

## SECOND 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.)*

**THE PRELUDE** "Away in a Manger" The Cherub Choir

**\*THE CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

**\*THE HYMN NO. 234** "O Come, All Ye Faithful" vs. 1-5

**\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP** (based on Isaiah 11)

Leader: 'Prepare the way,' the prophets call, 'make ready the highways for God.'

**People: How we long to walk down the sidewalks in God's kingdom of peace!**

Leader: Prepare your hearts, for God's realm opens up a new day.

**People: We yearn for the time when the wolf and lamb will live together in harmony.**

Leader: Prepare the way, God promises a new day when adversaries will lay down their arms.

**People: We dream of a world transformed by God's love.**

Leader: May the God of hope fill your hearts with all joy and peace.

**People: We rejoice for God's Spirit is in our midst!**

**LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH:**

"The Candle of Peace"

(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 peace 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 ANTHEM** "African Noel" by Dave & Jean Perry  
The Children's Choir

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

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

**THE OFFERTORY** "Peace on Earth" by Audrey Snyder  
The Children's Choir

**\*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 ~

**SCRIPTURE READING** Isaiah 11:1-10 OT: 640-641

<sup>6</sup>The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.

**THE MESSAGE** "The Peaceable Kingdom"  
Rev. Alex Stevenson

~WE GIVE THANKS AND SHARE  
HOLY COMMUNION~

**INVITATION** (All are welcome)

**CONFESSION AND PARDON NO. 12**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING NO. 17**

**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.**

**GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP**

If you are not able to come forward, the communion elements will be brought to you where you are seated.

**COMMUNION HYMNS**

*(You are invited to sing these hymns as others are receiving communion.)*

196 "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

202 "People Look East"

203 "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

204 "Emmaunel, Emmanuel"

211 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

213 "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**Lord Jesus Christ, as we have proclaimed your death by eating this bread and drinking this cup, help us to wait for you, to wish for you, and to watch for you, so that when you come again you will find us ready. For you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

**\*THE HYMN NO. 242** "Love Came Down at Christmas"

**\*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.*

*Our service of worship has ended.*

*Let our worship through service begin.*

**TODAY WE WELCOME THE CHERUB & CHILDREN'S CHOIR** who are singing for us. The Cherub Choir is directed by Macy Covington and the Children's Choir is directed by Kaitlyn Stevenson.

**LESSONS AND CAROLS** - Experience an inspiring service using Bible readings and Christmas hymns and carols with music from The Chancel Choir and Praise Team to proclaim the Good News of Jesus' Birth. Sunday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>.

**CONSECRATION SUNDAY REPORT-** 123 families have estimated their giving for next year! The total is: **\$461,754, So Far!** Continue to keep this campaign in your prayers! If you haven't turned in your Estimate of Giving Card, please do so.

**BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE** – *Wed. Dec. 14 @ 6:30.* It can be difficult to find comfort and room to grieve at this time of the year when the church's worship is so focused on the Joy of the coming of Christ. The Blue Christmas service is designed as an opportunity to grieve and to lift our pain

and loss and confusion to God in prayer.

**THE UMM WILL BE HAVING THEIR CHRISTMAS** dinner and a movie on **December 19<sup>th</sup>** beginning at 6:30 pm. You are invited to bring your spouse or significant other. It is very important to have your names on the list. Please make sure you let Trevor King or Susan Hamilton know if you plan to attend.

### PRAYER CONCERNS

**As of printing Thursday, December 1, 2016:**

**Home:** Doyle Clark, Phil Waynick, Lynette Ruff, Fred Copeland, Ralph Bell, Alton Durham, Russell Parker, Freida Parker, Lillis Smith, Bill Taylor, Frankie Boling

