

**SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
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 Ryland Brown

***THE CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

***HYMN NO. 64** "Holy, Holy, Holy!" NICA EA

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Hear the word of God: "You shall be holy, for I
am holy."

People: We choose holiness and reject futile thinking.

Leader: We look today at life and turn our eyes from the
vanities of this world.

People: We want to be holy, for the Lord is holy.

Leader: We affirm that we belong to Christ.

People: We crave his wisdom and his ways.

***THE KOREAN CREED**

**We believe in the one God, creator and sustainer of all
things, Father of all nations, the source of all
goodness and beauty, all truth and love.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh,
our teacher, example, and Redeemer, the Savior of
the world.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, God present with us for
guidance, for comfort, and for strength.**

**We believe in the forgiveness of sins, in the life of love
and prayer, and in grace equal to every need.**

**We believe in the Word of God contained in the Old
and New Testaments as the sufficient rule both of
faith and of practice.**

**We believe in the church, those who are united in the
living Lord for the purpose of worship and service.**

**We believe in the reign of God as the divine will
realized in human society, and in the family of God,
where we are all brothers and sisters.**

**We believe in the final triumph of righteousness and in
the life everlasting. Amen.**

***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.

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.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM *(11:00 am only)*
HYMNAL PG. 39

Elizabeth "Ellie" Grace Spencer

BAPTISMAL SONG

*Ellie, Ellie, God claims you. God helps you,
protects you, and loves you too. We this day
do all agree a child of God you'll always be.
Ellie, Ellie, God claims you. God helps you,
protects you, and loves you too.*

ANTHEM "Somebody's Knockin'" arr. by Ken Berg
Children's Choir Kaitlyn Stevenson, Dir.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(prayed together)*

We confess, O Lord, that we are often overwhelmed
by needs in the world—hunger, disease, strife,
prejudice, and many other problems. Receive these
offerings as signs that we will act to get something
done instead of worrying about what we cannot do.
Bless these gifts so that they will bring healing and
love in Jesus' name. Amen.

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

THE OFFERTORY "God is Here With Me" by C. Hogan
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 ~

***HYMN OF PREPARATION NO. 389** "Freely, Freely"

THE CHILDREN'S TIME Johannah Myers

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 5:38-48 NT PG. 5

⁴⁵so that you may be children of your Father in heaven;
for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good,
and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous.

THE MESSAGE Rev. Alex Stevenson
"My Father's Child"

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

***THE HYMN NO. 593** "Here I am, Lord"

***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.

**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ARE TO THE GLORY
OF GOD** and in honor of Elizabeth (Ellie) Grace Spencer's
baptism, by Coley & Daylene Altman, proud grandparents.

TODAY WE WILL BAPTIZE Elizabeth "Ellie" Grace
Spencer at the 11:00 am service. Ellie is the daughter of
Christy & Brandon Spencer and the grandchild of Coley &
Daylene Altman.

OUR ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES WILL BE HELD at
noon and 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 1st. These services
include an ancient tradition of placing a smudge of ash on the
forehead as an expression of the spiritual truth that we are all
dust and ashes and in need of God's Spirit and grace to make us
alive. **Come and experience one of these moving services!**

THE PASCHAL CANDLE is the large candle beside the altar
table. Sometimes the Paschal Candle is also called the Easter
Candle or the Christ Candle. The flame of the Paschal Candle
represents the living presence of the Risen Christ with his
disciples between his resurrection and his ascension. It is also
a reminder of the living presence of the Risen Christ with us. It is
lit for baptisms and funerals to remind us of the promise of new
life and the resurrection.

TODAY WE THANK LILLA KEITH for Directing the Chancel Choir for Luke Browder who is off today. Thank you!

PRAYER CONCERNS

As of printing Thursday, February 16, 2017:

Home: Doyle Clark, Phil Waynick, Jennie Ruth Waynick, Fred Copeland, Ralph Bell, Gerri Lordi, Alton Durham, Russell Parker, Freida Parker, Bill Taylor, Tommy Finch, Justin Hadel, Ann Armstrong, Jim Rutherford, Frankie Boling

NHC-Cola: Vera Chrismon

Haywood Estates: Ann Linse **Oakview Park:** Joan Pawlus

Brookdale @ Hawthorne: Marshall & Nita Bearden

Brookdale @ Cleveland Park: Janie Hunt, Ruth Gunter

The Palmettos: Atrice Hughey

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

The Cascades: Patty Andersen, Patti Whelchel

Mt. Home Health & Rehab, NC: Nancy Reitz

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

CALENDAR

Sunday, February 19:

8:45 am Worship Services—Sanctuary

9:45 am Sunday School/Confirmation

11:00 am Worship Services—Sanctuary

5:00 pm Youth/56 - @ The House/Soul Cafe

Monday, February 20: No Staff Meeting

1:00 pm Bridge—Parker Hall

6:30 pm Cub Scouts @ The House

6:30 pm UMM Meeting – Parker Hall

6:30 pm Trustees Meeting – Mac Vinson Companions Class

7:00 pm Rev. Steve Morgan Book Study—Library

Tuesday, February 21:

9:30 am Women of Faith—Parker Hall

11:30 am ESL Luncheon – Parker Hall

5:45 pm Zumba-Gym

7:00 pm Boy Scouts @ The House

Wednesday, February 22:

10:00 am Pastor's Bible Study—Mac Vinson Companions

5:30 pm Connect—Parker Hall

6:20 pm Children's Music

6:30 pm Connect Classes-(last of season)

7:15 pm Choir Practice—Choir Room

Thursday, February 23: **Deadline to turn in Newsletter items**

12:00 pm UMW Call to Prayer & Self Denial – Parker Hall

6:30 pm Worship Committee Mtg. – Mac Vinson Companions

7:00 pm Women's Reading Group - Library

ATTENDANCE

February 12, 2017

Sunday School 197 Worship 323

Worship the Lord through giving.

2017 General Budget Needs \$772,516.00

Budget Needs (YTD) 102,030.39

Receipts Week # 7 (2/12) 9,958.52

Receipts YTD 80,619.10

Total Expenses (YTD) 76,739.24

E-Giving QR Code



SERVING TODAY

Lay Readers: 8:45 am Jan Redfern 11:00 am Karis King

Greeters: 8:45 am Nina & Cody Owens

11:00 am Anne & Chris Spellman

Acolytes: 8:45 am Brooks Davis 11:00 am Rebekah MacGregor

Cruicifer: 11:00 am Bobby Gettys

Usher Captains: 8:45 am Jack Cornell 11:00 am Hunt Redfern

Ushers: 8:45 am Jim Dansby, Danny Dobbs, Jordan Truesdale,
Suzanne Haney

11:00 am Terry Tallon, Bob Pickens, Steve Graves, Bruce Royal
Joel Vanderwood

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

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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

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