

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**Lessons & Carols**  
**MORNING WORSHIP ~ 8:45 & 11:00 A.M.**

**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.)*

**\*THE CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

**\*INTROIT AND PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 250**  
"Once in Royal David's City"  
(verses 1-2, choir only; organ interlude,  
verses 3-4 with congregation)

**LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH:**

"The Candle of Joy"

(After the Candle Lighting Reading, the following will be  
sung to the tune of "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly") UMH #229  
**"Lord we thank you, and we praise you, for your gift to**  
**us divine. As we celebrate this Advent, fill our hearts**  
**with joy sublime. Candles glowing, spirit growing, as the**  
**Christ child comes to Earth. We rejoice his holy birth.**  
**We rejoice his holy birth."**

**THE BIDDING PRAYER**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**THE GIVING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR**  
**OFFERINGS**

**THE OFFERTORY**

**\*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 ~**

**LESSONS AND CAROLS**

**FIRST LESSON** John 1:1-14  
*The Word Was God* Rosephanye Powell  
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**SECOND LESSON** Genesis 3:8-15  
*From the Apple in the Garden* Roy Hopp  
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**THIRD LESSON** Isaiah 9:2, 6-7  
*Unto Us* Ben Fielding & Reuben Morgan  
Anne Spellman and Ashley King, vocalists  
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**FOURTH LESSON** Malachi 3:1-4  
*Refiner's Fire* Brian Doerksen  
Luke Browder and Rick Lankford, vocalists  
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**FIFTH LESSON** Luke 1:26-38  
*Ave Maria* Franz Biebl  
Lilla Keith & Jessica McDowell, sopranos  
Jonathan Painter, tenor  
Tom Angster & Wendell Lunsford, basses  
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**SIXTH LESSON** Matthew 1:18-23  
*God Made Low* Jason Hansen & Bob Kauflin  
Johannah Myers, vocalist  
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**SEVENTH LESSON** Luke 2:8-16  
*A Tiny Little Baby* Don Besig & Nancy Price  
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**EIGHTH LESSON** Matthew 2: 1-11  
*Star of Wonder* Peter Shafferman  
Alex Stevenson, flute  
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**NINTH LESSON** Luke 2:22-29  
*Glory, Glory, Glory to the Newborn King* Moses Hogan  
Ashley King, soprano  
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**~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~**

**\*THE HYMN NO. 246** "Joy to the World"

**\*BENEDICTION**

Leader: At Aldersgate we are ...  
**People: Hearts on Fire ... Seeking, Sharing,**  
**Serving ... For God!**

**\*THE CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

**\*THE POSTLUDE** Ryland Brown  
*\*Congregation will please stand as able.*

**PARTICIPATING IN LESSONS AND CAROLS**

**8:45**

Jordan Truesdale  
Nina Owens  
Austin Watts  
Pam Hadel  
Logan Bagley  
Wendy Davis  
John Kerley  
Brenda Ellis  
Alex Stevenson

**11:00**

Tom Angster  
Rachel Lawrence  
Alex Hoffman  
Ansley Addis  
Jim Holtzclaw  
Karis King  
Taylor Davenport  
Linda Patrick  
Alex Stevenson

**Lessons & Carols Participants 2016**

Luke Browder: Director  
Ryland Brown: Piano, Organ Scott Bagley: Narrator

**Chancel Choir**

**Soprano**

Julian Gettys  
Barbara Hunter  
Lilla Keith  
Ashley King  
Michele Schultz  
Betsy Tetsch  
Chelsea Rudisill

**Alto**

Lauren Allred  
Gayle Ashworth  
Kim Beam  
Ruth Ann Gooch  
Pam Hadel  
Jessica McDowell  
Jeanette Six  
Anne Spellman

**Tenor**

Bill Mawby  
Greg Joens  
Alex Stevenson  
John Myers  
Jonathan Painter  
Steve Barksdale

**Bass**

Wendell Alderman  
Dale Allred  
Tom Angster  
Wendell Lunsford  
Tom Scott

**Praise Team**

Grant Lankford, drums  
Rick Lankford, guitar and vocals  
Zach Taylor, bass  
Luke Browder, vocals  
Johannah Myers, vocals  
Ashley King, vocals  
Anne Spellman, vocals

## PRAYER CONCERNS

As of printing Thursday, December 8, 2016:

**Home:** Doyle Clark, Phil Waynick, Lynette Ruff, Fred Copeland, Ralph Bell, Alton Durham, Russell Parker, Freida Parker, Lillis Smith, Bill Taylor, Frankie Boling, Pete Hendrix, Mary Ann Repaire, Joe Fenwick

**Myrtle Beach:** Randy Hale/Mt. Pleasant, SC: Florence Hale

**NHC-Cola:** Vera Chrismon **NHC-Mauldin:** June Powell

**Haywood Estates:** Joan Pawlus, Ann Linse

**Brookdale at Hawthorne:** Marshall & Nita Bearden

**The Windsor House:** Bob & Julia Burdette

**The Palmettos:** Atrice Hughey **Oakleaf Village:** Bill Hall

**The Cascades:** Patty Andersen, Patti Whelchel

**Rolling Green:** Margaret Britton, Jan Ellington, Wilma Tiedeman, Audrey & Wayne Rowan

**Mt. Home Health & Rehab, NC:** Nancy Reitz

**Brookdale @ Cleveland Park:** Janie Hunt, Ruth Gunter

## SERVING TODAY

**Greeters:** 8:45 am Ruth & Gary Hughes

11:00 am Ruth & Gary Hughes

**Advent Wreath:** 8:45 am Pam & Dean Martin

11:00 am Trevor & Ashley King and family

**Acolytes:** 8:45 am William McCauley

11:00 am Anna Kate Schemm

**Crucifer:** 11:00 am Sean Hughes

**Usher Captains:** 8:45 am Brad Smoak

11:00 am Rick Lankford

**Ushers:** 8:45 am Scott Bagley, Trevor King, Mark Wessel

11:00 am Doug Patrick, Grant Lankford, Gray

Walsh, Coley Altman

## TITHES & OFFERINGS

*Worship the Lord through giving.*

2016 General Budget Needs \$747,096.00

Budget Needs (YTD) 703,994.27

**Receipts Week # 49 (12/04) 18,012.13**

Receipts YTD 697,025.80

Total Expenses (YTD) 626,169.64

*E-Giving QR Code*



## ATTENDANCE

December 4– Sunday School 172/Worship 331

## CALENDAR

**Sunday, December 11: Lessons & Carols**

8:45 & 11:00 am Worship Services

9:45 am Sunday School & Confirmation Class

3:30 pm Messy Christmas

**Monday, December 12:**

9:00 am Staff Meeting-Library

12:00 pm Bridge Group Luncheon – Parker Hall

6:30 pm Circle of Light Christmas Party – Gettys Home

6:30 pm Cub Scout Party – Parker Hall

**Tuesday, December 13:**

Susanna Wesley Circle – Off Site Outing

5:45 pm Zumba - Gym

**Wednesday, December 14:**

CDC Christmas Program - Sanctuary

6:30 pm Blue Christmas - Sanctuary

**Thursday, December 15:**

Newsletter Published (*Next Newsletter-Jan. 13*)

2:30 pm ESL Party – Parker Hall

## 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, Dir. of Music (ext. 208)

Ryland Brown, Musician

Jennifer Nelson, Director, Child Development Center (ext. 202)

Josh Consalvo, Director of Youth (ext. 209)

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



THIRD SUNDAY OF

*Advent*

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