbie Douglas (rdouglas@wsmethodist.org) if you need a paper copy of the Kindness Menu or the Financial Pledge Card.



## In Our Prayers

Ann Bell	Carl Evans	Sam Mathews	Ellen Parker
John Benfield	Pat Griffin	Paul McClanahan	Joe Plaugh
Ron Bowden	Karen Horne	Patrick McClanahan	Our Homebound
Mickey Epting	Lisa Johnson	Sharon McCullough	

### 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:	Lucy Wood
Children's Church:	Shelley Stafford Cecilia Daigle
Greeters:	Cindy Cox and Ute
Sound/Video/Projection:	Spencer Stevens Jane Peterson
Ushers:	Thom Berry and Hal Hanlin
Communion Servers	David Anderson, Thom Berry, Susan Caskey, Pam Jenkins
Crucifer:	Travis Luthren

### Contact Information

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## Stewardship Report

**Attendance on 11/24: (180 in person + online as of 11/26)**

**YTD Offerings Received: \$614,609      YTD Soup Cellar Gifts: \$67,036**  
**YTD Expenses: \$824,663      YTD Soup Cellar Expenses: \$69,531**

**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)

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## An Open Invitation

In the gospel according to Luke, Jesus began his public life by reading a passage from Isaiah that introduced his ministry with these words: 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of God's favour.' (Luke 4:18-19)

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we are called to continue Christ's mission in the world. Therefore since the early days of Christianity, His followers have been known for their countercultural commitment to equality and care for the marginalized. From the abolition of slavery to the civil rights movement, faith communities have often led the charge for social change with a commitment to the inherent worth of every human being. Washington Street UMC in particular has a long history of faithfully serving as Christ's hands and feet by standing up for the marginalized in our society. Over the years, this congregation has been a champion of women's rights, civil rights, LGBTQIA+ rights and has worked to help those who are homeless have a satisfying meal and those who are refugees find shelter and a home.

For the past several years, members of the Racial Justice Action Team (RJAT) and the Reconciling Next Team (RNT) have taken a lead role in planning and organizing our ministries of justice and advocacy. However, as we witness the world becoming increasingly divided by race, gender, politics, and socioeconomic status, we believe that merging these two distinct teams into a single Social Justice Action Team (SJAT) we will enable us to offer clear visible support and more opportunities for active engagement in the broad range of peace and justice issues facing us today.

In these challenging times, we are reminded that we are all called to be the "salt of the earth" and "light of the world" (Mt 5:13-16). This call was given by Jesus to every believer, thus in our pursuit of justice and peace, we are inviting everyone to attend an Advocacy 101 training on January 6, 2025, at 6:00 in Threatt Hall. The new SJAT is hosting this event. A light meal will precede the training at 5:30pm and the training session will be led by members of the Faith and Justice Table of the ACLU of SC. In this training, you will learn more about the SJAT, what it means to be an advocate, how a bill becomes law in South Carolina; how to navigate the State House website to find information about legislation, and ways to interact with our State Legislators to advocate for peace and justice.

Advocating for change from leaders, institutions and systems that operate contrary to the teaching of Jesus is a vital part of Christian discipleship because for Jesus "love" is a verb. Thus, to love our neighbors means we will seek to serve, care, and advocate for the good of all of God's children. We hope you will join us for this training event and in continually praying for God's kingdom to come to earth as it is in heaven.

In love and solidarity,

Reverend Becky, Reverend Alston, Reverend Kathy

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**Choral Introit Text**  
***E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come***  
**Paul Manz**

Peace be to you and grace from him, who freed us from our sins;  
who loved us all and shed his blood that we might saved be. Sing  
holy to our Lord, the Lord Almighty God, who was and is and is to  
come. Rejoice in heaven all ye that dwell therein, rejoice on earth,  
ye saints below, for Christ is coming soon! E'en so, Lord Jesus,  
quickly come and night will be no more; they need no light, no  
lamp, no sun for Christ will be their all!

Scripture reference: Rev. 22. This anthem was written by composer  
Paul Manz and his wife Ruth as they sat vigil at their son's beside. It is  
a true testament of faith.

**Offertory Text**  
***There Shall a Star from Jacob Shining***  
**Felix Mendelssohn**

There shall a star from Jacob shining and a sceptor from Israel  
rising to reign in glory over the nations. Like some bright morning  
star is he, the promise of the coming day beyond the night of  
sorrow. Break forth, o light! We our joyful hearts uplifting with  
thanksgiving, hail the brightness of Thy rising!

**Communion Anthem Text**  
***O Magnum Mysterium***  
**Morten Lauridsen**

O great mystery, and wonderful sacrament, that the animals  
should see the newborn Lord, lying in a manger! Blessed is the  
virgin whose womb was worthy to bear the Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia! Scripture reference: Luke 2:7 and Isaiah 1:3