

## FIFTH 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.)*

**INTROIT** "This Little Light of Mine" Cherub Choir  
*(11:00 am only) Macy Covington, Director*

**\*THE CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

**\*HYMN NO. 359** "Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed"

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** *(based on Jeremiah 31:31-34)*

Leader: "The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Jacob."

**People: God has made a new covenant with us in Christ Jesus.**

Leader: Yet we have turned away, hardened our hearts and spirits.

**People: Lord, help us to change.**

Leader: "I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people."

**People: But we have failed to be God's people. We have chosen our own way.**

Leader: Turn again, says the Lord, through the prophets and through God's own Son.

**People: Turn us again to you, O Lord, and awaken our spirits to your love and mercy. 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.**

**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS NO. 38** *(8:45 am only)*  
Annie Garrett & Amaga deValinger

**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** "The Trees of the Field" The Children's Choir  
Kaitlyn Stevenson, Director

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Glorious God, you sent Jesus to change our lives in bold and amazing ways. Yet we often are consumed by the pettiness of our own "to do" lists. As we place this offering before you, help us to surrender completely to your love and to be stirred into fruit-bearing action that results in faithful stewardship. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.**

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

**THE OFFERTORY** "I'm Gonna Sing with Over My Head"  
The Children's Choir Kaitlyn Stevenson, Director

**\*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 NO. 298**

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

**THE CHILDREN'S TIME** Rev. Alex Stevenson

**SCRIPTURE READING** Hebrews 5:5-10 NT PG. 220

<sup>7</sup>During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with loud cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission.

**THE MESSAGE** Rev. Alex Stevenson

"Love Starts Here: Suffering"

### ~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

**\*HYMN NO. 424** "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone"

**\*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.*

### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**Palm Sunday, March 25 @ 8:45 & 11 am:** A Brass Quintet and our choir will lead us in singing Hosannas and remembering Jesus' last week before his crucifixion.

**Messy Easter, March 25 @ 3:30 pm:** A candy extravaganza, fun for the whole family. We will have games, crafts, an Easter egg hunt, and more. Free dinner to follow!

**Maundy Thursday, March 29 @ 7:00 pm:** Remember Jesus' Last Supper including foot-washing and Holy Communion.

**Good Friday, March 30 @ 7:00 pm:** We will recall Jesus' death on the cross with readings from John's Gospel. This will include a Tenebrae Service - service of light & shadows.

**Easter Sunrise, April 1 @ 7 am:** Recall the resurrection in a community service at Aldersgate. Breakfast to follow.

**Easter Sunday Services, April 1 @ 8:45 & 11:00 am:** Celebrate the resurrection and new life through Jesus!

**Plan to come! Bring a friend!**

**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are given to the glory of God by Terry & Brenda Tallon.

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PUTTING FLOWERS** on the altar one Sunday there are some dates opening soon. May 20 and all Sundays in June are available. Let Mary Ann Repaire know if you are interested. 864-346-6495

**HAVE YOU PUT YOUR HEARTS ON THE BANNER?**  
 Don't forget that we are working on our 1000 Acts of Love. Each time you do something to help or reach out to someone else in love, please put a heart on the banner and we will encourage one another to live out God's love in service to others for the season of Lent!

**WE ARE COLLECTING CANDY FOR MESSY EASTER!**  
 We need **Individually wrapped candy** that can be put in treat bags for the Egg Hunt (no peanuts or peanut products, please) and **jelly beans** (plain, ordinary jelly beans) and **Peeps** to be used for several activities. If you're not sure what to get but would like to help with Messy Easter, you can donate money (*please designate for Messy Church*) and we will shop for what we need.

### PRAYER CONCERNS

As of printing Thursday, March 15, 2018:

**NHC-Boiling Spring Road:** Bill C. Smith

**Roger C. Peace-Rehab:** Ann Armstrong

**Greenville Memorial:** Nina Owens

**Home:** Alton Durham, Beth Rambo, Tom Barnhill, Freida Parker, Pete & Martha Hendrix, Barbara Morrow, Larry Stallcup, Patti Garrison

**Brookdale @ Hawthorne:** Nita Bearden

**Cascades:** Phil & Jennie Ruth Waynick, Patti Whelchel

**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, March 18, 2018: Children Singing**

8:45 am & 11:00 am Worship

9:45 am Sunday School

1:30 pm Crop Walk for Hunger

4:30 pm Church Council Meeting – Mac Vinson Companions Class

5:00 pm Club 56 @ The Loft & Youth @ The House

**Monday, March 19, 2018:**

1:00 pm Bridge—Parker Hall

6:30 pm Cub Scouts @ The House

6:32 pm UMM – Parker Hall

**Tuesday, March 20, 2018:**

9:30 am Women of Faith—(*last one for this season*)

7:00 pm Boy Scouts @ The House

**Wednesday, March 21, 2018: Pictures Taken for Directory**

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

5:30 pm Connect Meal – Parker Hall (*last one for this season*)

6:30 pm Lenten Message/Continuing Classes

7:15 pm Choir Practice – Choir Room

**ATTENDANCE**  
**March 11, 2018**  
**Sunday School – 144      Worship - 273**

### TITHES & OFFERINGS *Worship the Lord through giving.*

2018 Average Weekly Budget	\$ 15,498.09
2018 Average Weekly Giving	\$ 15,110.34
Previous Weeks General Fund Giving	\$ 13,777.21
2018 Avg. General Fund Weekly Expenses	\$ 15,245.99
<small>(expenses include payment for installation of 3 air condition units of approx. 29K)</small>	

### E-GIVING QR CODE



### SERVING TODAY

**Lay Readers:** 8:45 am Shirley Cooke 11:00 am Lee Gettys

**Greeters:** 8:45am Dee & Gray Walsh  
 11:00 am Nancy Angster

**Acolytes:** 8:45 am Brooks Davis 11:00 am Karis King

**Crucifer:** 11:00 am Julian Gettys

**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, 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

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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

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**WORSHIP SERVICES**

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

**March 18, 2018**

**Established October 9, 1960**

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

*A Stephen Ministry Congregation*