

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

~ MORNING WORSHIP ~

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.)

INTROIT(11:00 only) "Father Abraham" The Cherub Choir
Directed by Kelly Hoffman

***THE CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

***HYMN NO. 159** "Lift High the Cross" CRUCIFER

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: When the world is dark and full of hate and fear, when we cannot see God,

People: we will turn on the light.

Leader: When we cannot find our way back to love and peace,

People: we will turn on the light.

Leader: When our vision dims due to the darkness within,

People: we will turn on the light.

Leader: Christ opens our eyes with the gift of sight.

People: The light of the world is Jesus Christ.

Leader: Come and worship the one who brings sight to the blind.

People: Hallelujah! Praise God, the light of the world!

***THE APOSTLES' CREED 881**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.

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***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.

ANTHEM "Power to Redeem" by Lauren Daigle
Praise Team

THE MORNING PRAYER

(Leader: Lord, in your mercy.

People Respond: Hear our prayer.)

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.

GREAT DAY OF SERVICE CELEBRATION

Michele Shultz

PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(prayed together)*

Gracious Lord, as followers who are blinded by your wondrous light, we seek to be amplified beacons of your astonishing light to others. Help us to reflect your love by listening to your call and to your will for our lives. In gratitude, we dedicate these gifts in the name of the one who lived, died, and rose for our sake, Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE GIVING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY The Praise Team
"How Deep the Father's Love for Us" by Stuart Townend

***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** TFWS NO. 2237

"As a Fire is Meant for Burning"

THE CHILDREN'S TIME Johannah Myers

SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 8:27-33 NT PG. 43-44

²⁷And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸And they told him, "John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets." ²⁹And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Christ." ³⁰And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him. ³¹And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man." (ESV)

THE MESSAGE Tim Datwyler
"Who Do You Say That I Am?"

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

***THE HYMN NO. 415** "Take Up Thy Cross" GERMANY

***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 memory of Horace & Carolyn Clark and Robert Henry Kline, Jr. by Christie & Bobby Kline.

EASTER LILIES TO ORDER! To order Easter lilies in honor or memory of a loved one, please pick up an order form and envelope in the Commons at the round table. The cost is \$14.00.

TODAY WE WELCOME THE DATWYLERs to our service. They are Aldersgate supported missionaries from Ecuador. We are glad you are here and sharing with us today!

ATTENDANCE
Sunday – March 19, 2017
Sunday School 179 Worship 300

Holy Week Service Schedule

Palm Sunday, April 9 @ 8:45 & 11:

Brass Quintet and choir will lead us in singing Hosannas and remembering Jesus' last week before his crucifixion.

Maundy Thursday, April 13 @ 7 pm:

Remember Jesus' Last Supper including foot washing and Holy Communion!

Good Friday, April 14 @ 7 pm:

We will recall Jesus' death on the cross with readings from Matthew's Gospel. This will include a Tenebrae Service - service of light & shadows.

Easter Sunrise, April 16 @ 7 am:

Recall the resurrection in a community service at First Christian Church.

Easter Sunday Services, April 16 @ 8:45 & 11:

Celebrate the resurrection and new life through Jesus!

Plan to come! Bring a friend!

PRAYER CONCERNS

As of printing Thursday, March 23, 2017:

St. Francis-D'town: Gerry Lordi

Home: Doyle Clark, Phil Waynick, Jennie Ruth Waynick, Fred Copeland, Ralph Bell, Melba Poole, Alton Durham, Russell Parker, Freida Parker, Tommy Finch, Ann Armstrong, Frankie Boling, Brooke Wilson, Alex Clark

Rock Hill with Daughter: Bill Taylor **NHC-Cola:** Vera Chrismon

Haywood Estates: Ann Linse **Myrtle Beach, SC:** Randy Hale

Brookdale @ Hawthorne: Marshall & Nita Bearden

Brookdale @ Cleveland Park: Janie Hunt, Ruth Gunter

The Palmettos: Atrice Hughey **Mt. Pleasant, SC:** Florence 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, March 26:

8:45 am Worship Services—Sanctuary

9:45 am Sunday School & Confirmation

11:00 am Worship Services—Sanctuary

12:00 pm Basketball Celebration – Parker Hall

5:00 pm Youth/56 & Visioneers—@ The House/Soul Cafe

Monday, March 27:

9:00 am Staff Meeting-Library

1:00 pm Bridge—Parker Hall

6:30 pm Cub Scouts – @ The House/Gym

7:00 pm Rev. Steve Morgan, Book Study—Mac Vinson Comp.

