

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

World Communion 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.)

PRELUDE Ryland Brown

***THE CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

***THE HYMN NO. 548** McKee

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We meet in different buildings; in different towns.

People: We speak in different languages and sing different hymns.

Leader: We wear different clothing and have different gifts and talents.

People: Yet, as we gather together for worship in this place, we become one body, one family in Christ.

Leader: We join together on one journey,

People: The journey to unite with the Risen Christ.

Leader: We join together with God as the Kingdom of God comes and as God's will is done.

People: Let us join with all our brothers and sisters in worship and true communion with God this day.

***THE KOREAN CREED**

We believe in the one God, creator and sustainer of all things, Father of all nations, the source of all goodness and beauty, all truth and love.

We believe in Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh, our teacher, example, and Redeemer, the Savior of the world.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, God present with us for guidance, for comfort, and for strength.

We believe in the forgiveness of sins, in the life of love and prayer, and in grace equal to every need.

We believe in the Word of God contained in the Old and New Testaments as the sufficient rule both of

faith and of practice.

We believe in the church, those who are united in the living Lord for the purpose of worship and service.

We believe in the reign of God as the divine will realized in human society, and in the family of God, where we are all brothers and sisters.

We believe in the final triumph of righteousness and in the life everlasting. 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.

THE MORNING PRAYER

(Leader: Lord, in your mercy.

People Respond: Hear our prayer.)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Dear God, on this World Communion Sunday, we rejoice that you gather us around the Table of your Son, the risen Lord. May our offerings reach out to bring hope and grace to our near and distant neighbors, whom you know and love. We pray in the most excellent name of Jesus. Amen.

THE GIVING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY “God of the Ages” Piano/Organ Duet
Ryland Brown/Grant Knox

***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 Mark 10:2-16 NT 46

¹⁴ But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.

THE MESSAGE Rev. Alex Stevenson

“Divorce and a Child's Faith”

~ 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.

ANTHEM “A Simple Song” by Leonard Bernstein
Micah Arms, solo

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.)

618 “Let Us Break Bread Together” (African American)

620 “One Bread, One Body” (USA)

624 “Bread of the World” (England)

626 “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” (Syria)

628 “Eat This Bread” (France)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God, you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. You have fed us with the bread of life and renewed us for our service. God of peace, may this meal, shared in the Spirit with your son Jesus, strengthen us, your people, to raise our voices and to act. Amen.

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

***HYMN NO. 549** “Where Charity and Love Prevail” ST PETER

***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 DEDICATED

to the glory of God and in honor of Julian Gettys on the occasion of her 23rd birthday, by her family.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY TODAY. Your gifts to the World Communion Sunday offering equips racial and ethnic-minority students in the United States and international students to transform the church and their communities. Please give graciously.

FALL FESTIVAL! Save the date for the 2018 Fall Festival! On October 28 we'll have trunk-or-treat and family activities from 3:30-5pm. We'll serve dinner from 5-6pm. We'll need plenty of people to decorate cars for trunk-or-treat and to help with the meal. Let Johannah know if you'd like to volunteer. We are starting to collect candy today! You can bring it into the church anytime during the week. A wagon is in the Commons.

PRAYER CONCERNS

As of printing Thursday, October 4, 2018

Home: Beth & Warren Rambo, Freida Parker, Pete & Martha Hendrix, Doug Jordan, John & Mary Holmstrand, Ann Armstrong, Dale Bedford, Bill Smith, Pat Howle, Lynda Collins
NHC Mauldin: Atrice Hughey **Rosecrest:** Jennie Ruth Waynick
Cascades: Patti Whelchel **Mt. Pleasant, SC:** Florence Hale
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
Westminster Senior Living/Augusta Place: Melba Poole
Rolling Green: Wayne Rowan, Ralph Bell

CALENDAR

Sunday, October 7: World Communion

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 Youth @ The House
 5:00 pm Club 56 in the Loft

Monday, October 8:

9:00 am Staff Meeting—Library
 1:00 pm Prime Timers Bridge—Parker Hall
 6:30 pm Cub Scouts @ The House

Tuesday, October 9:

9:30 am Women of Faith—Parker Hall & Classrooms
 10:30 am Louise Best Circle—Haddon Friendship Classroom
 12:00 noon Susanna Wesley Circle—Parker Hall

Wednesday, October 10:

10:00 am Pastor's Bible Study – Mac Vinson Companions Classroom
 10:00 am Mary Teasley Circle—Haddon Friendship Classroom
 5:30 pm Connect Meal – Parker Hall
 6:00 pm Youth @ The House
 6:30 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal
 6:30 pm Classes & FPU

ATTENDANCE

September 30, 2018

Sunday School – 119 Worship - 231

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Worship the Lord through giving.

