

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
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.)*

PRELUDE Ryland Brown

***THE CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

***HYMN NO. 203** "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We gather in preparation

People: for good news is about to be proclaimed.

Leader: We gather in expectation

**People: for joy is about to break forth in our
midst.**

Leader: We gather in celebration

**People: for we are those people who have said,
yes to the manger, yes to the one incarnate
for others, yes to the wholeness of God.**

Leader: In preparation and expectation, let us
celebrate!

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

"The Candle of Love"

(After the Candle Lighting Reading, the following will
be sung to the tune of "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly")

**"Lord we thank you, and we praise you, for your gift
to us divine. As we celebrate this Advent, fill our
hearts with love sublime. Candles glowing, spirit
growing, as the Christ child comes to Earth. We
rejoice his holy birth. We rejoice his holy birth."**

THE MORNING PRAYER

(Leader: Lord, in your mercy.

People Respond: Hear our 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 Praise Team
"Christmas Carol Medley"

***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. 196**

"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

THE CHILDREN'S TIME Johannah Myers

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 1:18-25

¹⁹Her husband Joseph, being a righteous
man and unwilling to expose her to public
disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly.

THE MESSAGE "Finding Joseph"

Rev. Alex Stevenson

~ **WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD** ~

***THE HYMN TFWS 2100**

"Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne"

***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 in honor of the
marriage of Russell Warren & Austin Patricia Patrick on
December 17, here at Aldersgate.

****SPECIAL SERVICES****

Christmas Eve Moravian Love Feast, December 24 @ 5 pm.

*Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service, December
24 @ 9 pm.*

Christmas and New Year's Day Services-One service each
Sunday beginning at 11:00 am. There will be no Sunday
school.

WOMEN OF FAITH will begin on **January 10** with an
opening brunch. The Reverend Laura Bratton will be
speaking about her new book, "Harnessing Courage:
Overcoming Adversity with Grit and Gratitude." Laura is
pastor of Laurens Road UMC. Join us on January 10 and
learn more about the WOF small groups offered this winter.
Women of Faith meets at 9:30 am in Parker Hall on
Tuesdays. Childcare is available to WOF participants.

JOIN US FOR DINNER ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS at
Aldersgate and connect with friends around the dinner table.
Stay after the meal and connect with new learning
opportunities! Connect begins **January 11!** Dinner is served
from 5:30-6:20. The cost is \$6 for adults, \$4 for
children/youth. Please make reservations for the meal by
emailing or calling Susan Hamilton at 244-1820 or
(shamilton@aumcsc.org). Upcoming classes are: Travel to
Turkey, Calligraphy, World Religions and Prayer Shawls.

IT IS AN ALDERSGATE TRADITION for our Christmas
Eve offerings to be designated for United Ministries. Please
give generously!



THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN at Aldersgate are
excited to offer a book club starting in 2017. Any woman in
the church is invited to join. We will have an organizational
meeting **Thursday, Jan 26th @ 7:00 pm**, in the Mac Vinson
Companions classroom. Five of the books to be read for
discussion over the course of the year will be from the UMW
Reading Program, with other books suggested by those
participating. Childcare will be provided.

THE SHEEP TRAIL is still going on. Pick up a brochure or print one off from www.aumcsc.org. What a fun Christmas activity for families of any age to do together!

PRAYER CONCERNS

As of printing **Thursday, December 15, 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, Tommy Finch, Justin Hadel

At Son's in Greenville: Julia Burdette

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

Greenville Place: Bob 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

ATTENDANCE

December 11– Sunday School 165/Worship 366

CALENDAR

Sunday, December 18:

8:45 & 11:00 am Worship Services

9:45 am Sunday School & Confirmation Class

5:00 pm Youth Christmas Dinner/Party

Monday, December 19:

CDC & Greenville Co. Schools Out for Christmas Break

6:30 pm UMM Dinner & A Movie Event – Parker Hall

Wednesday, December 21:

7:15 pm Choir Practice – Choir Room

Saturday, December 24:

5:00 pm Lovefeast and Candle Service

9:00 pm Holy Communion and Candlelighting Service

Sunday, December 25:

11:00 am Christmas Morning Service

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Worship the Lord through giving.

2016 General Budget Needs \$747,096.00

Budget Needs (YTD) 718,361.57

Receipts Week # 50 (12/11) 24,292.77

Receipts YTD 721,318.57

Total Expenses (YTD) 644,944.73

E-Giving QR Code



SERVING TODAY

Greeters: 8:45 am Sandra & David McAvoy

11:00 am Maxine & Harry Hardin

Advent Wreath: 8:45 am Austin & Katie Watts Family

11:00 am Christian & Betsy Tetsch Family

Acolytes: 8:45 am Brooks Davis 11:00 am Reid Schemm

Crucifer: 11:00 am Bobby Gettys

Usher Captains: 8:45 am David McAvoy 11:00 am Frank Mathis

Ushers: 8:45 am Eddie Beam, Suzanne Haney, Henry Scoggins 11:00 am Jim Cox, Bonnie Lampe, Ron Armstrong, Trey Covington, Coley Altman, III, Paul Sleight

MISTRY 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

*She will give birth to a son,
and you are to give him
the name Jesus, because he will
save his people from their sins.*

Matthew 1: 21



The Rev. Alex Stevenson

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

A Stephen Ministry Congregation