



Wanting More Than...

Aldersgate United Methodist Church
Epiphany Sunday
Sunday, January 5, 2025

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Aldersgate is a significant place where disciples are made!

*With God's help and through prayer we GATHER as God's people,
GROW in faith and love, and GO into the world as Jesus' disciples.*

9:00 AM Contemporary Worship

GATHERING

***WORSHIP SONG** *Here I am To Worship* Journey Band

***PASSING THE PEACE** Reverend Dr. Kyung-Hee Sa

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Ellee and Jenn Davison

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER Sandy Anderson

OFFERING PRAYER Anastasiia Sidorova

OFFERING SONG *Light of the World* Journey Band

***SCRIPTURE LESSON** **Isaiah 60:1-6 (CEV)** Ellee and Jenn Davison

MESSAGE **Believe This: The Time has Come** Reverend Dr. Kyung-Hee Sa

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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.

HOLY COMMUNION

***CLOSING SONG** *Hope Has a Name* Journey Band

***BENEDICTION**

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PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Altar Duty: Carolyn Reis and Laura Parrish

AV Tech: Ryan McKeever

Liturgist: Ellee and Jenn Davison

Congregational Prayer: Sandy Anderson

Communion Servers: Pam Downey, Mark & MJ Wichmann

Head Usher: Steve Davis

Director of Music: Anastasiia Sidorova

Journey Band

11:00 AM Traditional Worship

ENTRANCE

PRELUDE

Mark Sobol

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Betsy Diemer

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Children of God, we enter the new year as we ended the last: gathered together for worship!

P: We gather to seek, find, and follow the Light.

L: The prophet Isaiah calls to us from deep in the past: "Arise, shine; for your light has come."

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L: The magi followed a star to find a small child who is the Light of the world.

P: We gather to seek, find, and follow the Light.

L: So, let us receive the call of Isaiah and follow the example of the magi as we begin this new year turning our faces to God whose glory shows up among us as a vulnerable child, a poor carpenter, and a foot-washing servant who is the salvation of the world.

P: We gather to seek, find, and follow the Light today and every day. Amen.

***HYMN, 254**

We Three Kings

KINGS OF ORIENT

***PASSING THE PEACE**

Reverend Dr. Kyung-Hee Sa

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Cheryl Merritt

OFFERING PRAYER

Anastasiia Sidorova

OFFERTORY

In Christ Alone Bert Diemer, Anastasiia Sidorova, Mark Sobol

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***DOXOLOGY**

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

***HYMN OF PREPARATION, 452**

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

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***SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Isaiah 60:1-6 (CEV)

Betsy Diemer

SERMON

Believe This: The Time has Come

Reverend Dr. Kyung-Hee Sa

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

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.

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

SENDING FORTH

***CLOSING HYMN, 383**

This is a Day of New Beginnings

BEGINNINGS

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Shine, Jesus, Shine

Chancel Choir

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AV Tech: Ryan McKeever

Greeters: Nancy Eder, Barbara Lugg, and Tom Lugg

Liturgist: Betsy Diemer

Congregational Prayer: Cheryl Merritt

Communion Servers: Anne Murray, Kyle Smith & Barbara Buckley

Head Usher: Steve Davis

Director of Music: Anastasiia Sidorova

Organist: Mark Sobol

Chancel Choir



REMINDERS...

- **Nursery and Childcare** is available in Rooms 132 & 137.
- **There is an elevator** located near the Fairfax Shopping Center doors.
- **Please refrain** from eating or drinking in the Sanctuary.
- **Altar Flowers:** contact Beverly Barker at (302) 584-4509 or e-mail at macbhal@aol.com; checks for contributions may be put in the Treasurer's mailbox in The HUB. Please include envelope number.
- **Prayer List, Visitation, and Persons to Encourage list:** prayerlist@aldersgatede.org
- **Messenger Articles & Photos:** E-mail messenger@aldersgatede.org.
- **Church Office Hours:** Monday – Thursday 9 AM- 4 PM and Fridays 9 AM- 12 PM.
- **Pastor Sa** – Do you want to consult with Pastor Sa? She has set apart 10 am and 12 on Thursday for the purpose. Please email kyunghee.sa@aldersgatede.org for an appointment.
- **The Hughes Chapel** is open Monday-Friday during office hours.

