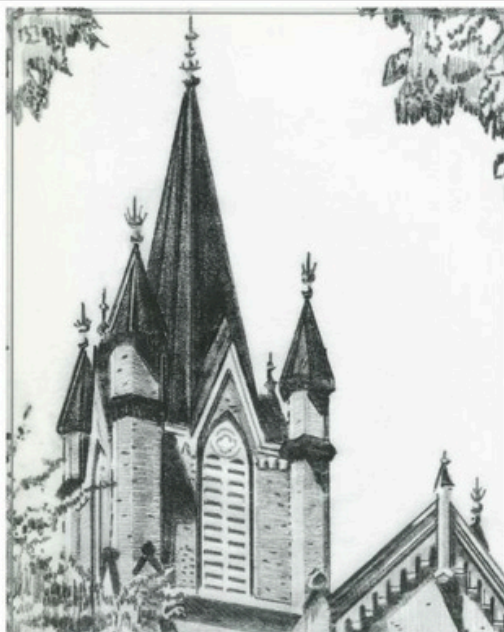




WASHINGTON STREET

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



February 9, 2025

Once while Jesus was standing beside the Lake of Gennesaret and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gotten out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets."

When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to burst. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them.

And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon

Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus's knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" For he and all who were with him were astounded at the catch of fish that they had taken, and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who are partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

Luke 5: 1-11

Order of Worship

5th Sunday after Epiphany

PRELUDE *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* Arr. Diane Bish

WORDS OF WELCOME

RINGING OF THE BELL

CHORAL INTROIT *Come, Sinners to the Gospel Feast*

*CALL TO WORSHIP . Sophie Farthing

*HYMN #2130 (TFWS) *The Summons* KELVINGROVE

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

*THE GLORIA PATRI #70 (UMH) MEINEKE

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ANTHEM *Total Praise*

Soloists: Taylor Goodwin and Maria Beery

Lord, I will lift my eyes to the hills, knowing my help is coming from you. Your peace you give me in time of the storm. You are the source of my strength, you are the strength of my life, I lift my hands in total praise to you. Amen! (Scripture reference: Psalm 121)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT McCullough Adams and Lilly Wilson

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 seats in the congregation.

OFFERTORY *Deep Waters* Pepper Choplin
Soloist: *Anthony Porter*

*DOXOLOGY #94 (UMH) LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*HYMN #344 (UMH) *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore* PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 5:1-11

SERMON Divine Encounter Rev. Alston Lippert

*HYMN #438 (UMH) *Forth in Thy Name, O Lord* DUKE STREET

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

*BENEDICTION & CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE *Prelude and Fugue in G Major* attr. J.S. Bach

NOTES: UMH = Red United Methodist Hymnal; TFWS = The Faith We Sing

* = Please stand as you are able

In Sympathy

Rev. Becky J. Shirley joins the entire staff and Washington Street Church family in expressing our deepest sympathy and Christian love to the family and friends of Peggy Weston who died on February 1, 2025.

Opportunities to Grow in Faith & Serve in Love

Ministry Events This Week

Today, February 9 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 today in the hall near the office. All proceeds will fund future service projects.

Tonight, February 9 4:30 pm Youth Group 6th to 12th Grades

Discussion on Faith and Science led by Dr. Michael Oehler on Feb 9.

February 12, 2025 6:00 to 7:00 pm Reading Club

Chat with fellow readers. Bring one or more books to swap. Contact Christine Hait at chrishait@columbiasc.edu for more information.

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 more information: email Sara Wilcox (wilcox@mailbox.sc.edu)

Save The Date For The Following Ministry Events

February 20, 2025 11:00 - 11:30 am WELL Service

Join us for this 30-minute worship service in the Chapel.

February 20, 2025 at 6:00 pm - Young Professionals

Bible Trivia and supper in the Youth Room. If childcare is needed, please let Kathy know the names and ages of children. (kljames@umcsc.org)

February 23, 2025 at 4:30 pm - Youth Group 6th to 12th Grades

Join Rev. Kathy for fun and fellowship. Karaoke postponed to March.

February 24, 2025 at 7:00 pm - Movie Discussion - Queen of Katwe

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

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. To register scan QR code or email Melanie.Dobson@melanie.dobson@lr.edu or Jammie Watters at jammie@wsmethodist.org



Beginning in March

There will be 2 opportunities for an in-person Lenten Small Group discussion based on Catherine Nance's *A Weekly Devotional Journey Using Hymns of our Faith*. They will be held Wednesdays 1:15 - 2:00 March 5 - April 9 and Mondays from 5:30 - 6:15 March 10 - April 14.

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	Pat Griffin	Jim Lewis	Sharon McCullough
Ron Bowden	Karen Horne	Sam Mathews	Ellen Parker
Mickey Epting	Lisa Johnson	Paul McClanahan	Joe Plough
Nancy Epting	Robin Johnson	Patrick McClanahan	Our Homebound
Carl Evans	Ann Joyner		

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:	Sophie Farthing Lizzie Chewning
Greeter:	Ute
Sound/Video/Projection:	Grant Jackson Lynn Shirley
Ushers:	Charles Garren Jane Peterson

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Office Hours:	Monday -Thursday 9:00 am-4:00 pm & Fridays 9:00-am- 2:00 pm

Stewardship Report

Attendance on 02/02: 291 (153 in person + 128 online as of 02/5)

YTD Offerings Received: \$80,693 YTD Soup Cellar Gifts: \$3,655

YTD Expenses: \$81,545 YTD Soup Cellar Expenses: \$9,427

YTD Gifts to WSUMC Foundation: \$0

Worship Leadership Team

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Pianist:	Dr. Rick Frierson	(volunteer)