

TWELTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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 "I Love to Tell the Story" by Fischer
Trombone Solo, Mark Britt

*THE CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*HYMN NO. 147 "All Things Bright and Beautiful"

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Ephesians 4:21-5:2)

Leader: Did you hear about Christ?

People: Yes, we heard of the truth that is in Jesus.

Leader: Were you taught how to live?

People: Yes, we were taught to turn away from old habits and lies.

Leader: Do you want to be remade?

People: Yes, we want to be more like God, we want to know what is right and do what is right.

Leader: Will you live a life of love?

People: Yes, we refuse to grumble or gossip, we won't be catty or harsh. We will be kind and caring, as best we can. We will forgive, as we have been forgiven.

Leader: Will you copy Christ?

People: Yes, because he loved us first and gave himself up for us.

*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.)

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.

UNITED MINISTRIES PRESENTATION

Katherine Armstrong

Rachel Lawrence

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Thom Schuman

As we offer our gifts and lives in this moment, may we become imitators of you, Gracious God, who holds nothing back from us, but is generous and gracious with all that is yours. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

THE GIVING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY

Chancel Choir

"Set Me as a Seal upon Your Heart" by David Childs

*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

SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 4:25-5:2 NT 194

^{5:1}Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children.

THE MESSAGE

Rev. Alex Stevenson

"The Body of Christ: Imitating God"

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

*HYMN NO. 430

"O Master Let Me Walk With Thee"

*BENEDICTION

Leader: At Aldersgate we are ...

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

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

Chancel Choir

"Amen" by Dr. Grant Knox

*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 loving memory of Bob Tiedeman by Wilma Tiedeman

SERMON SERIES ON EPHESIANS

"The Body of Christ"

- **August 19:** Ephesians 5:15-20
"The Body of Christ: Defining a Christian Marriage"
- **August 26:** Ephesians 6:10-20
"The Body of Christ: Onward Christian Soldiers"

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS: Next Sunday we will have a "Blessing of the Backpacks" at both services. We invite all children to bring their backpacks for a blessing. We will also have a prayer for all teachers, administrators and school staff returning to school.

ALDERSGATE SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY OFFERING: Next Sunday we will receive a special offering for Aldersgate Special Needs Ministry, a ministry of the SC Conference which provides homes for adults with special needs. Please give generously.

LAKE FOREST WELCOME BACK: Help us welcome back the Lake Forest students and families by passing out water to the car pool lines on August 20th. If you want to donate money for water please designate your offering as “water bottles.” If you plan to be at the church on the 20th please call the church office and let us know.

DR. MARK BRITT is our trombone soloist today. Mark E. Britt is a highly respected and experienced trombonist and educator. He has served in numerous leadership positions, including past and current Chair of the Furman Music Department, president for the South Carolina Music Educators Association and chairman of the National Collegiate Advisory Board for NAFME (formerly MENC).

PRAYER CONCERNS

As of printing Thursday, August 9, 2018:

Home: Beth & Warren Rambo, Tom Barnhill, Freida Parker, Pete & Martha Hendrix, Peggy Miller, Doug Jordan, John & Mary Holmstrand, JayLynn Bedford, Mary Lou Stenberg
National Healthcare-Boiling Springs: Ann Armstrong
National Healthcare – Butler Rd.: Dewey Lemons
Foothills Presbyterian Community: Jennie Ruth & Phil Waynick
Brookdale @ Hawthorne: Nita Bearden
Cascades: Patti Whelchel **Rock Hill /Daughter:** Bill Taylor
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
Rolling Green: Wayne Rowan, Ralph Bell
Mt. Home Health/Rehab, NC: Nancy Reitz

CALENDAR

Sunday, August 12, 2018

8:45 am & 11:00 am Worship
 9:45 am Sunday School
 4:00 pm UMW Executive Board Mtg.
 5:00 pm Youth at Pool Party

Monday, August 13, 2018

1:00 pm Prime Timers Bridge – Parker Hall
 6:30 pm Cub Scouts @ The House

Tuesday, August 14, 2018

7:00 pm Boy Scouts @ The House

Wednesday, August 15, 2018

5:30 pm Summer Supper – Parker Hall (*last one*)

UPCOMING DATES

United Methodist Men – Aug. 20 & Sept. 17 at 6:32 pm
Messy Church – Aug. 26 at 3:30 pm
United Ministries Transformation Walk-Sept. 22 @ 2 pm
United Methodist Women Garage Sale - Sept. 28 & 29

ATTENDANCE

August 5, 2018
 Sunday School – 107
 Worship - 218

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Worship the Lord through giving.