**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 Dee & Gray Walsh

11:00 am Lee & Robert Gettys

**Communion Asst.** 8:45 am Jim & Keith Rutherford, Dee Walsh

11:00 am Robert & Lee Gettys, Barbara Boone

**Acolytes:** 8:45 am Adyson Davis 11:00 am Laura MacGregor

**Crucifer:** 11:00 am Mary Beth MacGregor

**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

*E-Giving QR Code*

*Worship the Lord through giving.*

2016 General Budget Needs \$747,096.00

Budget Needs (YTD) 689,627.04

**Receipts Week # 47 (11/27) 14,543.84**

Receipts YTD 679,013.67

Total Expenses (YTD) 623,721.74



### ATTENDANCE

**November 27– Sunday School 135/Worship 296**

### CALENDAR

**Sunday, December 4:** 7:45 am UMM Breakfast-Parker Hall

8:45 & 11:00 am Worship Services

9:45 am Sunday School & Confirmation Class

5:00 pm Youth/56 – Angel Tree Shopping

**Monday, December 5:** 9:00 am Staff Meeting

11:00 am Prime Timers – Parker Hall

1:00 pm Bridge Group – Parker Hall

6:00 pm District Clergy Christmas Event-Parker Hall

6:30 pm Cub Scouts @ The House

7:00 pm Stephen Ministry - Library

7:00 pm Borg Book Study – Companions Class

**Tuesday, December 6:** 6:30 am Men of Integrity- B'way Bagels

9:30 am Women of Faith – Parker Hall

5:45 pm Zumba – Gym

7:00 pm Boy Scouts @ The House

**Wednesday, December 7:** 12:00 noon Mary Teasley & Louise

Best Circles at Poinsett Club for Christmas Luncheon

4:30 pm Low Vision Peer Support Group - Library

7:15 pm Chancel Choir

**Thursday, December 8:** 6:00 pm Widowed Person's Organization

Christmas 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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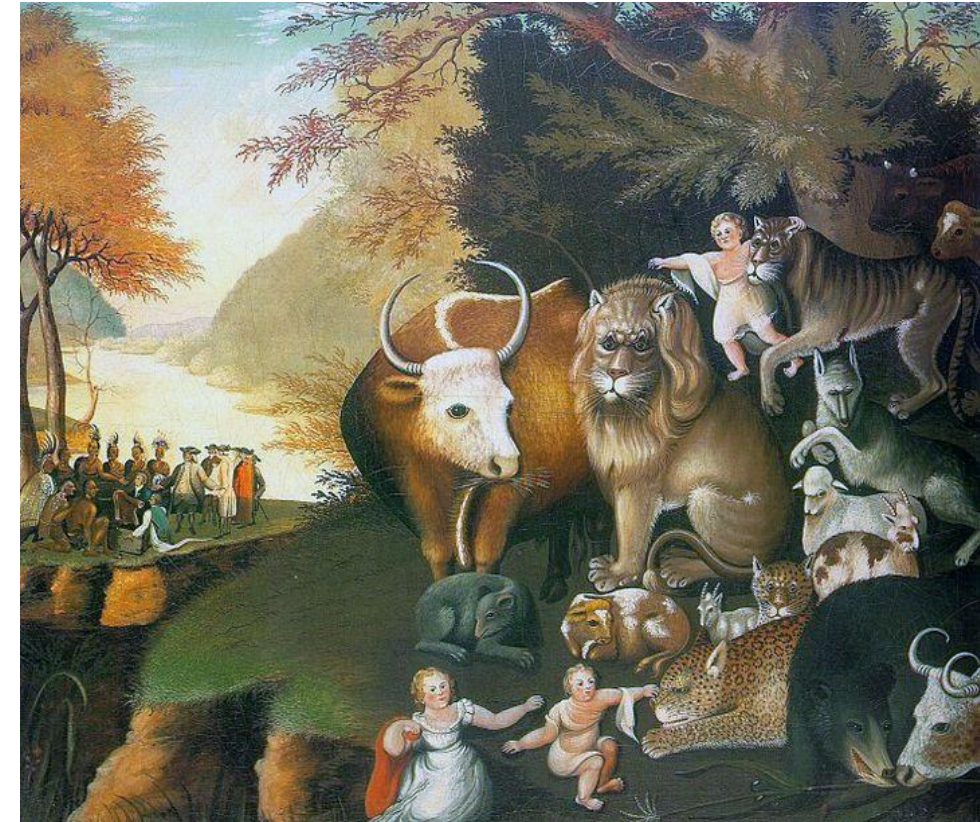
### MISSION STATEMENT

... 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



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**December 4, 2016**

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The people of The United Methodist Church**

*A Stephen Ministry Congregation*