WASHINGTON STREET
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

November 1, 2026



On All Saints Day, we remember all those who are part of the "communion of saints" we confess whenever we recite The Apostles' Creed.

We share stories of those "to glory gone." Retelling these stories grounds us in our history. These memories teach us how God has provided for us through the generosity and sacrifice of those who have come before us. The stories of the saints encourage us to be all God has created us to be - persons who love boldly, serve joyfully and lead courageously.

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 worshiping 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. If needed, please ask an usher.

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:

Mark 12:28–34

One of the legal experts heard their dispute and saw how well Jesus answered them. He came over and asked him, "Which commandment is the most important of all?"

Jesus replied, "The most important one is Israel, listen! Our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this, you will love your neighbor as yourself. No other commandment is greater than these."

The legal expert said to him, "Well said, Teacher. You have truthfully said that God is one and there is no other besides him. And to love God with all of the heart, a full understanding, and all of one's strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself is much more important than all kinds of entirely burned offerings and sacrifices."

When Jesus saw that he had answered with wisdom, he said to him, "You aren't far from God's kingdom." After that, no one dared to ask him any more questions.

NOTES: UMH - Red United Methodist Hymnal; TFWS - The Faith We Sing
* - Please stand as you are able

Order of Worship
22nd Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME Rev. Becky Shirley

CHORAL INTROIT *Hallelujah*
Sanctuary Choir with Maria Beery and Jordan Harper

RINGING OF THE BELL & SILENT PROCESSIONAL

LITANY OF GRATITUDE FOR ALL THE SAINTS++
(see insert)

***HYMN #711 (UMH)** *For All the Saints* SINE NOMINE

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Dane Waund
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.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Merciful God, you have loved us and entrusted us with gifts to share. Yet we have withheld compassion, overlooked neighbors in need, and kept silent when love required us to speak. We have sometimes treated our time, abilities, and money as ours alone. Forgive us. Free us from fear and self-protection. By your Spirit, teach us to love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously. Receive the prayers we offer in silence.

Moments of silence are observed as personal prayers are offered.

Leader: Renew us in your grace and guide us in the way of Jesus. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

OFFERTORY *Light of a Clear Blue Morning*
Dolly Parton arr. Craig Hella Johnson
Soloist: Jordan Harper

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

SCRIPTURE Mark 12:28–34

HOMILY Their Witness, Our Calling Rev. Becky Shirley

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

Leader: Christ invites us to this table, not because our faith is perfect, but because God's love is faithful. Here we come with gratitude and grief, with memories of those we miss and hope for the life we share in Christ. Come, receive the grace that has sustained generations before us and will strengthen us for the work of love ahead.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(see insert)*

THE LORD'S PRAYER (To be sung) *(see insert)*

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

COMMUNION ANTHEMS

Sing Me to Heaven (Daniel E. Gawthrop)

In my heart's sequestered chambers lie truths stripped of poet's gloss. Words alone are vain and vacant and my heart is mute. In response to aching silence memory summons half-heard voices and my soul finds primal eloquencea nd wraps me in song. If you would comfort me, sing me a lullaby. If you would win my heart, sing me a love song. If you would mourn me and bring me to God. Sing me a requiem, sing me to Heaven.Touch in me all love and passion. Pain and pleasure, touch in me grief and comfort. Love me, comfort me–sing me to God. Sing me a love song. Sing me to Heaven. (Scripture references: the descriptions of singing in the book of Revelation, in Revelation 14:2-3 and Revelation 5:8-11.Other supporting verses are found in the Psalms)

No Night There (Dan Forrest)

God is with us; God is for us–do not be afraid. There shall be no night there, no crying there; God shal wipe away every tear from their eyes lo, I am with you always, even to the end. Even in the valley of the shadow of death, God is with us, I will fear no evil, God is for us. Lo, I am with you always - even to the end. (Scripture reference: Revelation 22:5, Romans 8:31)

***HYMN #707 (UMH)** *Hymn of Promise* PROMISE

***BENEDICTION & CHORAL RESPONSE**

***POSTLUDE**

In Sympathy

Rev. Becky Shirley joins the entire staff and Washington Street Church family in expressing our deepest sympathy and Christian love to Ann Fishburn and her family in the death of her sister, May Ramsey, who died October 25, 2026.

++Litany adapted and expanded from your working litany, drawing on "All Saints Litany" by the Rev. Susannah DeBenedetto, published on LiturgyLink.

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	Patrick McClanahan
Lisa Johnson	Carole McConkey
Sam Matthews	Mike Hutto
Paul McClanahan	Cathy Puckett
Barbara Graybill	Jamie Mathews
Brenda Fields	Frazier Swindler

Homebound Members

Prayer Thought

During prayer, thank God for His amazing power and how He works in our lives.

Stewardship Report

Attendance on 10/24: 274
126 in person
148 online (as of 10/29)

Offerings
YTD Received: $694,283
YTD Soup Cellar Gifts: $55,794

Expenses

YTD General: $873,476
YTD Soup Cellar: $67,206

Foundation

YTD Gifts: $29,147

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

Prayer Service for Midterm Elections

All are invited to join us in Christ Chapel on November 2nd at 6:30 PM for a special prayer service for the upcoming elections. This will be a brief service where we will pray for everyone involved with the 2026 elections. As you leave the Sanctuary today, you may also sign up to be a part of our 24-hour prayer vigil from midnight to 11:59 PM on election day.

Stewardship Coverdish Meal

Join us on Sunday, November 8th, in Threatt Hall to celebrate the church's stewardship campaign. Meat and beverages will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

UWF Bake Sale

UWF members will be selling cakes, cookies, breads, jams, and more on Sunday, November 22nd from 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM in the Wesley Room.
All proceeds will be given to Killingsworth Home. If you are not a circle member but enjoy baking, you may donate baked good to the sale.

Daytrippers McCutchen House Trip | Nov. 12

We will have lunch at 11:30 AM at the McCutchen House on the USC Horseshoe and then have a tour of The South Caroliniana Library at 1:00 PM. We'll meet at the church at 11:15 AM to carpool. Lunch will be around $20. Contact Mary Lide, neaudl@aol.com, if you would like to attend.

Today's Volunteer Team

Acolyte:	Cora McGandy
Children's Church:	Lizzie Chewning Cecilia Daigle
Greeters:	Ute
Sound/Video/Projection:	Ryan Wiskes John Pannell
Ushers:	Ricky Rowe and Jay Parmley
Communion Servers:	Ann Jessup, Nancy Whittle Beth Barry, and Gail Ward-Besser

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Safe Space

Reconciling Ministries Network

Safe Sanctuaries

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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