



WASHINGTON STREET

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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.



CALLED TO C.A.R.E.

October 12, 2025

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan River. The Spirit led him into the desert. There the devil tempted him for 40 days. Jesus ate nothing during that time. At the end of the 40 days, he was hungry. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread." Jesus answered, "It is written, 'Man must not live only on bread.'"

(Deuteronomy 8:3)

Then the devil led Jesus up to a high place. In an instant, he showed Jesus all the kingdoms of the world. He said to Jesus, "I will give you all their authority and glory. It has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. If you worship me, it will all be yours."

Jesus answered, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God. He is the only one you should serve.'"

(Deuteronomy 6:13)

Then the devil led Jesus to Jerusalem. He had Jesus stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down from here. It is written, " 'The Lord will command his angels to take good care of you. They will lift you up in their hands. Then you won't trip over a stone.' " (Psalm 91:11,12) Jesus answered, "Scripture says, 'Do not test the Lord your God.' " (Deuteronomy 6:16)

When the devil finished all this tempting, he left Jesus until a better time.

Luke 4:1-13

Order of Worship

18th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Becky Shirley

RINGING OF THE BELL

CHORAL INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jacob Schatz

*HYMN #64 (UMH)

Holy, Holy, Holy

NICEA

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #885 (UMH)

THE GLORIA PATRI #70 (UMH)

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ANTHEM #400 (UMH) *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Mack Wilberg
directed by Jim Boatwright

Scriptural references are: Samuel 7:12, where Samuel sets up the Ebenezer stone as a monument to God's help. Additionally, the text draws from other biblical themes and imagery, such as streams of mercy (Ps. 68:26 and Jeremiah 17:13), praise of the fountain of life (Zechariah 13:1 and Ps. 36:9), as well as New Testament references to redemption through Christ's sacrifice, including Ephesians 1:7 and Colossians 2:14.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

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Following the Children's moments, children will follow an adult into the choir room for a short time of music. Afterward, 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

MINISTRY MOMENT

Called to C.A.R.E.

Jay Parmley

OFFERTORY

A Living Prayer
Soloist: Jenna Barrett

Rob Block

*DOXOLOGY #94 (UMH)

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*HYMN #87 (UMH)

What Gift Can We Bring?

ANNIVERSARY SONG

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 4:1-13

SERMON

The Clarity To Be All In

Rev. Becky Shirley

*HYMN #128 (UMH)

He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought

HE LEADETH ME

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Paul Brown by Susan Brown and family.

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

* = Please stand as you are able

Opportunities to Grow in Faith & Serve in Love

Ministry Events This Week

Today - Charge Conference - 4 PM - Christ Chapel

This is an annual meeting to celebrate the life and ministry of the church and to take care of a couple of important business items. Everyone is invited to attend. Current council members will be electing lay leadership for 2026 and setting salaries for the pastor and staff,

Thursday, October 16th - The Well - 11 AM in Christ Chapel

This 30 minute service is filled with hymn singing, a brief "Jesus story" is shared & Holy Communion is received. This is an especially welcoming service for persons living with dementia and their caregivers.

Active Faith needs you to "Sock it to us!"

Please donate new pairs of socks to Active Faith this October!

(Women's, men's, and children's) Drop off socks in the laundry basket by the office door. All donations will benefit Cooperative Ministry.

Questions? Contact Deborah Rowe at rkrdrtr@bellsouth.net

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.

The Welcome Table

Volunteers are needed in all areas for the fall meal. Members help Soup Cellar Chef Terence Chisolm prepare the meal, plate, and serve the meal to our guests, as well as host a table. Scan QR code to sign up.



Thank you for your Support of the Walk to End Alzheimer's

We had 5 participants in the Walk to End Alzheimer's and related dementias and raised \$2525 to support research on treatments or a cure.

Save The Date For The Following Ministry Events

Sunday, October 19th - Youth Group - 4 PM to 6 PM - Kitchen

Attention 6th - 12th graders: Make plans to attend next Sunday and invite your friends to join us as we carve pumpkins and share life together.

Sunday, October 19th - The Palmetto Journey of Hope- 4 PM Christ Chapel and Threath Hall

Join us for a worship service featuring Michael McClinton, a death row survivor. Reception following service in Threath Hall.

Sunday, October 26th - Fall Festival - 4 PM to 6 PM - Parking Lot

Help bless our community with the Fall Festival by donating a bag of candy (or two!) and some bottled water by Sunday, October 19. Then plan to join us for the festival and share in the fun and fellowship.

Monday, October 27th - Movie Discussion - Rudy - 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

In Our Prayers

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

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:	
Children's Church:	Heidi Ankeny Lizzie Chewning
Greeter:	Ute Jim Lane
Sound/Video/Projection:	Jacob Valdez Lynn Shirley
Ushers:	Kelly and Joe Epting

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 10/05: 332 (185 in person + 147 online as of 10/09)

YTD Offerings Received: \$562,454 YTD Soup Cellar Gifts: \$48,657

YTD Expenses: \$763,991 YTD Soup Cellar Expenses: \$67,180

YTD Gifts to WSUMC Foundation: \$16,611

Worship Leadership Team

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