

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

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. 269 LAND OF REST

“Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus began his ministry to the world, led by the
Spirit into the wilderness.

**People: As we begin our Lenten journey, let us be led by
the Spirit, even into the uncomfortable places.**

Leader: In those forty days, and in that place, Jesus was
faced with hunger, doubt and temptation.

**People: As we seek to follow Jesus, we would be led,
even into the uncomfortable choices.**

Leader: Jesus left the wilderness, faithful and obedient to
God, rejoicing in the One in whom he trusted.

**People: As we continue on our path to faithfulness, we
will be led by our Christ, rejoicing in the Lord
our God.**

*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.**

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*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.)*

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.**

ANTHEM “In the Calm” by Krippayne & Wood
8:45 am Ashley King, solo
11:00 am Chancel Choir

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**God of the wilderness, we give these offerings in
gratitude, rejoicing in the abundance of your gifts to us.
We give these offerings in faith, trusting that you will
provide for our needs. We give these offerings in hope,
knowing you can use them to spread your love in this
world. And with these offerings, we give ourselves; may
we live with generous hearts and with open hands. 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 ~

*HYMN OF PREPARATION TFWS 2164 “Sanctuary”

THE CHILDREN'S TIME Rev. Alex Stevenson

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 1:9-15 NT PGS. 34-35
¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and
he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

THE MESSAGE

Rev. Alex Stevenson

“Love Starts Here: Seeking God”

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

*HYMN NO. 581 BEACH SPRING

“Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service”

*BENEDICTION

*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 Franklin Broderick by Patty & Jerry
Broderick.

THE SEASON OF LENT-Today is the first Sunday in the
season of Lent. Lent began last Wednesday and continues
until the day before Easter. It is the 40 days, excluding
Sundays, before Easter and is a time to remember how Jesus
died for our sins and as well as a time of preparation for the
celebration of Jesus' resurrection. The number 40 in the
Bible stands for a period of cleansing and preparation. Jesus
fasted for 40 days before being tempted by the Devil. Israel
wandered in the desert for 40 years before entering the
Promised Land. It rained for 40 days and nights during the
flood. During the 40 days of Lent, Christians have
traditionally mourned their sins and remembered why we
needed a savior to gain a better appreciation for what Jesus
did when he died for our sins and rose again to give us
victory over sin and death.

LENTEN SERMON SERIES-Starting today and for the
next 5 weeks we will have a sermon series for Lent on the
theme of “Love Starts Here.” These starting points of love
will include: “Seeking God,” “Sacrifice,” “Justice,” “God's
Love,” and “Suffering.” Come and explore God's love with
new depth.

SPECIAL OFFERING FOR MISSIONARIES-Aldersgate
has a rich history of supporting missionaries. Next Sunday
we will receive a special offering for the Attaways and
Datwylers missionaries. Through them we are involved in
loving our neighbors around the world. Please give
graciously to support these mission efforts!

NEW TO CONNECT-Wednesdays during Lent. As we work towards 1000 Acts of Love this Lent, join us on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30 to hear about several local missions, including those receiving our Lenten offering this year. We'll also take on small acts of love that will support these missions. On February 21, we'll learn about Interfaith Hospitality Network and will finish blankets for families we'll host this spring. Looking ahead: March 7 we'll hear from Safe Harbor and March 14 from Habitat for Humanity. Prayer Shawls and the ASL Class will also continue to meet during Connect.

PRAYER CONCERNS

As of printing Thursday, February 15, 2018:

Home: Phil & Jennie Ruth Waynick, Fred Copeland, Ralph Bell, Alton Durham, Beth Rambo, Tom Barnhill, Freida Parker, Pete & Martha Hendrix, Barbara Morrow, Larry Stallcup, Bill Smith, Bill Culbertson

Brookdale @ Hawthorne: Nita Bearden

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

Haywood Estates: Ann Linse **NHC Mauldin:** Atrice Hughey

Westminster Senior Living at Augusta Place: Melba Poole

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, February 18:

- 8:45 am & 11:00 am Worship Services
- 9:45 am Sunday School & Messy Church - Gym
- 5:00 pm Youth @ The House

