

**EPIPHANY OF THE 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 INTROIT** "Blest are They" by Haas  
Dr. Grant & Danielle Knox

**\*THE CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

**\*THE HYMN NO. 245** "The First Noel" (verses 2-5)

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** Isaiah 60:1-6

Leader: Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory  
of the LORD has risen upon you.

**People:** For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick  
darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise  
upon you, and his glory will appear over you.

Leader: Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the  
brightness of your dawn.

**People:** Lift up your eyes and look around; they all  
gather together, they come to you; your sons shall  
come from far away, and your daughters shall be  
carried on their nurses' arms.

Leader: Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall  
thrill and rejoice,

**People:** because the abundance of the sea shall be  
brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall  
come to you.

Leader: A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young  
camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba  
shall come.

**People:** They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall  
proclaim the praise of the LORD.

**\*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.)*

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Loving God, may these gifts reveal to us and to  
others the Light that is Jesus. And may this Light  
lead us on into new and challenging ways of living  
and serving. Amen.**

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

**THE OFFERTORY** "The Lord is My Light" by Allitsen  
Dr. Grant Knox, solo

**\*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 ~**

**SCRIPTURE READING** Matthew 2:1-12 NT - 2

<sup>1</sup>In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in  
Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to  
Jerusalem.

**THE MESSAGE** Rev. Alex Stevenson  
"Knowing God: Epiphany!"

**~ 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.**

**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.)*

No. 405 "Seek Ye First"

No. 378 "Amazing Grace"

No. 629 "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

No. 641 "Fill My Cup, Lord"

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us this  
Sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste  
of the heavenly banquet in your eternal kingdom. Send us  
in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise  
and glory in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~**

**\*THE HYMN NO. 254** "We Three Kings"

**\*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.*

*Our service of worship has ended.*

*Let our worship through service begin.*

**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are to the glory to God  
and in memory of her son, Charles Benjamin Bolt, and  
husband, John Benjamin Bolt by Mary Bolt.

**FLOWER CALENDAR** – If you are interested in taking a  
spot on the flower calendar there are two spots that are open in  
March. March 25 and 31 are currently available. Call or email  
Helen Truesdale to sign up at 864-349-8667 or email  
[helentruesdale45@gmail.com](mailto:helentruesdale45@gmail.com).

**THE WHITE ROSE BUD** is in memory of William Smith.

**SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** - A new study will begin on **January 20** called *Animate*. The first study is about the Bible and is 7 sessions. The right side of your brain is going to get a work out. It is not your standard study format. Purchase of participant book is recommended. Class meets at 9:45 am in the library. Contact Susan Smith, 268-6602

**SERMON SERIES: KNOWING GOD** - Today we begin an eight-sermon series on "Knowing God." The themes of today's sermon and the other sermons in this series are about God being revealed to us. Come and expect to get to know God better. Bring a friend so they can know God better too!

**THE DAY OF EPIPHANY** - On the Christian calendar the celebration of Christmas lasts for 12 days from Dec. 25 until Jan 5. Jan. 6th is a special day on the church calendar which celebrated the visit of the wise men. In some cultures, this is the day for gift giving not Dec. 25th. Epiphany also marks the beginning of the season of Sundays after Epiphany. An Epiphany is a revelation of God. Like the burning bush or the star of Bethlehem. During this season which lasts until March 6th this year the readings for worship each Sunday focus on some revelation of God. As the new-year begins, look for the light of God to be revealed in your life.

**UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES**

- Tuesday, Jan 8:**  
 10:30 am Louise Best Circle – Haddon Friendship Class  
 12:00 pm Susanna Wesley Circle – Parker Hall
- Wednesday, Jan. 9:**  
 10:00 am Pastor's Bible Study Begins – Mac Vinson Comp.  
 10:00 am Mary Teasley Circle – Haddon Friendship Class  
 5:30 pm Connect Begins – Parker Hall
- Saturday, Jan. 12:**  
 8:30 am UMW District Office Training – P. Hall, Sanctuary
- Sunday, Jan. 13:**  
 8:45 & 11:00 am Worship Services  
 9:45 am Sunday School  
 4:30 pm Church Council Meeting – Mac Vinson Companions

**ATTENDANCE - DECEMBER 30, 2018**

Sunday School- 80 - Worship 8:45 am - 60 / 11:00 am - 95

**Total Worship - 155**

**OUR RECORD**

2018 Average Weekly Budgeted Giving	\$ 15,498.09
2018 Average Weekly Actual Giving	\$ 14,066.11
2018 Avg. General Fund Wkly Expenses	\$ 1,318.15
Previous Week's General Fund Giving	\$ 14,689.62

**PLEGDED FOR 2019**

**2019 # Pledged: 162    Amount Pledged \$ 574,356.00**

**IN MEMORIUM**

**WILLIAM C. SMITH**

August 10, 1943 ~ January 1, 2019

*"Blessed are those who die in the Lord"*

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

**As of printing Thursday, January 3, 2019**

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

**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**

**Communion Asst.:** 8:45 am Brenda & Rainer Ellis,  
 Johannah Myers

11:00 am Melissa Stevenson, Bill & Jane Williamson

**Lay Readers:** 8:45 am Scott Bagley    11:00 am Sherri Allred

**Acolytes:** 8:45 am Karis King    11:00 am James Whiteman

**Crucifer:** 11:00 am Laura MacGregor

**Usher Captains:** 8:45 am Brad Smoak    11:00 am Rick Lankford

**Ushers:** 8:45 am Scott Bagley, Trevor King, Mark Wessel  
 11:00 am Doug Patrick, Coley Altman, Gray Walsh, Grant Lankford

**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

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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.

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

*Welcome to*

**ALDERSGATE  
 UNITED METHODIST  
 CHURCH**



*A Season  
 for  
 Sharing*

**The Rev. Alex Stevenson**  
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**WORSHIP SERVICES**  
 8:45 AM & 11:00 AM

**January 6, 2019**

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

*A Stephen Ministry Congregation*