

FIRST 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.)*

THE PRELUDE Ryland Brown

***THE CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

***HYMN NO. 159** "Lift High the Cross" CRUCIFER

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Jesus began his ministry to the world, led by the
Spirit into the wilderness.

**People: As we begin our Lenten journey, let us be led by
the Spirit, even into the uncomfortable places.**

Leader: In those forty days, and in that place, Jesus was
faced with hunger, doubt and temptation.

**People: As we seek to follow Jesus, we would be led,
even into the uncomfortable choices.**

Leader: Jesus left the wilderness, faithful and obedient to
God, rejoicing in the One in whom he trusted.

**People: As we continue on our path to faithfulness, we
will be led by our Christ, rejoicing in the Lord
our 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 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.)*

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.**

ANTHEM 8:45 am "My Soul's Been Anchored in the Lord"

Tyrese Byrd, solo

11:00 am "Shut de do" by Stonehill

The Chancel Choir

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**God of the wilderness, we give these offerings in
gratitude, rejoicing in the abundance of your gifts to us.
We give these offerings in faith, trusting that you will
provide for our needs. We give these offerings in hope,
knowing you can use them to spread your love in this
world. And with these offerings, we give ourselves; may
we live with generous hearts; with open hands. Amen**

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

THE OFFERTORY

Ryland Brown

***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 ~

***HYMN OF PREPARATION TFWS 2164** "Sanctuary"
(repeat several times)

THE CHILDREN'S TIME

Johannah Myers

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 4:1-13 NT 61

¹³When the devil had finished every test,
he departed from him until an opportune time.

THE MESSAGE

Rev. Alex Stevenson

"Where Humanity Fails, Jesus Prevails"

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

***HYMN NO. 269**

"Lord Who Throughout These Forty Days"

***BENEDICTION**

Leader: At Aldersgate we are ...

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

***CHORAL BENEDICTION** "Rain Down" by Cortez

The Chancel Choir

***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 of God
and in honor and in memory of all Questers Class members.

THE SEASON OF LENT - Today is the first Sunday in the
season of Lent. Lent began last Wednesday and continues until
the day before Easter. It is the 40 days, excluding Sundays,
before Easter and is a time to remember how Jesus died for our
sins and as well as a time of preparation for the celebration of
Jesus' resurrection. The number 40 in the Bible stands for a
period of cleansing and preparation. Jesus fasted for 40 days
before being tempted by the Devil. Israel wandered in the
desert for 40 years before entering the Promised Land. It rained
for 40 days and nights during the flood. During the 40 days of
Lent, Christians have traditionally mourned their sins and
remembered why we needed a savior to gain a better
appreciation for what Jesus did when he died for our sins and
rose again to give us victory over sin and death.



**Messy
Church**

JOIN US FOR EASTER GARDEN FUN!

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY! CELEBRATION TIME
AND AN EASTER EGG HUNT WITH FREE DINNER.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

3:30 — 6:00 PM

ALDERSGATE UMC - 7 SHANNON DR., GREENVILLE

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TYRESE BYRD is a junior vocal performance major at Furman Univ. where he studies with Dr. Knox. He is a national winner of the NATS competition and will attend the SongFest music festival in Los Angeles this summer as a young artist.

THANK GOODNESS FOR DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME. Those of us who abstain from night driving can now attend *Seeing Better Together (SBT)*, Connect Dinner, and drive home safely afterwards. For Connect, make your reservation on or before March 11, by contacting Cameron Vaughn at: cvaughn@aumcsc.org. We will meet in the Aldersgate library for *SBT* at 4:30 on March 13. Looking forward to visiting with everyone again.

<u>ATTENDANCE</u> – March 3, 2019	
Sunday School - 142	
Worship 8:45 am - 115 / 11:00 am - 161	
Total Worship - 276	
<u>OUR RECORD</u>	
General Fund Budget Needs (YTD)	\$ 129,472.94
Total General Fund Receipts (YTD)	\$ 167,712.49
Total General Fund Expenses (YTD)	\$ 121,992.41
YTD Surplus in Contributions to Expenses	\$ 45,720.08
Previous Weeks General Fund Giving – week 9	\$ 20,865.79
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February 2019 YTD General Fund Budget	\$ 123,780.33
February 2019 YTD General Fund Giving	\$ 149,197.18
February 2019 YTD General Fund Expenses	\$ 122,073.36
February 2019 YTD General Fund Surplus	\$ 27,132.82

CALENDAR

Sunday, March 10:

8:45 am & 11:00 am Worship
 9:45 am Sunday School/ 9:45 am Re-newed Mem. Class - Chapel
 5:00 pm Youth & Club 56

Monday, March 11:

9:00 am Staff Meeting - Library
 12:30 pm Prime Timers Bridge – Parker Hall
 6:30 pm Program Council Meeting – Mac Vinson Companions
 6:30 pm Cub Scouts @ The House

Tuesday, March 12:

6:35 am Men of Integrity – Broadway Bagels-Hudson Rd.
 9:30 am Women of Faith – Parker Hall
 10:30 am Louise Best Circle – Haddon Friendship Classroom
 12:00 pm Susanna Wesley Circle – Parker Hall
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts @ The House

Wednesday, March 13:

10:00 am Pastor’s Bible Study
 10:00 am Mary Teasley Circle – Field Trip to Triune Mercy Center
 5:30 pm Connect – Parker Hall
 6:20 pm Children’s Music
 6:30 pm Classes

PRAYER CONCERNS

As of printing Thursday, March 7, 2019:

Spartanburg Regional: Rudy Rogers
Rolling Green Rehab: Tom Barnhill
Rolling Green Healthcare: Fred Copeland
Home: Beth & Warren Rambo, Freida Parker, Pete & Martha Hendrix, John & Mary Holmstrand, Ann Armstrong, Lillis Smith, Kay Culbertson, Frank Mathis
Oakview Park: Joan Pawlus **NHC Mauldin:** Atrice Hughey
Rosecrest: Jennie Ruth Waynick **Myrtle Beach, SC:** Randy Hale
Cascades: Patti Whelchel **Mt. Pleasant, SC:** Florence Hale
The Woodlands: Annette McDuffee, 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

SERVING TODAY

Lay Reader: 8:45 am Susan Smith 11:00 am Sherri Allred
Greeters: 8:45 am Ruth Ann & Marshall Gooch
 11:00 am David & Marian Rose
Acolytes: 8:45 am Brooks Davis 11:00 am Anna Hoffman
Crucifer: 11:00 am Graham Addis
Usher Captain 8:45 am David McAvoy
Usher Captain 11:00 am Frank Mathis
 Ushers: Eddie Beam, Tim Davis, Suzanne Haney
 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



The Rev. Alex Stevenson
 7 Shannon Drive
 Greenville, South Carolina 29615

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WORSHIP SERVICES

8:45 am & 11:00 am

March 10, 2019

Established October 9, 1960

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

A Stephen Ministry Congregation