OUR CARING MINISTRY

**And this is the boldness we have in Him,
that if we ask anything according to His will, he hears us. (1 John 5:14)**

The Peace Candle in the sanctuary reminds us to pray for those serving our country: Weston Stigler (grandson to Martha and Willis Weldin); Benjamin Lovett (Julia Shay's brother).

The flowers on the Altar are *in honor and memory of our families and friends.*

We extend our deepest condolences to the family of Betty Manchester who passed away on December 25.

Retirement/Nursing Home Worship Leaders: Nancy Eder

Our Weekly Prayer List

Our Pastors

Rev. LaTrelle Easterling, Bishop
Rev. Dr. Tom Pasmore, District Superintendent
Rev. Dr. Kyung-Hee Sa

Our Nation

President Biden and All Leaders
All victims of gun violence
All victims of natural disasters

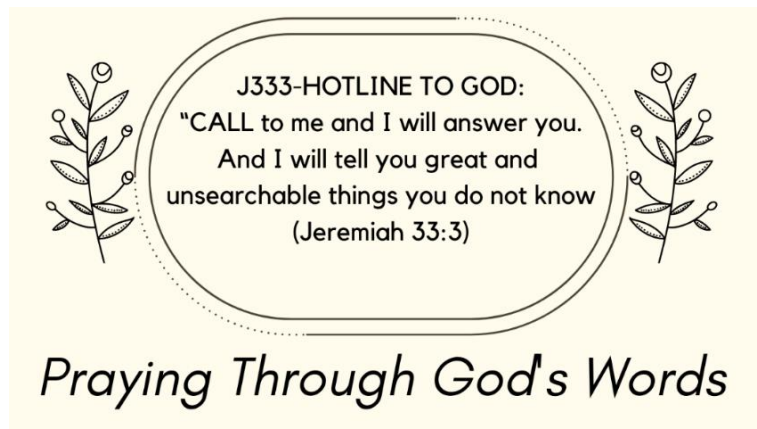
Sympathy

Family & Friends of Coy Best (Ken Roth's brother-in-law)
Family & Friends of Kevin Bolinski (friend of Ryan McKeever)
Family & Friends of Barbara & Floyd Massey (Bev Barker's sister & brother-in-law)
Family & Friends of Michael Shay (Dan Shay's father)
Family & Friends of Alda Botbyl (Kevin Botbyl's mother)

Members & Friends

Aldersgate Staff Members

Betty and Paul Aldrich
Ralph & Emily Bankert
Susan Burch (Ken Roth's sister)
Doug Davisson
Angela DeMaio (Christy Zeigler's mother)
Lynda Franzone (Ellen Leonzio's niece)
Austin (Friend of Kerry Halbedl)
Karin Ingman
Virginia Lipford
Mike Luternau
Anna Maansson
Judy Morton
Jessica S. (Friend of Martha Weldin)
Doris Springer
Joe & Holly Van Such
Martin Wagner
Linda Weller
Christine Wesley
Bruce Zimmerman (Uncle of Lynne Conlan)



Aldersgate UMC is a Reconciling
Congregation

Prayer Points

- Victims and families of terrorism (New Orleans and world).
- Catalyst work (Guide our work to be tuned to our neighbors' needs and our church's gifts. Guide us toward God's unique call and give us clarity for our test project this month).
- Bring the hope of Christ to the new year (as folks return to work, school, and routine post holidays).

