



WASHINGTON STREET

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



The Practices of Peacemaking

January 12, 2025

At that time Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan River
so that John would baptize him.

John tried to stop him and said, "I need to be baptized
by you, yet you come to me?"

Jesus answered, "Allow me to be baptized now.
This is necessary to fulfill all righteousness."

So John agreed to baptize Jesus. When Jesus was
baptized, he immediately came up out of the water.
Heaven was opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God
coming down like a dove and resting on him.
A voice from heaven said, "This is my Son whom I dearly
love; I find happiness in him."

Matthew 3:13-17

Order of Worship

Baptism of our Lord Sunday

PRELUDE

Fugue in B minor
BWV 59, after Corelli

J.S. Bach

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Becky Shirley

RINGING OF THE BELL

CHORAL INTROIT

Wonder of Wonders

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Jane Peterson

***HYMN #252 (UMH)**

When Jesus Came to Jordan

COMPLAINER

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #881 (UMH)** *The Apostles' Creed*

***THE GLORIA PATRI #70 (UMH)**

MEINEKE

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Alston Lippert

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ANTHEM

Let this mind be in you that was in Lord Jesus Christ. Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God. But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in human likeness: and being found in human fashion, he humbled himself, became obedient unto , even the death of the cross. Wherefore God has raised him up, and given him a name above all names: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, whether in heaven or earth or under the earth; that every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God. Let this mind be in you that was in Lord Jesus Christ. (Scripture text: Phil. 2:5-11, alt.)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Mary Lide

Following the Children's moments, children will follow an adult into the choir room for a short time of music. 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

Thou Art God
Soloist: Maria Beery

Lionel Bourn

***DOXOLOGY #94 (UMH)**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

***HYMN #2248 (TFWS)**

Baptized in Water

BUNESSAN

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 3:13-17

SERMON

Remember Your Baptism

Rev. Becky Shirley

***HYMN #431 (UMH)**

Let There Be Peace on Earth

WORLD PEACE

***BENEDICTION & CHORAL RESPONSE**

***POSTLUDE**

Fantasy in G Major
BWV 572, Piece d' Orgue

J.S. Bach

NOTES: UMH = Red United Methodist Hymnal

TFWS = Black The Faith We Sing

* = Please stand as you are able

Opportunities to Grow in Faith & Serve in Love

WELCOME !

We are glad you are here to worship with us as we begin a New Year! No matter where you are from, who you love or what you look like, know that God loves you and there is a place here for you! If you'd like to learn more or get more connected to this community of faith and where God is leading us, please fill out the blue connection tear-off section of this bulletin and place it in the offering plate during the service.

Ministry Events This Week

Tonight, January 12, 2025 - Youth Group

Youth will meet in the Youth Room at 4:30 pm.

Thursday, January 16, 2025 - WELL Service

Please join us for a 30 minute service filled with familiar hymns, an interactive Jesus story, and communion.

Save The Date For The Following Ministry Events

Sunday, January 19, 2025 - Ecuador Mission Meeting

Upcoming "interest" meeting about this year's mission trip to Ecuador. Please attend if you are interested. It is a wonderful experience! The possible dates are June 4th through June 14th.

January 23, 2025 Young Professionals

Young Professional's planning party. Bring your favorite party food and your ideas as we map out 2025.

January 24-26, 2025 Revolution 2025

Youth who are interested in participating in this United Methodist youth event, please let Kathy James know by January 12! See Rev. Kathy for more information.

January 27, 2024 Movie Discussion - Peanut Butter Falcon

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

February - Confirmation Process Begins for youth

Confirmation offers young people a chance to learn about faith in the United Methodist tradition—our identity as Christians, history and heritage, practices, and beliefs. If you know any youth in the 8th grade or older who are interested in exploring faith through Confirmation, please contact Rev. Kathy (kljanes@umcsc.org)

Birth Announcement

The rose on the pulpit is in celebration of the birth of Magnolia Grace Matthews, on December 25, 2024. She is the daughter of Hamilton and Caroline Matthews. Proud grandparents are Beth and Gene Matthews.

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 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.

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Today's Volunteer Team

Acolyte: Rosemary Aravena
Children's Church: Eleanor Langley
McCullough Adams
Greeter: Jim Lane
Kathy Wright
Sound/Video/Projection: Lynn Shirley
Spencer Stevens
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Jane Patterson

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Stewardship Report

Attendance on 01/05: 306 (183 in person + 123 online as of 01/08)

YTD Offerings Received: \$8,629 YTD Soup Cellar Gifts: \$190

YTD Expenses: \$4,054 YTD Soup Cellar Expenses: \$315

YTD Gifts to WSUMC Foundation: \$0

Staff Worship Leadership Team

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