

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

One Great Hour of Sharing

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 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" arr. H. Morris
The Cathedral Handbells

***THE CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

***HYMN NO. 98** TO GOD BE THE GLORY
"To God Be the Glory"

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (inspired by Luke 15:1-10)

Leader: God calls to the lost, the least, and all who long for home;

People: God calls when we wander from the path chosen for us and waste the gifts we have been given.

Leader: God calls and welcomes us back to worship this day;

People: let us celebrate and rejoice in God's presence forever; let us worship God together.

***A MODERN AFFIRMATION NO. 885**

Pastor: 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.

THE MORNING PRAYER

(Leader: Lord, in your mercy.

People Respond: Hear our prayer.)

ANTHEM "O Love, How Deep" arr. Cathy Moglebust
The Cathedral Handbells

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE GIVING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY

***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 Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 NT PG. 78

²⁴ For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate.

THE MESSAGE "What Would You Do?"
Rev. Alex Stevenson

~ THANKSGIVING AND HOLY COMMUNION ~

INVITATION (All are welcome)

CONFESSION AND PARDON HYMNAL PG. 12

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING HYMNAL PG. 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.)

378 "Amazing Grace"

504 The Old Rugged Cross

613 O Thou Who This Mysterious Bread

614 For the Bread Which You Have Broken

626 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus, the Christ our Lord. Amen.

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

***THE HYMN NO. 365** MOODY
"Grace Greater than Our Sin"

***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.*

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING FOR HELPING serve communion today along with Pastor Alex:

8:45 am Nina & Cody Owens and Mary Ann Repaire

11:00 am Ruth & Gary Hughes and Brianna Hughes

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY ARE TO THE Glory of God and in loving memory of Dee Smith on their anniversary by Jean Smith.

GUESS WHAT!!! Spring is coming and right behind it is the UMW Garage Sale. Please start saving items now and bring jewelry (only) to the church office any time. SORRY...No TV's accepted. Sale week is April 18-23.

ALTAR FLOWER RESERVATIONS ARE BEING taken for April – June. If you are interested in placing flowers on the altar, please contact Mary Ann Repaire at 346-6495.

SERVING ALDERSGATE TODAY

Acolytes: 8:45 am William McCauley 11:00 am Karis King
Crucifer: 11:00 am Bobby Gettys
Greeters: 8:45 am Ruth Ann & Marshall Gooch
 11:00 am Betty & Jim Griffith
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

PRAYER CONCERNS

As of printing Thursday, March 3, 2016:

Home: Dolores Epperly, Doyle Clark, Alton & Mary Ruth Durham, Wally Harris, Lynette Ruff, Virginia Clarke, Matthew Whiteman
Myrtle Beach, SC: Randy Hale
NHC-Cola: Vera Chrismon **NHC-Mauldin:** June Powell
Haywood Estates: Phyllis Smith, Joan Pawlus
Brookdale: Harold Stallcup **The Cottages:** Betty Lee
The Palmettos: Atrice Hughey, Dora Gault
The Cascades: Patty Andersen, Patti Whelchel
Mt. Pleasant, SC: Florence Hale c/o daughter
Rolling Green: Margaret Britton, Bill & Jan Ellington, Wilma Tiedeman, Audrey & Wayne Rowan
Mt. Home Health & Rehab, NC: Nancy Reitz
Brookdale @ Cleveland Park: Janie Hunt, Ruth Gunter

ATTENDANCE

2/21/16	Sunday School	171
	Worship	362

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Worship the Lord through giving.