2018 Average Weekly Budgeted Giving	\$ 15,498.09
2018 Average Weekly Actual Giving	\$ 13,600.24
2018 Average Weekly Actual General Fund Expenses	\$ 14,483.35
Previous Weeks Actual General Fund Giving	\$ 14,103.82
YTD Deficit in Actual Contrib. to Expense	-\$ 27,376.38
Sanctuary Media Project--raised to date \$ 18,437.21	
July 2018 YTD General Fund Budget	\$ 470,108.87
July 2018 YTD General Fund Giving	\$ 407,759.75
July 2018 YTD General Fund Expenses	\$ 449,033.30

SERVING TODAY

Lay Readers: 8:45 am Wendy Davis
Greeters: 8:45 am Danny & Cookie Dobbs
 11:00 am Cathy & Hunt Redfern
Acolytes: 8:45 am Karis King 11:00 am Hudson Patrick
Crucifer: 11:00 am Graham Addis
Usher Captains: 8:45 am Austin Watts 11:00 am David Rose
Ushers: 8:45 am Doug Jordan, Phil Martin, Waldo Watts
 11:00 am Clay Garrison, David Ayer, Cody Owens

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>

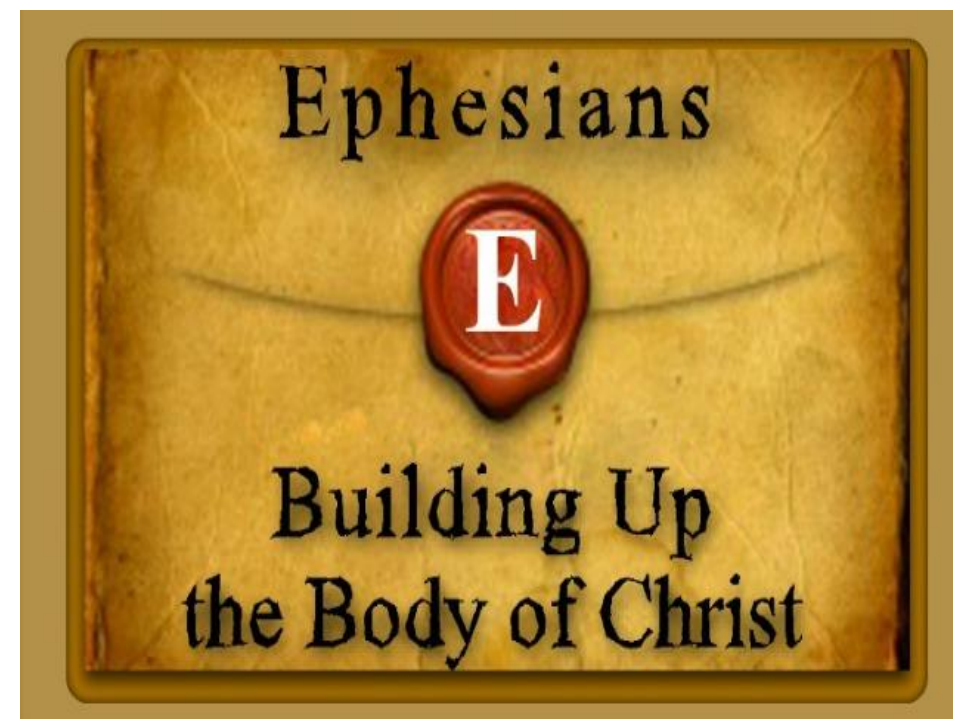
MISSION STATEMENT

... 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
ALDERSGATE
UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH



The Rev. Alex Stevenson
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WORSHIP SERVICES

8:45 am & 11:00 am
August 12, 2018

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

A Stephen Ministry Congregation