Monday, February 19: CDC/G'ville Co. Schools Closed

- 1:00 pm Prime Timers Bridge – Parker Hall
- 2:00 pm Pictures Begin for Directory thru 8:40 pm
- 6:30 pm Cub Scouts @ The House
- 6:30 pm Trustees Meeting - Library

Tuesday, February 20:

- 6:35 am Men of Integrity Bible Study
- 9:30 am Women of Faith-Parker Hall
- 2:00 pm Pictures Begin for Directory thru 8:40 pm
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts@ The House

Wednesday, February 21:

- 9:00 am CDC Storytelling in Parker Hall (small area)
- 10:00 am Pastor's Bible Study – Mac Vinson Companions
- 2:00 pm Pictures Begin for Directory thru 8:40 pm
- 5:30 pm Connect Meal—Parker Hall
- 6:30 pm Connect Classes
- 6:20 pm Children's Choir Practice
- 7:30 pm Choir Practice—Choir Room

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Worship the Lord through giving.

2018 Average Weekly Budget	\$ 15,498.09
2018 Average Weekly Giving	\$ 15,610.44
Previous Weeks General Fund Giving	\$ 14,523.89
2018 Avg. General Fund Wkly Exps.	\$ 14,797.61
<small>(expenses include payment for installation of 3 air condition units of approx. 29K)</small>	

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SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE

February 11, 2018

Sunday School – 122

Total Worship – 313

SERVING TODAY

- Greeters:** 8:45 am Suzanne Haney/Linda McDaniel
11:00 am Jerry Smith/Chris Spellman
- Acolytes:** 8:45 am Ben Keith 11:00 am James Whiteman
- Crucifer:** 11:00 am Daniel Whiteman
- Usher Captains:** 8:45 am Jack Cornell 11:00 am Hunt Redfern
- 8:45 am Ushers: Jim Dansby, Danny Dobbs, Jordan Truesdale, Suzanne Haney
- 11:00 am Ushers: Terry Tallon, Steve Graves, Joel Vanderwood, Bruce Royal

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)
- Dr. Grant Knox, 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>

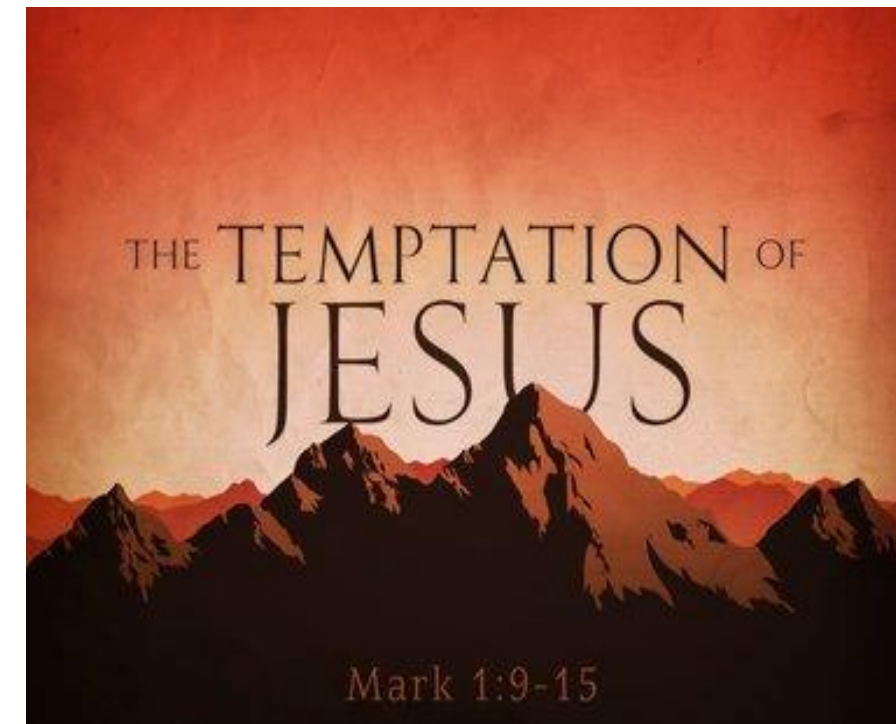
MISSION STATEMENT

... 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
**ALDRSGATE
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CHURCH**



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WORSHIP SERVICES

8:45 am & 11:00 am

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A Stephen Ministry Congregation