

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**Lessons & Carols**  
**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.)*

**THE PRELUDE** Ryland Brown

**\*THE CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 250** IRBY  
"Once in Royal David's City"

**LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH**

"The Candle of Peace"

*(After the Candle Lighting Reading, the following will be  
sung to the tune of "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly")*

**Lord we thank you, and we praise you, for your gift to us  
divine. As we celebrate this Advent, fill our hearts with  
peace sublime. Candles glowing, spirit growing, as the  
Christ child comes to Earth. We rejoice his holy birth.  
We rejoice his holy birth.**

**THE BIDDING PRAYER**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

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

**\*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 ~**

**LESSONS AND CAROLS**

**FIRST LESSON** Genesis 3:8-15  
Adam and Eve rebel against God.  
**Carol: In the Bleak Midwinter** arr. Susan E. Geschke

**SECOND LESSON** Genesis 22:15-18  
God promises faithful Abraham that his descendants will be  
a blessing to all nations of the earth.  
**Carol: Up! good Christen folk, and listen**  
by G.R. Woodward

**THIRD LESSON** Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 and 11:1-4a, 6-9  
Christ's birth and rule of peace and justice are  
foretold by Isaiah.  
**Carol: Now is Born the Divine Christ Child**  
arr. Kevin McChesney

**FOURTH LESSON** Malachi 3:1-4  
The coming messenger.  
**Carol: Ding Dong! Merrily on High** arr. Michael P. Pavone

**FIFTH LESSON** Luke 1:26-38  
The angel Gabriel announces to Mary that she will be  
the mother of Jesus.  
**Carol: Bogoroditse Devo** by Sergei Rachmaninov

**SIXTH LESSON** Luke 2:1, 3-7  
Saint Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.  
**Carol: Betlehemu** by Via Olatunji and Wendell Whalum

**SEVENTH LESSON** Luke 2:8-18  
The shepherds go to Bethlehem.  
**\*Hymn No. 238 - Angels We Have Heard on High**  
**Carol: Gloria in Excelsis** by Antonio Vivaldi

**EIGHTH LESSON** Matthew 2:1-11  
The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.  
**Carol: Huron Carol** arr. Mark Burrows  
Alex Stevenson, flute

**NINTH LESSON** John 1:1-14  
John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.  
**Carol: True Light** by Keith Hampton  
Ashley King, soprano

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

**\*THE HYMN NO. 246** "Joy to the World" ANTIOCH

**\*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.*

**Blue Christmas Service** – Sometimes this time of the year, instead of  
being a season of light and hope, becomes the darkest time of the year.  
On **December 20**, just before the shortest and darkest day of the year,  
we will have a Blue Christmas Service. This worship service  
recognizes our losses and is designed to give space to lift our grief, our  
pain, and our loss to God. Join us at 6:30pm in the sanctuary for this  
special worship opportunity.

**Messy Christmas** – It isn't silent. It's rarely even quiet. It isn't calm.  
And it can be a little messy. But then, despite what our beloved  
Christmas songs tell us, the first Christmas was probably a bit messy,  
too. Join us for **Messy Christmas on December 17** as we celebrate the  
joy and the mess of Christmas together. Activities begin at 3:30,  
worship begins around 4:30 with a meal to follow. This is always a  
special worship service that includes lots of singing and our re-telling  
of the Christmas story. Everyone is welcome!

**Sheep Trail** – Don't forget our Sheep Trail is going on all month long  
in Downtown Greenville. Pick up a Trail card and enjoy some shopping  
and sheep hunting. This year our sheep have come from all over the  
world and are helping us learn about different Christmas traditions.

**Poinsettias – Today – December 10 – is the LAST DAY** to order a  
poinsettia in honor or memory of someone. Please fill out the red order  
form and return it in the offering plate or put in Susan Hamilton's box.  
No orders will be accepted after today.

**Consecration Sunday Report:** 128 families have estimated their  
giving for next year. The new total is \$466,020 so far. Continue to keep  
this campaign in your prayers. If you haven't turned in your estimate of  
giving card, please do so. Thank you!

## IMPORTANT DATES/EVENTS

**Dec. 17** 8:45 & 11:00 AM: Worship with Praise Band

3:30 PM: Messy Christmas

**Dec. 20** 6:30 PM Blue Christmas Service

**Dec. 24** 8:45 AM: Worship with preaching

11:00 AM: Moravian Love Feast

7:00 PM: Christmas Eve Candlelight & Communion Service

**Dec. 31** 8:45 & 11:00 AM: Worship – Covenant Renewal

## PRAYER CONCERNS

As of printing Thursday, December 7, 2017:

**Greenville Memorial:** Larry Stallcup

**Home:** Phil & Jennie Ruth Waynick, Fred Copeland, Ralph Bell, Alton Durham, Freida Parker, Beth Rambo, Bill Tribble, Tom Barnhill, Kim Beam

**Brookdale @ Hawthorne:** Nita Bearden

**Mt. Pleasant, SC:** Florence Hale **Myrtle Beach, SC:** Randy Hale

**Haywood Estates:** Ann Linse **Waterstone:** Ruth Gunter

**Westminster Senior Living at Augusta Place:** Melba Poole

**The Palmettos:** Atrice Hughey **Rock Hill /Daughter:** Bill Taylor

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

**Rolling Green:** Jan Ellington, Wayne & Audrey Rowan,

Wilma Tiedeman

## CALENDAR

**Sunday, December 10, 2017**

8:45 am & 11:00 am Worship – Lessons and Carols

9:45 am Sunday School

5:00 pm Youth and Club 56 Angel Tree Shopping

**Monday, December 11, 2017:**

12-1:00 pm Bridge Christmas Party—Parker Hall

6:00-8:00pm Cub/Boy Scout Christmas Party - PH

**Friday, December 15, 2017:**

11:00am Child Development Center Christmas program

**Saturday, December 16, 2017:**

9:00 am Companion Group Intro Session 2

## ATTENDANCE

December 3, 2017

Worship - 293

## TITHES & OFFERINGS

*Worship the Lord through giving.*

2017 General Budget Needs \$772,516.00

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## SERVING TODAY

**Greeters:** 8:45 am Nina and Cody Owens

11:00 am Jeff and Darlene Caviness

**Acolytes:** 8:45 am Bobby Keith 11:00 am Brooks Schemm

**Crucifer:** 11:00 am Reid Schemm

**Usher Captains:** 8:45 am Brad Smoak 11:00 am Rick Lankford

**Ushers:** 8:45 am Scott Bagley, Trevor King, Mark Wessel

11:00 am Doug Patrick, Coley Altman, Gray Walsh, Grant Lankford

**Readers:** 8:45 am Rachel Lawrence, Jan Dalonas, Mary Ann

Repaire, Wendy Davis, Logan Bagley, Brenda Ellis, Gayle

Mason, Lisa Lawrence, Robert Gettys

11:00 am Iris Tetsch, Gayle Forbes, Sherri Allred, Karis King,

Marian Rose, Laura MacGregor, Rebekah MacGregor, Melissa

Stevenson, Anne McGaughey

*Thank you for serving this morning.*

## 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

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Child Development Center...864/268-5028

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<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

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## WORSHIP SERVICES

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

**December 10, 2017**

**Established October 9, 1960**

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

*Stephen Ministry Congregation*