2018 Average Weekly Budgeted Giving	\$ 15,498.09
2018 Average Weekly Actual Giving	\$ 13,180.10
2018 Average Weekly Actual General Fund Expenses	\$ 13,987.20
Previous Week's Actual General Fund Giving	\$ 7,578.00
YTD Deficit in Actual Contributions to Expenses	- \$ 31,476.87
Sanctuary Media Project--raised to date	\$ 27,427.21

SERVING TODAY

Communion Helpers: 8:45 am Ruth & Gary Hughes and Carol Martin
 11:00 am Gail & Larry Clifton and John Kerley
Lay Readers: 8:45 am Shirley Cooke 11:00 am Tom Angster
Greeters: 8:45 am John & Barbara Sanders
 11:00 am Jerry & Sara Bowden
Acolytes: 8:45 am Bobby Keith 11:00 am Hudson Patrick
Crucifer: 11:00 am Ansley 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

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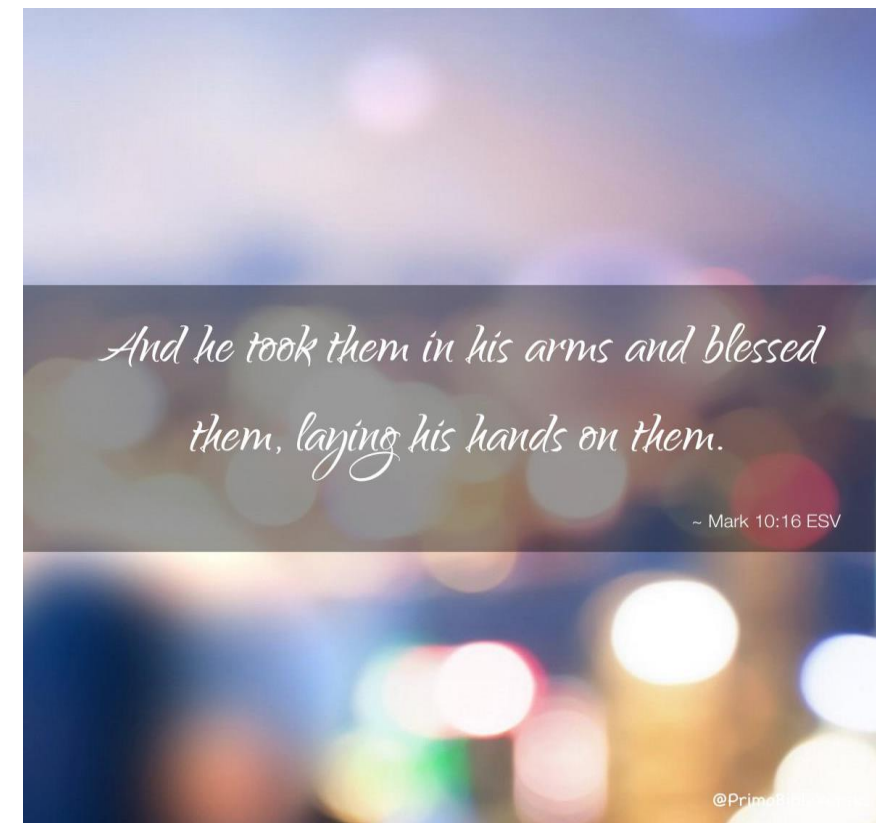
MISSION STATEMENT

... 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
ALDERSGATE
UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH



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WORSHIP SERVICES

8:45 am & 11:00 am

October 7, 2018

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

A Stephen Ministry Congregation