

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
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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.)*

INTROIT (8:45 am) Grant Knox
(11:00 am) Cherub Choir

***THE CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

***HYMN NO. 292** "What Wondrous Love is This?"

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: As a shepherd seeks the lost sheep,

People: So God seeks and saves the lost.

Leader: Like a woman who searches for a lost coin
until it is found,

**People: So God rejoices over one soul restored to
wholeness.**

Leader: As a father receives a returning wayward son,

**People: So God welcomes us and lets the past be the
past.**

Leader: Therefore, let us praise God in thanksgiving
that we are received.

**People: Let us receive and welcome and rejoice
over one another in the name of Jesus
Christ.**

***A MODERN AFFIRMATION 885**

Pastor: 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 SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM (11:00 am only)
HYMNAL PG. 39

Fisher Calvin Redding

BAPTISMAL SONG

*Fisher, Fisher, God claims you. God helps you,
protects you, and loves you too.*

We this day do all agree a child of God you'll always be.

*Fisher, Fisher, God claims you. God helps you,
protects you, and loves you too.*

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 "Bell Song" By Sherman
The Cathedral Handbells

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Holy God, we give you ourselves, captive and free,
shaped by forces beyond our control, yet open to
the power of your Spirit. Through us, and our gifts,
may others know that when anyone is in Christ,
there is a new creation, and that the old way ends,
and the new life begins for everyone. Amen.**

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

THE OFFERTORY "Cascades" by Sherman
The Cathedral Handbells

***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 NO. 277**

"Tell Me the Stories of Jesus"

THE CHILDREN'S TIME Josh Consalvo

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 NT-78

²⁴"For this son of mine was dead and is alive again;
he was lost and is found!" And they began to celebrate.

THE MESSAGE "Prodigals" Rev. Alex Stevenson

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

***HYMN NO. 367** "He Touched Me"

***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 of
God and in honor of Mr. & Mrs. Pete Hendrix and in
memory of their daughter, Jan, by John Devlin.

THE WHITE ROSE BUD ON THE ALTAR is in memory
of Annette M. McDuffee.

IN MEMORIUM

ANNETTE M. MCDUFFEE

MARCH 14, 1935 ~ MARCH 24, 2019

"Blessed are those who die in the Lord."

UNITED MINISTRIES FOOD PANTRY non-perishable drop-off time is here again. Please bring canned fruit, dry cereal, grits, and peanut butter. Thanks!

CLEAN OUT THOSE CLOSETS and bring your wonderful finds to the UMW Garage Sale. We will begin collecting on April 29. Jewelry may be dropped off any time now in the church office.

MESSY EASTER IS APRIL 7! Volunteers still needed. Tks!

CONGRATULATIONS TO Hayden & Hunter Redding on the baptism of Fisher. Proud grandmother is Shaney Cross who works in our Child Development Center.

ATTENDANCE – March 24, 2019

Sunday School - 146

Worship 8:45 am - 101 / 11:00 am - 140

Total Worship - 241

OUR RECORD

General Fund Budget Needs (YTD)	\$ 172,630.58
Total General Fund Receipts (YTD)	\$ 200,101.13
Total General Fund Expenses (YTD)	\$ 154,988.23
YTD Surplus in Contributions to Expenses	\$ 45,112.90
Previous Weeks General Fund Giving – week 12	\$ 11,773.39

CALENDAR

Sunday, March 31:

8:45 am & 11:00 am Worship
9:45 am Sunday School
5:00 pm Youth & Club 56

Monday, April 1:

9:00 am Staff Meeting - Library
11:00 am Prime Timers Luncheon – Parker Hall
12:30 pm Prime Timers Bridge – Parker Hall
6:30 pm Cub Scouts @ The House

Tuesday, April 2:

6:35 am Men of Integrity – Broadway Bagels-Hudson Rd.
9:30 am Women of Faith – Parker Hall
7:00 pm Boy Scouts @ The House

