

**EIGHTEENTH 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.)*

PRELUDE Ryland Brown

***THE CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

***HYMN NO. 378** "Amazing Grace"

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The first shall be last.

People: We come to worship as we are.

Leader: The last shall be first.

People: We come with confidence.

Leader: The first shall be last.

People: We come with questions.

Leader: The last shall be first.

People: We come burdened by failure.

Leader: The first shall be last.

People: We come celebrating success.

Leader: The last shall be first.

People: We come fearful of the future.

Leader: The first shall be last, and the last shall be first

People: and a little child shall lead them.

***A MODERN AFFIRMATION NO. 885**

Leader: Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true
church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us
now declare:

**People: We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom,
power, and love, whose mercy is over all his
works, and whose will is ever directed to his
children's good.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of
man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the
ground of our hope, and the promise of our
deliverance from sin and death.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in
our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual
remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find
strength and help in time of need.**

We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the
service of love as set forth in the example of our
blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God
may come upon the earth. Amen.

***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 (11:00 am)
Todd, Jessica & Blay Martin

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 "Blessings" by Laura Story
(see insert for lyrics) The Praise Band

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Mike Strickland - Chair, Finance Committee

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Herb Mather

**We present these gifts, O God, in the confidence
that healing, hope, and wholeness will flourish
through them and because of them. Amen.**

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

THE OFFERTORY "Come Thou Fount" by Robert Robinson
The Praise Band and John Wyeth

***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. 191** "Jesus Loves Me"

THE CHILDREN'S TIME Ruth Hughes

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 9:30-37 NT-45

³⁷Whoever receives one such child in my name
receives me; and whoever receives me, receives
not me but him who sent me.

THE MESSAGE "We're #1" Rev. Alex Stevenson

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

***HYMN NO. 402** "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

***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 to the glory of God
and honor of the birthdays of Randy Owens and Nina Owens
Tillotson by Cody & Nina Owens.

CONNECT MENU FOR THE NEXT FEW WEEKS:

Sept. 26: Baked potatoes and trimmings, salad, fruit,
dessert

Oct. 3: Baked chicken, pasta with cheese sauce, green
beans, salad, fruit, dessert

Oct. 10: Soup night, salad, fruit, crackers, dessert

THE UMW GARAGE SALE IS HERE!! Bring all your
unwanted items to the back door of the gym beginning
Monday, September 24 at 9:00 am-8:00 pm. They are
certainly going to be someone else's treasures! No appliances
or TV's allowed. We look forward to seeing you shopping,
helping or **BOTH!**

FUNERAL USHER HELP REQUESTED - There is a plea
for more ushers for funerals at Aldersgate. Even though
there are around 8—10 folks who offered previously, there
are a few who are no longer able to help and some of the
others are frequently out of town. If you are interested in
helping in this capacity, we thank you. Please let Danny
Dobbs know or if you have any questions, please call or
email Danny Dobbs. Thank you for your help!

rdoobbs6@aol.com home—864-292-1125 cell—864-363-7838

MENTORS NEEDED!

MENTOR UPSTATE

- ✓ 1 LUNCH EACH WEEK
- ✓ 1 STUDENT
- ✓ 1 SCHOOL YEAR (SEPT. – MAY).

*NO TUTORING REQUIRED!
JUST BE A FRIEND TO A STUDENT NEARBY.*

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A request from Lake Forest Elem. School. Go to the website below or look at the AUMC Newsletter cover page for more info. Thanks!

PRAYER CONCERNS

As of printing Thursday, September 19, 2018:

- St. Francis-D'town:** Lynda Collins
- Home:** Beth & Warren Rambo, Freida Parker, Pete & Martha Hendrix, Doug Jordan, John & Mary Holmstrand, Mary Lou Stenberg, Dale Bedford
- NHC-B. Springs:** Ann Armstrong **NHC Mauldin:** Atrice Hughey
- Rosecrest:** Jennie Ruth Waynick **Cascades:** Patti Whelchel
- The Woodlands:** Annette McDuffee, Peggy Miller
- Haywood Estates:** Ann Linse **Mt. Home Health, NC:** Nancy Reitz
- Brookdale @ Hawthorne:** Nita Bearden
- Rock Hill /Daughter:** Bill Taylor **Myrtle Beach, SC:** Randy Hale
- Mt. Pleasant, SC:** Florence Hale
- Westminster Senior Living/Augusta Place:** Melba Poole
- Rolling Green:** Wayne Rowan, Ralph Bell

CALENDAR

Sunday, September 23, 2018:

