FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

~ GATHERING ~

****WELCOME, REGISTRATION, ANNOUNCEMENTS**
(Please sign the attendance sheet and pass it to the end of the pew for usher pickup.)

THE OPENING PRAYER

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH
8:45 am Jim & Ginnie Cope *(Reader & Lighter)*
11:00 am Rachel & Lisa Lawrence *(Reader & Lighter)*

THE INTROIT 8:45 am Ryland Brown
11:00 am The Cherub Choir

***THE CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

***HYMN NO. 211** "Oh Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

~ PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE ~

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

***THE GLORIA PATRI NO. 70**

THE ANTHEM "We Three Kings" *(HYMN NO. 254)*
The Children's Choir
Directed by Rachel Lawrence

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, THE PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER *(prayed together)*

THE GIVING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY "Oh, Sleep Now, Holy Baby"
by Hal H. Hopson
The Children's Choir

***THE DOXOLOGY NO. 95** OLD 100th

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 5:1-2 & 10-11 Pg. 155

THE MESSAGE "Salvation for Christmas"
The Rev. Michael Bingham

~ WE GIVE THANKS AND SHARE HOLY COMMUNION ~

INVITATION *(All are Welcome)*
CONFESSION AND PARDON **NO. 12**
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING
THE LORDS PRAYER *(prayed together)*
GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP
If you are unable 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. 393 "Spirit of the Living God"
NO. 357 "Just as I Am"
NO. 382 "Have Thine Own Way, Lord"
NO. 618 "Let Us Break Bread Together"

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

~ SENDING FORTH ~

***HYMN NO. 219** "What Child is This"

***BENEDICTION**
Leader: At Aldersgate we are …
People: Hearts on Fire … Seeking, Sharing, Serving … For God!

***THE CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

***THE POSTLUDE** Ryland Brown

Congregation will please stand as able. Our service of worship has ended. Let our worship through service begin.

POINSETTIA ORDERS – This is the last day to order a Poinsettia for display in the church. Sign-up slips are in the Commons. The cost is $15.00. No sign ups taken after today.

DUE TO VACATION DAYS AND WORK DATES OF the staff, the church office will be closing on Fridays during the month of December. Please let us know if you have a need so we can attend to it on a Thursday if possible. Thank you!

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

God the Son has himself stepped into human experience personally and has become our Brother in order to make us adopted children, so that we too might share with him in the very joy, the very love that he has enjoyed from all eternity with his Father.

Donald Fairbairn, *Grace and Christology in the Early Church*

OUR FINANCIAL RECORD

General Fund Budget Needs (YTD)	**$ 676,136.47**
Total General Fund Receipts (YTD)	**$ 703,111.68**
Total General Fund Expenses (YTD)	**$ 680,914.99**
Surplus in Contributions to Expenses (YTD)	**$ 22,196.69**
Weekly General Fund Budget Needs	**$ 14,385.88**
Previous Weeks General Fund Giving – week 47	**$ 15,079.62**

THE FRONT BURNER

The Sheep Trail began several years ago as a fun, free, family-friendly activity that brings together the Christmas story and local businesses. Pick up a Trail Card from a participating store or in the Commons, or print one out. Visit one of the stores, find the hidden sheep and then record the name of that sheep on your Trail Card. Once you've found all the sheep, you can turn in your Trail Card for the chance to win a prize from one of our participating stores. Enjoy a day out in Downtown Greenville and find our sheep. This year, we have TWO CAMELS on the loose as well!

LESSONS AND CAROLS WILL TAKE PLACE ON DECEMBER 8. Experience an inspiring service using Bible readings and Christmas hymns and carols with music from The Chancel Choir and Cathedral Handbells to proclaim the Good News of Jesus' Birth.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

The ***Moravian Lovefeast*** service will begin at 5:00 pm. It uses Christmas songs and the breaking of bread together to celebrate the gift of Peace and Joy through Christmas.

The ***Candlelight Communion*** service will be at 9:00 pm. This is a special service including Holy Communion and candlelight to celebrate the birth of Jesus and coming of God's light into the darkness of our world!

LAY READERS REQUEST- Have ever thought about becoming a Lay Reader? If you have then please give Susan Hamilton a call in the church office. The new list will be made for the beginning of the year soon.

ATTENDANCE
November 24, 2019
Sunday School – **152** Total Worship - **330**

December 1, 2019
1st Sunday of Advent

"Salvation for Christmas"

Text: **Romans 5:1-2 & 10-11**
p. 155 in the New Testament of the Pew Bible

✞ The Gift of Christmas:
_____.

✞ We are _____ through Christ's death and we are _____ through Christ's LIFE.

✞ Grace is _____ and salvation is _____ with the One who saves us.

NOTES:_____
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CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 2019
Sunday, December 1: 1st Sunday in Advent
8:45 & 11:00 am Worship
9:45 am Sunday School
Monday, December 2: Sheep Trail Begins
1:00 am Prime Timers Bridge—Parker Hall
6:30 pm Cub Scouts @ The House

PRAYER CONCERNS
As of printing Thursday, November 27, 2019:
Prisma/Greenville Mem. Hospital: Kay Culbertson
Home: Beth & Warren Rambo, Pete & Martha Hendrix, John & Mary Holmstrand, Tom Barnhill, Rudy Rogers, Joan Sanford, Waldo Watts, Mary Murray, Iris Scott, Bill Foster, Lily Patrick
Southern Oaks/Piedmont: Ann Armstrong
Rolling Green: Wayne Rowan **Oakview Park:** Joan Pawlus
Brookdale/Pelham: Fred Copeland
The Woodlands: Peggy Miller
Memory Care of Simpsonville: Jennie Ruth Waynick
Myrtle Beach, SC: Randy Hale **Cascades:** Patti Whelchel
Brookdale @ Hawthorne: Nita Bearden
Haywood Estates: Ann Linse **Rock Hill/Daughter:** Bill Taylor
Westminster Senior Living/Augusta Place: Melba Poole

SERVING ALDERSGATE
DECEMBER 1, 2019
Media Team: 8:45 am Greg Joens 11:00 am Grant Lankford
Lay Reader: 8:45 am Wendy Davis 11:00 am Debbie Strickland
Communion Team: 8:45 am Kathie & Bruce Schug, Johannah Myers
11:00 am Coley & Daylene Altman, Mary Thomas
Greeters: 8:45 am Dee & Gray Walsh
11:00 am Susan & Bruce Royal
Acolytes: 8:45 am Julian Gettys 11:00 am Coley Altman
Crucifer: 11:00 am
Usher Captain: 8:45 am Austin Watts11:00 am David Rose
Ushers: Doug Jordan, Phil Martin, Waldo Watts *(out for now)*
Ushers: David Ayer, Clay Garrison, Cody Owens

MINISTRY STAFF

The Rev. Michael Bingham, Pastor **(ext. 207)**
Dr. Johannah Myers, Director of Christian Formation **(ext. 211)**
Ruth Hughes, Director of Children's & Leisure Min. **(ext. 204)**
Dr. Grant Knox, Director of Music / Ryland Brown, Musician
Jennifer Nelson, Director, Child Development Center **(ext. 301)**
Todd & Pam Attaway, Interim for Youth
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-Closed in December
Phone: 864/244-1820
Child Development Center…864/268-5028

Welcome to

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WORSHIP SERVICES
8:45 am & 11:00 am
DECEMBER 1, 2019
Established October 9, 1960
Open hearts…Open minds…Open doors
The people of The United Methodist Church
A Stephen Ministry Congregation