

A Festival of the Wild Things
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.)

INTROIT "Siyahamba"
(English) "We Are Marching in the Light of God"
8:45 am Vocal Quartet 11:00 am Chancel Choir

***THE CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

***HYMN 147** "All Things Bright and Beautiful"

***CALL TO WORSHIP** based on Psalm 104

Leader: O Lord, what a variety of things you have made! In wisdom you have made them all.

People: The earth is full of your creatures. They all depend on you to give them food as they need it.

Leader: When you supply it, they gather it. You open your hands to feed them,

People: and they are richly satisfied.

Leader: But if you withdraw your presence, they are dismayed. When you take away their breath, the life goes out of them

People: And they become again the dust of the earth from which you formed them at the start.

Leader: But when you send out your breath, new life is created,

People: and the face of the earth is made beautiful and is renewed.

Leader: Lord, send your breath on us now and fill us with your Spirit.

People: May your glorious presence linger among us forever.

***THE APOSTLES' CREED 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 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.

MINISTRY CELEBRATION MOMENT Macy Covington

THE MORNING PRAYER

(Leader: Lord, in your mercy.

People Respond: Hear our prayer.)

A Liturgy of the Wild Things

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 104:1-9, 24-26
A Song Praising Our Creator

ANTHEM "Look at the World" by John Rutter
The Chancel Choir and Children's Choir

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Thank you, God, for all things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small. Teach us to be good stewards of your gifts for the sake of your whole creation. Amen.

THE GIVING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY "Blackbird" Lennon & McCartney
Trace King, guitar

***THE DOXOLOGY NO. 94** LASST 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!

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 4:35-41 NT. 39
Jesus Stops a Storm

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 15:11-24 NT.78-79
A Son Returns Home

THE MEDITATION Rev. Alex Stevenson

THE INVITATION TO THIS HOLY MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise

The leader continues...

And so we celebrate with thanksgiving and join our voices from all the wild places, singing praises to our Holy God: **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

The leader continues...

And so we sing together the mystery of faith:
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

The leader continues...

All honor and glory is yours, Father, now and forever
Amen.

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.

RECEIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

Let us sing together as we receive this holy meal:

Hymn No. 617 "I Come with Joy"

Hymn No. 614 "For the Bread Which You Have Broken"

Hymn No. 629 "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, who loves us in and out of weeks and over the years, we give you thanks for this meal in which you have given yourself to us. Help us to go into the wild places of your world to serve you in the strength of your Spirit, giving ourselves to others in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

***THE HYMN 152** "I Sing the Almighty Power of God"

*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.*

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ARE TO THE GLORY OF GOD and in memory of Jerry Blair by Jennine Blair, Brenda and Taylor Davenport, Scott & Robin Blair, and Ashleigh, Ethan and Olivia Blair.

CHARGE CONFERENCE is on **November 11**, immediately following the 11:00 am service. All are invited to attend.

TODAY'S SERVICE was originally written by the Rev. Laura Norvell and has been adapted and expanded with permission by Johannah Myers for our use today.

THANK YOU TO OUR CHILDREN AND YOUTH helping with today's service: Ansley, Graham & Henry Addis, Coley Altman, Anna Hoffman, Karis & Trace King, Brooks Schemm, Hannah Watts. Thank you, also, to Tom Angster for narrating.

THE BOOK "Where the Wild Things Are" was written and illustrated by Maurice Sendak and was originally published in 1963. It is a winner of the Caldecott Medal.

ATTENDANCE

October 21, 2018

Sunday School – 106 Worship – 240

2018 Average Weekly Budgeted Giving \$ 15,498.09

2018 Average Weekly Actual Giving \$ 13,190.54

2018 Avg. General Fund Wkly Expenses \$ 13,707.16

Previous Week's General Fund Giving \$ 8,861.27

YTD Deficit in Actual Contributions to Expenses - \$ 21,697.76

Sanctuary Media Project--raised to date \$ 28,027.21

THE ALL SAINTS BANNER is in the Commons next to the Chapel doors ready for you to tie a bell on to represent a loved one(s) who have passed on. Please make sure you **PRINT** the names of your loved one(s) so they are easy to read when typing them up. The last day to put any names down on the sheet will be on Wednesday, October 31.

PRAYER CONCERNS

As of printing Thursday, October 25, 2018

Patewood: Lyn Kemp

Home: Beth & Warren Rambo, Freida Parker, Pete & Martha Hendrix, John & Mary Holmstrand, Ann Armstrong

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

SERVING TODAY

Greeters: 8:45 am Nina & Henry Scoggins

11:00 am Maxine & Harry Hardin

Acolytes: 8:45 am Julian Gettys

11:00 am Anna Hoffman

Crucifer: 11:00 am Anna Kate Schemm

Usher Captains: 8:45 am Jack Cornell

11:00 am Hunt Redfern

Ushers: 8:45 am Jim Dansby, Danny Dobbs, Jordan Truesdale,
Suzanne Haney

11:00 am Terry Tallon, Steve Graves, Joel Vanderwood,
Bruce Royal

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. 301)

Josh Consalvo, Director of Youth (ext. 209)

Susan Hamilton, Office Manager/Communications (ext. 210)

Cameron Vaughn, Financial Secretary (ext. 206)

MINISTERS – THE CONGREGATION

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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WORSHIP SERVICES

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October 28, 2018

Established October 9, 1960

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

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

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.

A Stephen Ministry Congregation