



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.



"Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all share the one loaf."
I Corinthians 10:16-17 (NRSVUE)

"There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus."
Galatians 3:28 (NRSVUE)

Order of Worship

17th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

RINGING OF THE BELL

CHORAL INTROIT

Voices of Praise

Craig Courtney

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Alston Lippert

*HYMN #85 (UMH)

We Believe in One True God

RATISBON

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Adrienne Fink

Following the Children's moments, 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.

MINISTRY MOMENT

Harriet Hancock Ally Award

Nancy Whittle

OFFERTORY

Live Like That
Soloist: Emily Schlegel

James Nichols

*DOXOLOGY #94 (UMH)

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Corinthians 10:16-17 and Galatians 3:28

HOMILY

"One Bread, One Body"

Rev. Becky Shirley

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (see insert)

COMMUNION ANTHEMS

O Love

Elaine Hagenberg

O love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee; I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be. O Joy that seekest me thru' pain, I cannot close my heart to thee; I trace the rainbow thru' the rain and feel the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be. (Scripture reference: Jeremiah 31:3, Matthew 11:28, John 3:16, and Romans 8:35-39)

Christ, We Do All Adore Thee

Theodore Dubois

*HYMN #634 (UMH) *Now Let Us from This Table Rise*

DEUS TUORUM MILITUM

*BENEDICTION & CHORAL RESPONSE

*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 the family and friends of Martha Boynton, who passed away on September 27, 2025, and to Kay Ayers-Garren and family on the passing of her sister, Sharon McCullough, on September 29, 2025.

NOTES: UMH =Red United Methodist Hymnal: TFWS= Black The Faith We Sing

* = Please stand as you are able

Opportunities to Grow in Faith & Serve in Love

Ministry Events This Week

Today - Meet with Rev. Becky to Explore Membership - 12:20 PM

If you're interested in exploring what it means to be a member of Washington Street UMC or just want to learn more about us, join Rev. Becky in the Wesley Room for a brief meeting after today's service ends.

Tonight- Mary's Maidens - 4 PM - Threatt Hall

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

Wednesday, October 8th - Reading Club - 6- 7 PM

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.

Saturday, October 11th- Sole Mates - Walk for Life

Use this link to join Washington Street UMC Sole Mates Team

<https://give.phmf.org/site/TRR/1291898878> Or scan the QR code



Sunday, October 12th - Charge Conference - 4 PM in 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,

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.

Save The Date For The Following Ministry Events

Sunday, October 12th - Youth Group - 4 PM to 6 PM - Youth Room

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.

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.

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

Join us for a worship service featuring Michael McClinton, a death row survivor. Reception following service in Threatt 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. The plan to join us for the festival and share in the fun and fellowship.

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	Cora McGandy
Children's Church:	Sophia Ramsey Kelly Grove
Greeter:	Ute
Sound/Video/Projection:	Lynn Shirley John Pannell
Ushers:	Susan Caskey and Lee Smith
Communion Servers:	Mary Lide, Jim Tuell, Gail Ward-Besser, and David Anderson

Contact Information

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Stewardship Report

Attendance on 10/01: 330 (186 in person + 144 online as of 09/28)

YTD Offerings Received: \$555,541

YTD Soup Cellar Gifts: \$47,767

YTD Expenses: \$734,281

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YTD Gifts to WSUMC Foundation: \$16,611

Staff Worship Leadership Team

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