

**FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**

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

***THE CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

***HYMN NO. 252** "When Jesus Came to Jordan"

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

(based on John Wesley's Covenant Prayer)

Leader: I am no longer my own, but thine.

**People: Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with
whom thou wilt.**

Leader: Put me to doing, put me to suffering.

**People: Let me be employed for thee or laid aside for
thee,**

Leader: exalted for thee or brought low for thee.

People: Let me be full, let me be empty.

Leader: Let me have all things, let me have nothing.

**People: I freely and heartily yield all things to thy
pleasure and disposal.**

Leader: And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father,
Son and Holy Spirit,

People: thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.

Leader: And the covenant which I have made on earth,

People: let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.

***A MODERN AFFIRMATION NO. 885**

Leader: Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true
church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let
us now declare:

**People: We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom,
power, and love, whose mercy is over all his
works, and whose will is ever directed to his
children's good.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of
man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the**

ground of our hope, and the promise of our
deliverance from sin and death.

**We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in
our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual
remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find
strength and help in time of need.**

**We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the
service of love as set forth in the example of our
blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God
may come upon the earth. 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.**

DEDICATION OF CHURCH LEADERS

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

The Chancel Choir

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" arr. Ronald E. Martin

***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 ~

THE CHILDREN'S TIME

Rev. Alex Stevenson

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 10:34-43
NT PG. 129-130

⁴³All the prophets testify about him that
everyone who believes in him receives
forgiveness of sins through his name.

GOSPEL READING Matthew 3:13-17 NT PG. 3

¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son,
the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

THE MESSAGE "Who Is He?" Rev. Alex Stevenson

~ WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE ~

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~ 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.*

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD SUNDAY

Today is the day on the Christian Calendar when the Church
remembers the baptism of Jesus. This Sunday is the first in a
series of Sundays between Christmas and Lent which focus
on the way that God is revealed. It is called the season of
Epiphany. An epiphany is a revelation of God. God was
revealed to Moses in a burning bush. God was revealed to
Elijah as a still small voice. And Jesus was revealed as the
Son of God at his baptism and transfiguration. Look for God
to be revealed to you in this season.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ARE IN LOVING
memory of Greg Six by Jeanette, Justin, Kristen & Leah Six
and Jessica, Trey, Liam & Maggie Gresimer.

THE NEXT MONDAY NIGHT BOOK STUDY BY Rev.
Steve Morgan is "*If God is Love: Recovering Grace in an
Ungracious World*" by Philip Gulley and James Mulholland.
This class begins on Monday, January 16 at 7:00 pm in the
church library.

CONNECT BEGINS ON JANUARY 11...Make sure you have your meal reservations set for this new year. If you were on the permanent list, you still are unless you let Susan Hamilton know. If you would like to be, please let her know.

THE WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY will begin a study of the **Gospel According to Luke** on Wednesday, **January 18, 2017**. We meet at 10:00 am on Wednesdays in the Mac Vinson Companions classroom. The lessons for the first few weeks will be:

- January 18: Chapter 1: Prelude to a Messiah
- January 25: Chapter 2: Jesus' Birth and Childhood

PRAYER CONCERNS

As of printing Thursday, January 5, 2017:

Home: Doyle Clark, Phil Waynick, Lynette Ruff, Fred Copeland, Ralph Bell, Alton Durham, Russell Parker, Freida Parker, Bill Taylor, Frankie Boling, Tommy Finch, Justin Hadel, Margaret Justus, Ann Armstrong, Macy Covington

NHC-Boiling Springs Pete Hendrix

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

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

CALENDAR

Sunday, January 8:

8:45 & 11:00 am Worship Services

10:00 am Confirmation & Sunday School Class

3:00 pm Cindy Harter Circle Meeting – Soul Cafe

5:00 pm Youth & Parent Meeting @ The House

Monday, January 9:

11:00 am Deadline for Newsletter Articles

1:00 pm Prime Timers Bridge-Parker Hall

6:30 pm Cub Scouts

Tuesday, January 10:

9:30 am Women of Faith – Brunch & Speaker, P. Hall

10:30 am Louise Best Circle – Soul Café

12:00 noon Susanna Wesley Circle – Parker Hall

4:00 pm Stewardship Committee Mtg.

Wednesday, January 11:

10:00 am Mary Teasley Circle Meeting – Soul Café

5:30 pm Connect Begins – Parker Hall

ATTENDANCE

January 1, 2017 No S. School 132

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Worship the Lord through giving.

2017 General Budget Needs \$772,516.00

Budget Needs (YTD) 14,575.77

Receipts Week # 1 (1/1) 7,683.00

Receipts YTD 7,683.00

Total Expenses (YTD) **-0-**

E-Giving QR Code



SERVING TODAY

Greeters: 8:45 am Katherine & Woody Bayne

11:00 am Ruth & Jim McAllister

Acolytes: 8:45 am Adyson Davis 11:00 am Karis King

Cruicifer: 11:00 am Bobby Gettys

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, Coley Altman, Gray Walsh, Grant Lankford

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

ALDRERSGATE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



**"THIS IS MY
BELOVED SON,
WITH WHOM
I AM WELL
PLEASED."**

MATTHEW 3:17, ESV

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