



# WASHINGTON STREET

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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## September 28, 2025

Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Passover festival. 42 When Jesus was twelve years old, they attended the festival as usual. 43 After the celebration was over, they started home to Nazareth, but Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents didn't miss him at first, 44 because they assumed he was among the other travelers. But when he didn't show up that evening, they started looking for him among their relatives and friends.

45 When they couldn't find him, they went back to Jerusalem to search for him there. 46 Three days later they finally discovered him in the Temple, sitting among the religious teachers, listening to them and asking questions. 47 All who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers.

48 His parents didn't know what to think. "Son," his mother said to him, "why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been frantic, searching for you everywhere."

49 "But why did you need to search?" he asked. "Didn't you know that I must be in my Father's house?"[a] 50 But they didn't understand what he meant.

51 Then he returned to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. And his mother stored all these things in her heart.

52 Jesus grew in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and all the people.

# Order of Worship

## 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Becky Shirley

RINGING OF THE BELL

CHORAL INTROIT

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jay Parmley

\*HYMN #73 (UMH)

*O Worship the King*

LYONS

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #885 (UMH)

THE GLORIA PATRI # 70 (UMH)

MEINEKE

ANTHEM

*I Shall See*

Michael John Trotta

Teach me your way; lead me in a straight path. One thing I seek, I seek to dwell in your house. Your face I seek, hide not from me. You are my light, whom shall I fear? In times of trouble he shall hide me, I will not fear. He is my strength. I believe I shall see all of your good in the land of the living. Wait upon him and he will strengthen you.

(Scripture reference Psalm 27)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Alicia Washington

*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. Alston Lippert

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY

*Be Not Afraid*

Craig Courtney

Soloist: Anthony Porter, Cello: Dottie Hanlin

\*DOXOLOGY #94 (UMH)

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

\*HYMN #419 (UMH)

*I Am Thine*

I AM THINE

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 2:41-52

SERMON

Growing Like Jesus Did

Rev. Becky Shirley

\*HYMN #2074 (TFWS)

*Shout to the Lord*

ZSCHECH

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

### Alter Flowers

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mike LeFever by Malissa Burnette, Grant Burnette LeFever, and family.

# 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.

**Ministers Appreciation Month.** October is Ministers' Appreciation Month. We hope that you will take the opportunity to express your appreciation to our pastors for the many things they do for our congregation and community. A basket is outside the office to collect notes for Rev. Becky, Rev. Alston and Rev. Kathy.

**It's A Wonderful World!** World Communion Sunday is October 5th. For this special service, we are collecting world globes for a display. If you have one (or a framed world map) that you can lend us, please drop it off in the office by Wednesday, October 1st, marked with your name. THANK YOU

**Donations Needed:** Help bless our community with the Fall Festival, October 26, 4-6 pm. Drop off a bag of candy (or two!) and some bottled water by Sunday, October 19.

## Ministry Events This Week

### **Tonight - Youth Group - 4 PM to 6 PM - Youth Room**

Youth in 6th - 12th grades are invited to join us for Movie Night!

### **Thursday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> - Yo Pro - 6 PM - Pride Service and Dinner**

Pride worship service at Shandon Presbyterian Church, and then eat dinner together. We will meet at the church, but if you prefer to carpool, contact Kathy James at [kljames@umcsc.org](mailto:kljames@umcsc.org).

### **Thursday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> - Pride Service - 6 PM - Shandon Presbyterian Church**

### **Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> - Pride Parade - 7 PM - Main Street**

### **Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> - Pride Festival - 12 PM - Main Street**

## Save The Date For The Following Ministry Events

### **Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup> - Mary's Maidens - 4 PM - Threatt Hall**

Girls in the 1st -5th grades are invited to join together for crafts & learning.

### **Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> - Reading Club - 6 PM - Open Door Classroom**

In honor of Banned Book Month, we are reading "Nineteen Minutes " by Jodi Picoult, which tops a recent list of books that have been banned in school libraries. Please join us as we consider this text and engage in a broader conversation about banned books.

### **Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup> - Youth Group - 4 PM to 6 PM - Youth Room**

Attend Charge Conference and then carve pumpkins

### **Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup> - Fall Festival - 4 PM to 6 PM - Parking Lot and Threatt Hall**

## In Our Prayers

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

### 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

<b>Acolyte:</b>	Beatrice McGandy
<b>Children's Church:</b>	Sarah Munoz
	Shelley Stafford
<b>Greeter:</b>	Shelley Stafford
	Jim Lane
<b>Sound/Video/Projection:</b>	Ryan Wiskes
	John Pannell
<b>Ushers:</b>	Lee Smith
	Charles Garren

#### Contact Information

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

### Stewardship Report

**Attendance on 09/24: 346 (174 in person + 172 online as of 09/21)**

**YTD Offerings Received: \$544,431      YTD Soup Cellar Gifts: \$46,412**

**YTD Expenses: \$727,853      YTD Soup Cellar Expenses: \$61,113**

**YTD Gifts to WSUMC Foundation: \$16,611**

#### Worship Leadership Team

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