Wednesday, April 3:

10:00 am Pastor's Bible Study
5:30 pm Connect –Parker Hall (*last one*)
6:30 pm Children's Music
6:30 pm Classes

Thursday, April 4:

8:30 am Set up -CDC Spring Fling
6:00 pm CDC Auction begins

PRAYER CONCERNS

As of printing Wednesday, March 27 2019:

Mary Black Hospital, Spartanburg: Joan Sanford
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
Rosecrest: 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

SERVING TODAY

Lay Reader: 8:45 am Bill Smith 11:00 am Karis King
Greeters: 8:45 am Barbara & John Sanders
11:00 am Sara & Bruce Colegate
Acolytes: 8:45 am Julian Gettys 11:00 am Brooks Schemm
Crucifer: 11:00 am Hudson Patrick
Usher Captain: 8:45 am Brad Smoak 11:00 am Rick Lankford
Ushers: Scott Bagley, Trevor King, Mark Wessel
Ushers: Coley Altman, Grant Lankford, Doug Patrick, Gray Walsh

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

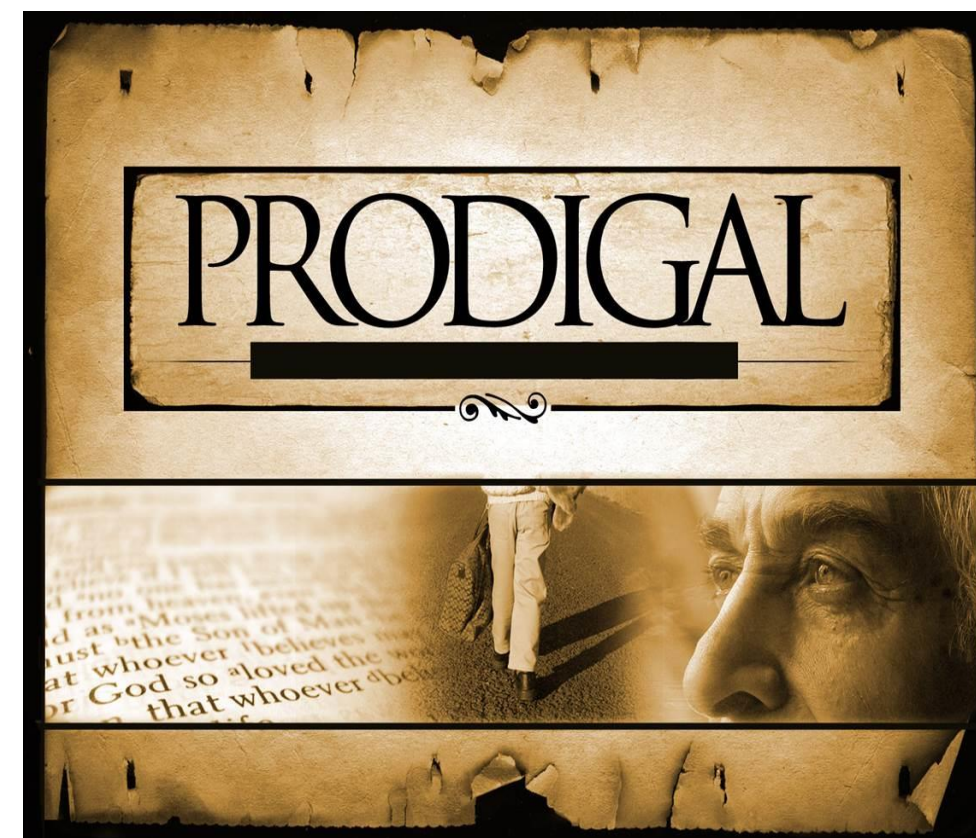
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Welcome to

ALDERSGATE

UNITED METHODIST

CHURCH



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WORSHIP SERVICES

8:45 am & 11:00 am

March 31, 2019

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

A Stephen Ministry Congregation