

**TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST**

**MORNING WORSHIP ~ 8:45 & 11:00 A.M.**

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**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** "See Amid the Winter's Snow" by Alan Lohr  
The Cathedral Handbells Justin Hadel, Director

**\*THE CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

**\*THE HYMN** "Our Hearts Aflame" CRUCIFER

**Refrain: Where there is need, inspire us in your name,  
that we may rise to serve, our hearts aflame.**

- 1. Fired by our faith, we heed your Spirit's call to make  
your house a home that welcomes all. Refrain:**
- 2. Cleanse and renew us, precious gold refined, till love  
consumes us, soul and strength and mind. Refrain:**
- 3. When cherished dreams burn down to ash and dust,  
with healing grace, rebuild our hope trust. Refrain:**
- 4. Christ, come in glory; set the world ablaze!  
Transform our lives to songs of ceaseless praise.  
Refrain:**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (based on Psalm 66)

Leader: Come and celebrate! Shout joyfully to the Lord,  
your God! Glorify God with your praise!

**People: Everything on earth will worship you; they  
will sing your praises, shouting your name in  
joyful songs.**

Leader: Come and see what our God has done, what  
awesome things the Almighty has done for us!

**People: Let the whole world bless our God and sing  
God's praise. For our lives are in our  
Creator's hands, and the Lord keeps our feet  
from stumbling.**

**\*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.**

\*universal

**\*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** "Acclamation in G Minor" Karen Thompson  
The Cathedral Handbells Justin Hadel, Director

**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.**

**HEARTS ON FIRE MOMENT** Darien Pickens

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

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

**THE OFFERTORY** Ryland Brown

**\*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. 557** Fawcett/Mason  
"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

**THE CHILDREN'S TIME** Johannah Myers

**SCRIPTURE READING** Matthew 16:13-20 NT-18

**THE MESSAGE** "You Hold The Key"  
Rev. Dr. Michael Guffee

**~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~**

**\*THE HYMN NO. 546** Stone/Wesley  
"The Church's One Foundation"

**\*BENEDICTION**

Leader: At Aldersgate we are ...

**People: Hearts on Fire ... Seeking, Sharing,  
Serving ... For God!**

**\*THE CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

**\*THE POSTLUDE** Ryland Brown

*\*Congregation will please stand as able.*

*Our service of worship has ended.*

*Let our worship through service begin.*

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**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ARE IN HONOR OF  
GOD** and in memory of Jerry Blair by Jennine Blair, Brenda  
& Taylor Davenport and Scott & Robin Blair, and Ashleigh,  
Ethan and Olivia Blair.

**TODAY IS OUR 56th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION.**

We welcome Rev. Dr. Mike Guffee back to the pulpit.  
Remember that there will be a pot luck luncheon in Parker  
Hall after the 11:00 service. Come celebrate with us!

**UPCOMING CONNECT MENU:**

**Oct. 12-** Baked Potato Bar, salad, fruit, dessert

**Oct. 19-** Pork Tenderloin, creamed potatoes, squash  
casserole, salad, fruit, dessert

**Oct. 26-** Lasagna, bread, salad, fruit, dessert

**Nov. 2-** Chicken casserole, rice, green beans, salad, fruit,  
dessert

**GAIHN DATES ARE HERE** – The Aldersgate UMC dates  
that we help with GAIHN (Greenville Area Interfaith  
Hospitality Network) will be on **Oct. 23, 25 & 27<sup>th</sup>**. You can  
help! Talk with Mike Strickland or Michele Schultz about  
how you can make a difference.

Mike – [mstrickland@southernfirst.com](mailto:mstrickland@southernfirst.com),

Michele- [schultzrm@charter.net](mailto:schultzrm@charter.net)

**Your Church Council, Finance Committee and Stewardship Team thank you for your continued generous support of the ministries of Aldersgate!**

Today we will celebrate the 56<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Aldersgate. Our "Hearts on Fire Celebration" this year will not only celebrate the birth of our church, it will also celebrate the exciting vision of the future of Aldersgate.