2016 General Budget Needs	747,096.00
Budget Needs (YTD)	129,305.07
Receipts Week #9 (2/28)	15,352.02
Receipts YTD	116,754.41
Total Expenses (YTD)	100,757.32

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CALENDAR

Sunday, March 6, 2016:

8:45 & 11:00 am Worship Services
 9:45 am Sunday School
 12:15 pm Basketball Reception
 3:00 pm Cindy Harter Circle-Soul Cafe
 5:00 pm Youth @ The House
 6:00 pm Boy Scouts Court of Honor – Parker Hall

Monday, March 7, 2016:

8:45 am Mom's In Prayer
 11:00 am Prime Timers Luncheon – Parker Hall
 1:00 pm Prime Timers Bridge – Parker Hall
 6:30 pm Cub Scouts @ The House
 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry – Mac Vinson Companions Class

Tuesday, March 8, 2016:

6:30 am Men of Integrity – Broadway Bagels
 9:30 am Women of Faith – Parker Hall
 10:30 am Louise Best Circle- Off site
 12:00 pm Susanna Wesley Circle – Parker Hall
 6:00 pm Zumba – Gym
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts @ The House

Wednesday, March 9, 2016:

10:00 am Pastor's Bible Study–Mac Vinson Companions Class
 10:00 am Mary Teasley Circle – Soul Cafe
 5:30 pm Connect Meal – Parker Hall
 6:30 pm Great Day of Service Celebration-Parker Hall
 7:15 pm Choir Practice – Choir Room

Thursday, March 10, 2016:

6:00 pm Praise Band Practice

Saturday, March 12, 2016:

9:00 am Cinderella Project - Gym

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday: 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Friday: 9:00-Noon
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 Susan Hamilton, Office Manager/Communications
 Norma Dempsey, Financial Secretary/John McElrath, Custodian

MINISTERS – THE CONGREGATION

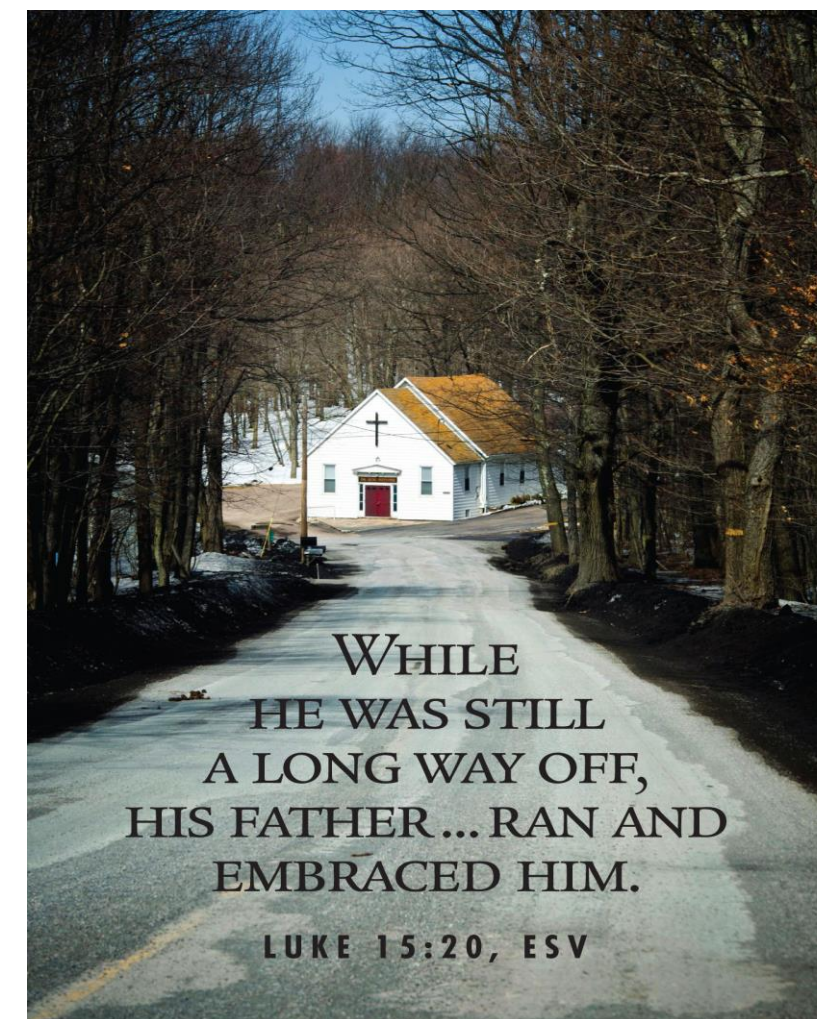
MISSION STATEMENT

... 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
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 CHURCH**



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