

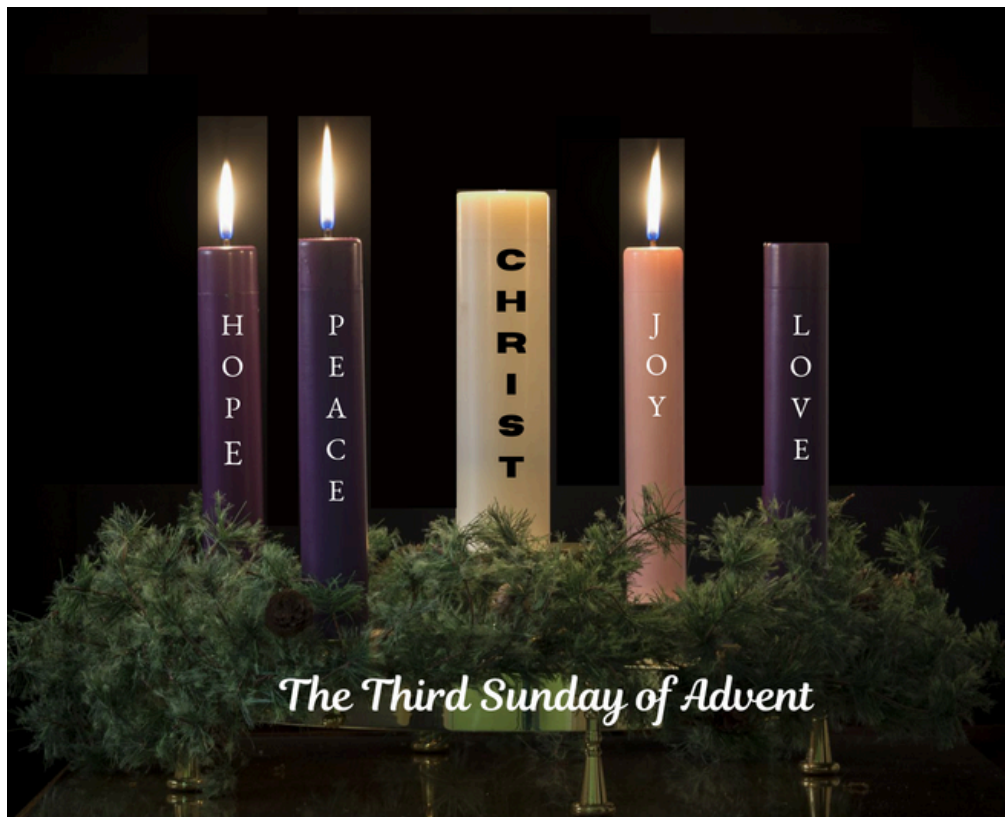
WASHINGTON STREET

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

December 14, 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.



**The Choir presents A Christmas Cantata,
THE WORD BECAME FLESH
with full Orchestra.**

Joy to the World! and O Come, All Ye Faithful

(Congregation and Choir)

Joy to the world! the Lord is come; Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room,
And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.

He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love, And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders of His love.

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels!
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee born this happy morning,
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

The Word Became Flesh ~ John 1:10-14

We Have Seen His Glory ~ John 1:14; Philipians 2:11

We have seen His glory,
The Prince of Peace has come;
He left His heavenly throne above
And made this world His home.

We have seen the glory,
Of the Father's only Son;
Whose vict'ry rescues us from death,
The curse of sin undone.

God the Father, rich in mercy,
Reaches down from heav'n above.
To offer us salvation
By virtue of His love.

Jesus Christ, the Word Incarnate,
Hero of redemption's story.
We worship and adore Him,
For we have seen His glory.

We have seen His glory,
Raise your voice in one accord.
Let ev'ry tongue His name confess
That Jesus Christ is Lord!

