

**FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY  
BAPTISM OF OUR LORD  
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**

**\*HYMN NO. 252** "When Jesus Came to Jordan" COMPLAINER

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (Psalm 29:1-4)

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,

**People: Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.**

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord the glory of God's name,

**People: Worship the Lord in holy array.**

Leader: The voice of the Lord is upon the water.

**People: The God of glory thunders,  
the Lord upon many waters.**

Leader: The voice of the Lord is powerful

**People: The voice of God is full of majesty.**

**All: Let us praise the name of the Lord!**

**\*A MODERN AFFIRMATION NO. 885**

Leader: Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true  
church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let  
us now declare:

**People: We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom,  
power, and love, whose mercy is over all his  
works, and whose will is ever directed to his  
children's good.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of  
man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the  
ground of our hope, and the promise of our  
deliverance from sin and death.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in  
our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual  
remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find  
strength and help in time of need.**

We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the  
service of love as set forth in the example of our  
blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God  
may come upon the earth. 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.**

**DEDICATION OF CHURCH LEADERS**

**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**

**Heavenly Father, every good gift comes from you. All  
that we are and all that we have are gift's from you.  
Accept these offerings as a sign of thanksgiving and as  
a token of our giving of ourselves to you. Bless and  
use both the gift and the giver for your service. Amen.**

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

**THE OFFERTORY** "Down in the River" arr. S. McGeachy  
Tom Angster, Ashley King,  
Anne Spellman & Alex Stevenson

**\*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

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Genesis 1:1-5 OT PG.1

<sup>2</sup>The earth was without form and void, and darkness  
was upon the face of the deep; and the Spirit of God  
was moving over the face of the waters.

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** Mark 1:4-11 NT PG. 34

<sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven,

"You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

**THE MESSAGE** Rev. Alex Stevenson

"There's Got To Be More"

**~ WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE ~**

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BAPTISMAL COVENANT** Hymnal Page 50

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

**\*THE HYMN TFWS 2130** "The Summons" KELVINGROVE

**\*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 memory of her son, Charles Benjamin Bolt, and  
husband, John Benjamin Bolt by Mary Bolt.

**BAPTISM OF OUR LORD SUNDAY** - Today is the day on the  
Christian calendar when the Church remembers the baptism of  
Jesus. This Sunday is the first in a series of Sundays between  
Christmas and Lent which focus on the way that God is revealed.  
It is called the season of Epiphany. An epiphany is a revelation of  
God. God was revealed to Moses in a burning bush. God was  
revealed to Elijah as a still small voice. And Jesus was revealed as  
the Son of God at his baptism and transfiguration. Look for God  
to be revealed to you in this season.

**CONNECT BEGINS ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10!** Get  
your reservations in no later than Monday, Jan. 8, before 12:00  
noon in order to be on the list to eat. Call Susan at 244-1820.

**CONNECT MEALS FOR JANUARY** *(includes dessert)*

**Jan. 10-** Chicken Casserole, Rice, Green beans, salad, fruit

**Jan. 17-**Baked spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread, salad

**Jan. 24-**Turkey soup, Vegetable soup, salad, fruit

**Jan. 31-**Roasted pork loin with apple walnut chutney, collard  
greens, mashed potatoes, green beans, bread

CONNECT CLASS DETAILS ARE BELOW. Sign up sheets are out in the Commons. Books are needed for one class so please make sure your name is down on the list. Thanks!

**American Sign Language** – Kingdom Classroom

Facilitated by Melissa and Mary Stevenson

**Prayer Shawl Ministry**- Library

Facilitated by Debbie Williams

**What's Next? A Way of Life** -Mac Vinson/Companions Class

Facilitated by Johannah Myers

### PRAYER CONCERNS

As of printing Thursday, January 4, 2018:

**NHC-Boiling Springs Rd.:** Barbara Morrow

**Home:** Phil & Jennie Ruth Waynick, Fred Copeland, Ralph Bell, Alton Durham, Freida Parker

**Brookdale @ Hawthorne:** Nita Bearden

**Mt. Pleasant, SC:** Florence Hale

**Haywood Estates:** Ann Linse **Westminster:** Melba Poole

**NHC-Mauldin:** Atrice Hughey **Myrtle Beach, SC:** Randy Hale

**Waterstone:** Ruth Gunter **Rock Hill /Daughter:** Bill Taylor

**Rolling Green:** Jan Ellington, Wayne Rowan, Wilma Tiedeman

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

### CALENDAR

**Sunday, January 7:**

8:45 am & 11:00 am Worship Services

9:45 am Sunday School

3:00 pm Cindy Harter Circle – Haddon Friendship Class

5:00 pm Youth @ The House

5:00 pm Club 56 & Visioneers to Gravitopia

**Monday, January 8:**

9:00 am Staff Meeting – Library

1:00 pm Prime Timers Bridge – Parker Hall

6:30 pm Cub Scouts @ The House

**Tuesday, January 9:**

6:35 am Men of Integrity Bible Study

10:30 am Louise Best Circle – Haddon Friendship Class

12:00 pm Susanna Wesley Circle – Parker Hall

7:00 pm Boy Scouts @ The House

**Wednesday, January 10:**

10:00 am Pastor's Bible Study – Mac Vinson Companions

5:30 pm Connect Meal—Parker Hall

6:30 pm Children's/Cherub Choirs

6:30 pm Classes and Small Groups

7:15 pm Choir Practice—Choir Room

### SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE

December 31, 2017

Sunday School – 148

Total Worship - 264

### TITHES & OFFERINGS

*Worship the Lord through giving.*

2017 Average Weekly Budget \$ 14,856.26

2017 Average Weekly Budget Giving \$ 14,177.82

Previous Weeks General Fund Giving \$ 21,880.25

Average General Fund Weekly Expenses \$ 14,588.41

**E-GIVING QR CODE**



### SERVING TODAY

**Lay Readers:** 8:45 am Shirley Cooke 11:00 am Ruth McAllister

**Greeters:** 8:45 am Nina & Henry Scoggins

11:00 am Cheryl LePorte & Ann Ayer

**Acolytes:** 8:45 am 11:00 am

**Crucifer:** 11:00 am

**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

### 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)

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**

**JANUARY 7, 2018**

**Established October 9, 1960**

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

*A Stephen Ministry Congregation*