

EASTER SUNDAY

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 "Lift High the Cross"

Micah Arms, Trumpet

***THE CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

***HYMN NO. 302** "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The tomb is dark, but empty,

People: The one you are looking for has overcome the darkness.

Leader: The stone has been rolled away,

People: The one you are looking for has overcome death,

Leader: The burial clothes are put aside.

People: The one you are looking for is alive!

Leader: Christ is Risen!

People: Christ is Risen Indeed!

All: Let us worship our Risen Savior!

***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.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS NO. 38 *(11:00 am only)*

J.P., Brittney, & Deacon Gillis

THE MORNING PRAYER

(Leader: Lord, in your mercy.

People Respond: Hear our prayer.)

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.

ANTHEM "Hosanna to Jesus" by Craig Courtney
The Chancel Choir

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Robert D. Ingram

Here, Lord, we put our love into practice. These gifts we offer came from your love for us. Now, let them express our love for you, as they reach out to others with your love for them. Amen.

THE GIVING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY "An Easter Alleluia" by Cindy Berry
The Chancel Choir

***THE DOXOLOGY NO 94** ASST 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. 314** "In the Garden"

CHILDREN'S SERMON Johannah Myers

SCRIPTURE READING John 20:1-18 NT 114-115

¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus.

THE MESSAGE

Rev. Alex Stevenson

"How Do We Get to Easter?"

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

***HYMN NO. 310**

"He Lives"

***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 CROSS are given to the Glory of the Risen Christ by Toby & Barbara Hunter.

FOR ANYONE WISHING TO LEARN our benediction in American Sign Language you can get on-line with the following link to see how to sign.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O-cEnlulAcc>

THE PASCAL CANDLE is the large candle beside the communion table. Sometimes the Pascal Candle is also called the Easter Candle or the Christ Candle. It is lit during the 50 days of the Easter season. Jesus rose from the dead and appeared to his disciples for 40 days and then after his ascension the disciples waited 10 more days until the Holy Spirit came upon them at Pentecost. The flame of the Pascal Candle represents the living presence of the Risen Christ with his disciples between his resurrection and his ascension. It is also a reminder of the living presence of the Risen Christ with us.

THE WOMEN'S READING GROUP will skip the April 25 meeting. The book "Threading My Prayer Rug" will now be discussed on May 23. Please make a note of this change.

YOU WILL NOT BELIEVE HOW MUCH FUN you will have if you join us for getting the UMW Garage Sale items ready. The Sale week is April 29-May 4. Looking forward to seeing you there. Bring your wonderful items to sell also.

PLANTS NEEDED FOR GARAGE SALE – If you have plants to bring for the UMW Garage Sale, such as Iris, Lilies, Hosta's of all types, etc. Please bring them to the sale on Thursday before noon. Anything you have to share would be great! Thanks, Keith & Nina

THE BOY SCOUTS will be selling their famous BBQ during the Garage Sale on May 3 & 4. They are also accepting pre-orders for lunch for May 3. Please call, text, or email Chris Cockcroft or Jamie McCauley at the numbers below until May 1 for the Friday, May 3 lunch deliveries. Prices are \$8.00 a plate which includes BBQ, baked beans, slaw, bread and tea. The price is \$12.00 for 1 lb. of BBQ.

Chris C. – 864-704-6776, cockcroft.chris@gmail.com
 Jamie M. – 864-915-1618, jamielynmccauley@gmail.com

GRADUATION-Do you have a child graduating from high school or college this spring? Please let the church office know. We will honor our graduates on Youth Sunday, May 19.

SAVE THE DATE FOR VBS – July 21 (Messy Church) and July 22-25. Registration will be available soon. To volunteer call Ruth Hughes in the office. Ext. 204

ATTENDANCE – April 14, 2019

Sunday School - 116 Worship 8:45 am - 125 / 11:00 am - 187
Total Worship = 312

OUR RECORD

General Fund Budget Needs (YTD)	\$ 215,788.23
Total General Fund Receipts (YTD)	\$ 245,908.32
Total General Fund Expenses (YTD)	\$ 203,746.40
YTD Surplus in Contributions to Expenses	\$ 42,161.92
Previous Weeks General Fund Giving – week 15	\$ 12,010.90

MARCH 2019

YTD General Fund Budget	\$ 197,060.70
YTD General Fund Giving	\$ 217,587.08
YTD General Fund Expenses	\$ 181,111.86
YTD General Fund Surplus	\$ 36,475.22

CALENDAR

Sunday, April 21: Easter Services

7:00 am Easter Sunrise Service @ John Knox Presbyterian
 8:45 am Easter Service – Sanctuary
 11:00 am Easter Service – Sanctuary

Monday, April 22: Church Office Closed

Tuesday, April 23:

6:35 am Men of Integrity – Broadway Bagels-Hudson Rd.
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts @ The House

Wednesday, April 24:

5:00 pm Tables to be set up for UMW Garage Sale

Friday, April 26:

1:00 pm Scouts in Parker Hall to set up for Derby

Saturday, April 27:

8:00 am – 4:30 Scouts: Derby – Parker Hall

PRAYER CONCERNS

As of printing Wednesday, April 18, 2019:

NHC-Greenville: Fred Copeland
Home: Beth & Warren Rambo, Freida Parker, Pete & Martha Hendrix, John & Mary Holmstrand, Ann Armstrong, Bill Culbertson, 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 **The Woodlands:** Peggy Miller
Cascades: Patti Whelchel **Mt. Pleasant, SC:** Florence Hale
Haywood Estates: Ann Linse **Rock Hill/Daughter:** Bill Taylor
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

Lay Readers: 8:45 am Gayle Mason 11:00: Tom Angster
Greeters: 8:45 am Nina & Henry Scoggins
 11:00 am Brenda & Bob Willett
Acolytes: 8:45 am Brooks Davis 11:00 am Rebekah MacGregor
Crucifer: 8:45 am Bobby Keith 11:00 am Laura MacGregor
Usher Captain: 8:45 am Austin Watts 11:00 am David Rose
Ushers: 8:45 am Doug Jordan, Phil Martin, Waldo Watts
 11:00 am David Ayer, Clay Garrison, 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. 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

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 Greenville, South Carolina 29615

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WORSHIP SERVICES

8:45 am & 11:00 am

April 21, 2019

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

A Stephen Ministry Congregation