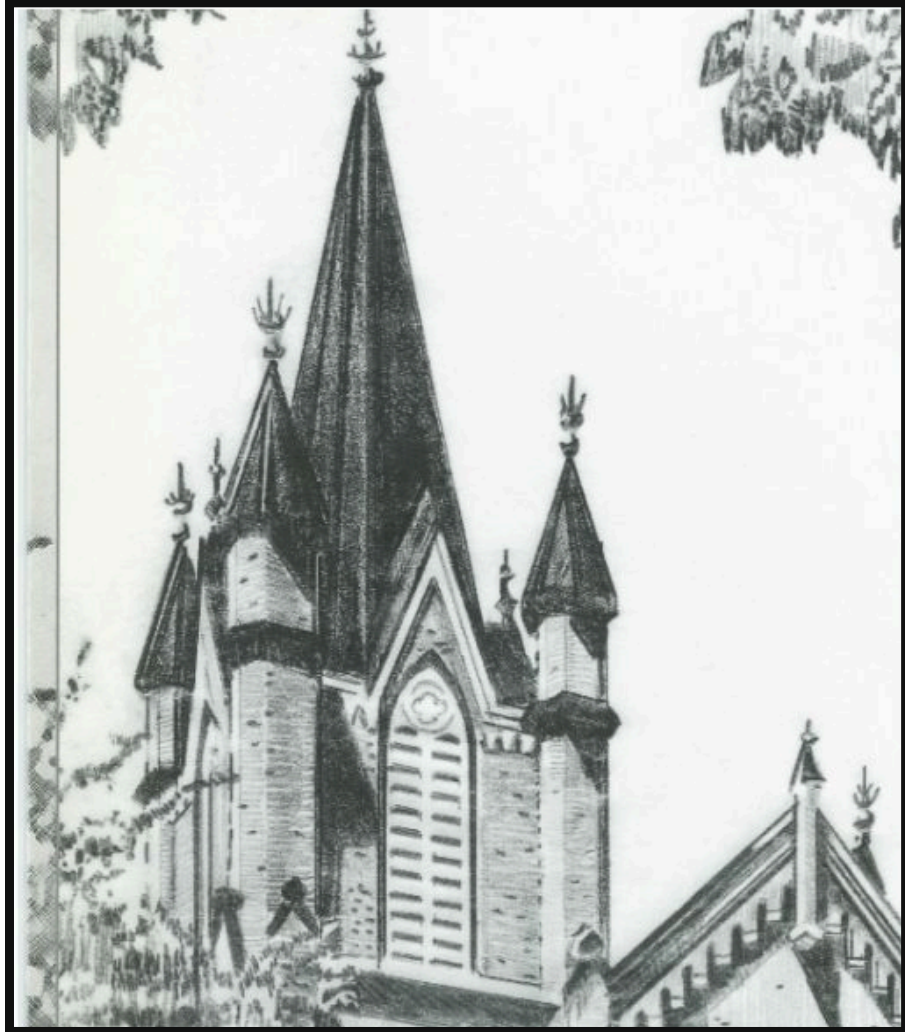




WASHINGTON STREET

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



September 14, 2025

Gray hair is a crown of glory;
it is found on the path of righteousness.

Proverbs 16:31

Order of Worship

14th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Becky Shirley

RINGING OF THE BELL

CHORAL INTROIT

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jan Baker

*HYMN #545 (UMH).

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #881 (UMH)

THE GLORIA PATRI # 70 (UMH)

MEINEKE

ANTHEM

Secure

Craig Courtney

*A storm is raging, Lord. The boat I sail is small and oh so frail. The wind is blowing, Lord. I cannot hold the course against the gale. The lightning strikes on every side, nowhere to run, nowhere to hide. Your hand alone can hold the tide, Lord, rescue me. I am sinking, Lord. The boat is taking water, going down. Part the waters, Lord. I long to plant my feet on solid ground. O Lord of earth and sky and sea, your hand is reaching out to me, I know that you have heard my plea, my hope is sure.
(Scripture reference Psalm 18:16)*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Kathy James

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

Child of God

Mark Miller

Soloist: Taylor Goodwin

*DOXOLOGY #94 (UMH)

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*HYMN #340 (UMH)

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

RESTORATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Proverbs 16:31

SERMON

A Crown of Gray

Rev. Becky Shirley

*HYMN #347 (UMH)

Spirit Song

SPIRIT SONG

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

In Sympathy

Rev. Becky J. Shirley joins the entire staff and Washington Street Church family in expressing our deepest sympathy and Christian love to Malissa Burnette and family on the passing of her husband, Mike LeFever, on September 7, 2025.

