



WASHINGTON STREET

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



December 29, 2024

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Colossians 3:12-17

Order of Worship

1st Sunday After Christmas

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

RINGING OF THE BELL

CHORAL INTROIT *Break Forth O Beauteous Heavenly Light* J.S. Bach

*HYMN #234 (UMH) *O Come All Ye Faithful* ADESTE FIDELES

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *A Christmas Affirmation*

*THE GLORIA PATRI (sung to tune of "Angels from the Realms of Glory")
Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to Christ the Son. Praise be to the Holy Spirit, evermore the three in one. Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ the newborn King!

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ANTHEM *The Work of Christmas* Dan Forrest

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

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

*DOXOLOGY #94 (UMH)

(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!

*HYMN #242 (UMH) *Love Came Down at Christmas* GARTAN

SCRIPTURE LESSON Colossians 3:12-17

SERMON *Getting Dressed* Rev. Alston Lippert

*HYMN #694 (UMH) *There's a Song in the Air* CHRISTMAS SONG

*BENEDICTION & CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

NOTES: UMH = Red United Methodist Hymnal

* = Please stand as you are able

Opportunities to Grow in Faith & Serve in Love

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

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 Christ, we follow in Jesus's way of life carrying forward his ministry of peace, justice, and service. Thus in our pursuit of justice and peace, we are inviting everyone to join us for an Advocacy 101 training on January 6, 2025. A light meal will precede the training at 5:30pm. The training session will begin at 6:00pm and will be led by members of the Faith and Justice Table of the ACLU of SC. In this training, you will learn what it means to be an advocate for peace and justice, how to be more effective as peacemakers and the voice of justice as we learn: how a bill becomes a law in SC, ways to interact with our State Legislators, and how to find information about proposed legislation. RSVP by contacting Rev. Alston (aflipper@umcsc.org).

Save The Date For The Following Ministry Events

January 27, 2024 Movie Discussion - Peanut Butter Falcon

We will be discussing how the characters in this movie overcome obstacles.

Text for Today's Anthem Written by Howard Thurman

The Work of Christmas

When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone; when the kings are princes are home; when the shepherds are back with their flock - the work of Christmas begins. To find the lost, to heal the broken, to feed the hungry, to release the prisoner, to rebuild the nations, to bring peace among others, to make music from the heart.

Happy New Year

We pray you have a blessed 2025.

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
Rozanne Pheiffer
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: Cora McGandy
Children's Church: Melanie Dobson
McCullough Adams
Greeter: Ute
Sound/Video/Projection: John Pannell
Lynn Shirley
Ushers: Pam & Phil Jenkins

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Stewardship Report

Attendance on 12/22: 307 (208 in person + 98 online as of 12/26)

12/24: 408 (275 in person + 133 online as of 12/26)

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

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