



WASHINGTON STREET

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



The Practices of Peacemaking

January 26, 2025

Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

Jeremiah 29: 4-7

New Revised Standard
Version Updated Edition

Order of Worship

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Becky Shirley

RINGING OF THE BELL

CHORAL INTROIT

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jan Baker

*HYMN #548 (UMH)

In Christ There Is No East or West

McKEE

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

*THE GLORIA PATRI #70 (UMH)

MEINEKE

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Alston Lippert

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ANTHEM

Be Filled with the Spirit

Allen Pote

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Ann Jessup

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

How Can I Keep From Singing?
Soloist: Emily Schlegel

arr. Craig Courtney

*DOXOLOGY #94 (UMH)

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*HYMN #557 (UMH)

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

DENNIS

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Jeremiah 29: 4-7

SERMON

Shalom

Rev. Becky Shirley

*HYMN #663 (UMH)

Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name

ELLERS

*BENEDICTION & CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

NOTES: UMH = Red United Methodist Hymnal

* = Please stand as you are able

Communications Survey: A week ago we emailed a brief communications survey to members and frequent guests. If you didn't receive it or haven't had time to complete it, please pick up a paper copy outside the sanctuary doors today and fill one out. These surveys are designed to help us evaluate and improve our internal and external communications. Thank you!

Opportunities to Grow in Faith & Serve in Love

WELCOME! We are glad you are here to worship with us! 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

Tomorrow, January 27 at 7pm Movie Discussion - Peanut Butter Falcon

All are welcome to this discussion of how the characters in this movie overcome perceptions. Meet at the church or join via ZOOM. Email aflippert@umcsc.org to register & get info.

Sunday, February 2 and 9 at 9:30 am to 12:30 pm Valentines and Chocolates For Sale

WSUMC's girls group, Mary's Maidens, will be selling handmade Valentines and fairly traded chocolate bars on Sunday in the hall near the office. All proceeds will fund future service projects.

Save The Date For The Following Ministry Events

February 8 - Youth Confirmation Journey Begins

Youth in Grades 8-12 who are interested in learning more about our identity as Christians, faith practices, and beliefs are asked to contact Rev. Kathy (kljames@umcsc.org) by February 2nd.

February 15 - 10:30 am Sole-mates Walking Group

All are invited to meet at WSUMC for a walk around downtown. We'll enjoy lunch together after the walk and discuss locations for future walks. For info: email Sara Wilcox (wilcox@mailbox.sc.edu)

February 27, March 20-27, April 3-10 6:00 pm - 7:15 pm

Lenten Study on Forgiveness and Reconciliation

This six week class will meet in the John Harper Room with a ZOOM option. Rev. Dr. Melanie Dobson will lead this study. For more information, email Melanie.Dobson@lr.edu.

July 21 - 24 Vacation Bible School

Mark your calendars to save these dates and plan to volunteer and/or register your children for this annual ministry event.

Parents of college students: Please contact Mary Lide at neaudl@aol.com, if there has been a change in you student's mailing address. The 2's and 3's Sunday School class is preparing a surprise for Washington Street college students.

In Our Prayers

Ann Bell	Carl Evans	Robin Johnson	Shannon McCullough
Ron Bowden	Pat Griffin	Sam Mathews	Ellen Parker
Mickey Epting	Karen Horne	Paul McClanahan	Joe Plaugh
Nancy Epting	Lisa Johnson	Patrick McClanahan	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
by scanning the QR you see here.



Today's Volunteer Team

Acolyte:	Rosemary Aravena
Children's Church:	Melanie Dobson
	Lizzie Chewning
Greeter:	Ute
Sound/Video/Projection:	Spencer Stevens
	Lynn Shirley
Ushers:	Pam and Phil Jenkins

Contact Information

Website:	wsmethodist.org
Address:	1401 Washington Street Columbia, SC 29201
Phone:	803-256-2417
Email:	info@wsmethodist.org
Office Hours:	Monday -Thursday 9:00 am-4:00 pm & Fridays 9:00-am- 2:00 pm

Stewardship Report

Attendance on 01/19: 330 (161 in person + 179 online as of 01/22)

YTD Offerings Received: \$59,330

YTD Soup Cellar Gifts: \$4,635

YTD Expenses: \$74,617

YTD Soup Cellar Expenses: \$3,953

YTD Gifts to WSUMC Foundation: \$0

Worship Leadership Team

Senior Pastor:	Rev. Becky Shirley	rjshirley@umcsc.org
Associate Pastor for Nurture:	Rev. Alston Lippert	alippert@umcsc.org
Director of Music Ministries:	Dr. Catherine Nance	catherine@wsmethodist.org
Organist:	David Turner	david@wsmethodist.org
Pianist:	Dr. Rick Frierson	(volunteer)