Catalyst Intercessory Prayer Points

- Bring clarity to our test project.
- Help us clearly hear the voice of our neighbors and our congregation.
- Simplify our focus for the Lead Team retreat in January.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy 2025! Now is a good time to reach out to Kevin Botbyl and make sure your event, meeting, or activity is on the calendar.

UWF Epiphany Meeting is TODAY, at 12:15 in the auditorium. Guest speaker and music program: Anastasiia Sidorova, accompanied by Mark Sobol and JoJo Schlecht.

On January 8, 2025 we will be painting ceiling tiles during IMPACT. If you are a senior in high school or have already graduated and have not painted a tile, please join us – we would love to add your artwork to our ceiling! Pam.downey@aldersgatede.org.

Altar Guild Flowers- There is a new Altar Flower coordinator starting January 1, 2025, Beverly Barker AND a new florist, Marcus Hook Florist. Beverly is working on 2025 dates. If you would like to sponsor a Sunday and dedicate the arrangement to a family member or friend. Contact Beverly at macbhal@aol.com for sponsorship.

Baby Sprinkle – Ryan McKeever, our Audio-Visual tech, and his fiancée have welcomed their second baby boy! Aldersgate would like to help them by sprinkling them with diapers (newborn and size 4) and wipes! Look for the baby box at the top of the steps, by the glass doors to place them in! There will be a card to sign, also. Deadline to contribute is Wednesday, January 8!

Chili & Chocolate (& Grains) Cook-off Social #13 - Saturday, Feb 1, 5 PM. Sign-up here some Sundays and via Hub Box 27. See the yellow info sheets or call the church office.

Thank you for the McKeever Family - Hello, everyone! On behalf of Kennedy, Kylo, and me, we would like to thank everyone from the bottom of our hearts for all the love and support we've received since Kennedy has been pregnant. We sincerely appreciate the baby sprinkle that was put together and want to thank everyone for the gifts we received—it truly meant the world to us. We are happy to announce that Ryker Reign McKeever was born on Friday, December 27th at 8:03 a.m. and weighed a healthy 8 lbs. 4 oz! Mom and baby are doing well (THANK YOU LORD). Once again, we wanted to make sure we thanked everyone for all of the love and prayers. We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas, and we will see you after the New Year! So, Happy New Year and God bless! With gratitude and love, - Ryan, Kennedy, Kylo, and Ryker

CALENDAR

Sunday, January 5, 2025

9:00a Contemporary Worship Service, Sanctuary
10:00 Sunday School for all ages
11:00 Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary
12:15p UWF Epiphany Meeting, Auditorium

Monday, January 6, 2025

5:30p Wilmington Drama Kids
6:30 Troop #67
7:00 Communications Team, zoom

Tuesday, January 7, 2025

10:00a Worship Design Team, 237/zoom
6:00p Trustees, 237

Wednesday, January 8, 2025

9:30a Esther Circle, 236
9:30 Altar Guild Undecorating
10:00 Staff Meeting, 237

Wednesday, January 8, 2025 continued

5:00p Sight Singing Classes, MC
6:00 Impact, SMC
6:00 Journey Band, Sanctuary
7:00 Choir, Music Center
7:30 Handbells, Handbell Room

Thursday, January 9, 2025

10:00a Journey Bible Study, 237
6:00p Girls Scout Troop #129
6:30 Catalyst Initiative, 237
7:00 Brass Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Friday, January 10, 2025

Saturday, January 10, 2025

8:00a Lead Team Retreat



The 2024 Poinsettias displayed are “In Honor of” . . .

