

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

World Communion Sunday

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 Ryland Brown

*THE CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*THE HYMN TFWS 2087 "We Will Glorify"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Around the world people gather to break bread and pour wine.

People: We gather with them in heart and mind.

Leader: Around the world the broken body is made whole.

People: As part of that body we join in its unity.

Leader: Around the world the banquet of God is prepared for the table.

People: We, who share in the banquet, come eagerly to be fed.

Leader: Let us worship together; let us share God's bounty.

People: Let us worship with all the saints.

*THE APOSTLES' CREED NO. 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 the 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.

THE MORNING PRAYER

(Leader: Lord, in your mercy.

People Respond: Hear our prayer.)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Dear God, on this World Communion Sunday, we rejoice that you gather us around the Table of your Son, the risen Lord. May our offerings reach out to bring hope and grace to our near and distant neighbors, whom you know and love. We pray in the most excellent name of Jesus. Amen.

THE GIVING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY Praise Band

"I Surrender" by Matt Crocker

*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 LESSON Matthew 21:23-32 NT: 23-24

³¹ "Which of the two did what his father wanted?"

"The first," they answered. Jesus said to them,

"I tell you the truth, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you."

THE MESSAGE Rev. Alex Stevenson

"Which Did the Father's Will?"

~ WE GIVE THANKS AND SHARE HOLY COMMUNION ~

INVITATION (All are welcome.)

CONFESSION AND PARDON NO. 12

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING NO. 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 ANTHEM Praise Band
"O Come to the Altar" by Elevation Worship

COMMUNION HYMNS

(You are invited to sing these hymns as others are receiving communion.)

618 "Let Us Break Bread Together" (African American)

620 "One Bread, One Body" (USA)

624 "Bread of the World" (England)

626 "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" (Syria)

628 "Eat This Bread" (France)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION "Here We Come"
by James E. Magaw

Here we are, eating again, without credentials, without money, without vouchers or coupons, just because you say we belong. Thanks! Here we go, full, from the table again, still unholy saints, but saints again alive, renewed in compassion and hope, taking bread with us for those not yet at the table. Amen

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

*THE HYMN NO. 467 "Trust and Obey" TRUST AND OBEY

*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 Mr. & Mrs. Harry W. Ashworth and Mr. & Mrs. Travis M. Beeson by Lyndon & Gayle Ashworth.

IN MEMORIUM

Marshall Green Bearden

April 9, 1919 ~ September 25, 2017

"Blessed are those who die in the Lord."

THE WHITE ROSE ON THE ALTAR is in memory of Marshall G. Bearden.

ANNIVERSARY & MINISTRY FAIR! On **October 9th** 1960, Aldersgate Methodist Church was founded! Make sure you join us next Sunday for an Anniversary Celebration at both services and to view the Ministry Fair before and after. Rev. Cathy Joens will preach. Bring a friend!

PRAYER CONCERNS

As of printing **Thursday, September 28, 2017:**

Greenville Mem. Hosp.: Tom Barnhill

Home: Phil & Jennie Ruth Waynick, Fred Copeland, Ralph Bell, Alton Durham, Freida Parker

Mt. Pleasant, SC: Florence Hale **Westminster:** Melba Poole

NHC-Cola: Vera Chrismon **The Palmettos:** Atrice Hughey

Brookdale @ Hawthorne: Nita Bearden

Waterstone: Ruth Gunter **Rock Hill /Daughter:** Bill Taylor

Rolling Green: Jan Ellington, Wayne & Audrey Rowan,

Wilma Tiedeman **Mt. Home Health & Rehab, NC:** Nancy Reitz

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

The Cascades: Patty Andersen, Patti Whelchel

CALENDAR

Sunday, October 1: World Communion Sunday

8:45 am Worship Service

9:45 am Sunday School

9:45 am Disciples-Fast Track- Library

11:00 am Worship Service

1:00 pm Stephen Ministry Meeting - Library

2:00 pm Transformation Walk at Flour Field

3-5 pm Cindy Harter Circle - Companions Classroom

6:00 pm Program Council Meeting - Mac Vinson Comp.