Tuesday, March 28:

9:30 am Women of Faith-Parker Hall (Last one of the season)

5:45 pm Zumba—Gym

7:00 pm Boy Scouts @ The House

Wednesday, March 29:

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

4:30 pm Low Vision Meeting - Library

5:30 pm Connect Meal—Parker Hall

6:20 pm Children's Music

6:30 pm Great Day of Service Celebration—Parker Hall

7:15 pm Choir Practice—Choir Room

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Worship the Lord through giving.

2017 General Budget Needs **\$772,516.00**

Budget Needs YTD 174,909.24

Receipts Week #12 (3/19) 10,224.62

Receipts YTD 157,895.15

Total Expenses YTD 160,356.11

E-Giving QR Code



SERVING TODAY

Greeters: 8:45 am Sandra & David McAvoy

11:00 am Sara & Jerry Bowden

Acolytes: 8:45 am Ben Keith 11:00 am Reid Schemm

Crucifer: 11:00 am Sean Hughes

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

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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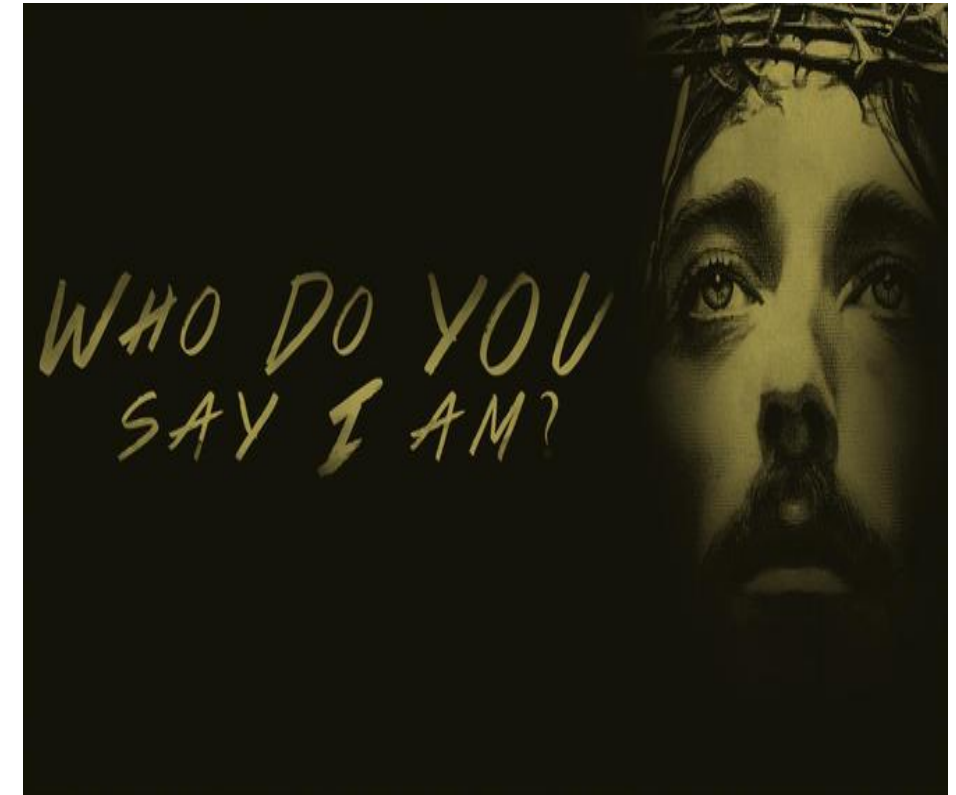
... We are called to make disciples by embracing all people with God's love in Christ and equipping each other for service to God and His world.

VISION STATEMENT

Hearts on Fire...Seeking, Sharing, Serving...For God!

Welcome to

ALDERSGATE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



The Rev. Alex Stevenson

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8:45 AM & 11:00 AM

March 26, 2017

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