



WASHINGTON STREET

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

July 19, 2026



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 kids 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 EVER 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:

Psalm 139:1-12

Lord, you have examined me.
You know me.
You know when I sit down and when I stand up.
Even from far away, you comprehend my plans.
You study my traveling and resting.
You are thoroughly familiar with all my ways.
There isn't a word on my tongue, Lord,
that you don't already know completely.
You surround me—front and back.
You put your hand on me.
That kind of knowledge is too much for me;
it's so high above me that I can't reach it.
Where could I go to get away from your spirit?
Where could I go to escape your presence?
If I went up to heaven, you would be there.
If I went down to the grave, you would be there too!
If I could fly on the wings of dawn,
stopping to rest only on the far side of the ocean—
even there your hand would guide me;
even there your strong hand would hold me tight!
If I said, "The darkness will definitely hide me;
the light will become night around me,"
even then the darkness isn't too dark for you!
Nighttime would shine bright as day,
because darkness is the same as light to you!

Romans 8:12-25

So then, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation, but it isn't an obligation to ourselves to live our lives on the basis of selfishness. If you live on the basis of selfishness, you are going to die. But if by the Spirit you put to death the actions of the body, you will live. All who are led by God's Spirit are God's sons and daughters. You didn't receive a spirit of slavery to lead you back again into fear, but you received a Spirit that shows you are adopted as his children. With this Spirit, we cry, "Abba, Father." The same Spirit agrees with our spirit, that we are God's children. But if we are children, we are also heirs. We are God's heirs and fellow heirs with Christ, if we really suffer with him so that we can also be glorified with him. I believe that the present suffering is nothing compared to the coming glory that is going to be revealed to us. The whole creation waits breathless with anticipation for the revelation of God's sons and daughters. Creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice—it was the choice of the one who subjected it—but in the hope that the creation itself will be set free from slavery to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of God's children. We know that the whole creation is groaning together and suffering labor pains up until now. And it's not only the creation. We ourselves who have the Spirit as the first crop of the harvest also groan inside as we wait to be adopted and for our bodies to be set free. We were saved in hope. If we see what we hope for, that isn't hope. Who hopes for what they already see? But if we hope for what we don't see, we wait for it with patience.

Order of Worship 8th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Shirley

RINGING OF THE BELL

CHORAL INTROIT *Glorify Thy Name*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jane Peterson

Leader: From our first breath to our last,

All: we are known by God.

Leader: As we work and play, laugh and cry, fall down and rise up,

All: we are loved by God.

Leader: As we face each day's joys and sorrows, celebrations and trials,
beginnings and endings,

All: we are filled with hope by God.

Leader: As we live our lives every day,

All: we offer God praise.

Leader: Come, let us worship God who knows us, is with us always, loves us, and gives us hope in all circumstances.

All: We come as people formed by God's love to offer God praise as we actively and hopefully wait with all creation. Amen.

***HYMN # 157 (UMH)** *Jesus Shall Reign*

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***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #883 (UMH)**

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***THE GLORIA PATRI #70 (UMH)**

ANTHEM *Beloved, God's Chosen* Robert A. Hobby
Beloved, God's chosen, put on as a garment compassion, forgiveness and goodness of heart. Above all, before all, let love be your raiment that binds into one every dissonant part. Within, call forth to dwell in you richly; let peace rule your hearts that peace be of Christ. And fro the heart's chamber, beloved and holy let singing thanksgiving to God ever rise. (Scripture reference Colossians 3:12-15)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Mary Lide
Following the Children's Moments, children older than 5 should return to their seats in the congregation. Children ages 3-5 will be escorted by a Children's Church leader to Children's Church, which is located in the 2-3 year-old Sunday school room. Please pick up the children from that room at the conclusion of the service of worship.

MINISTRY MOMENTS Jacob Valdez

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 139:1-12

OFFERTORY *The Gospel of Grace* Mark Hayes
Soloist: Jordan Harper

***DOXOLOGY #94 (UMH)** LASST UNS ERFREUEN

***HYMN#407 (UMH)** *Close to Thee* CLOSE TO THEE

***SCRIPTURE LESSON** Romans 8:12-25

SERMON Known, Loved, Hope-Filled Rev. Armstrong

***HYMN #500(UMH)** *Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart* MORECAMBE

***BENEDICTION & CHORAL RESPONSE**

***POSTLUDE**

Prayer List

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

Ann Bell	Rob Graybill
Thom Berry	Karen Horne
Stan Fullwood	Charles Joye
Sarah- Kate Gravely	Jean Leitner
Lisa Johnson	Patrick McClanahan
Jim Lane	Carole McConkey
Sam Matthews	Beth Nelson
Paul McClanahan	Nancy Williams
Cathy Puckett	Nancy Whittle
Barbara Graybill	

Our Homebound Members

Prayer Thought
He holds our hands and He holds our hearts. That's the kind of God He is.

Stewardship Report
Attendance on 7/12: 315
147 in person
168 online (as of 7/16)

Offerings
YTD Received: \$473,851
YTD Soup Cellar Gifts: \$41,866

Expenses
YTD General: \$565,462
YTD Soup Cellar : \$40,428

Foundation
FYTD Gifts: \$28,662
Thank you for your Financial Support
Your gifts help make ministry happen every day!
You may give by texting **CONNECTIONS** to 73256, mailing your gift to 1401 Washington Street or by scanning the QR you see here.



Calendar of Ministry Events

Welcome Table Meal | July 27th

We will be hosting a sit-down meal for those in our community facing food insecurity.

Inclusive Theatre Performance | August 8th

The Inclusive Theatre Company of South Carolina will be putting on the debut performance of *Struggle Bus* on Saturday, August 8th at 5 PM! For more information, and to get your tickets, scan the QR code!



Follow the CDC on Social Media!

Our Child Development Center is now on Facebook and Instagram! Scan the QR to follow them and stay up to date on their future events!



Empty Jar Donations

If you have 8-ounce canning jars you are not planning to use, please donate the jars to United Women in Faith (UWF). Jars may be left in the church kitchen. Please label UWF.

Today's Volunteer Team

Acolyte: Rosemary Aravena
Children's Church: Sierra Borden
Melanie Dobson
Greeters: Ute

Sound/Video/Projection: John Pannell
Ryan Wiskes

Ushers: Lanneau Lide and Denise Wellman

Contact Information

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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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