

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Hanging of the Greens
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**

***THE HYMN NO. 211** VENI EMMANUEL
"O Come, O Come Emmanuel" (vs. 1-4)

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: How shall we prepare this house for the
coming of the King?

People: With branches of cedar, the tree of royalty.

Leader: How shall we prepare this house for the
coming of eternal Christ?

People: With garlands of pine and fir, whose leaves
are ever living, ever green.

Leader: How shall we prepare this house for the
coming of our savior?

People: With wreaths of holly and ivy, telling of his
passion, death, and resurrection.

Leader: How shall we prepare our hearts for the
coming of the Son of God?

People: By hearing again the words of prophets,
who foretold the saving work of God.

Leader: For God did not send the Son into the world to
condemn, but that the world might be saved.

People: Glory to God in the highest!

THE HANGING OF THE GREENS

Preparation

The Advent Wreath

The Wreaths

The Holly and the Ivy

The Poinsettia

The Nativity

The Candles

The Chrismon Tree

THE ANTHEM "Shepherds Arise" Children's Choir

THE MORNING PRAYER

(Leader: Lord, in your mercy.
People Respond: Hear our 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

During this season of waiting and anticipation, we
are reminded to stay awake for the coming of your
Son. Jesus' love often comes into our lives in quiet,
unexpected ways. Today, we generously respond to
this compassion and commit ourselves to living in a
manner worthy of your love. In anticipation of the
coming of Jesus, the Savior, we pray. Amen.

THE GIVING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR
OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY "For Unto Us" Children's Choir

***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 Rev. Alex Stevenson

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 NT PG. 166

³Grace and peace to you from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

THE MESSAGE Rev. Alex Stevenson
"A Few Christmas Gifts for You"

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

***THE HYMN NO. 206** HOUSTON
"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

***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.

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR PRAYERS, THOUGHTS,
and cards during these last months. It has meant a lot to us that
you have been thinking and praying for us. We really
appreciate it. Jennie Ruth & Phil Waynick

A BIG THANK YOU TO KAITLYN STEVENSON, THE
CHILDREN'S CHOIR DIRECTOR. She has been working
and leading the children each week for this music. **THANK**
YOU ALSO to these children who practiced and practiced with
dedication as they sing for God!

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS STUDY – "Christmas Gifts That
Can't Be Broken" by James W. Moore. All are welcome to
come and attend this 5 week class starting on December 10 and
ending on January 7. This will be held during the Sunday
school time frame in the church library. There is a DVD
viewing, and then various facilitators will present each week
and then we will have discussion. No need to sign up, just join
in beginning at 9:45 am on Dec. 10 in the library.

THE SHEEP TRAIL IS IN GOING AROUND THE
WORLD. Pick up a brochure in the Commons and then head
to downtown Greenville. You will not want to miss this!!

ON DECEMBER 5, THE PARKER HALL
KITCHEN/STOVE IS BEING CLEANED. Please do not
plan to go in and out of that kitchen so those cleaning can work
uninterrupted. Thanks very much!

A NEWSLETTER CHANGE IS COMING! In an effort to
try to save money on color copies, postage and also save time
in producing the twice a month Newsletter, we are trying a
little something different. Beginning January 30, you will
receive the colorful Newsletter you normally receive. The
earlier part of each month (around the 15th) you will receive a
listing of upcoming events and special notices/dates that are
important. The only difference is that it will be on colored
paper in the Commons and sent via email. Thank you!

IMPORTANT DATES/EVENTS

Dec. 10 8:45 & 11:00 AM: Lessons and Carols with Chancel Choir and Cathedral Handbells -*Christmas Around the World
Dec. 17 8:45 & 11:00 AM: Worship with Praise Band
3:30 PM: Messy Christmas -Christmas Around the World
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 – Watchnight/Covenant Renewal

PLEASE NOTE THAT SUSAN HAMILTON IS OUT of the office the week of *December 4–8* on jury duty in Anderson. She will be unavailable by phone or email during this time. If you need assistance, please speak with Ruth Hughes-ext. 204, Johannah Myers-ext. 211 or Cameron Vaughn-ext. 206. Thanks!

PRAYER CONCERNS

As of printing Thursday, November 30, 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 3, 2017-Hanging of the Greens

8:45 am & 11:00 am Worship – Children’s Choir Singing
9:45 am Sunday School
5:00 pm Youth @ The House
5:00 pm Club 56 & Visioneers

Monday, December 4, 2017:

11:00 am Prime Timers Christmas Party – Parker Hall
1:00 pm Bridge—Parker Hall
1:00 pm Stephen Ministry - Library

Tuesday, December 5, 2017:

Parker Hall Kitchen Out of Commission Due to Cleaning
9:30 am Women of Faith Christmas Party– Off Site

Wednesday, December 6, 2017:

10:00 am Pastor’s Bible Study – Companions Classroom
12:00 pm Mary Teasley & Louise Best Meet at Poinsett Club
6:00 pm Companions Group Meet in P. Hall (*Invitation Only*)

ATTENDANCE

November 26, 2017
Sunday School - 120 Worship - 220

TITHES & OFFERINGS

The financials for the end of November will be published in the December 10 bulletin.

E-GIVING QR CODE



SERVING TODAY

Greeters: 8:45 am Carol & Phil Martin
11:00 am Sara & Jerry Bowden
Acolytes: 8:45 am Adyson Davis 11:00 am Laura MacGregor
Crucifer: 11:00 am Rebekah MacGregor
Usher Captains: 8:45 am Austin Watts 11:00 am David Rose
Ushers: 8:45 am Doug Jordan, Phil Martin, Waldo Watts
11:00 am Clay Garrison, David Ayer, Cody Owens

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

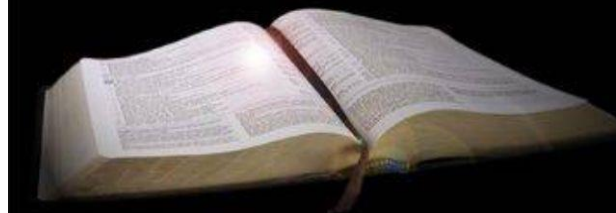
Hearts on Fire...Seeking, Sharing, Serving...For God!

Welcome to ALDERSGATE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

God’s Word to His People

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

God will keep you strong as you eagerly await Jesus to be revealed



The Rev. Alex Stevenson

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WORSHIP SERVICES

8:45 am & 11:00 am

December 3, 2017

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

Stephen Ministry Congregation