

**FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**

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 Ryland Brown

***THE CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

***HYMN NO. 252** "When Jesus Came to Jordan"

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The heavens open. The Spirit descends.

People: Jesus emerges from the water.

Leader: And a voice echoes through the blue expanse.

**People: "You are my child, the Beloved, with you I am
well-pleased."**

Leader: Jesus is named. Claimed.

**People: We come to the water. We remember we are
named. Claimed.**

Leader: Can it be so? What a thing to be named. Claimed.

**People: Let us worship the one who names and claims
us still.**

***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.**

THE MORNING PRAYER

(Leader: Lord, in your mercy.

People Respond: Hear our prayer.)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Heavenly Father, every good gift comes from you. All
that we are and all that we have are a gift from you.
Accept these offerings as a sign of thanksgiving and as
a token of our giving of ourselves to you. Bless and
use both the gift and the giver for your service. Amen.**

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

THE OFFERTORY

"Immortal, Invisible" by Gordon Young

8:45 am Vocal Quartet

11:00 am The Chancel Choir

***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!**

~ WE HEAR GOD'S WORD ~

THE CHILDREN'S TIME

Josh Consalvo

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 NT-60

²²and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily
form, as a dove, and a voice came from heaven, "Thou
art my beloved Son; with thee I am well pleased."

THE MESSAGE

Rev. Alex Stevenson

"Knowing God: Your Calling"

~ WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE ~

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~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

***THE HYMN TFWS 2130**

"The Summons"

***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 in loving memory of Greg Six by Jeanette, Justin,
Kristen & Leah Six and Jessica, Trey, Liam & Maggie
Gresimer.

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD SUNDAY - Today is the day on
the Christian calendar when the Church remembers the baptism
of Jesus. This Sunday is the first in a series of Sundays between
Christmas and Lent which focus on the way that God is
revealed. It is called the season of Epiphany. An epiphany is a
revelation of God. God was revealed to Moses in a burning
bush. God was revealed to Elijah as a still small voice. And
Jesus was revealed as the Son of God at his baptism and
transfiguration. Look for God to be revealed to you in this
season.

MESSY CHURCH happens on January 27 at 9:45 am! We
will need all our volunteers. Call or email Johannah and let her
know if you are able to help!

WOMEN OF FAITH will begin with a brunch on Tuesday,
January 15 at 9:30 am in Parker Hall. Pam Attaway will also
be speaking. Come join us!

Seeing Aldersgate: Creative Arts
 Led by Greg Joens
 January 9 – February 6

Explore our church with fresh eyes through a variety of artistic mediums. This class will meet from 6:30 until 7 to brainstorm and consult with artist Greg Joens. Participants then have the opportunity to explore and work on their art.

Short Stories By Jesus
 Led by Johannah Myers
 January 9 – February 13

Using the book by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine, professor of NT at Vanderbilt, we will explore several of Jesus' most famous – and often misunderstood parables.

Prayer Shawl Ministry
 Every Wednesday

Come crochet with this group. All skill levels welcome. Blankets, shawls, and more – all going to those who could use a sign of God's love.

Menus for January

- 1/9: Chicken casserole, rice, green beans, salad, dessert
- 1/16: Spaghetti, garlic bread, salad, dessert
- 1/23: Pork tenderloin, potatoes, squash, dessert
- 1/30: Lasagna, salad, dessert

Make reservations by calling or emailing Cameron Vaughn in the church office. Meals are \$6 for adults, \$4 for children.

Dinner is served from 5:30-6:20

Winter Session begins January 9

ATTENDANCE – January 6, 2019

Sunday School- 109 - Worship 8:45 am - 105 / 11:00 am - 152

Total Worship - 257

OUR RECORD

2019 Average Weekly Budgeted Giving	\$ 14,732.57
2019 Average Weekly Giving	\$ 17,382.27
2019 General Fund Wkly Expenses	\$ 271.37
Previous Week's General Fund Giving	\$ 17,382.27

PLEDGED FOR 2019

2019 # Pledged: 163 Amount Pledged \$ 579,756.00

Calendar

Sunday, January 13:

- 8:45 am & 11:00 am Worship Service – Sanctuary
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 4:30 pm Church Council Meeting – Mac Vinson Comp. Rm

