



WASHINGTON
STREET

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



June 29, 2025

“Come to me, all you who are struggling hard and carrying heavy loads, and I will give you rest. Put on my yoke, and learn from me. I’m gentle and humble. And you will find rest for yourselves. My yoke is easy to bear, and my burden is light.”

Matthew 11:28-30 (The Message)

Order of Worship

4th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Becky Shirley

RINGING OF THE BELL

CHORAL INTROIT

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pete Liggett

*HYMN #75 (UMH)

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

OLD 100TH

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #883(UHM)

THE GLORIA PATRI # 70 (UHM)

MEINEKE

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Alston Lippert

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ANTHEM

The Spirit of the Lord

Zebulon M. Highben

Now John baptized with water, but the Lord baptizes with the Holy Spirit. May the spirit of the Lord rest upon you; the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone has done wondrous things. (Scripture ref. Isaiah 11:2; Psalm 72:18; Ephesians 1:17, Matthew 3:11, Mark 1:8, Luke 3:16, John 1:33-34, Acts 1:5, Acts 11:16)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Adrienne Fink

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 seats in the congregation.

OFFERTORY

Thanks Be to Thee
Soloist: Kristin Lynch

G.F. Handel

*DOXOLOGY #94 (UMH)

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*HYMN #399 (UMH)

Take My Life, and Let it Be

MESSIAH

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 11:28-30

SERMON

How is it with your soul?

Rev. Becky Shirley

*HYMN #133(UMH)

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

SHOWALTER

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

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 Robin Johnson, who died on June 18, 2025

Altar Flowers

The sanctuary flowers are given to the honor and glory of God and in loving memory of Robin Johnson by his family.

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:

- 1 - Please fill out the tear-off section of this bulletin and place in the offering plate during the service.
- 2- Pick up a copy of our monthly newsletter, "Connections", to learn about Sunday School classes, events and volunteer opportunities. Copies are available on the credenza just outside the sanctuary doors.

Sing with the Choir

Come sing in the choir! This friendly group would love to have you join us. During the summer months, our rehearsals are on Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:30. You will be provided with listening copies of the music. Contact Catherine Nance for more info (catherine@wsmethodist.org).

Ministry Events This Week

Today, June 29th - Community Memorial Service - 2:00 PM

The remains of 18 people will be buried today at 2:00 PM at the Richland County Cemetery, the final resting place for the unclaimed and often forgotten. Washington Street UMC is honored to support the Richland County Coroner's Office at this **Rest in Dignity Burial Service** to give these people the proper burial they deserve. At today's service, Rev. Becky will offer words of comfort and we will sing 2 hymns and then lay flowers on the gravesites.

To join Rev. Becky for this service take I-20 East to Florence, then take Exit 80, Clemson Road. Turn left off ramp and continue until you turn left at Old Clemson Road. Cemetery's address is 779 Old Clemson Rd. Please wear comfortable shoes and bring a folding chair, as seating is limited.

Sunday, July 13th - Sundaes for Security - After service

Register Now for Vacation Bible School!

July 21st - 24th - Vacation Bible School - Road Trip

On the Go with God! Vacation Bible School will be July 21-24 from 9 am to noon for children aged 4 through 5th grade. Youth may serve as helpers. Join Scout the Pup and bring your friends as we learn together that God is with us wherever we go! Registration forms will be available outside the sanctuary beginning Sunday, June 15. Scan the QR code to check out our VBS website, to register online and get a sneak peek.



In Our Prayers

Ann Bell	Nancy Epting	Lisa Johnson	Sharon McCullough
Ron Bowden	Carl Evans	Sam Mathews	Ellen Parker
Jerry Bundy	Pat Griffin	Paul McClanahan	Joe Plough
Truman Duggin	Karen Horne	Patrick McClanahan	Our Homebound
Mickey Epting			

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:	Lucy Woods
Children's Church:	Hayden Rowe
	Kay Ayers Garren
Greeter:	Shelley Stafford
Sound/Video/Projection:	Ryan Wiskes
	Lynn Shirley
Ushers:	Pam and Phil Jenkins

Contact Information

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Stewardship Report

Attendance on 06/22: 340 (183 in person + online as of 06/25)

YTD Offerings Received: \$363,448 YTD Soup Cellar Gifts: \$34,623

YTD Expenses: \$463,398 YTD Soup Cellar Expenses: \$40,258

YTD Gifts to WSUMC Foundation: \$16,261

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)