

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

The service of worship begins with the music.

*Through its power and brilliance may you feel the majesty of God,
in its quietness, God's peace.*

~ WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD ~

**WELCOME, REGISTRATION, ANNOUNCEMENTS

*(Please sign the attendance sheet and pass
it to the end of the pew for usher pickup)*

PRELUDE Ryland Brown

*THE CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*HYMN NO. 512 "Stand By Me" Tindley

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us focus on God's presence.

**People: In the midst of a world where people hunger
and thirst...**

Leader: Come worship a God who feeds the hungry.

**People: In the midst of a world where people are
abused and oppressed...**

Leader: Come worship a God who calls for compassion
and justice.

**People: In the midst of a world filled with wars and
rumors of war...**

Leader: Come worship a God who desires nothing less
than peace for the world.

**People: In the midst of a world of spiritual
emptiness...**

Leader: Come worship a God who gives life meaning.

**People: Come, let us worship the Lord, whose grace
and love know no end!**

*THE NICENE CREED 880

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker
of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of
God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from
God, light from light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made. For us and for
our salvation he came down from heaven, was
incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and
became truly human. For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was
buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance
with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is**

**seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come
again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and
his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with
the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in
the one holy catholic* and apostolic Church. We
acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life
of the world to come. Amen. *universal**

*THE GLORIA PATRI NO. 70

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy
Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall
be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

PRESENTATION OF 3RD GRADE BIBLES

Henry Samuel Addis Coley Dale Altman
Anna Elizabeth Hoffman Trace Martin King
Cooper Mark McCrory

THE MORNING PRAYER

(Leader: Lord, in your mercy. People Respond: Hear our prayer.)

THE LORD'S PRAYER (prayed together)

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy
name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who
trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

CDC TEACHER RECOGNITION – (See insert/11:00 only)

ANTHEM "Holy Ground" arr. Patti Drennan

*God Himself is with us. Let us now adore Him,
and with awe appear before Him.
God is in His temple, all within keep silence,
and before Him bow with reverence.*

*When I walked through the door, I sensed His presence,
and I knew this was the place where love abounds.
For this is a temple, Jehovah God abides here,
and we are standing in His presence on holy ground.*

*Refrain We are standing on holy ground,
and I know that there are angels all around.*

Let us praise Jesus now.

We are standing in His presence on holy ground.

In His presence, I know there is joy beyond all measure.

And at His feet sweet peace of mind can still be found.

For when we have a need, He is still the answer.

*Oh, reach out and claim it. We are standing on holy ground.
Refrain*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE GIVING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY arr. Mark Schweizer
"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

*THE DOXOLOGY OLD 100th

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

~ WE HEAR GOD'S WORD ~

*HYMN OF PREPARATION NO. 431 Miller/Jackson
"Let There Be Peace on Earth"

OLD TESTAMENT READING Ezra 3:10-13 OT-423

¹² But many of the priests and Levites and heads of
families, old people who had seen the first house on its
foundations, wept with a loud voice when they saw
this house, though many shouted aloud for joy.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 15:1-10 NT-78

⁴"Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one
of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness
and go after the one that is lost until he finds it?"

THE MESSAGE "Where Are You Now?"
Rev. Alex Stevenson

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

*THE HYMN NO. 474 Dorsey
"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

*BENEDICTION

Leader: At Aldersgate we are ...

**People: Hearts on Fire ... Seeking, Sharing,
Serving ... For God!**

*THE CHIMING OF THE TRINITY/*THE POSTLUDE

**Congregation will please stand as able.*

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ARE TO THE GLORY
OF GOD and in honor of Gary & Ruth Hughes' 29th wedding
anniversary by Brianna, Claudia and Sean Hughes.

TODAY IS EPWORTH WORK DAY OFFERING!

Please give as you are able to this worthy cause.

THE ALDERSGATE UMC ENDOWMENT FUND WAS created to ensure sound financial support for the future of our church. Persons interested in serving on the Endowment Fund Committee, or for more information, contact Mary Thomas at 268-7093 no later than October 2nd. The next newsletter will have more information regarding the Endowment Fund.

