WASHINGTON STREET
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

November 22, 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, whom 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 or complete one of the Connection Cards found in the pews to let us know you are with us today and how we can help you.

New Here?

We have special listening devices for those who are hearing impaired. If needed, please ask an usher for assistance.

Want to become a member? Fill out an interest card located in the pew rack in front of you, or speak to one of our pastors as you exit the sanctuary!

For more information, visit our website at wsmethodist.org and follow us on Facebook & Instagram!

We have many children's ministries for your kids to be a part of! Contact Rev. Kathy James (kljames@umcsc.org) to find out more!

Interested in joining a small group? Contact our Communications Coordinator (jacob@wsmethodist.org) to receive a copy of the Small Group Booklet!

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:

Matthew 6:25–34

"Therefore, I say to you, don't worry about your life, what you'll eat or what you'll drink, or about your body, what you'll wear. Isn't life more than food and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds in the sky. They don't sow seed or harvest grain or gather crops into barns. Yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Aren't you worth much more than they are? Who among you by worrying can add a single moment to your life? And why do you worry about clothes? Notice how the lilies in the field grow. They don't wear themselves out with work, and they don't spin cloth. But I say to you that even Solomon in all of his splendor wasn't dressed like one of these. If God dresses grass in the field so beautifully, even though it's alive today and tomorrow it's thrown into the furnace, won't God do much more for you, you people of weak faith? Therefore, don't worry and say, 'What are we going to eat?' or 'What are we going to drink?' or 'What are we going to wear?' Gentiles long for all these things. Your heavenly Father knows that you need them. Instead, desire first and foremost God's kingdom and God's righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore, stop worrying about tomorrow, because tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Order of Worship
Christ the King Sunday

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME Rev. Becky Shirley

RINGING OF THE BELL

CHORAL INTROIT *Majesty*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We come, for God gathers us here,
with that community called faith:
All: where the hungry are served first,
where the thirsty drink life's water.
Leader: We come, for God welcomes us here
into that home called grace:
All: where the naked are clothed in robes of hope;
where the stranger is embraced and offered love and grace.
Leader: In God's house,
All: all are welcome and all are heard.
Leader: We come, for God reunites us here,
siblings in that family called love:
All: where the imprisoned model justice,
where the sick are cradled in God's peace.

***HYMN #715 (UMH)** *Rejoice, the Lord is King* DARWALL'S 148th

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

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

ANTHEM *Keep Your Lamps* Andre Thomas

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning the time is drawing nigh! Children, don't get weary 'til your work is done. Christian journey soon be over! (Scripture reference: Psalm 19:28, Matthew 25:1–13; Psalm 18:29; Exodus 27:20-21)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Adrienne Fink

Following, children will follow an adult into the choir room for a short time of music. Afterwards, 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.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

MINISTRY MOMENT Transgender Day of Remembrance Jim Lane

OFFERTORY

Organist: David Turner

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

***HYMN#405 (UMH)** *Seek Ye First* SEEK YE

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 6:25–34

SERMON What Are We Missing? Rev. Becky Shirley

***HYMN #159 (UMH)** *Lift High the Cross* CRUCIFER

***BENEDICTION & CHORAL RESPONSE**

***POSTLUDE**

Love - Serve - Lead Stewardship

Thank you to everyone who has turned in a financial pledge card or pledged online with your estimate of giving for 2027. We are grateful for your gifts and thank everyone who has also turned in a Ministry Menu volunteer booklet for 2027. Both of these assist our staff and volunteer leadership in their planning for ministry in the new year. If you still need a copy of either the pledge card or the Ministry Menu, copies of both are available in the narthex and online.

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

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 Mathews	Mike Hutto
Paul McClanahan	Cathy Puckett
Barbara Graybill	Jamie Mathews
Brenda Fields	Frazier Swindler

Homebound Members

Prayer Thought
Always thank Him who gives us the beauty of the earth and the glory of the skies.

Stewardship Report

Attendance on 11/15: 279
139 in person
140 online (as of 11/19)

Offerings
YTD Received: $747,210
YTD Soup Cellar Gifts: $66,089

Expenses
YTD General: $932,231
YTD Soup Cellar: $71,763

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, mailing your gift to 1401 Washington Street or by scanning the QR you see here.

Calendar of Ministry Events

Epworth Tree Gifts

With your support, WSUMC can continue to make Christmas special for the children of Epworth. Choose a card from our Epworth Tree and deliver the requested gift to the church office by November 29th!

Birthday Party for Jesus

All children are invited to a Birthday Party for Jesus on Sunday, December 20th, at 10 AM.
We will gather in the Kindergarten classroom on the second floor to celebrate the birth of Jesus with crafts, songs, and birthday cake.

Children's Photo Ornaments

We will be taking photos of all Washington Street children now through Sunday, November 29th. Watch for their smiling faces on the children's Christmas Tree.

Biltmore House Performance | Dec. 5th @ 6 PM

Our choir has been invited to sing at the Biltmore Estate's Candlelight Tour. All are invited to come along and listen to the Washington Street choir as you tour the house. Scan the QR code to get your tickets now!

"The Fire Inside Us"

The Inclusive Theatre Company of South Carolina presents the musical The Fire Inside Us—Dec. 4th at 7 PM and Dec. 5th at 3 PM. Tickets are $10, available at the door or by scanning the QR code.

Today's Volunteer Team

Acolyte:	Rosemary Aravena
Children's Church:	Lilly Wilson Kay Ayers-Garren Lexi Ward-Cook
Greeters:	Christine Hait Melanie Dobson
Sound/Video/Projection:	John Pannell Ryan Wiskes
Ushers:	Pam and Phil Jenkins

Contact Information

Website:	wsmethodist.org
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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
Associate Pastor for Nurture:	Rev. Alston Lippert	aflippert@umcsc.org
Director of Music Ministries:	Dr. Catherine Nance	catherine@wsmethodist.org
Organist:	David Turner	david@wsmethodist.org
Pianist:	Dr. Rick Frierson	(volunteer)
Audio/Video Technology	Ryan Wiskes	ryan@wsmethodist.org