

## SIXTEENTH 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. 555** "Forward Through the Ages"

ST GERTRUDE

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (Psalm 105:1-3)

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, call on God's name.

**People: Make known God's deeds among the peoples.**

Leader: Sing praises to the Lord; and tell of all God's wonderful works.

**People: Glory in God's holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!**

**\*THE KOREAN CREED**

**We believe in the one God, creator and sustainer of all things, Father of all nations, the source of all goodness and beauty, all truth and love.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh, our teacher, example, and Redeemer, the Savior of the world.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, God present with us for guidance, for comfort, and for strength.**

**We believe in the forgiveness of sins, in the life of love and prayer, and in grace equal to every need.**

**We believe in the Word of God contained in the Old and New Testaments as the sufficient rule both of faith and of practice.**

**We believe in the church, those who are united in the living Lord for the purpose of worship and service.**

**We believe in the reign of God as the divine will realized in human society, and in the family of God, where we are all brothers and sisters.**

**We believe in the final triumph of righteousness and in the life everlasting. 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.

**UNITED MINISTRIES PRESENTATION** Iris Tetsch

**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.**

**DEDICATION OF THE GYMNASIUM**

Keith Rutherford and Jerry Thomas

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Blessed God, you have called us to contribute to the needs of the saints and to extend hospitality to strangers. Hallow these gifts that they may be a blessing to many in your name. Amen.**

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

**THE OFFERTORY** Chancel Choir by Craig Courtney

"I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath"

*The Doxology is part of this morning's anthem. Please stand when signaled and join the choir in singing.*

**\*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 ~

**THE CHILDREN'S TIME** Ruth Hughes

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** NT PGS.196-197

Philippians 1:12-30

<sup>21</sup>For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

**THE MESSAGE** "Dire Straits" Rev. Alex Stevenson

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

**\*THE HYMN NO. 546** "The Church's One Foundation"  
AURELLA

**\*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 honor of the birthdays of Randy Owens and Nina Owens Tillotson by Cody & Nina Owens.

**HERE IS THE CONNECT MENU FOR NEXT** week. Please make sure you call the church office no later than Monday to let us know if you plan to eat of your desired week.

**Sept 27** –Salad bar, pasta salad, mesquite chicken, chips, fruit, dessert

**MINISTRY FAIR ON OCTOBER 8.** As part of our anniversary celebration, Aldersgate is hosting a Ministry Fair Sunday morning from 8:30 until 12:30. Please stop by the Ministry Fair to see displays from different ministries across Aldersgate. From missions to stewardship, children's ministry to older adults, the Ministry Fair will cover it all. We'll even have a mini-Messy Church set up for you to experience this hands-on ministry. If your group or ministry would like to participate in the Ministry Fair on October 8, please let Johannah know as soon as possible.

**The Re-newed Members Class begins today!** Pastor Alex will offer this class on Sunday mornings during Sunday School, September 24-November 12. This is a class for those who are new members or who are considering membership at Aldersgate. It is also a class for long time members who would like a refresher course in Methodism.

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

As of printing Thursday, September 21, 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:** Marshall & 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, September 24:**

8:45 am Worship Service  
9:45 am Sunday School  
9:45 am Disciples-Fast Track– Library  
11:00 am Worship Service  
5:00 pm Youth @ The House  
5:30 pm Handbell Practice

**Monday, September 25:**

1:00 pm Prime Timers Bridge – Parker Hall  
2:30 pm Mosaic/ESL—Youth House/Gym/Loft/ Rooms/Field  
6:30 pm Cub Scouts @ The House

**Tuesday, September 26:**

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/ Rooms/Field  
7:00 pm Boy Scouts@ The House  
7:00 pm Nominations Committee Mtg.- Companions Classroom

**SERVING TODAY**

**Lay Readers:** 8:45 am Jan Redfern  
11:00 am Tom Angster  
**Greeters:** 8:45 am Kathie & Bruce Schug  
11:00 am Cathy & Hunt Redfern  
**Acolytes:** 8:45 am Ben Keith 11:00 am Karis King  
**Crucifer:** 11:00 am William McCauley  
**Usher Captains:** 8:45 am David McAvoy  
11:00 am Frank Mathis  
**Ushers:** 8:45 am Eddie Beam, Henry Scoggins,  
Suzanne Haney  
11:00 am Jim Cox, Bonnie Lampe, Trey Covington,  
Coley Altman, III, Paul Sleight

**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://www.aumcsc.org) <http://facebook.com/aumcsc>

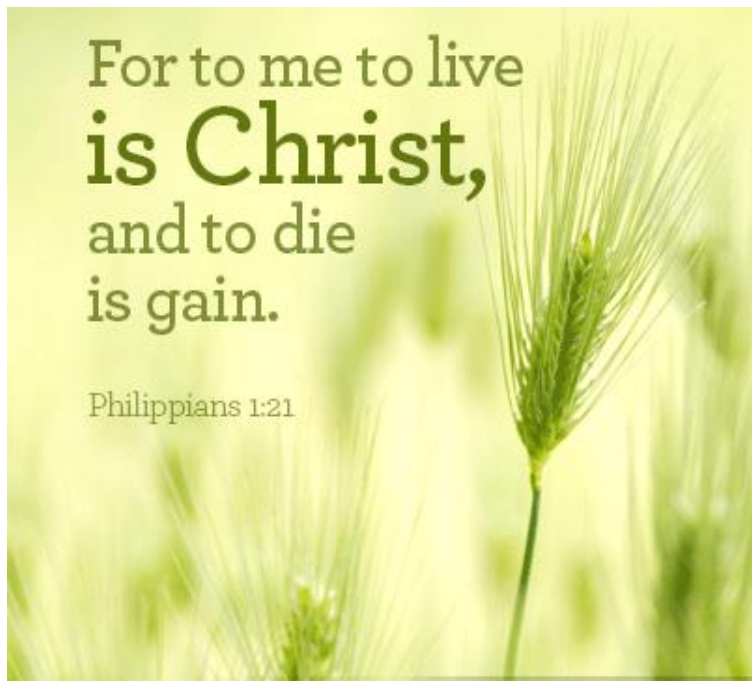
**MISSION STATEMENT**

... 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**



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**WORSHIP SERVICES**  
**8:45 am & 11:00 am**

**SEPTEMBER 24, 2017**

**Established October 9, 1960**

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

*A Stephen Ministry Congregation*

**TITHES & OFFERINGS**

*Worship the Lord through giving.*

2017 General Budget Needs	\$772,516.00
Budget Needs YTD	\$553,879.26
Receipts Week #38 9/17	\$8,394.18
Receipts YTD	\$523,846.63
Total Expenses YTD	\$512,115.81

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