PRAYER CONCERNS

As of printing Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2016:

- St. Francis-E'side:** Sharon Bryan /**Greer Hosp.-**Lillis Smith
- Home:** Dolores Epperly, Doyle Clark, Phil Waynick, Lynette Ruff, Fred Copeland, Ralph Bell, Alton Durham, Russell Parker, Bill Ellington, Francis Kellett, Trudy Carter
- Myrtle Beach:** Randy Hale/**Mt. Pleasant, SC:** Florence Hale
- NHC-Boiling Springs:** Freida Parker
- NHC-Cola:** Vera Chrismon **NHC-Mauldin:** June Powell
- Haywood Estates:** Joan Pawlus, Ann Linse
- Brookdale:** Harold Stallcup **The Cottages:** Betty Lee
- Brookdale at Hawthorne:** Marshall & Nita Bearden
- The Windsor House:** Bob & Julia Burdette
- The Palmettos:** Atrice Hughey
- The Cascades:** Patty Andersen, Patti Whelchel
- Rolling Green:** Margaret Britton, Bill & Jan Ellington, Wilma Tiedeman, Audrey & Wayne Rowan
- Mt. Home Health & Rehab, NC:** Nancy Reitz
- Brookdale @ Cleveland Park:** Janie Hunt, Ruth Gunter
- Florence, SC:** Rusty Harter, Sr. (*Rusty Harter's dad*)

SERVING ALDERSGATE TODAY

- Greeters:** 8:45 am Eddie & Kim Beam
11:00 am Julia & Kevin Schemm
- Acolytes:** 8:45 am William McCauley
11:00 am Anna Kate Schemm
- Crucifer:** 11:00 am Sean Hughes
- Usher Captains:** 8:45 am Austin Watts / 11:00 am David Rose
- Ushers:** 8:45 am Doug Jordan, Phil Martin, Waldo Watts
11:00 am Clay Garrison, David Ayer, Cody Owens

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Worship the Lord through giving.

2016 General Budget Needs	\$747,096.00
Budget Needs (YTD)	517,220.28
Receipts Week (# 36)	17,129.20
Receipts YTD	507,115.36
Total Expenses (YTD)	454,974.18

E-Giving QR Code



ATTENDANCE: Sept. 4–Sunday School 108/Worship 199

CALENDAR

- Sunday, September 11:** 8:45 & 11:00 am Worship Services
9:45 am Sunday School / Confirmation Begins
UMM Golf Tournament @ Legacy Pines
3:00 pm Cindy Harter Circle Mtg—Soul Café
5:00 pm Youth @ The House & 56 @ The Loft
5:30 pm Handbells Rehearsal
- Monday, September 12:** 9:00 am Staff Meeting-Library
11:00 am Prime Timers – Parker Hall
6:30 pm Cub Scouts @ The House/Gym
6:30 pm Church Council – Mac Vinson Comp.
- Tuesday, September 13:** 6:30 am Men of Integrity-Broadway B.
9:30 am Women of Faith Brunch– Parker Hall
10:30 am Louise Best Circle – Soul Café
12:00 pm Susanna Wesley Circle – Parker Hall
5:45 pm Zumba – Gym
6:30 pm Circle of Light – Deb Whiteman's Home
7:00 pm Boy Scouts @ The House
7:00 pm Trustees Meeting – Library
- Wednesday, September 14:** 10:00 am Pastors Bible Study-Comp.
10:00 am Mary Teasley Circle-Soul Café
5:30 pm Connect – Parker Hall
6:15 pm Children's Choir
6:30 pm Classes
7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room
- Thursday, September 15:** Newsletter Published
7:00 pm Missions Comm. Meeting – Comp.

MINISTRY STAFF

- The Rev. Alex Stevenson, Pastor (**ext. 207**)
- Johannah Myers, Director of Christian Formation (**ext. 211**)
- Ruth Hughes, Director of Children's & Leisure Min. (**ext. 204**)
- Luke Browder, Director of Music (**ext. 208**)
- Ryland Brown, Musician
- Jennifer Nelson, Director, Child Development Center (**ext. 202**)
- Susan Hamilton, Office Manager/Communications (**ext. 210**)
- Norma Dempsey, Financial Secretary (**ext. 206**)

MINISTERS – THE CONGREGATION

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday: 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Friday: 9:00-Noon
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MISSION STATEMENT

... We are called to make disciples by embracing all people with God's love in Christ and equipping each other for service to God and His world.

VISION STATEMENT

Hearts on Fire...Seeking, Sharing, Serving...For God

Welcome to

**ALDERSGATE
UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH**



9/11 Remembrance

The Rev. Alex Stevenson
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September 11, 2016
8:45 & 11:00 A.M.

Established October 9, 1960

Open hearts...Open minds...Open doors
The people of The United Methodist Church