



WASHINGTON STREET

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



March 23, 2025

He entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

Luke 19:1-10

Order of Worship

3rd Sunday of Lent

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Becky Shirley

RINGING OF THE BELL

CHORAL INTROIT

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pete Liggett

*HYMN #529 (UMH)

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Based on the Sermon on the Mount

*THE GLORIA PATRI #70 (UMH)

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THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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We celebrate the baptism of Schuyler Elizabeth Rogers today with her parents, Kirk & Robyn Rogers, her siblings, Winn & Riggs, and her grandparents, Sara & Ed Fisher.

ANTHEM

If Ye Love Me

Thomas Tallis

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Adrienne Fink

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.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Lippert

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY

Lord of All Hopefulness
Soloist: Emily Schlegel

arr. Alan Bullard

OLD 100TH

*DOXOLOGY #95 (UMH)

ABERYSTWYTH

*HYMN #479 (UMH)

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 19:1-10

SERMON

Letting Go of Short-sighted Thinking

Rev. Shirley

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*HYMN #141 (UMH) *Children of the Heavenly Father*

*BENEDICTION & CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

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

* = Please stand as you are able

Easter Hydrangea Sale, March 23 - April 6

Stop by the table outside the Sanctuary today to purchase a hydrangea in honor or memory of a loved one. The hydrangeas will decorate our Sanctuary on Easter Sunday and may be picked up after the service.

Absence of Flowers During the Season of Lent

Throughout Lent, we will not have flowers on the altar during this season of austerity and simple reflection. We hope this absence of flowers will amplify the resurrection message of the Easter flowers when they arrive!

Opportunities to Grow in Faith & Serve in Love

WELCOME! We are glad you are here to worship with us! If you'd like to learn more or get more connected to this community of faith, please fill out the tear-off section of this bulletin.

Ministry Events This Week

Monday, March 24th - 7 PM - Movie Discussion - The Six Triple Eight

All are welcome to this discussion of how the characters in this movie overcome perceptions. Meet in the Wesley Room or join via ZOOM. Email Rev. Alston (aflippert@umcsc.org) to register & get info.

Thursday, March 27th - 6 PM - Columbia District UMC Worship Service

Please make plans to join other United Methodists in the Columbia area at **Francis Burns UMC, 5616 Farrow Road** as we engage in fellowship and unite with our voices in worship as the one body of Christ. **The Rev. Scott Smoak**, will be presenting the sermon at this special service focused on reviving our spirits with God's joy and grace. Rev. Smoak was a member of Washington Street UMC prior to entering the ministry and is currently serving as the Senior Pastor at Trinity UMC, Blythewood.

Weekly Devotional Journey - Booklet & Small Group Discussions

If you want to add a devotional reading to your Lenten practice this year, please pick up a copy of the booklet or download a digital copy from the website or using the QR code on the slides. There are also weekly small group discussions opportunities. Mondays 5:30 - 6:30 in John Harper or Wednesdays 1:15 - 2:00 pm in the Wesley room. Please join us if available.

Save The Date For The Following Ministry Events

Saturday, April 5th - 9 AM - Sole-Mates Walking Group

Meet at Saluda Riverwalk, 650 Candi Lane (near the Zoo). This greenway offers about 3 miles of paved walkway or boardwalk along the Saluda River. Contact Sara Wilcox for more info. (swilcox927@gmail.com)

Saturday, April 5th - 4 PM - Easter Egg Hunt

WSUMC children and grandchildren: Nursery thru Fifth Grade are invited to bring their own basket and a snack to share (no nuts, please!). The hunt will take place at The Lide's home (1400 Sherwood Road). Contact Mary Lide (neaudl@aol.com) for more information.

Easter Sunday Morning Pot Luck Breakfast - (9:30-10:40 AM)

Bring your favorite breakfast fruit, danish, or casserole dish and join us in Threath Hall as we celebrate the gift of Easter Resurrection.

Monday, April 21st Welcome Table Lunch - (11:30-12:30)

This special meal is an extension of our soup cellar ministry serving our guests at the table and offering table fellowship and caring services like haircuts and health checks. To volunteer visit <https://signupgenius.com/>

Saturday, April 26th - Columbia Fireflies Faith & Family Night

Join us for a Christian concert, a baseball game, and fireworks at Segra Park. The cost is \$10. Pregame Christooan Concert begins at 4:30 PM.

For more info or to register, email Dave Mills (dmills3218@sbcglobal.net).

June 14-21 Salkehatchie Summer Service-2025 Penn Center Camp.

Volunteers 14 years of age and older are welcome! Questions? Please contact Susan Caskey turnitbluesue17@gmail.com.

In Our Prayers

Ann Bell
Ron Bowden
Truman Duggin
Mickey Epting
Nancy Epting

Carl Evans
Pat Griffin
Karen Horne
Lisa Johnson

Robin Johnson
Sam Mathews
Paul McClanahan
Patrick McClanahan

Sharon McCullough
Ellen Parker
Joe Plaugh
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:	Cora McGandy
Children's Church:	Sophie Farthing McCullough Adams
Greeter:	Jim Lane Shelley Stafford
Sound/Video/Projection:	Lynn Shirley Spencer Stephens
Ushers:	Emily Caskey Susan Caskey

Contact Information

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9:00 am-4:00 pm
& Fridays 9:00-am- 2:00 pm

Stewardship Report

Attendance on 03/16: 375 (183 in person + 192 online as of 03/19)

YTD Offerings Received: \$169,914

YTD Soup Cellar Gifts: \$14,930

YTD Expenses: \$200,298

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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)

Anthem Text

If Ye Love Me

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another comforter, that He may abide with you forever; e'en the spirit of truth.
(Scripture reference: John 14:15)

Dates for Special Worship Services

April 6 11:00 AM John Rutter's Requiem

This is one of the best-loved and most widely performed choral works of the twentieth century. The seven sections form an arch-like meditation on the themes of life and death: prayers on behalf of all humanity, psalms, personal prayers to Christ, and in the central Sanctus an affirmation of divine glory.

April 17 6:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service in Christ Chapel

April 18 6:00 PM Good Friday Service in Christ Chapel

Lift Every Voice



A Revival of Praise and Purpose

March 27th, 6:00pm

Francis Burns United Methodist Church
5616 Farrow Rd Columbia, SC 29203

*Hosted by the Columbia District
United Methodist Churches*

WSUMC's Circle of Welcome is excited to report that our family of four from Venezuela (via Colombia) is thriving. Thanks to the congregation's generosity, the family is comfortably settled in their apartment. The father is working, and the second grader was thrilled to start school. The mother receives English tutoring from COW members several times a week.

Because of actions at the federal level, refugees are no longer receiving the critical financial support that they relied on during their first few months in America. Because of the great current need, our Circle of Welcome has decided to come alongside another family. We have been matched with a family of four who arrived from Eritrea in January. There is a mom, a dad (who is blind), a five-year-old son, and a two-year-old daughter. Please keep both of these families, as well as all refugees, in your prayers.

Ways You Can Help Refugees

1. Donate money to help our families with their immediate needs. You can do this by donating to the church through your regular giving method and designating the funds for COW.
2. Buy Food Lion (in any amount) or Walmart (suggested amount of \$70 to help provide work clothing, but any amount is appreciated) gift cards to be given to Lutheran Services Carolinas to help other families who do not have the support of a Circle of Welcome. You can drop these off in the church office at your convenience.

The refugee families we support and Lutheran Services Carolinas are grateful for our congregation and its generosity. Thank you for continuing to welcome these families into our community.