BENEDICTION

**Notice: We are accepting job applications for a Full-time
Operations Manager. Apply to wsumcemployment@gmail.com**

NOTES: UMH =Red United Methodist Hymnal

* = Please stand as you are able

Opportunities to Grow in Faith & Serve in Love

Today, 9:30-12:15 - Heifer Living Gift Market **Before Sunday School, before and after Worship Service**

You have the opportunity to gift family members and friends with not only heifers, but sheep, goats, bees, chickens, and more. For each purchase of an animal or share of an animal, you will receive a card to notify your recipient of their symbolic gift. All donations from the Washington Street Market will be sent to a Heifer project in Ecuador.

Tonight - 4 PM - Youth Caroling

The Washington Street UMC Youth Group will be singing Christmas Carols to our homebound members on December 14th from 4 - 6 pm. All are invited to join. Carolers will meet at Washington Street UMC and will carpool to the caroling locations.

Tomorrow, December 15, 7:00 pm - Sing-A-Long Messiah

Celebrate the season with an evening of music, community, and joy!
Doors open at 6:00 PM for first-come, first-served seating.

Monday, December 15th - 6 PM - YoPro - Sing-Along-Messiah

YoPros meeting for Sing Along Messiah, please note that they will be meeting at 6pm by the Chapel .

Thursday, December 18, 11:00 am in the Chapel - The W.E.L.L.

Please join us for this 30-minute service of Christmas Carols, an Interactive Christmas Story and Communion. The Service is especially friendly to persons living with dementia or other cognitive issues.

Sunday, December 21st - Birthday Party for Jesus - 10 AM

All children are invited to celebrate Jesus's birthday with a special Sunday school party in the upstairs children's room.

Save the Date

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

Carols and Candle lighting and Communion

Sunday, December 28th - No Sunday School Before Service at 11 AM

Gather in our sanctuary at 11 am to worship, learn about some of our favorite Christmas carols, and sing them together.

If you have a favorite carol that appears in the hymnal or The Faith We Sing, please email Catherine (Catherine@wsmethodist.org), and we will do our best to include it.

Sunday, January 4th - New Year Prayer Walk - Columbia UMC - 3 PM

See posters in the hallway or worship slides for the QR Code.

Monday, January 5th - Advocacy Education and Engagement Training - Threat Hall

See posters in the hallway or worship slides for the QR Code.

January 17- 19: " Operation Inasmuch" -see details in Newsletter

Cookies & Homemade Treats for First Responders

Please join members of our Active Faith Ministry as they bring zip lock bags filled with a dozen cookies or other homemade treats to the worship service on December 21st.. The treats will be blessed during the service. At the conclusion of the service, worshippers will be asked to take one or more bags to persons in the community who are working on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day (ex: police officers, firefighters, hospital employees, etc.) as an expression of gratitude for their service and as an outward and visible sign of God's love for them.

In Our Prayers

Ann Bell
Blake Burnside
Nancy Epting
Karen Horne

Lisa Johnson
Jean Leitner
Sam Mathews
Paul McClanahan

Patrick McClanahan
Ellen Parker
Joe Plough
Joe Slade

Nancy Whittle
Wilma Winslow
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 !

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Your gift to 1401 Washington Street, Columbia, 29201
by scanning the QR you see here.



Today's Volunteer Team

Acolyte:	Lucy Woods
Children's Church:	Lizzie Chewning Sophia Bourne
Greeter:	Alexander and Velma Christian
Sound/Video/Projection:	John Pannell
Ushers:	Lisa and Vickie Voegeli

Contact Information

Website:	wsmethodist.org
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Stewardship Report

Attendance on 12/11: 454 (219 in person + 233 online as of 12/07)

YTD Offerings Received: \$741,609

YTD Soup Cellar Gifts: \$98,895

YTD Expenses: \$938,136

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YTD Gifts to WSUMC Foundation: \$22,296

Staff Worship Leadership Team

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Organist:	David Turner	david@wsmethodist.org
Pianist:	Dr. Rick Frierson	(volunteer)