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 grateful you are here to worship with us! We are an open community of Christians helping people find and give hope through Jesus Christ - regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, nationality, disability or socioeconomic background. No matter who you are, where you are from, who you love or what you look like, know that God loves you and YOU BELONG HERE. Please take a moment to help us get to know you by completing the blue tear off section of this bulletin and placing it in the offering plate during the service.

Interested in Membership? If you are interested in learning more about what it means to be a member of Washington Street UMC, please contact Rev. Becky (rjshirley@umcsc.org) to schedule a time to meet with her.

Donations Needed: The soup cellar needs donations of snack food and #10 cans. Things like cookies, snack cakes, candy, and such. They can be dropped off during office hours, Monday-Friday, or on Sunday when you come to the service.

Altar Flowers: The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Mary and Lanneau Lide as they celebrate their 51st wedding anniversary by Elizabeth and Patricio Aravena and family.

Ministry Events This Week

Service of Dedication of the Bricks in Christ Chapel Courtyard Today, September 14th at 12:15

Immediately after the worship service everyone is invited to join the Christ Chapel Courtyard committee members in the chapel for a brief dedication service followed by a "Blessing of the Bricks" in the courtyard.

Today, September 14th - Youth Group - 4 PM to 6 PM - Youth Room

Youth in 6th-12th grade are invited to gather to discuss plans for the Fall Festival and an afternoon of fun and Games!

Thursday, September 18th - The Well - Chapel

Join us and invite family and friends to come with you to participate in this special monthly service. We gather at 11:00 AM for 30-minutes of worship in the Chapel. This service is filled with hymn singing as we hear a brief "Jesus story" and receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. This is an especially welcoming service for persons living with dementia and their caregivers.

September 20th - Sole Mates - 9 AM - Saluda Riverwalk

Come join us for monthly group walks! All walking paces are welcome. Contact Sara Wilcox for more info (wilcox@mailbox.sc.edu)

Save The Date For The Following Ministry Events

Monday, September 22nd - Movie Discussion- Chariots of Fire - 7 PM

This Fall we will watch sports movies and discuss themes of perseverance, teamwork, and overcoming obstacles. Discussions are held in person in the Wesley Room and online via Zoom. To get the link, email Rev. Alston at aflippert@umcsc.org

Sunday, September 28th - Youth Group - 4 PM to 6 PM - Youth Room

Movie Night

In Our Prayers

Ann Bell	Nancy Epting	Sam Mathews	Ellen Parker
Martha Boynton	Pat Griffin	Paul McClanahan	Joe Plough
Jerry Bundy	Karen Horne	Patrick McClanahan	Our Homebound
Truman Duggin	Lisa Johnson	Sharon McCullough	

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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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:	Alma Louise Aravena
Children's Church:	Lizzie Chewing Shelley Stafford
Greeter:	Ute
Sound/Video/Projection:	John Pannell Spencer Stevens
Ushers:	Lanneau Lide Garry Stevens

Contact Information

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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 09/11: 380 (206 in person + 174 online as of 09/07)

YTD Offerings Received: \$513,765 YTD Soup Cellar Gifts: \$45,412

YTD Expenses: \$691,947 YTD Soup Cellar Expenses: \$57,779

YTD Gifts to WSUMC Foundation: \$16,511

Worship Leadership Team

Senior Pastor:	Rev. Becky Shirley	rjshirley@umcsc.org
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Pianist:	Dr. Rick Frierson	(volunteer)
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