



WASHINGTON STREET

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



March 9, 2025

You can be sure that God will take care of everything you need, his generosity exceeding even yours in the glory that pours from Jesus.

Philippians 4:19
The Message

Order of Worship

1st Sunday of Lent

PRELUDE *Schmucke dich, o liebe Seele* J.S Bach

WORDS OF WELCOME Rev. Becky Shirley

RINGING OF THE BELL

CHORAL INTROIT *Surely the Presence*

*CALL TO WORSHIP + Jay Parmley

*HYMN #269 (UMH) *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days* LAND OF REST

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Based on the Sermon on the Mount

*THE GLORIA PATRI #70 (UMH) MEINEKE

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Alston Lippert

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ANTHEM *Pieta* Joseph Martin

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Rev. Becky Shirley

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 *Nearer, My God, To Thee* Lewis Carey
Soloist: Maria Beery

*DOXOLOGY #95 (UMH) LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*HYMN #349 (UMH) *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus* LEMMEL
Please note: Congregation refrain only, as printed in the hymnal;
Harvey Jessup will sing each stanza

SCRIPTURE LESSON Philippians 4:19

SERMON Letting Go and Finding Comfort Rev. Becky Shirley

*HYMN #413 (UMH) *A Charge to Keep I Have* BOYLSTON

*BENEDICTION & CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE *Now Let Us All with One Accord* Arr. Robert J. Powell

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

* = Please stand as you are able

+ = written by Stephen Fearing, and posted on Wild and Precious Life.

<http://www.stephenmfearing.com/>

In Sympathy

Rev. Alston Lippert joins the entire staff and Washington Street Church family in expressing our deepest sympathy and Christian love to Rev. Becky J. Shirley, her family and friends in the death of her mother, Ann Joyner, who died on March 1, 2025.

ABSENCE OF FLOWERS DURING 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 tear-off section of this bulletin.

Ministry Events This Week

TODAY - Memorial in Remembrance of Swerve/Butters

The congregation is invited to join Rev. Becky in the Columbarium Courtyard at the conclusion of the service as we give God thanks for the joy Swerve/Butters gave to so many over the years

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 con on the slides. There are also weekly small group discussions opportunities. Mondays 5:30 - 6:30 on John Harper or Wednesdays 1:15 - 2:00 pm in the Wesley room. Please join us if available.

Wednesday, March 12, 2025, 6:00 PM Reading Club

Will be discuss Shelby Van Pelt's Remarkably Bright Creatures, in the Open Door Classroom.

Saturday, March 15, 2025, 10:30 AM Sole-Mates

Join us as we gather in the parking lot at Riverfront Park and Canal and walk the path along the river on the Columbia side. For more details, email Sara swilcox927@gmail.com.

Flowers in the Narthex Today are given for the Glory of God and in memory of Rev. Becky's mother, Celestia Ann Joyner.

Save The Date For The Following Ministry Events

Easter Hydrangea Sale, March 16 - April 6

Thursday, March 20, 2025 WELL Service

Join us for a 30-minute service at 11:00 am.

Sunday, March 23rd, 10:00 - 10:45 am in the Chapel

Join the Dawsey Class for a presentation about the history of Lutheran Services Carolinas and their New American Program. This presentation will include update on status given the government's changes to international funding in recent weeks.

Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 5, 2025

Children are invited to come and Easter Eggs. Will be held at Mary Lide's house at 4:00 pm.

Columbia Fireflies Faith & Family Night April 26th

Join us for a Christian concert, a baseball game, and fireworks on Sat. April 26th at Segra Park. The cost is \$10. For more info or to register, email Dave Mill at 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
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 Plaugher
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:	Hayden Rowe Allison Coombe
Greeter:	Ute
Sound/Video/Projection:	Lynn Shirley John Pannell
Ushers:	Susan Caskey Susan Luthren

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Stewardship Report

Attendance on 03/02: 272 (171 in person + 101 online as of 03/05)

YTD Offerings Received: \$134,961 YTD Soup Cellar Gifts: \$8,861

YTD Expenses: \$151,605 YTD Soup Cellar Expenses: \$15,595

YTD Gifts to WSUMC Foundation: \$0

Worship Leadership Team

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

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS TO JOIN US THIS LENTEN SEASON

What is Lent? It is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends with Holy Week (the week before Easter). Lent comes from the Anglo Saxon word *lencten*, meaning “lengthen” and refers to the lengthening days of spring. The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring temptation and preparing to begin his ministry. Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. Today, Christians focus on relationship with God, growing as disciples and extending ourselves, often choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give of ourselves for others.

COME WORSHIP WITH US AND FELLOWSHIP WITH US



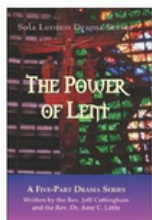
ASH WEDNESDAY March 5th
Imposition of Ashes - 12:30 PM in Christ Chapel

WEDNESDAY SOUP/SANDWICH LUNCH & WORSHIP

March 12, 19, 26 & April 2, 9

LUNCH served in Threatt Hall 11:45-12:30 PM

WORSHIP in Christ Chapel 12:30 - 1:00 PM



Worship services will feature soloists and special music along with a series of Lenten dramas presented by members of WSUMC's drama group “Washington Street Players”.

The dramas focus on the Power of Lent and feature pairings of two characters each week from the story of Jesus' Passion; bearing witness to what they saw, heard, and felt. Each pair of biblical characters reflects upon a similar theme for the week, showing how the same events brought about very different reactions to Jesus and his identity.

SUNDAY, April 6 - Special Music Service - Rutter's Requiem

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

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

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

EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 20th

POTLUCK BREAKFAST in Threatt Hall 9:45 AM and

WORSHIP with special music at 11:00 AM