



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.



October 19, 2025

They went directly to Moses, Aaron, and the entire Israelite community in the Paran desert at Kadesh. They brought back a report to them and to the entire community and showed them the land's fruit. ²⁷ Then they gave their report: "We entered the land to which you sent us. It's actually full of milk and honey, and this is its fruit. ²⁸ There are, however, powerful people who live in the land. The cities have huge fortifications. And we even saw the descendants of the Anakites there. ²⁹ The Amalekites live in the land of the arid southern plain; the Hittites, Jebusites, and Amorites live in the mountains; and the Canaanites live by the sea and along the Jordan."

³⁰ Now Caleb calmed the people before Moses and said, "We must go up and take possession of it, because we are more than able to do it."

³¹ But the men who went up with him said, "We can't go up against the people because they are stronger than we." ³² They started a rumor about the land that they had explored, telling the Israelites, "The land that we crossed over to explore is a land that devours its residents. All the people we saw in it are huge men. ³³ We saw there the Nephilim (the descendants of Anak come from the Nephilim). We saw ourselves as grasshoppers, and that's how we appeared to them."

- Numbers 13:26-33 (CEB)

Order of Worship

19th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Becky Shirley

RINGING OF THE BELL

CHORAL INTROIT *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN #126 (UMH) *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above* MIT FREUDEN ZART

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #885 (UMH)

THE GLORIA PATRI #70 (UMH)

MEINEKE

ANTHEM *Be Thou My Vision* arr. Paul Basler
The text for today's anthem may be found on page 451 of your UM hymnal. Scripture references: Proverbs 4:20-27 · Joel 2:28 · Romans 12:1-2 · Ephesians 4:17-32 · Colossians 3:1-17 · Colossians 3:23-24

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. 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

OFFERTORY

Song of the Wanderer
Soloist: Jacob Cordes

Dan Forrest

*DOXOLOGY #94 (UMH)

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*HYMN #480 (UMH) *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go*

ST. MARGARET

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Numbers 13:26-33

SERMON

Courageous Faith

Rev. Becky Shirley

*HYMN #508 (UMH) *Faith, While Trees Are Still in Blossom* FOR THE BREAD

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

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

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 Patricia (Pat) Griffin, who passed on October 12, 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

Ministry Events This Week

Today - Youth Group - 4 PM to 6 PM - Kitchen

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

Today - The Palmetto Journey of Hope- 4 PM - Christ Chapel

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

Parents of College Students

The 2's and 3's Sunday school class and Children's Church will be working on Halloween surprises for Washington Street college students. Please send your college student's mailing address to Mary Lide, neaudl@aol, by Friday October 24. Thank you!

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

All Saints Banner is located in the hallway near Christ Chapel. Please pin a bell on the banner in Remembrance of someone you love who now lives in heaven. We will use the banner in the worship service on Nov. 2

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.



Save The Date For The Following Ministry Events

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

Thursday, October 30th - YoPro - Halloween Costume Party - 6 PM

Contact a YoPro member or Kathy James for more information

In Our Prayers

Ann Bell	Karen Horne	Paul McClanahan	Joe Plough
Jerry Bundy	Lisa Johnson	Patrick McClanahan	Joe Slade
Blake Burnside	Sam Mathews	Ellen Parker	Our Homebound
Nancy 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:	Rosemary Aravena
Children's Church:	Sophia Ramsey Kelly Grove
Greeter:	Charles Garren Lanneau Lide
Sound/Video/Projection:	Spenser Stevens John Pannell
Ushers:	Robbie and Lisa Douglas

Contact Information

Website:	wsmethodist.org
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Phone:	803-256-2417
Email:	info@wsmethodist.org
Office Hours:	Monday -Thursday 9:00 am-4:00 pm & Fridays 9:00-am- 2:00 pm

Stewardship Report

Attendance on 10/12: 339 (138 in person + 201 online as of 10/16)

YTD Offerings Received: \$584,288 YTD Soup Cellar Gifts: \$52,872

YTD Expenses: \$767,483 YTD Soup Cellar Expenses: \$67,496

YTD Gifts to WSUMC Foundation: \$16,611

Worship Leadership Team

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