

EASTER SUNDAY

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 & Dr. Grant Knox
Piano & Organ Duet

***THE CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

***HYMN NO. 302** "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The tomb is dark, but empty.

People: The one you are looking for has overcome the darkness.

Leader: The stone has been rolled away.

People: The one you are looking for has overcome death.

Leader: The burial clothes are put aside.

People: The one you are looking for is alive!

Leader: Christ is Risen!

People: Christ is Risen Indeed!

All: Let us worship our Risen Savior!

***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.)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Robert D. Ingram

Here, Lord, we put our love into practice. These gifts we offer came from your love for us. Now, let them express our love for you, as they reach out to others with your love for them. Amen.

THE GIVING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY "Easter Praise" by Gilbert Martin
The Chancel Choir

***THE DOXOLOGY NO. 94** ASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts; praise Jesus Christ, whose power up-lifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

~ WE HEAR GOD'S WORD ~

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 16:1-8 NT-54

³They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?"

THE MESSAGE Rev. Alex Stevenson
"Who Will Roll the Stone Away?"

~ 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 HYMNS

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

310 "He Lives"

314 "In the Garden"

322 "Low in the Grave He Lay"

303 "The Day of Resurrection"

304 "Easter People, Raise Your Voices"

306 "The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Won"

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us this Sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal kingdom. Send us in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory, in Jesus' name. Amen.

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

***HYMN NO. 364** "Because He Lives"

***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 PASCAL CANDLE is the large candle beside the communion table. Sometimes the Pascal Candle is also called the Easter Candle or the Christ Candle. It is lit during the 50 days of the Easter season. Jesus rose from the dead and appeared to his disciples for 40 days and then after his ascension the disciples waited 10 more days until the Holy Spirit came upon them at Pentecost. The flame of the Pascal Candle represents the living presence of the Risen Christ with his disciples between his resurrection and his ascension. It is also a reminder of the living presence of the Risen Christ with us.

THE FLOWERS ON THE PROCESSIONAL CROSS are given by Toby & Barbara Hunter to the Glory of God.

IF YOU PURCHASED AN EASTER LILY, you may take yours home after the late service today.

IN MEMORIUM

Ruth Dockery Gunter
May 25, 1927 – March 19, 2018

“BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO DIE IN THE LORD”

IN MEMORIUM

Janice L. (Jan) Ellington
December 26, 1924 ~ March 24, 2018

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IN MEMORIUM

Lawrence C. (Larry) Stallcup
November 19, 1944 ~ March 26, 2018

“BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO DIE IN THE LORD”

THE WHITE ROSES ON THE ALTAR ARE PLACED in memory of those listed above.

PRAYER CONCERNS

As of printing Thursday, March 29, 2018:

Home: Alton Durham, Beth Rambo, Tom Barnhill, Freida Parker, Pete & Martha Hendrix, Barbara Morrow, Patti Garrison, Peggy Miller, Frankie Boling, Nina Owens, Bill Smith, Ann Armstrong, Annette McDuffee

Brookdale @ Hawthorne: Nita Bearden

Cascades: Patti Whelchel

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

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

Waterstone: Phil & Jennie Ruth Waynick

Westminster Senior Living at Augusta Place: Melba Poole

Rock Hill /Daughter: Bill Taylor

Rolling Green: Wayne Rowan, Wilma Tiedeman

Mt. Home Health/Rehab, NC: Nancy Reitz

CALENDAR

Sunday, April 1, 2018: Easter Sunday

7:00 am Sunrise Worship Service- Combined, Aldersgate

7:30 am Breakfast Served @Aldersgate – Parker Hall

8:45 am & 11:00 am Worship

9:45 am Sunday School

Monday, April 2, 2018: Church Office Closed

Spring Break for CDC & G’ville Co. Schools

Tuesday, April 3, 2018:

6:00 pm Cindy Harter Circle – Off site: Greer Relief and dinner

ATTENDANCE

March 25, 2018

Sunday School – 133 Worship - 324

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Worship the Lord through giving.

2018 Average Weekly Budget	\$ 15,498.09
2018 Average Weekly Giving	\$ 14,904.43
Previous Weeks General Fund Giving	\$ 12,049.50
2018 Avg. General Fund Weekly Expenses	\$ 15,752.49
<small>(expenses include payment for installation of 3 air condition units of approx. 29K)</small>	

E-GIVING QR CODE



SERVING TODAY

Greeters: 8:45am Sandy Sanford/Logan Bagley

11:00 am Darlene & Jeff Caviness

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, 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)

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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UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH**



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April 1, 2018

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

A Stephen Ministry Congregation