



WASHINGTON
STREET

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



**The
Practices of
Peacemaking**

January 19, 2025

“Happy are people who make peace,
because they will be called God’s
children.”

“Happy are people whose lives are
harassed because they are righteous,
because the kingdom of heaven is
theirs.”

Matthew 5:9-10

Order of Worship

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Becky Shirley

RINGING OF THE BELL

CHORAL INTROIT

Surely the Presence

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Sara Wilcox

*HYMN #127 (UMH) *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

CWM RHONDA

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

*THE GLORIA PATRI #70 (UMH)

MEINEKE

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ANTHEM

Gloria from 12th Mass

W.A. Mozart

Glory to God in the highest. And on Earth peace to people of good will. We praise You. We bless You. We worship You. We glorify You. We give You thanks for Your great glory. Lord God, heavenly king, God the Father almighty, Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son. Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father. You, who take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. You, who take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. You, who sit at the right hand of the Father, have mercy upon us. For You alone are holy. You alone are the Lord. You alone, O Jesus Christ, are most high. With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.
Amen. (Scripture reference: Luke 2)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Michael Oehler

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 seat in the congregation.

OFFERTORY

Love Your Neighbor

Michael Helman

Soloist: Bob Evans

*DOXOLOGY #94 (UMH)

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*HYMN #440 (UMH)

Let There Be Light

CONCORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 5:9-10

SERMON

Peacekeepers or Peacemakers?

Rev. Becky Shirley

*HYMN #439 (UMH)

We Utter Our Cry

PADERBORN

*BENEDICTION & CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

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

January 20 - 5:00-6:00 - Online Prayer Vigil

Join United Methodists across the nation as we remember MLK and pray for justice and hope. This vigil is hosted by The United Methodist Commission on Religion and Race.

To register, visit gcorr.org/vigil

January 23 -5:30-8:00 - Young Professionals

Young Professional's planning party. Bring your favorite party food and your ideas to the youth room as we map out 2025. Email Rev. Kathy for more information (kljames@umcsc.org).

January 24-26, - 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. (kljames@umcsc.org).

Save The Date For The Following Ministry Events

January 27 - 7pm - Movie Discussion - Peanut Butter Falcon

We will be discussing how the characters in this movie overcome obstacles. Email aflippert@umcsc.org to register.

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)

Sunday, February 2 and 9 - Valentines and Chocolates Sale

The girls in Mary's Maidens will be selling handmade Valentines and fairly traded chocolate bars on Sundays, February 2 and 9. All proceeds will be used by Mary's Maidens to fund future service projects.

JULY 21 - 24 - VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Mark your calendars for VBS 2025.

The Church Office is Closed Tomorrow in Observation of MLK Day

In Our Prayers

Ann Bell
Ron Bowden
Mickey Epting
Nancy Epting

Carl Evans
Pat Griffin
Karen Horne
Lisa Johnson

Robin Johnson
Sam Mathews
Paul McClanahan
Patrick McClanahan

Shannon 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.

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Today's Volunteer Team

Acolyte: Lucy Woods
Children's Church: Hayden Rowe
Allison Coombe
Greeter: Jim Lane
Christine Hait
Sound/Video/Projection: John Pannell
Spencer Stevens
Ushers: Joe and Kelly Epting

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Stewardship Report

Attendance on 01/12: 303 (181 in person + 122 online as of 01/15)

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

Worship Leadership Team

Senior Pastor: Rev. Becky Shirley rjshirley@umcsc.org
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Organist: David Turner david@wsmethodist.org
Pianist: Dr. Rick Frierson (volunteer)