- 8:45 am & 11:00 am Worship
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 4:30 pm Church Council Mtg.– Mac Vinson Companions
- 5:00 pm Basketball Registration Event—Parker Hall
- 5:00 pm Youth @ The House & 5:00 pm Club 56 in the Loft

Monday, September 24, 2018: 9:00 am Receiving at Garage Sale

- 12:00 pm Prime Timers Bridge – Parker Hall
- 6:30 pm Trustees Meeting - Library
- 6:30 pm Cub Scouts @ The House
- 7:30 pm Nominations Committee Mtg.- Mac Vinson Companions

Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2018: 9:00 am Receiving at Garage Sale

- 9:30 am Women of Faith – Parker Hall
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts @ The House
- 7:00 pm Missions Committee Mtg.-Mac Vinson Companions

Wednesday, Sept. 26, 2018: 9:00 am Receiving at Garage Sale

- 10:00 am Pastor's Bible Study
- 5:30 pm Connect – Parker Hall
- 6:00 pm Youth @ The House
- 6:30 pm Classes

ATTENDANCE

September 16, 2018

Sunday School – 81 Worship - 152

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Worship the Lord through giving.

2018 Average Weekly Budgeted Giving	\$ 15,498.09
2018 Average Weekly Actual Giving	\$ 13,355.94
2018 Average Weekly Actual General Fund Expenses	\$ 14,006.14
Previous Week's Actual General Fund Giving	\$ 9,130.92
YTD Deficit in Actual Contributions to Expenses	- \$ 24,057.09
Sanctuary Media Project--raised to date	\$ 21,812.21

SERVING TODAY

- Lay Readers:** 8:45 am Gayle Mason 11:00 am Sherri Allred
- Greeters:** 8:45 am Susan & Bill Smith
11:00 am Susan & Bruce Royal
- Acolytes:** 8:45 am Bobby Keith 11:00 am Trace King
- Crucifer:** 11:00 am Brooks Schemm
- 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

Phone: 864/244-1820 Fax: 864/244-9701

Child Development Center...864/268-5028

Website: www.aumcsc.org <http://facebook.com/aumcsc>

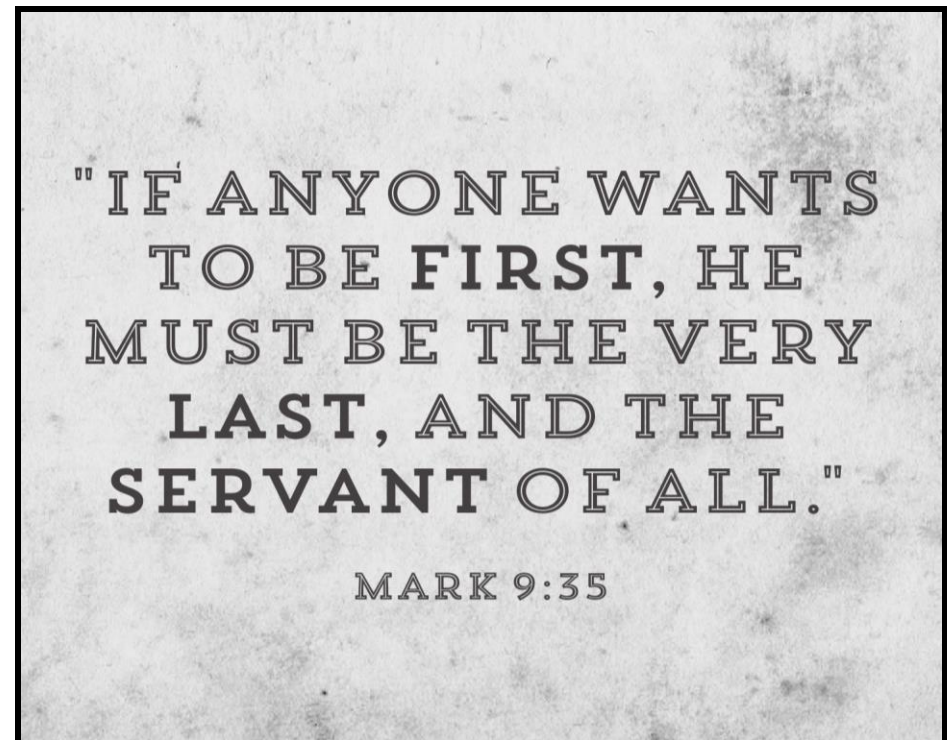
MISSION STATEMENT

... 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
September 23, 2018

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

A Stephen Ministry Congregation