



WASHINGTON STREET

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



July 20, 2025

Don't be conformed to the patterns of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds so that you can figure out what God's will is—what is good and pleasing and mature.

Romans 12:2

Order of Worship

6th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Becky Shirley

RINGING OF THE BELL

CHORAL INTROIT

Surely the Presence

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jane Peterson

*HYMN #67 (UMH)

We, Thy People, Praise Thee

ST. ANTHONY'S CHORALE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #883 (UHM)

THE GLORIA PATRI # 70 (UHM)

MEINEKE

ANTHEM

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Goeller

The text of this anthem is found in UMH #89 with additional Kiswahili text "Praise be to the Lord, for he has come to redeem his people." (Luke 1:68, Psalm 98:4, Psalm 148)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Susan Caskey

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY

Great is Thy Faithfulness
Soloist: Emily Schlegel

arr. Craig Courtney

*DOXOLOGY #94 (UMH)

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*HYMN #262 (UMH)

Heal Me, Hands of Jesus

SUTTON COMMON

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 12:2

SERMON The Holy Habit of Minding Your Thoughts

Rev. Becky Shirley

*HYMN #261(UMH)

Near to the Heart of God

MCAFEES

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

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

* = 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! 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. Copies are available just outside the Sanctuary doors.

Ministry Events This Week

Today - Safe Sanctuary Training - 3 PM - Wesley Room

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

On the Go with God! Vacation Bible School starts tomorrow ! We'll meet Monday - Thursday, 9 am to noon with kids aged 4-5th 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! Scan the QR code to register online and get a sneak peek.



July 25th and 26th - The Basics - Wesley Room

Have some questions about some basic Christian beliefs or need a breakdown of everything United Methodist? Join us July 25th from 6 pm - 8 pm and July 26th from 10 am - 4 pm. Contact Rev. Kathy for more info. (kljames@umcsc.org)

Save The Date For The Following Ministry Events

July 28th - Movie Discussion - On Golden Pond

Join us this summer as we discuss movies that deal with the complex relationships between parents and children. This group meets in the Wesley room and via ZOOM. Email aflippert@umcsc.org for ZOOM link.

Saturday, August 2 -WS ITCSC - 11:00 am - 12:15 pm - 2nd floor.

Have you ever considered being part of an inclusive theatre company? Well, this fun opportunity is right at your fingertips! Please join us as we host an orientation for folks interested in learning more about our work at Washington Street's Inclusive Theatre Company of South Carolina. This is for anyone interested in being part of our company including mentors, actors and production crew members. No previous experience is necessary. Just show up! Productions this year include the original play, Aesop's Singing Friends, Willy Wonka Kids, and an original musical, Struggle Bus, based on the book Dream Changer by Jamila Phillips. For more information, visit our website at inclusivetheatrecosc.com or email Larry Hembree, Artistic Director, at larryhembree1@gmail.com.

Disciple Bible Studies Start the week of August 10

Join us as we grow closer to God and each other through these small group studies. Sign up in the Narthex or use the QR code

Disciple 1 - Tuesdays @ 3:00 to 5:30 pm with Rev. Kathy

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Disciple 3 -Sundays @ 5:00 to 7:30 pm with Rev. Alston



In Our Prayers

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

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

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Your gift to 1401 Washington Street, Columbia, 29201
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Today's Volunteer Team

Acolyte:	Cora McGandy
Children's Church:	Shelley Stafford Hayden Rowe
Greeter:	James Tuell
Sound/Video/Projection:	Ryan Wiskes John Pannell
Ushers:	Susan Caskey Jane Peterson

Contact Information

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Stewardship Report

Attendance on 07/13: 328 (180 in person + 148 online as of 07/17)

YTD Offerings Received: \$390,992 YTD Soup Cellar Gifts: \$36,363

YTD Expenses: \$528,398 YTD Soup Cellar Expenses: \$44,276

YTD Gifts to WSUMC Foundation: \$16,261

Worship Leadership Team

Senior Pastor:	Rev. Becky Shirley	rjshirley@umcsc.org
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