



WASHINGTON STREET

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

June 7, 2026



Often our lives are filled with anxiety and the temptation may be to try to solve everything on our own, or just check out from any responsibility at all. Yet, God offers us the deep serenity to remain present and rooted, and to see clearly through the lens of divine wisdom.

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.

Whether you are visiting with us or looking for a church home, it's great to have you here with us! Please scan the QR code to let us know you are worshipping with us today and let us know how we can help you.



New Here?

We have many children's ministries for your children to be a part of!

We have special listening devices for those who are hearing impaired.

Follow us on Facebook & Instagram!

For more information, visit our website at wsmethodist.org

No one at Washington Street will solicit you for gift cards of any kind!



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.

Today's Scripture:

John 16:33

I've said these things to you so that you will have peace in me. In the world you have distress. But be encouraged! I have conquered the world."

Please keep the following WSUMC delegates in your prayers this week and pray for all the clergy and lay delegates at the SC UMC Annual Conference this week:

Carol Fowler
Marcia Lane
Cody Lidge
Jay Parmley
Ben Schooler
Debra Schooler
Lynn Shirley
Leland Spencer
Jacob Valdez

This year's conference is being held in Greenville Sunday, June 7 - Wednesday, June 10. Sessions will be live streamed via umcsc.org. During the Conference, on Tuesday afternoon, WSUMC member, Leland Spencer, will be recognized as a Home Missioner!

Order of Worship 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Shirley

RINGING OF THE BELL

CHORAL INTROIT

Majesty

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Kathy James

Leader: Friends, we come today not because life is neat and tidy, but because it often isn't. We come with hearts that may be weary, minds that may be cluttered, and stories that may feel unfinished. And yet—God meets us here, right in the middle of the mess.

All: We come, bringing our chaos, our questions, and our pain.

Leader: God does not wait for us to have it all together.

All: God meets us in the middle of our brokenness.

Leader: In the mess, God is still making beauty.

All: In the storm, God is still speaking peace.

Leader: So let us worship the One who brings order from chaos, light from darkness and life from death.

All: We come to worship the One who makes all things new.

*HYMN #88 (UMH) *Maker, In Whom We Live*

DIADEMATA

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 16:33

Rev. Lippert

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Mary Lide

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 parents.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (To be prayed in unison)

God, we confess the reality that life can be messy, and often so are we. We've tried to hold it all together on our own, and we've pretended we were fine when we weren't. We've let fear, pride, and worry take the driver's seat. We've ignored Your voice when it called us to trust. Forgive us for the ways we've made the mess bigger.

Forgive us for the times we've walked away from Your help. Thank You that You don't wait for us to be perfect before You love us. Thank You that Your grace is bigger than our mistakes. Today, we hand You our cluttered hearts, our broken pieces, and our unfinished stories. Make something beautiful in us as we offer now our silent personal confessions.

(Moments of silence are kept)

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

OFFERTORY

Total Praise

Richard Smallwood Lord

I will lift mine eyes to the hills; knowing my help is coming from you. Your peace you give me in time of the storm! You are the source of my strength! You are the strength of my life! I lift my hands in total praise to you. Amen!

*HOMILY

Serenity

Rev. Becky Shirley

If you would like for us to join you in prayer, please find a prayer card in the pew racks and place it in the offering plate during the service today. You may also email your prayer requests to wsumcprayers@gmail.com

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise

Leader: O God, you bring light out of darkness and hope where none can be found. As we give you thanks for this meal and the light of hope expressed most completely in your Son Jesus Christ, we pray that you will give us grace to know him more fully and to live with confidence into the new life you to offer us.

As we remember how on the night Jesus freely gave himself to death, he took bread and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying "Take, eat, this is my body, given for you"

We also recall how when the supper was over, Jesus took the cup of blessing, and after giving thanks to you, he gave it to his disciples saying "Drink this, all of you; this is my blood, the blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. As often as you do this - do it in remembrance of me".

We do so asking that you send forth your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts that they may be for us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ and that being built up by this precious sacrament of your grace, we might live more fully the new life you offer to us. We ask it in his name, singing together the prayer he taught us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (See insert to sing The Lord's Prayer)

Receiving The Bread and The Cup

COMMUNION ANTHEM

*HYMN #133 (UMH) *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* SHOWALTER

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER

*BENEDICTION & CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

A special thanks to Malcolm Lemons conducting and Joe Hudson playing the organ

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

* = Please stand as you are able

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| Ann Bell | Barbara Graybill |
| Sarah-Kate Gravely | Karen Horne |
| Lisa Johnson | Charles Joye |
| Jim Lane | Jeann Leitner |
| Sam Matthews | Patrick McClanahan |
| Paul McClanahan | Carole McConkey |
| Cathy Puckett | Nancy Whittle |

Our Homebound Members

Prayer Thought

For everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven.

Stewardship Report

Attendance on 5/31: 288
156 in person
132 online (as of 6/04)

Offerings

YTD Received: \$376,073
YTD Soup Cellar Gifts: \$28,121

Expenses

YTD General: \$452,363
YTD Soup Cellar : \$29,383

Foundation

FYTD Gifts: \$6,153.75

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.



Calendar of Ministry Events

Salkehatchie Donations

Donate supplies for our Salkehatchie campers by scanning the QR code!



Vacation Bible School

VBS 2026 will be held July 20th to the 23rd! Sign up now for kids ages 4 through 5th grade by scanning the QR code!



June 11th - Safe Space Dinner

The Social Justice Action Team will be hosting a Safe Space Dinner for homeless LGBTQIA+ youth on June 11th at Reformation Lutheran Church. SJAT is also asking for snack donations, which can be dropped off in the left-hand closet in Threatt Hall. If you would like to volunteer, email Nancy Whittle @ ncwhittle@aol.com.

June 14th - Youth Movie Night

All youth are invited to join us in the 3rd floor youth room for movie night at 5 PM! The movie selection is TBD, but you may contact Rev. Kathy at kljames@umcsc.org for more information!

Today's Volunteer Team

Acolyte:	Alma Louise Aravena
Children's Church:	Shelley Stafford Lilly Wilson
Greeters:	Ute
Sound/Video/Projection:	Spencer Stevens Ryan Wisks
Ushers:	Lanneau Lide and Jay Parmley
Communion Servers	Eleanore Langley, Beth Barry Pam Jenkins and Frazier Swindler

Contact Information

Website:	wsmethodist.org
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Office Hours:	Monday - Thursday 9:00 am-4:00 pm & Fridays 9:00-am- 2:00 pm

Safe Space



We are committed to providing a safe, healing and affirming environment for All of God's Children to grow in Faith.

Staff Worship Leadership Team

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