

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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 NO. 117** "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (inspired by Psalm 65)

Leader: God of life and love

People: We rejoice in your abundant gifts.

Leader: God of all peoples and all places

People: We celebrate your generosity and grace.

Leader: God of the earth and the heavens

People: We praise you for your provision.

Leader: You visit the earth and water it

People: Softening it with showers and blessing its growth.

Leader: You make springs gush forth in the valleys;

People: From your lofty abode you water the mountains.

Leader: God of life and love

People: We bless your holy name.

***A STATEMENT OF FAITH OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA:**

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to

proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

***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 "We Are" Children's Choir
Kaitlyn Stevenson, Director

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS NO. 38 (11:00 am)

Jim & Cindy Holtzclaw
Brenda Raynal

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 Anne Spellman

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE GIVING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY "Shout With Joy!" Children's Choir
Kaitlyn Stevenson, Director

***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. 407** "Close to Thee"

THE CHILDREN'S TIME Ruth Hughes

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 18:9-14 NT-81

¹⁴ for all who exalt themselves will be humbled,
but all who humble themselves will be exalted.

THE MESSAGE "Why Didn't Jesus Like Religious Folk?"

Rev. Alex Stevenson

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

***THE HYMN NO. 419** "I am Thine, O Lord"

***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.*

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ARE TO THE GLORY OF GOD by Margaret Justus.

**The White Rosebud is in Memory of
BILLY (BILL) M. ELLINGTON
FEBRUARY 7, 1926 ~ OCTOBER 20, 2016
"Blessed are those who die in the Lord..."**

THE RED ROSEBUD IS IN HONOR OF Ivy Brooklyn Conrad. Who was born to Adam & Jocie Conrad. The proud grandparents are Lyndon & Gayle Ashworth.

OUR ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL IS NEXT SUNDAY, OCT. 30! We need plenty of help for this community event! If you would like to decorate a trunk for Trunk-or-Treat or help with a game or activity, please let Johannah know ASAP. We will also need help in the kitchen providing our hot dog supper. Greeters are also needed! Email or call Johannah to volunteer. We have a wagon in the Commons to collect candy for the Festival - pre-wrapped candy, only, please! Thank you for helping!

UMCOR CLEANING BUCKETS supplies are being collected until October 30. These buckets are being used to replenish what was needed due to Hurricane Matthew. The website is: <http://www.umcor.org/UMCOR/Relief-Supplies/Relief-Supply-Kits/Cleaning> Boxes for supplies will be in the Commons.

TODAY IS THE TRANSFORMATION WALK FOR UNITED MINISTRIES. Not signed up? Come walk anyway! After the walk don't forget the *Hymnfest at John Knox Pres. Church* at 6:00 pm. It is just down from Aldersgate UMC behind Lake Forest Elementary School. A great day for all!

IN THE COMMONS THERE IS A SIGN UP SHEET to register those Saints who have gone before us. On *November 6*, we will celebrate "All Saints Sunday." Make sure you tie a bell on the display signifying your loved ones and write down their names. A complete copy will be inserted into the bulletin that Sunday in celebration.

GAIHN-Greenville Area Interfaith Hospitality Network is this week beginning today. Talk to Michele Schultz 864-448-4224, or Mike Strickland (mstrickland@southernfirst.com) to volunteer.

CHARGE CONFERENCE IS ON NOVEMBER 6 immediately following the 11:00 service. All are welcome to attend. If you are on Church Council, you are part of Charge Conference and should make plans to attend. Thank you!

PRAYER CONCERNS

As of printing Wednesday, Oct. 20 2016:

Home: Dolores Epperly, Doyle Clark, Phil Waynick, Lynette Ruff, Fred Copeland, Ralph Bell, Alton Durham, Frances Hall, Russell Parker, Bill Ellington, Brenda Raynal, 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 Carol & Phil Martin

11:00 am Mary & Jerry Thomas

Acolytes: 8:45 am Brooks Davis

11:00 am James Whiteman

Cruicifer: 11:00 am Daniel Whiteman

Usher Captains: 8:45 am David McAvoy

11:00 am Frank Mathis

Ushers: 8:45 am Roger Phillips, Henry Scoggins, Suzanne Haney

11:00 am Jim Cox, Bonnie Lampe, Ron Armstrong, Trey Covington, Coley Altman, III, Paul Sleight

TITHES & OFFERINGS

E-Giving QR Code

Worship the Lord through giving.

2016 General Budget Needs \$747,096.00

Budget Needs (YTD) 603,423.66

Receipts Week (# 42)10/16/ 7,514.50

Receipts YTD 591,968.04

Total Expenses (YTD) 530,745.11



ATTENDANCE

October 16– Sunday School 152/Worship 257

CALENDAR

Sunday, October 23: 8:45 & 11:00 am Worship Services
9:45 am Sunday School & Confirmation Class
2:00 pm United Ministries-Transformation Walk – Flour Field
5:00 pm GAIHN at John Knox Pres. Church
6:00 pm Community HymnFest – John Knox Pres. Church
Monday, October 24: 9:00 am Staff Meeting - Library
6:30 pm Cub Scouts @ The House
7:00 pm Borg Book Study – Companions Class
Tuesday, October 25: 6:30 am Men of Integrity- B'way Bagels
9:30 am Women of Faith – Parker Hall
5:00 pm GAIHN at John Knox Pres. Church
5:45 pm Zumba – Gym
7:00 pm Boy Scouts @ The House
Wednesday, October 26: 10:00 am Pastor's Bible Study-Comp.
5:30 pm Connect – Parker Hall
Thursday, October 27: 5:00 pm GAIHN at John Knox Pres.
Friday, October 28: Newsletter Published

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
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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

ALDERSGATE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*For everyone who
exalts himself will be
humbled, but one
who humbles himself
will be exalted.*

Luke 18:14

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