Beginning today and running thru November 13<sup>th</sup>, each Sunday you will hear about some of the "Hearts on Fire" ministries and activities that have become the fabric of our faith here at Aldersgate.

Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> is Consecration Sunday. On this day you have the opportunity to indicate your support for the ministries of Aldersgate in 2017. In addition to your time, talents, and resources we ask that you pray for the staff and all who come to worship at God's house we call Aldersgate United Methodist Church.

At Aldersgate we are  
Hearts on Fire...Seeking, Sharing, Serving...For God

**SAVE THE DATE-**We will be having our *Fall Festival and Messy Church on October 30, 2016*. More details to come!

#### PRAYER CONCERNS

**As of printing Wednesday, Oct. 5 2016:**

**Home:** Dolores Epperly, Doyle Clark, Phil Waynick, Lynette Ruff, Fred Copeland, Ralph Bell, Alton Durham, Frances Hall, Russell Parker, Bill Ellington, Trudy Carter, Brenda Raynal, Nancy Burton, Freida Parker **Georgia** (with son): Bill Taylor  
**Myrtle Beach:** Randy Hale/**Mt. Pleasant, SC:** Florence Hale  
**NHC-Cola:** Vera Chrismon **NHC-Mauldin:** June Powell  
**Haywood Estates:** Joan Pawlus, Ann Linse  
**Brookdale:** Harold Stallcup **The Cottages:** Betty Lee  
**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, Bill & Jan Ellington, Wilma Tiedeman, Audrey & Wayne Rowan  
**Mt. Home Health & Rehab, NC:** Nancy Reitz  
**Brookdale @ Cleveland Park:** Janie Hunt, Ruth Gunter  
**Florence, SC:** Rusty Harter, Sr. (*Rusty Harter's dad*)

#### SERVING ALDERSGATE TODAY

**Greeters:** 8:45 am Michelle & Steven Keith  
11:00 am Susan & Bill Smith  
**Acolytes:** 8:45 am Adyson Davis 11:00 am Anna Kate Schemm  
**Crucifer:** 11:00 am Julian Gettys  
**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

#### ATTENDANCE

**October 2–Sunday School 164/Worship 253**

#### TITHES & OFFERINGS

*E-Giving QR Code*

*Worship the Lord through giving.*  
2016 General Budget Needs \$747,096.00  
Budget Needs (YTD) 574,689.20  
**Receipts Week (# 40) 10/2/16 19,830.61**  
Receipts YTD 565,691.34  
Total Expenses (YTD) 510,197.80



#### CALENDAR

**Sunday, October 9:** 8:45 & 11:00 am Worship Services  
9:45 am Sunday School & Confirmation Class  
9:45 am Messy Church – Gym  
3:30 pm Finance Committee Mtg. – Companions Class  
5:00 pm Youth @ The House/56 in the Loft  
**Monday, October 10:** 9:00 am Staff Meeting - Library  
6:30 pm Cub Scouts @ The House/Gym  
6:30 pm Church Council Meeting - Library  
7:00 pm Men's Bible Study–off site/7:00 pm Borg Book Study  
**Tuesday, October 11:** 6:30 am Men of Integrity—B'way Bagels  
9:30 am Women of Faith—Parker Hall & Classrooms  
5:45 pm Zumba—Gym  
6:30 pm Trustees – Companions Class  
7:00 pm Boy Scouts @ The House  
**Wednesday, October 12:** 10:00 am Pastor's Bible Study – Comp.  
4:30 pm Low Vision Support Group – Library  
5:30 pm Connect – Parker Hall  
6:00 pm Poverty Simulation Recap- 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**)  
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  
Phone: 864/244-1820 Fax: 864/244-9701  
Child Development Center...864/268-5028

Website: [www.aumcsc.org](http://www.aumcsc.org) <http://facebook.com/aumcsc>

#### 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

**"YOU ARE THE MESSIAH,  
THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD"**  
MATTHEW 16: 13-20



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**October 9, 2016**

Established October 9, 1960  
Open hearts...Open minds...Open doors  
The people of The United Methodist Church