Our mother, Mary Ann Hall, from Alexander & Sarah Spann
Our children, Matthew, Kimberly, and Devin, from Alexander & Sarah Spann
Our grandchildren, Emily, Joshua, and Garrett, from Alexander & Sarah Spann
Katherine, Levi, and Neil from Marilyn Reiner
Christine, Ang, Mae, and Vivienne, from Marilyn Reiner
Loved ones from Mr. and Mrs. William Bareford
My family from Mary Ann Hall
Catalyst Initiative Team’s hard work from Pastor Kyung-Hee Sa
The People at Aldersgate from Pastor Kyung-Hee Sa
Our children and grandchildren from Ellie & Ron Kelly
Our grandchildren Rowan and Connor & our children, Alex, Dan, Hannah, Ben, Adam, and Tara from Tim & Karen Browne
Our family from Tom & Barbara Lugg
Our new friend Koala from Owen & Kitty Lugar
Our children and grandchildren from Robert & Kathy Harding
Rhys Joseph Harding born December 3, 2024, from his grandparents, Robert & Kathy Harding
Don, Amanda, Evelyn, and Jonas Moyer from Bert & Betsy Diemer
Our children and grandsons from Kathy & Henry Daum
Our children and grandchildren from Dick & Lorraine Fleming
My children and grandchildren from Sandy Anderson
Michael Luternau, the best DJ ever, from Jonathan & Natalie Dyke
Byron Ford from Jonathan & Natalie Dyke
Our children from Jonathan & Natalie Dyke
My family, Carolyn, Brian, Cecilia and Violet, from Barbara Buckley



Merry Christmas





The 2024 Poinsettias displayed are "In Loving Memory of" . . .

Our father, James Hall, from Alexander & Sarah Spann
Our brother, Charlie Hall, from Alexander & Sarah Spann
Our parents, Alexander and Anna Spann, Jr., from Alexander & Sarah Spann
Mary C. and James B. Boyer from Susan Boyer & Sally Lavelle
Pat Culliton from her husband Bill
C. Douglass Beeson from Cheryl Beeson
My son Charles Hall from Mary Ann Hall
Our Parents from Donnie and Doug DeVoll
Marvin Harding from Jean Ann and the Harding Family
Our parents, Doris and Richard Kelly & Mildred and Charles Shaw, from Ellie & Ron Kelly
Our parents from Barb and Mike Johnson
Ron Baughman from Dorothy Baughman and family
Tana Baughman Hinman from Dorothy Baughman and family
Our family and friends from Bob & Carolyn Reis
Betty and Frank Casson from The Casson family
My parents, John and Louise Fortner, from Bobbie Burtch
Our parents, Bob and Lucille Yeatman & James and Joan Browne, from Tim & Karen Browne
Loved ones from Tom & Barbara Lugg
Dear Friends Adril and Molly Mae from Owen & Kitty Lugar
Mildred and Guy Wharton, Sr. from Ferris & Erin Wharton
Sue W. Miller from Ferris & Erin Wharton
Mary Ann O'Connor from Ferris & Erin Wharton
Loved ones from Bert & Betsy Diemer
Dr. and Mrs. Rodney H. Foss, my parents, from Kathie C. Foss
Patricia L. Foss, my sister, from Kathie C. Foss
Frank Sobonya from Jean Sobonya
Michael Stolle From Jean Sobonya
Our parents from Kathy & Henry Daum
John Edwin and Margret Rhodes Cobb. My blessings and joys are attributed to you, love
Cathy, Amanda, Justin, and Jenna.
Mr. and Mrs. Carmine Chickadel from Marie Cordivano
Our parents from Paul & Debbie Montigney
Our parents and grandparents from Dick & Lorraine Fleming
Kirk Anderson from The Anderson family
Richard L. Johnston from Jessica Johnston
Richard N. Bye from Robert and Mary Bye



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Loved Ones from Louise Merritt and family
Donald and Marion Temme from The Temme family
Charles and Elizabeth Kohlermon from The Temme family
Freda Montgomery from The Temme family
Austin Hurley from The Temme family
Jean and Dana Pyle from Jocelyn McCord & Valerie Voge
Dana Robertson from Jocelyn McCord & Valerie Voge
Owen and Pearl Shannon from Steve & Debbie Davis
Harry and Elaine Davis from Steve & Debbie Davis
Sisters and brothers from Steve & Debbie Davis
Mae Ballard Ford from Jonathan & Natalie Dyke
Bill Buckley from Barbara Buckley
Muriel Cooper and John Allen from Mary & Preston Cooper

Thank you to all who participated in purchasing poinsettias and filling
our sanctuary with love and memories.



