

# FOURTEENTH 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** arr. Ryland Brown

“Onward, Christian Soldiers”

**\*THE CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

**\*HYMN NO. 110** “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 84

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, LORD Almighty!

**People: My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.**

Leader: Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may have her young - a place near your altar, LORD Almighty, my King and my God.

**People: Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you.**

Leader: Blessed are those whose strength is in you, whose hearts are set on pilgrimage.

**People: As they pass through the Valley of Baka, they make it a place of springs; the autumn rains also cover it with pools.**

Leader: They go from strength to strength, till each appears before God in Zion.

**People: Hear my prayer, LORD God Almighty; listen to me, God of Jacob.**

Leader: Look on our shield, O God; look with favor on your anointed one.

**People: Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

Leader: For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor; no good thing does he withhold from those whose walk is blameless.

**All: LORD Almighty, blessed is the one who trusts in you.**

**\*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.**

**ANTHEM** *(11:00 am only)* “Shut de Do” by Mark Hayes  
The Chancel Choir

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION** Rev. Dr. Ken Sloan

**Mighty and everlasting God, you willingly equip us with the strength, the insight, and the courage to meet every challenge the world sends our way. Make us bold to live as Christ's disciples, when it seems like foolishness to many. May the gifts we offer to you, the lives we live for you, the witness we make for you, be a testimony to the love that led Christ to the cross, his precious life given for each of us. When we leave this worship service, may our living bear witness to your giving. In Jesus' holy name, we pray. Amen.**

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

**THE OFFERTORY** by O'Hara

“I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked”

Wendell Lunsford, soloist

**\*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 2226**

“Bind Us Together”

**THE CHILDREN'S TIME** Josh Consalvo

**SCRIPTURE READING** Ephesians 6:10-20 NT 195

<sup>11</sup>Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

**THE MESSAGE** Rev. Alex Stevenson

“The Body of Christ: Onward Christian Soldiers”

## ~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

**\*HYMN NO. 513** “Soldiers of Christ, Arise”

**\*BENEDICTION**

Leader: At Aldersgate we are ...

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

**\*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 given to the Glory of God and in honor of Bob & Brenda Willett on their Anniversary by the families of Chase and Brad Willett and Cameron Vaughn.

**SEEING BETTER TOGETHER** will have its next meeting at 4:30 pm on **Wednesday, September 5** in the church library. If you are interested in eating right after the meeting, call or email Cameron Vaughn to get your name on the reservation list. [cvaughn@aumcsc.org](mailto:cvaughn@aumcsc.org) or 244-1820 ext. 206

**SAVE THE DATE**-The Pastor's Wednesday morning Bible study starts on Sept. 5, beginning with the book of Hebrews.

**JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR!** The fun begins at 3:30 pm today with activities, celebration, and a huge cookout. Everyone is welcome! Help is always needed too. Find Johannah Myers or Trevor King to let them know you can help or just arrive around 3:00 pm to help with Messy Church or around 4:00 pm to help with the cookout portion. Join the fun!

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

As of printing Thursday, August 23, 2018:

**St. Francis-D'town:** Jerry Thomas

**Home:** Beth & Warren Rambo, Tom Barnhill, Freida Parker, Pete & Martha Hendrix, Peggy Miller, Doug Jordan, John & Mary Holmstrand, JayLynn Bedford, Dewey Lemons, Mary Lou Stenberg

**National Healthcare-Boiling Springs:** Ann Armstrong

**Rosecrest:** Jennie Ruth 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 26, 2018**

8:45 am & 11:00 am Worship

9:45 am Sunday School

3:30 pm Back to School Messy Church/Cookout-Gym, Parker Hall

**Monday, August 27, 2018**

1:00 pm Prime Timers Bridge – Parker Hall

6:30 pm Cub Scouts @ The House

**Tuesday, August 28, 2018**

7:00 pm Boy Scouts @ The House

7:00 pm Nominations Committee Mtg.–Mac Vinson Companions

**Wednesday, August 29, 2018**

5:30 pm Connect Begins – Parker Hall

6:00 pm Youth @ The House

6:30 pm Classes Begin (*Drawing class begins Sept. 12*)

*The church office will be closed on Monday, September 3, 2018 for the Labor Day holiday.*

**ATTENDANCE**

**August 19, 2018**

Sunday School – 157

Worship - 263

**TITHES & OFFERINGS**

*Worship the Lord through giving.*

2018 Average Weekly Budget Giving	\$ 15,498.09
2018 Average Weekly Actual Giving	\$ 13,681.45
2018 Average Weekly Actual General Fund Expenses	\$ 14,511.49
Previous Week's Actual General Fund Giving	\$ 17,258.87
<b>YTD Deficit in Actual Contributions to Expenses</b>	<b>-\$ 27,391.06</b>
<b>Sanctuary Media Project--raised to date</b>	<b>\$ 20,687.21</b>

**SERVING TODAY**

**Lay Readers:** 8:45 am Susan Smith 11:00 am

**Greeters:** 8:45 am Stephen & Michelle Keith

11:00 am Kevin & Julia Schemm

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

**Crucifer:** 11:00 am James Whiteman

**Usher Captains:** 8:45 am David McAvoy 11:00 am Frank Mathis

**Ushers:** 8:45 am Eddie Beam, Suzanne Haney, Tim Davis

11:00 am Jim Cox, Bonnie Lampe, Trey Covington, Paul

Sleight, Coley Altman, III

**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**

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*A Stephen Ministry Congregation*