



WASHINGTON STREET

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



The Practices of Peacemaking

January 5, 2025

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Isaiah 60:1-6 (NRSV)

Order of Worship

2nd Sunday after Christmas Epiphany

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Shirley

RINGING OF THE BELL

CHORAL INTROIT *O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jay Parmley

*HYMN #254 (UMH)

We Three Kings

KINGS OF ORIENT

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 60:1-6

Rev. Lippert

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Lisa Voegeli

Following the Children's moments, 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)

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HOMILY

Arise and Shine!

Rev. Shirley

*HYMN #256 (UMH)

We Would See Jesus

CUSHMAN

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Rev James & Rev Fink

Invitation
Prayer of Confession
Words of Assurance of Pardon
The Great Thanksgiving
The Lord's Prayer
Receiving The Bread and The Cup

COMMUNION ANTHEMS *The Jesus Gift*

Gilbert Martin

Christ, We Do All Adore Thee Theodore Dubois

*HYMN #251 (UMH) *Go Tell It on the Mountain* GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

*BENEDICTION & CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

Appreciation to our Guest Organist Today: Lucinda Shields

NOTES: UMH =Red United Methodist Hymnal

* = 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.

Tomorrow, January 6, 5:30 pm - Advocacy 101 Training Sign-ups end today

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 (aflippert@umcsc.org).

Save The Date For The Following Ministry Events

January 12, 2025 Youth Group

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

January 16, 2025 WELL Service

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

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.

In Our Prayers

Ann Bell	Carl Evans	Sam Mathews	Ellen Parker
Ron Bowden	Pat Griffin	Paul McClanahan	Rozanne Pheiffer
Mickey Epting	Karen Horne	Patrick McClanahan	Joe Plough
Nancy Epting	Lisa Johnson	Sharon McCullough	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:	Beatrice McGandy
Children's Church:	Hayden Rowe, Kristie Rowe, and Sophie Farthing
Greeter:	Robbie and Lisa Douglas
Sound/Video/Projection:	John Pannell Lynn Shirley
Ushers:	Jay Parmley and Ricky Rowe
Communion Servers	David Anderson, Thom Berry, Susan Caskey, Pam Jenkins
Crucifer:	Travis Luthren

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Stewardship Report

Attendance on 12/29: 225 (92 in person + 133 online as of 01/01)

YTD Offerings Received: \$716,343 YTD Soup Cellar Gifts: \$72,896

YTD Expenses: \$902,329 YTD Soup Cellar Expenses: \$76,813

YTD Gifts to WSUMC Foundation: \$25,551

Staff Worship Leadership Team

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