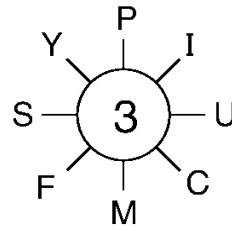
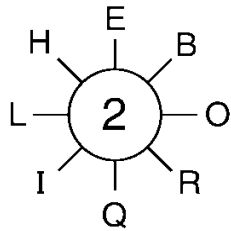
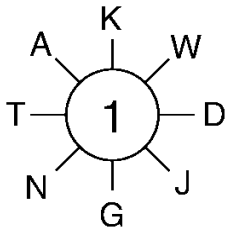
Merry Christmas



The Light of God

A prophet spoke to the people about God.
What did he say?

Use the sun code to find out.



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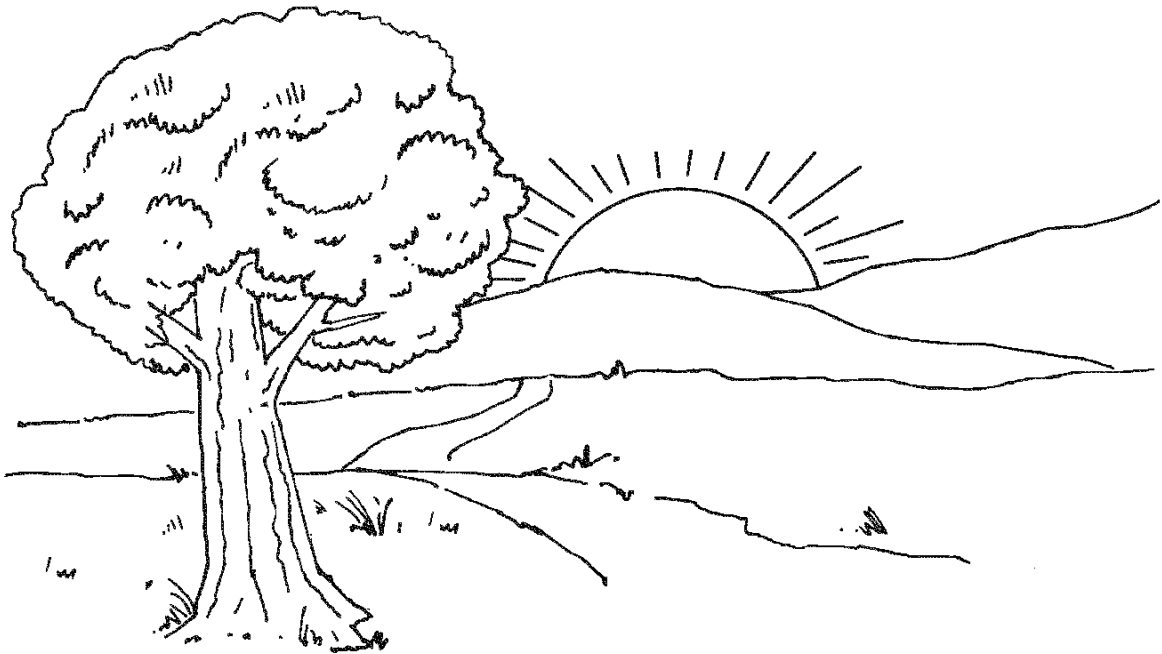
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"Your Light Has Come"

The prophet Isaiah wrote: "Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, ...

Add or subtract letters to write the correct letters on the blanks.
ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ



... but the LORD $\frac{r}{O+3}$ $\frac{M-4}{Q+2}$ $\frac{A+4}{U-2}$ upon you

and His $\frac{E+2}{K+1}$ $\frac{Q-2}{N+4}$ $\frac{X+1}$ appears over you."