

THIRD 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 Deirdre Hutton, violin solo

***THE CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

***HYMN NO. 159** "Lift High the Cross" CRUCIFER

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Who is this who enters the doors of our temple, who overturns the tables, strews silver and gold on the floor, frees the sacrificial doves from gilded cages? Listen, as they rise, the beating of their wings is a song of loud hosanna.

People: It is Jesus of Galilee, the Son of God, who comes to cleanse the great temple, to restore its subverted chambers to a house of hallowed prayer.

Leader: Then let us open the doors of our hearts even wider, so he can cast out the thieves who would take what is sacred and tender and turn it hard as gold in a fist.

People: May the temple within us be a refuge where doves of peace roost in the rafters.

Leader: May it be a garden that bears the fruits of a generous spirit.

People: Oh Lord, take what is corrupt and withered and let it break forth in beauty.

Leader: For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.

People: 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.

THE MORNING PRAYER

(Leader: Lord, in your mercy.

People Respond: Hear our prayer.)

ANTHEM "Offertory" by John Ness Beck

The Chancel Choir

Deirdre Hutton, violin

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of Grace, multiply these tithes and offerings so that this church's ministry and mission radically change lives and create new evangelism opportunities. We pray that these gifts may help all of your children build a temple within their own body that brings honor and praise to you. In the name of Jesus who went to Calvary, we pray. 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 ~

SCRIPTURE READING John 2:13-22 NT PG 93

¹⁶To those who sold doves he said, "Get these out of here! How dare you turn my Father's house into a market!"

THE MESSAGE Rev. Alex Stevenson

"Love Starts Here: Justice"

~ WE GIVE THANKS AND SHARE

HOLY COMMUNION~

INVITATION (All are welcome)

CONFESSION AND PARDON NO. 12

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING NO. 17

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*prayed together*)

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.

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

If you are not able to come forward, the communion elements will be brought to you where you are seated.

COMMUNION SOLO "In Remembrance" Buryl Red

Grant Knox, tenor

Deirdre Hutton, violin

COMMUNION HYMNS

(You are invited to sing these hymns as others are receiving communion.)

504 "The Old Rugged Cross"

292 "What Wondrous Love is This"

286 "O Sacred Head Now Wounded"

287 "O Love Divine, What Hast Thou Done"

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus, the Christ our Lord. Amen.

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

***HYMN NO. 261** "Lord of the Dance" LORD OF THE DANCE

***BENEDICTION**

Leader: At Aldersgate we are ...

**People: Hearts on Fire ... Seeking, Sharing,
Serving ... For God!**

***CHORAL RESPONSE** The Chancel Choir

excerpt from "Offertory" by John Ness Beck

***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 honor of John Potter's 21st birthday on March 5, by his mom, Mie Potter.

UMCOR SUNDAY- Next Sunday we will receive a special offering for the United Methodist Committee on Relief. This is the relief agency of the United Methodist Church. UMCOR's administrative expenses are paid through this special offering not through apportionments or donations for specific relief efforts. Please give generously to support this valuable ministry.

PRAYER CONCERNS

As of printing Thursday, March 1, 2018:

St. Frances Downtown: Bill C. Smith

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

Cascades: Phil & Jennie Ruth Waynick, Patti Whelchel

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, March 4:

8:45 am & 11:00 am Worship

9:45 am Sunday School

3:00 pm Cindy Harter Circle – Mac Vinson Companions Class

5:00 pm Club 56 – Off site

5:00 pm Youth @ The House

Monday, March 5:

11:00 am Prime Timers Luncheon – Parker Hall

1:00 pm Bridge—Parker Hall

6:30 pm Cub Scouts @ The House

Tuesday, March 6:

6:35 am Men of Integrity – Broadway Bagels @ Hudson Rd.

9:30 am Women of Faith – Parker Hall & Classrooms

7:00 pm Boy Scouts @ The House

Wednesday, March 7:

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

5:30 pm Connect Meal – Parker Hall

6:30 pm Lenten Message, Safe Harbor – Parker Hall

Thursday, March 8, 2018:

6:00 pm CDC Board Meeting- Mac Vinson Companions Class

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Worship the Lord through giving.

2018 Average Weekly Budget	\$ 15,498.09
2018 Average Weekly Giving	\$ 14,779.52
Previous Weeks General Fund Giving	\$ 12,381.75
2018 Avg. General Fund Wkly Exps.	\$ 16,314.85

(expenses include payment for installation of 3 air condition units of approx. 29K)

E-GIVING QR CODE



SERVING TODAY

Communion Assistants:

8:45 am Kathy & Waldo Watts and Jennine Blair

11:00 am Sherri Allred, Sara & Bruce Colegate

Lay Readers: 8:45 am Gayle Mason 11:00 am Robert Gettys

Greeters: 8:45am Carol & Phil Martin

11:00 am Bob & Brenda Willett

Acolytes: 8:45 am Bobby Keith 11:00 am Laura MacGregor

Crucifer: 11:00 am Rebekah MacGregor

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, Grant Lankford, Gray Walsh,

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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

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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

February 25, 2018

Established October 9, 1960

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

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

ATTENDANCE

February 25, 2018

Sunday School – 155 Worship - 297