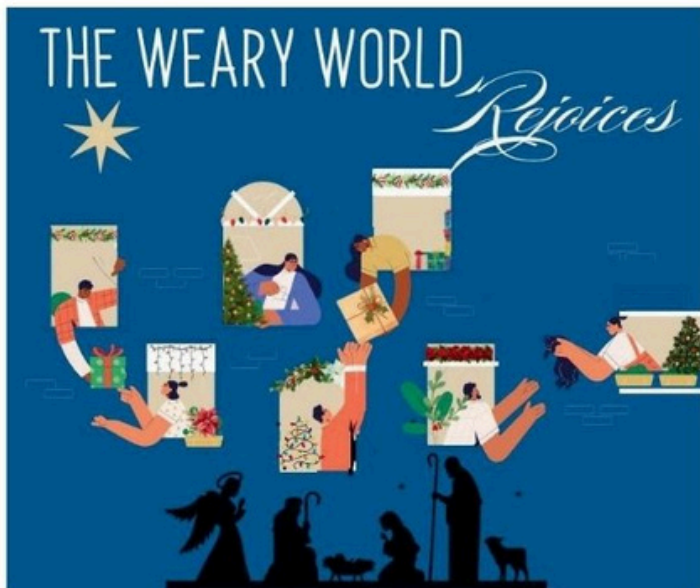




# WASHINGTON STREET

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



**December 8, 2024**

Jesus went to Nazareth, where he had been raised. On the Sabbath he went to the synagogue as he normally did and stood up to read. The synagogue assistant gave him the scroll from the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it is written: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me. He has sent me to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the prisoners and recovery of sight to the blind, to liberate the oppressed, and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor. He rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the synagogue assistant, and sat down. Every eye in the synagogue was fixed on him. He began to explain to them, "Today, this scripture has been fulfilled just as you heard it."

**Luke 4:16-21**

# Order of Worship

## 2nd Sunday of Advent

**PRELUDE** *Voluntary on Abbot's Leigh* arr. Dennis Janzer

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

**RINGING OF THE BELL**

**CHORAL INTROIT** *Prepare Ye* Marc Robinson  
Soloist: Pato Aravena

**\*HYMN #203 (UMH)** *Hail to the Lord's Anointed* ELLACOMBE

**ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING** Walter Dean

**CHORAL RESPONSE #211(UMH)** *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* (Vs. 2)

**CHILDREN'S NATIVITY PLAY**

**ANTHEM** *Thou Shalt Know Him When He Comes* Michael Larkin  
Thou shalt know him when he comes, not by any din of drums, nor the manner of his airs, nor by anything he wears. Thou shalt know him when he comes, not by his crown or his gown; but his coming known shall be by thy holy harmony which his coming makes in thee. (*Scripture references: Psalm 42:4, John 4: 15-20; 21-24*)

**PASTORAL PRAYER** Rev. Alston Lippert

**OFFERTORY** *Could This Be the Day?* Joseph Martin  
Could this be the day? Could this be the moment? Could this be the night all our darkness turns to light? Could this be the day? Could this be our miracle, our music in the night? Long we have waited, long we have pleaded, long we have wandered in darkness and sin. Long we have waited for your song to begin. O Come Emmanuel. God who holds the sands of time, give us a sign. Could this be the day? Come! Scripture reference: Isaiah 9:2

**\*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! 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!

**\*GOSPEL LESSON** Luke 4:16-21  
**SERMON** The Weary World Rejoices in Peace Rev. Becky Shirley

**\*HYMN #216 (UMH)** *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* E S I S T E I N R O S

**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

**BENEDICTION & CHORAL RESPONSE**

**\*POSTLUDE** *Hark! Ten Thousand Harps and Voices* arr. Diane Bosh

### In Sympathy

Rev. Becky Shirley joins the entire staff and Washington Street Church family in expressing our deepest sympathy and Christian love to Ben and Debra Schooler on the death of his brother, John Edward Schooler on November 28, 2024.

NOTES: UMH = Red United Methodist Hymnal

\* = Please stand as you are able

## Opportunities to Grow in Faith & Serve in Love

### **CHILDREN'S NATIVITY TODAY**

**Narrators:** McCullough Adams and Alma Louise Aravena

**Mary:** Lucy Woods

**Joseph:** Thompson Adams

**Baby Jesus:** Schuyler Rogers

**Innkeeper:** Rosemary Aravena

**Star:** Lydia Fink

**Magi:** Teddy Aravena, Jackson Case, Lucy Woods

**Angels:** Beatrice McGandy, Cora McGandy, Brantley McKenzie,  
Eleanor Oehler, Hayden Rowe

**Shepherds:** Edwin Rogers, Ellis Rowe, Lilly Wilson

**Animals:** Fisher Case, Joey Graham, Ellis Hall, Scarlett Hall,  
Vivien Hall, Isabel Oehler, Gus Richardson, Lathan Robinson,  
Riggs Rogers, Bella Silva

### **Today and December 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, today and December 15.

#### **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. This is a great Sunday to invite guests.

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

#### **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, candlelights and communion

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

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

### **Notes of Thanks**

We are deeply grateful for the generous donors who make the Sing-Along Messiah at Washington Street UMC possible! If you have not had the opportunity to support this community ministry, you're invited to contribute during the offering today or use the QR code on the back page of this bulletin.



## In Our Prayers

Ann Bell  
John Benfield  
Ron Bowden  
Mickey Epting

Carl Evans  
Pat G riffin  
Kare n 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  
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### Today's Volunteer Team

Acolyte:	Children's	Cora McGandy
Church:		Heidi Ankeny
		McCullough Adams,
		CeciliaDaigle
Greeter:	Shelley Stafford and Ute	
Sound/Video/Projection:	John Pannell	
	Lynn Shirley	
Ushers:	Ricky Rowe	
	Lee Smith	

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	9:00 am-4:00 pm

## Stewardship Report

**Attendance on 12/1: 255 ( 129 in person + 126 online as of 12/4)**  
**YTD Offerings Received: \$636,798**      **YTD Soup Cellar Gifts: \$67,706**  
**YTD Expenses: \$858,457**      **YTD Soup Cellar Expenses: \$70,468**

**YTD Gifts to WSUMC Foundation: \$25,551**

### Staff Worship Leadership Team

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