

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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 "Find Us Faithful" by Jon Mohr
Grant Knox, soloist, Ryland Brown, Rick Lankford

*THE CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*HYMN NO. 297 "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 126

Leader: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

People: Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy;

Leader: then it was said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."

People: The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

Leader: Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb.

People: May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

Leader: Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,

People: shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

*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.)

ANTHEM "Love Ran Red" by Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, Jonas Myrin, Matt Armstrong, Matt Redman
The Praise Band

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of all blessings, we bring our gifts to you this morning, knowing that you are the source. As we dedicate these gifts, help us to focus on the gift that is greater than all others, the redemption and resurrection made available to us through a growing trust in Christ, our rock and our salvation. Amen.

THE GIVING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY "Above All, You Are My King"
(Amazing Love)
by Lenny LeBlanc, Paul Baloche, Bill J. Foote
The Praise Band

*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 Philippians 3:4b-14 NT-198

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.

THE MESSAGE "Eyes on the Prize" Rev. Alex Stevenson

~ 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. 504 "The Old Rugged Cross"

NO. 292 "What Wondrous Love is This"

NO. 286 "O Sacred Head Now Wounded"

NO. 287 "O Love Divine, What Hast Thou Done"

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus, the Christ our Lord. Amen.

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

*HYMN TFWS 2208 "Guide My Feet"

*BENEDICTION

Leader: At Aldersgate we are ...

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

*THE CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*THE POSTLUDE The Praise Band

**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 memory of Mr. & Mrs. Henry Jones by Sara Colegate and her sisters.

DON'T FORGET TO ORDER YOUR EASTER LILIES in memory or in honor of your loved one. The cost is \$15.00. There are forms in the Commons along with envelopes for your payment. Thanks!

IT'S COMING! IT'S COMING! It is nearly here. Be prepared for the biggest and best every **UMW Garage Sale**. NO TV'S PLEASE. Come, bring your items and help in the fun of working with us. Sale week is April 29 – May 4.

Holy Week Service Schedule

Palm Sunday, April 14 @ 8:45 & 11: Brass Quintet, choir and children will lead us in singing Hosannas and remembering Jesus' last week before his crucifixion.
Maundy Thursday, April 18 @ 7 pm: Remember Jesus' Last Supper including foot washing and Holy Communion!
Good Friday, April 19 @ 7 pm: We will recall Jesus' death on the cross with readings from Luke's Gospel. This will include a Tenebrae Service - service of light & shadows.
Easter Sunrise, April 21 @ 7 am: Recall the resurrection in a community service at John Knox Presbyterian.
Easter Sunday Services, April 21 @ 8:45 & 11 am: Celebrate the resurrection and new life through Jesus!

ATTENDANCE – March 31, 2019

Sunday School - 122 **Worship 8:45 am - 103 / 11:00 am - 183**
Total Worship - 286

OUR RECORD

General Fund Budget Needs (YTD)	\$ 187,016.46
Total General Fund Receipts (YTD)	\$ 217,461.54
Total General Fund Expenses (YTD)	\$ 181,009.91
YTD Surplus in Contributions to Expenses	\$ 36,451.63
Previous Weeks General Fund Giving – week 13	\$ 17,360.41

CALENDAR

Sunday, April 7: New Screens Debut

8:45 am & 11:00 am Worship
 9:45 am Sunday School
 3:00 pm UMW Finance Meeting – Companions Classroom
 3:30 pm-6:00 pm Messy Easter
 4:00 pm UMW Executive Board Mtg.- Companions Classroom

Monday, April 8:

1:00 pm Prime Timers Bridge – Parker Hall
 6:30 pm Cub Scouts @ The House
 6:30 pm Trustees Meeting - Library

Tuesday, April 9:

6:35 am Men of Integrity – Broadway Bagels-Hudson Rd.
 10:30 am Louise Best Circle – Soul Café
 1:00 pm Susanna Wesley Circle – Parker Hall
 5:30 pm Cindy Harter Circle – Greer Relief, Dinner
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts @ The House

PRAYER CONCERNS

As of printing Wednesday, April 4, 2019:

Rolling Green Healthcare: Fred Copeland
Home: Beth & Warren Rambo, Freida Parker, Pete & Martha Hendrix, John & Mary Holmstrand, Ann Armstrong, Bill Culbertson, Julia Burdette, Lillis Smith, Tom Barnhill, Rudy Rogers
Oakview Park: Joan Pawlus **NHC Mauldin:** Atrice Hughey
Memory Care of Simpsonville: Jennie Ruth Waynick
Myrtle Beach, SC: Randy Hale
Cascades: Patti Whelchel **Mt. Pleasant, SC:** Florence Hale
The Woodlands: Peggy Miller
Haywood Estates: Ann Linse **Rock Hill/Daughter:** Bill Taylor
Mt Home Health, NC: Nancy Reitz
Brookdale @ Hawthorne: Nita Bearden
Westminster Senior Living/Augusta Place: Melba Poole
Rolling Green: Wayne Rowan, Ralph Bell
Brushy Creek Rehabilitation & Healthcare Center: Joan Sanford

SERVING TODAY

Communion Help: 8:45 am Susan Smith, Brenda & Rainer Ellis
 11:00 am Julian Gettys, Debbie & Edmund Whiteman
Lay Reader: 8:45 am Julian Gettys 11:00 am Melissa Stevenson
Greeters: 8:45 am Sandy Sanford/Linda McDaniel
 11:00 am Ruth & Jim McAllister
Acolytes: 8:45 am Bobby Keith 11:00 am Coley Altman
Crucifer: 11:00 am Graham Addis
Usher Captain: 8:45 am David McAvoy 11:00 am Frank Mathis
Ushers: Eddie Beam, Suzanne Haney, Tim Davis
Ushers: Coley Altman, III, Trey Covington, Jim Cox, Bonnie Lampe, 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. 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

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

PHILIPPIANS 3:14

*I press on toward the goal
 to win the prize for which God
 has called me heavenward in
 Christ Jesus*

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WORSHIP SERVICES

8:45 am & 11:00 am

April 7, 2019

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

A Stephen Ministry Congregation