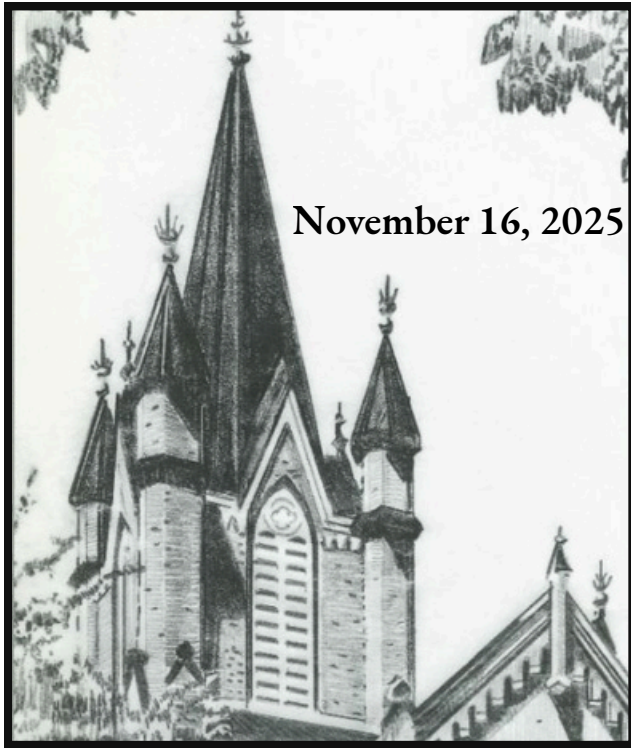


# WASHINGTON STREET

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



November 16, 2025

## 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.

### **Malachi 3:13-4:2 Contemporary English Version**

You have said horrible things about me, and yet you ask, "What have we said?" Here is what you have said: "It's foolish to serve the Lord God All-Powerful. What do we get for obeying God and from going around looking sad? See how happy those arrogant people are. Everyone who does wrong is successful, and when they put God to the test, they always get away with it."

All those who truly respected the Lord and honored God's name started discussing these things, and when God saw what was happening, God had their names written as a reminder in his book.

Then the Lord All-Powerful said: "You people are precious to me, and when I come to bring justice, I will protect you, just as parents protect an obedient child. Then everyone will once again see the difference between those who obey me by doing right and those who reject me by doing wrong."

The day of judgment is certain to come. And it will be like a red-hot furnace with flames that burn up proud and sinful people, as though they were straw. Not a branch or a root will be left. I, the Lord All-Powerful, have spoken! But for you that honor my name, victory will shine like the sun with healing in its rays, and you will jump around like calves at play.

# Order of Worship

## 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Becky Shirley

RINGING OF THE BELL

CHORAL INTROIT

*Majesty*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

\*HYMN #173 (UMH) *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

RATISBON

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #886 (UMH)

THE GLORIA PATRI #70 (UMH)

MEINEKE

ANTHEM

*Festival Sanctus*

John Leavitt

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts: heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Primary Scripture reference: Isaiah (6:1-8) and Revelation (4:1-11).

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Mary Lide

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY

*Give Me Jesus*  
Soloist: Anthony Porter

arr. Tom Trenney

\*DOXOLOGY #94 (UMH)

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

\*HYMN #385 (UMH)

*Let Us Plead for Faith Alone*

SAVANNAH

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Malachi 3:13-4:2

SERMON

How To Live

Rev. Alston Lippert

\*HYMN #529 (UMH)

*How Firm a Foundation*

FOUNDATION

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

### POINSETTIAS

There is one more Sunday after today to purchase a poinsettia in honor or memory of someone special. Please stop by the table outside the narthex or online with the QR code.



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

## **Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup> - Mary's Maidens - 4 PM - Kitchen**

Fun and Fellowship for Girls in the 1st - 5th grade

## **Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup> - Leviticus- 7 PM - Christ Chapel**

Leviticus is a professional play written and performed by 11th Hour Productions. It is about queer folx relationship to the church and how that's affected their relationship with God.

## **Save The Date For The Following Ministry Events**

### **Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup> - The Well - 11 AM in Christ Chapel**

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

### **Sunday, November 23rd - UWF Bake Sale - 9:30 AM**

Plan to purchase all your baked items for Thanksgiving at the UWF bake sale. Cakes, pies, cookies, bread, jam, and more! If you enjoy baking but aren't a member of a circle, we welcome your contribution to the bake sale. Items may be left in the church kitchen on Friday, November 21, or dropped off Saturday, November 22, between 9:00 and 12:00. All proceeds from the bake sale will be donated to Killingsworth and the Soup Cellar.

### **Monday, November 24<sup>th</sup> - Movie Discussion - 42 - 7 PM**

This Fall we have been 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. This month's movie is 42. To join via ZOOM, email Rev. Alston at [aflipper@umcsc.org](mailto:aflipper@umcsc.org)

### **Wednesday, December 3rd - 9:00 - 5:00- Daytrippers**

Daytrippers are going to Mepkin Abbey to the Creche Festival. Space is limited, so sign up soon. For more information, email Rev. Alston or to [s.sign up scan QR code.](#)



### **Sunday, December 7th - 11 PM - Children's Nativity Service - Sanctuary**

### **Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> - Book Discussion - 6 PM**

Join us in the John Harper Classroom to discuss *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson.

### **Sunday, December 14th - 11 PM - Christmas Cantata - Sanctuary**

The Choir presents A Christmas Cantata with full Orchestra

### **Monday, December 15th - 7 PM - Sing-Along-Messiah - Sanctuary**

### **Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Eve Service - 5 PM**

Carols and Candle lighting and Communion

## In Our Prayers

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

### 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  
by scanning the QR you see here.



#### Today's Volunteer Team

Acolyte:	Cora McGandy
Children's Church:	Sarah Munoz Sophia Ramsey
Greeter:	Ute
Sound/Video/Projection:	Spencer Stevens
Ushers:	Lee Smith Jane Peterson

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### Stewardship Report

**Attendance on 11/14: 374 ( 207 in person + 167 online as of 11/09)**

**YTD Offerings Received: \$663,566      YTD Soup Cellar Gifts: \$64,050**

**YTD Expenses: \$866,908      YTD Soup Cellar Expenses: \$77,619**

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

#### Worship Leadership Team

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