

THIRTEENTH 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. 419** "I am Thine, O Lord" I AM THINE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We come to worship this morning from different places.

People: O God, do not be far from us.

Leader: We come to worship this morning for different reasons.

People: O God, do not be far from us.

Leader: We experience the presence of the Spirit in different ways.

People: O God, do not be far from us.

Leader: We hear Jesus' words with different ears.

People: O God, do not be far from us.

Leader: "Deny yourselves."

People: O God, do not be far from us.

Leader: "Take up your cross."

People: O God, do not be far from us.

Leader: "Follow me."

People: O God, we thank you for drawing near to us in this place, in our lives. Amen.

***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

God of Compassion, sometimes we are reluctant to follow your divine authority and to place our entire trust in you. We feel more secure trusting in our own ability and our own strength. Thank you for this moment in our worship service when we are reminded that your unwavering, steadfast love engulfs us like a mother's gentle caress. Bless these gifts and we who give them. Trusting in your heavenly grace, we pray. Amen.

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 ~

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 16:21-28 NT PG.18

²⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

THE MESSAGE Rev. Alex Stevenson

"Are You Living or Just Surviving?"

~ 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 *(11 am only)* "O Taste and See"

The Chancel Choir by Douglas E. Wagner

COMMUNION HYMNS

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

No. 297 "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

No. 298 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

No. 301 "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"

No. 338 "Where He Leads Me"

No. 399 "Take My Life, and Let It Be"

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us this Sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal kingdom. Send us in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory in Jesus' name. Amen.

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

***THE HYMN NO. 415** "Take Up Thy Cross" GERMANY

***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.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ARE TO THE GLORY of God and in memory of Mary Allred by her family.

IN MEMORIUM

Clarence Doyle Clark

August 25, 1927 – August 25, 2017

“Blessed are those who die in the Lord”

THE FAMILY OF DOYLE CLARK WOULD LIKE to thank all the church family for everything, especially the prayers, thoughtfulness, visits and all the folks who worked so hard to furnish us with such a nice lunch. Everything was appreciated and meant a lot. Sibyl Clark and family

PRAYER CONCERNS

As of printing Thursday, August 31, 2017:

NHC-Boiling Springs Rd.: Tom Barnhill

Home: Phil & Jennie Ruth Waynick, Fred Copeland, Ralph Bell, Alton Durham, Russell Parker, Freida Parker, Tommy Finch, Melba Poole, Bill Culbertson

Mt. Pleasant, SC: Florence Hale

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 3:

8:45 am Worship Service

9:45 am Sunday School

9:45 am Disciples-Fast Track– Library

11:00 am Worship Service

Monday, September 4: Labor Day - Church Office Closed

6:30 pm Cub Scouts @ The House

Tuesday, September 5: Child Development Center Begins

6:00 am Men of Integrity Bible Study

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

7:00 pm Nominations Committee Mtg.—Mac Vinson Comp. Room

7:00 pm Basketball Leaders Mtg.-Ruth Hughes—Kingdom Classroom

7:00 pm Boy Scouts@ The House

Wednesday, September 6:

8:45 am Boo Hoo Breakfast—CDC Parents—Commons

10:00 am Pastor’s Bible Study Begins—Mac Vinson Comp. Class

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

5:30 pm Connect Meal—Parker Hall

6:30 pm Children’s/Cherub Choirs

6:30 pm Church History Class—Mac Vinson Companions

6:30 pm Prayer Shawl Class—Library

6:30 pm Youth @ The House

7:15 pm Choir Practice—Choir Room

ATTENDANCE

Sunday – August 27, 2017

Sunday School – 163 Worship – 291

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Worship the Lord through giving.

2017 General Budget Needs \$772,516.00

Budget Needs YTD 510,151.95

Receipts Week #34 (8/20) 10,048.50

Receipts Week #35 (8/27) 17,014.77

Receipts YTD 483,377.18

Total Expenses YTD 483,080.61

E-GIVING QR CODE



SERVING TODAY

Communion Assistants: 8:45 am Brooks Davis, Aiden Fletcher, Josh Consalvo 11:00 am Jim Dansby, Jan Read, Johannah Myers

Lay Readers: 8:45 am Shirley Cooke 11:00 am Robert Gettys

Greeters: 8:45 am Nina & Cody Owens

11:00 am Maxine & Harry Hardin

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, Bruce Royal

Joel Vanderwood

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)

TBD, 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

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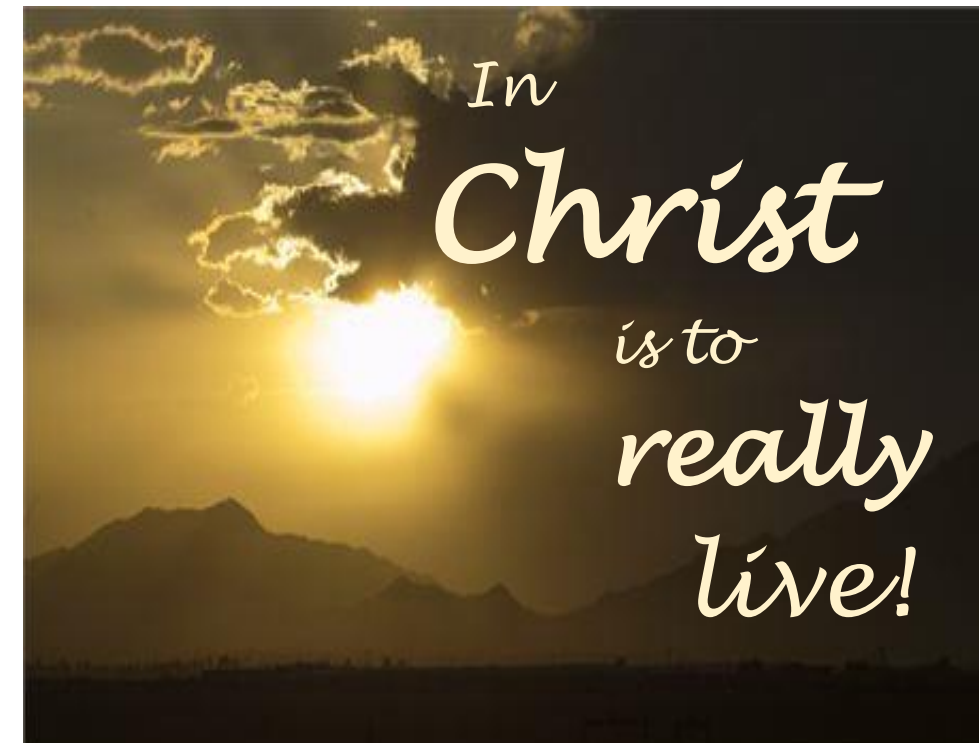
MISSION STATEMENT

... 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



The Rev. Alex Stevenson

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WORSHIP SERVICES

8:45 am & 11:00 am

SEPTEMBER 3, 2017

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

A Stephen Ministry Congregation