



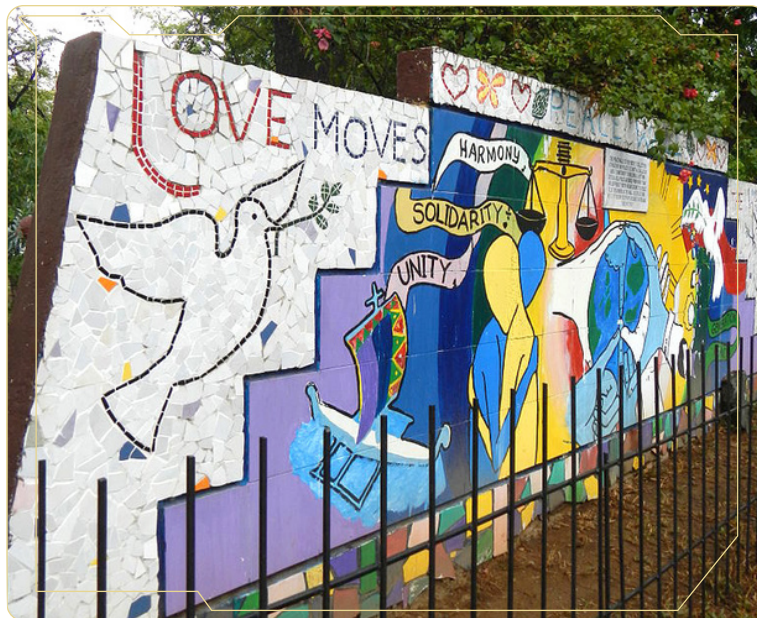
WASHINGTON STREET

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

November 23, 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.



World Peace Wall, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=57232> [retrieved November 17, 2025]. Original source: https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:7920jfWorld_Peace_Bell_Quezon_Memorial_Circlefvf_03.JPG.

Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they don’t know what they’re doing.”

They drew lots as a way of dividing up his clothing.

The people were standing around watching, but the leaders sneered at him, saying, “He saved others. Let him save himself if he really is the Christ sent from God, the chosen one.” The soldiers also mocked him. They came up to him, offering him sour wine and saying, “If you really are the king of the Jews, save yourself.” Above his head was a notice of the formal charge against him.

It read “This is the king of the Jews.”

Luke 23:34-38 (CEB)

Order of Worship

Christ the King Sunday

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Becky Shirley

CHORAL INTROIT

Ye Servants of God

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Larry Hembree

*HYMN #327 (UMH)

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #881 (UMH)

THE GLORIA PATRI #70 (UMH)

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ANTHEM

My Eternal King

Jane Marshall

My God, I love Thee; not because I hope for heav'n thereby, nor yet because who love Thee not must die eternally. Thou, O my Jesus, Thou didst me upon the cross embrace; For me didst bear the nails, the nails and spear, and manifold disgrace. Why, then why, O blessed Jesus Christ, should I not love Thee well? Not for the hope of winning heav'n, or of escaping hell; Not with the hope of gaining aught, not seeking a reward; but as Thyself hast loved me, O ever-loving Lord! E'en so I love Thee, and will love, and in Thy praise will sing; solely because Thou art my God, and my Eternal King! (Scripture reference: 1 Timothy 1:17, Romans 5:8; additional text ascribed to St. Francis Xavier, ca. 1546)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rev Alston Lippert

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.

MINISTRY MOMENT

Inclusive Theatre Company of SC

Larry Hembree
Hayden Uzelec

OFFERTORY

Goodness of God

Cece Winans

Soloist: Taylor Goodwin

*DOXOLOGY #94 (UMH)

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*HYMN #188 (UMH)

Christ is the World's Light

ST. ELIZABETH

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 23:34 - 38

SERMON

Reign of Christ

Rev. Becky Shirley

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN #159 (UMH)

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

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

Today - 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! All proceeds from the bake sale will be donated to Killingsworth and the Soup Cellar.

Monday, November 24th - 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 aflippert@umcsc.org

POINSETTIAS



This is the last day to purchase a poinsettia in honor or memory of someone special. **We are just 30 plants away from reaching our goal.** Please stop by the table outside the narthex to place your order or order online with the QR code.

Save The Date For The Following Ministry Events

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

Daytrippers are going to Mepkin Abbey to the Creche Festival. **Deadline for sign up is Wednesday, Nov. 26th.** For more information, email Rev. Alston or scan QR code.



Thursday, December 4th - YoPro - Game Night - 6 PM - Youth Room

YO PRO is a group of young professionals (mid-20s -mid-40s), some single, some married, who gather monthly for fun and fellowship. The group meets in the youth room on the 3rd floor. Childcare provided. Contact Rev. Kathy (kljames@umcsc.org) for more info.

Saturday, December 6th - Sole Mates - 11:30 AM - WSUMC

Meet at WSUMC, walk, then grab lunch & eat together at church (~3 miles)

Saturday, December 6th & 7th - AESOP MUSICAL - 3 PM - Threatt Hall

The Inclusive Theatre Company of SC is proud to announce its original production of Aesop's Singing Friends: Blowin' in the Wind! For tickets, scan the QR code on the pre-service slide or on the hallway monitor.

Sunday, December 7th - 11 AM- Children's Nativity Service - Sanctuary

Sunday, December 7 and 14 - Heifer Living Gift Market

This Christmas, give a gift that makes the world a better place by donating working animals to families struggling with hunger and poverty around the world. We will be receiving donations in the main hallway of the church 9:30-11 and 12 -12:30.

Wednesday, December 10th - Book Discussion - 6 PM

Join us in the John Harper Classroom on the 1st floor to discuss *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson.

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

The Choir will present A Christmas Cantata with a full Orchestra

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

Wednesday, December 24th - Christmas Eve Service - 5 PM

Carols and Candle lighting and Communion

In Our Prayers

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

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:	Sofia Bourne Sophia Ramsey
Greeter:	Ute Shelley Stafford
Sound/Video/Projection:	John Pannell Spencer Stevens
Ushers:	Phil and Pam Jenkins

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 11/16: 339 (187 in person + 152 online as of 11/20)

YTD Offerings Received: \$681,153 YTD Soup Cellar Gifts: \$76,775

YTD Expenses: \$895,917 YTD Soup Cellar Expenses: \$77,297

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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