



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 26, 2025

1 Corinthians 9:15-21CEB

But I haven't taken advantage of this. And I'm not writing this so that it will be done for me. It's better for me to die than to lose my right to brag about this! If I preach the gospel, I have no reason to brag, since I'm obligated to do it. I'm in trouble if I don't preach the gospel. If I do this voluntarily, I get rewarded for it. But if I'm forced to do it, then I've been charged with a responsibility. What reward do I get? That when I preach, I offer the good news free of charge. That's why I don't use the rights to which I'm entitled through the gospel.

Although I'm free from all people, I make myself a slave to all people, to recruit more of them. I act like a Jew to the Jews, so I can recruit Jews. I act like I'm under the Law to those under the Law, so I can recruit those who are under the Law (though I myself am not under the Law). I act like I'm outside the Law to those who are outside the Law, so I can recruit those outside the Law (though I'm not outside the law of God but rather under the law of Christ).

Order of Worship

20th 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 #66 (UMH) *Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven*

LAUDA ANIMA

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #885 (UMH)

THE GLORIA PATRI #70 (UMH)

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ANTHEM

I Believe

Mark Miller

Soloist: Elizabeth Cameron
with Sanctuary Choir

I believe in the sun even when it is not shining. I believe in love even when I cannot feel it. I believe in God even when he is silent. (Written on a cellar wall by a Jewish prisoner in Germany during the Holocaust)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Joel Jones

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

*DOXOLOGY #94 (UMH)

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*HYMN #67 (UMH) *We, Thy People, Praise Thee*

ST. ANTHONY'S CHORALE

SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Corinthians 9:15-21

SERMON

Adaptive Faith

Rev. Becky Shirley

*HYMN #382 (UMH) *Have Thine Own Way, Lord*

ADELAIDE

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Martha Boynton by Jean Kanes, James Boulware, Kathy Rogers, Deborah Rowe, Lynn Shirley, and Sam Waldrop.

The two corton plants used in the fall services are given to the honor the WSUMC congregation by the groups from St. Marks UMC, you have so welcomed in membership.

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 - Fall Festival - 4 PM to 6 PM - Parking Lot

Come join us for the festival and share in the fun and fellowship.

Monday, October 27th - Movie Discussion - Rudy - 7 PM

This Fall, we are watching sports movies and discussing 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

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

Trick or Treat for UNICEF

The girls in Mary's Maidens will be receiving donations to support UNICEF's efforts to help children around the world with hunger, health, and education. The need is even greater this year.

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, November 9th - Youth Group - 4 PM - Youth Room

Prepare Epworth Tree for Christmas With Epworth

Sunday, November 9th - Bishop Will Willimon

10:00 AM - Meet and Greet

11:00 AM - Bishop Willimon Preaches

3:00 PM - Book discussion and signing in Threatt Hall

Wednesday, November 12th - Book Discussion - 6 PM - Open Door Classroom

We will be reading and discussion *My Friends* by Fredrick Backman.

Thursday, November 13th - YoPro Friendsgiving - 6 PM - Youth Room

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:	Alma Louise Aravena
Children's Church:	Lizzy Chewning
	Kay Ayers Garren
Greeter:	Shelley Stafford
Sound/Video/Projection:	Spenser Stevens
	John Pannell
Ushers:	Hal Hanlin
	Jane Peterson

Contact Information

Website:	wsmethodist.org
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Stewardship Report

Attendance on 10/19: 289 (173 in person + 116 online as of 10/23)

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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Director of Music Ministries:	Dr. Catherine Nance	catherine@wsmethodist.org
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