Monday, January 14:

- 12:30 pm Prime Timers Bridge – Parker Hall
- 6:30 pm Trustee Meeting – Mac Vinson Companions Room
- 6:30 pm Cub Scouts @ The House

Tuesday, January 15:

- 9:30 am Women of Faith – Brunch Kick-off – Parker Hall

Wednesday, January 16:

- 10:00 am Pastor's Bible Study – Mac Vinson Companions
- 1:00 pm Stephen Ministry - Library
- 5:30 pm Connect – Parker Hall
- 6:20 pm Children's Music
- 6:30 pm Classes

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

- Saturday, Jan. 12** – UMW District Officer Training – AUMC
- Sunday, Jan. 13** – Church Council Meeting – Companions
- Monday, Jan. 14** – Trustees Meeting – Companions Class
- Sunday, Jan. 20** – UMW Executive Board Mtg – Companions
- Monday, Jan. 21** – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – Office Closed

PRAYER CONCERNS

As of printing **Thursday, January 9, 2019**

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

The Cottages: Kay Culbertson

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

Lay Readers: 8:45 am Bill Smith 11:00 am Debbie Strickland

Acolytes: 8:45 am Brooks Davis 11:00 am Henry Addis

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,
 Coley Altman, III, Paul Sleight

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

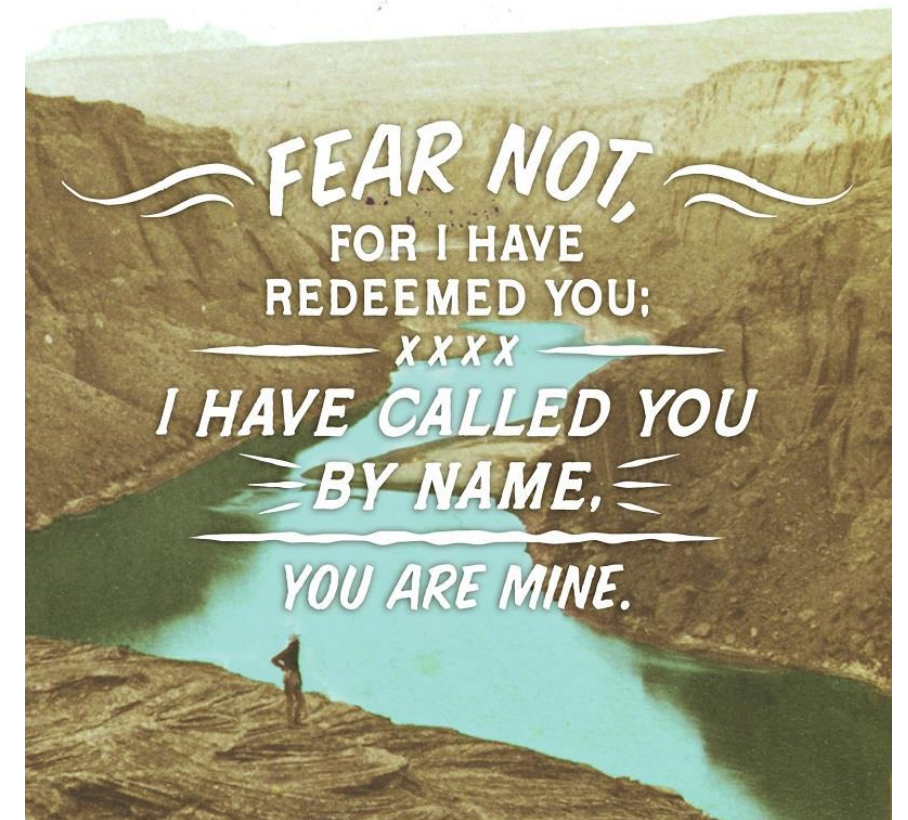
Monday-Thursday: 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Friday: 9:00-Noon
 Phone: 864/244-1820 Fax: 864/244-9701
 Child Development Center...864/268-5028

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.

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
January 13, 2019

Established October 9, 1960
 Open hearts...Open minds...Open doors
 The people of The United Methodist Church

A Stephen Ministry Congregation