

FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

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**

***THE HYMN NO 240** MENDELSSOHN
"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Light looked down and saw darkness.

People: "I will go there," said Light.

Leader: Peace looked down and saw war.

People: "I will go there," said Peace.

Leader: Love looked down and saw hatred.

People: "I will go there," said Love.

Leader: So he, the Lord of Light, the Prince of Peace, the King of Love came down and crept in beside us.

People: And we have seen his glory! Thanks be to God!

***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 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.)

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.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER NO. 38 *(11 am only)*
Brant Creef

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious and Giving God, in this Christmas season we celebrate the greatest gift you gave us, the gift of your son Jesus. Even as we continue to clean up from our gift-giving this season, remind us that generosity is not a once-a-year event but a way of living throughout our lives. Receive these gifts given today as a sign of our thanksgiving for the gifts which you have so freely given us. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

THE GIVING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY "In the Bleak Midwinter" Holst
Danielle Knox, soloist

***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 ~

***HYMN OF PREPARATION NO 220** REGENT SQUARE
"Angels from the Realms of Glory"

THE CHILDREN'S TIME

Ruth Hughes

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 2:22-38 NT 59
³⁰"For my eyes have seen your salvation ³¹which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

THE MESSAGE

Johannah Myers

"A Christmas Family Portrait"

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

***THE HYMN NO 251** GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN
"Go, Tell It On the Mountain"

***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.

Sermon Series: Knowing God

Next Sunday, January 6, we will begin an eight sermon series on "Knowing God." January 6 is Epiphany Sunday. An epiphany is a revelation of God, a moment of spiritual realization. The themes of that Sunday and those that follow are about God revealing God's self. Come and expect to get to know God better. Bring a friend so they can know God better too!

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

December 31 – Office Closed

January 1 – Office Closed

January 21 – Office Closed, Martin Luther King, Jr.

For those mailing/handing in donations: In order for your donation to be credited to the year 2018, it must be handed in or postmarked no later than TOMORROW, December 31, 2018.

Prime Timer Event January 7, 2018 Grace Team Ministries from NC is coming to share God's word with us through their *Comedy Illusion Team*. The program is at 11:00 am and lunch is at 12:00 noon. Make your reservations by Wednesday, January 2, through one of the following methods: use a reservation card (found in the pews) and write "Prime Timer Luncheon", call Ruth Hughes at the church office, ext. 204, add your name to the Questers or Christian Fellowship Sunday school classroom sheets or respond to our calling team. The cost is \$7.00 per person.

CONSECRATION SUNDAY REPORT

158 families have estimated their giving for next year! The new total is: **\$561,156 So Far!**

Continue to keep this campaign in your prayers!

If you haven't turned in your Estimate of Giving Card, please do so.

CONNECT begins on Wednesday, January 9. If you haven't tried **CONNECT** on Wednesday nights at Aldersgate, join us for the winter season. Dinner is served from 5:30-6:20, classes meet from 6:30-7:30. There are activities for children, including children's choir. Chancel Choir rehearsal begins at 7:15. Information about the upcoming menus and classes will be available soon. Reservations are required for dinner; make reservations by calling Cameron Vaughn in the church office (ext. 206) or emailing her, cvaughn@aumcsc.org.

Donation Request – If you made a contribution through a distribution by Victory Funds, please contact Cameron in the church office (ext. 206) so she can include your contribution on your giving statement and direct it to the appropriate funds. Thank you.

ATTENDANCE - DECEMBER 23

Sunday School 116

Worship 8:45 am 120/11:00 am 154

Total Worship 274

OUR RECORD

2018 Average Weekly Budgeted Giving	\$ 15,498.09
2018 Average Weekly Actual Giving	\$ 14,053.88
2018 Avg. General Fund Wkly Expenses	\$ 13,940.84
Previous Week's General Fund Giving	\$ 29,271.77

PRAYER CONCERNS

As of printing Thursday, December 27, 2018

Home: Beth & Warren Rambo, Freida Parker, Pete & Martha Hendrix, John & Mary Holmstrand, Ann Armstrong, Jan Alderman, Jan Stenberg, Sandy and Joan Sandford

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

Greeters: 8:45 am Susan & Bill Smith

11:00 am Bob & Brenda Willett

Lay Readers: 8:45 am Susan Smith

11:00 am Lyndon Ashworth

Acolytes: 8:45 am Julian Gettys 11:00 am Coley Altman

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. 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

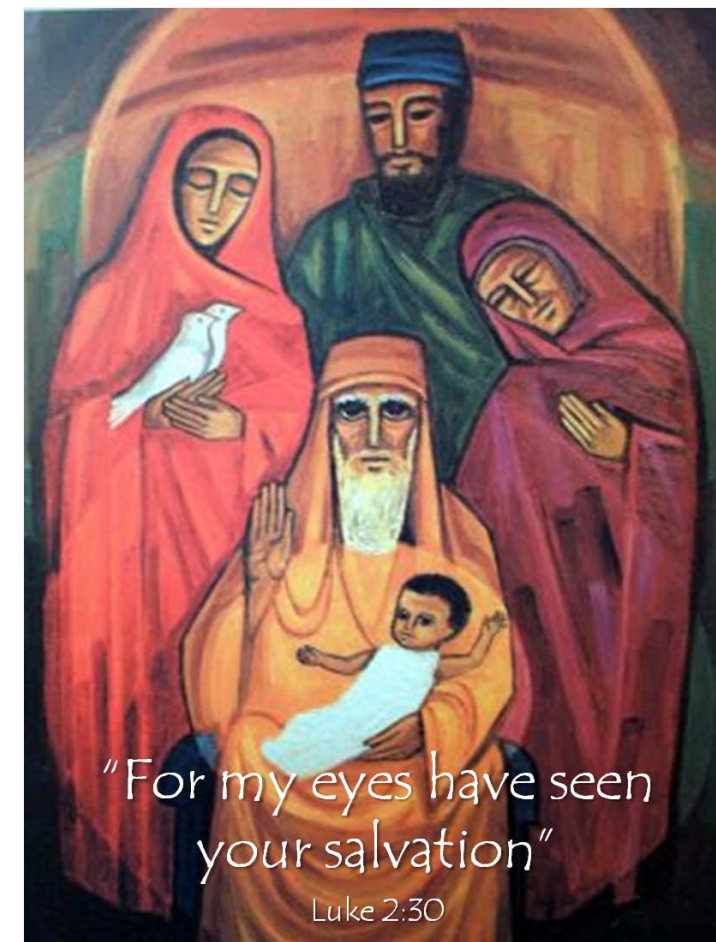
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Welcome to

ALDERSGATE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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WORSHIP SERVICES

8:45 AM & 11:00 AM

December 30, 2018

Established October 9, 1960

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

A Stephen Ministry Congregation