Monday, October 2:

1:00 pm Prime Timers Bridge - Parker Hall

2:30 pm Mosaic/ESL—Youth House/Gym/Loft/ Kingdom/Field

6:30 pm Cub Scouts @ The House

Tuesday, October 3:

6:35 am Men of Integrity Bible Study

9:30 am Women of Faith -Parker Hall & Classrooms

2:30 pm Mosaic/ESL—Youth House/Gym/Loft/ Kingdom/Field

7:00 pm Boy Scouts@ The House

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Worship the Lord through giving.

2017 General Budget Needs \$772,516.00

Budget Needs YTD 568,455.03

Receipts Week #37 9/17 8,394.18

Receipts Week #38 9/24 11,434.71

Receipts YTD 535,281.34

Total Expenses YTD 524,665.07

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ATTENDANCE
September 24, 2017
Sunday School – 166 Worship - 266

SERVING TODAY

Communion Helpers: 8:45 am Logan & Scott Bagley,

Helen Truesdale

11:00 am Susan Hamilton, Ruth Hughes,

Brenda Willett

Lay Readers: 8:45 am Julian Gettys

11:00 am Debbie Strickland

Greeters: 8:45 am Nina & Henry Scoggins

11:00 am Marian & David Rose

Acolytes: 8:45 am Brooks Davis 11:00 am Graham Addis

Crucifer: 11:00 am Ansley Addis

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, Joel

Vanderwood, Bruce Royal

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. 212)

Susan Hamilton, Office Manager/Communications (ext. 210)

Cameron Vaughn, 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://facebook.com/aumcsc>

MISSION STATEMENT

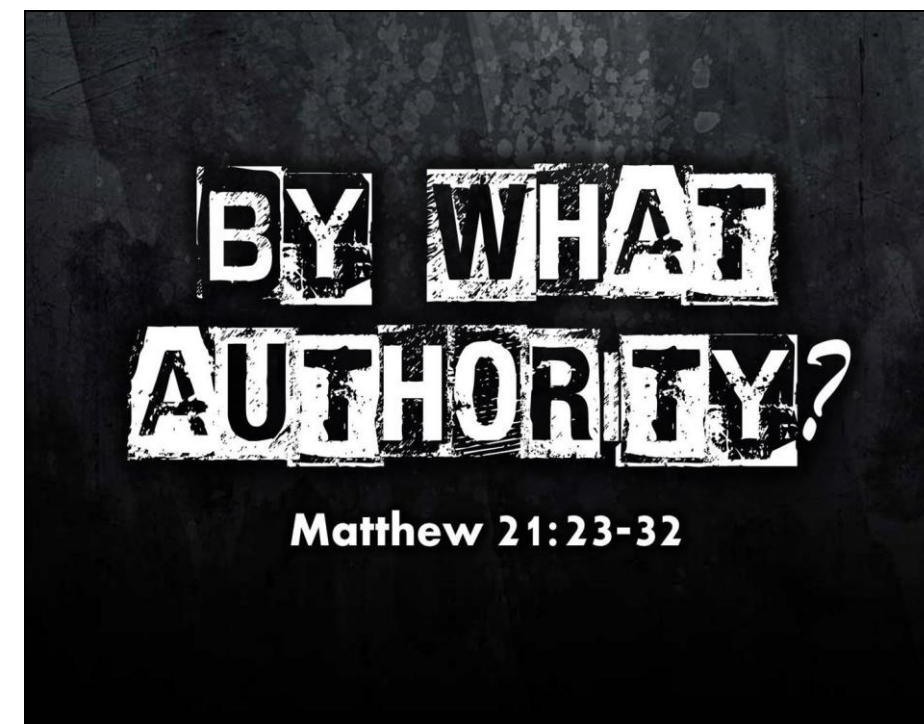
... We are called to make disciples by embracing all people with God's love in Christ and equipping each other for service to God and His world.

VISION STATEMENT

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

Welcome to

ALDERSGATE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Matthew 21:23-32

The Rev. Alex Stevenson

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WORSHIP SERVICES

8:45 am & 11:00 am

OCTOBER 1, 2017

Established October 9, 1960

**Open hearts...Open minds...Open doors
The people of The United Methodist Church**

A Stephen Ministry Congregation