



**Aldersgate United Methodist Church**  
*First Sunday in Lent Communion Sunday*  
Sunday, March 9, 2025

**The Reverend Dr. Kyung-Hee Sa, *Senior Pastor***

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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.*

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## 9:00 AM Contemporary Worship

### GATHERING

**\*WORSHIP SONG** *Living Hope* Journey Band

**\*PASSING THE PEACE** Anastasiia Sidorova

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Lydia Shay

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER** David Harrington

Junior Choir Dismissal - All Children 1st -5th grade welcome

**OFFERING PRAYER** Anastasiia Sidorova

**OFFERING SONG** *Lord, I Need You* Journey Band

**\*SCRIPTURE LESSON** **Luke 4:1-13 (NIV)** Lydia Shay

**MESSAGE** *The Journey of Grace Includes Temptation* Rev. Glenn Catley

### HOLY COMMUNION

**SPECIAL MUSIC** *Come to the Table* Journey Band

**\*CLOSING SONG** *In Jesus' Name(God of Possible)* Journey Band

### \*BENEDICTION

*As a symbol of our intention to look inward during the season of Lent,  
we depart the Sanctuary and Narthex in silence. Thank you.*

GIVING - TEXT **the word GIVE TO** (302)500-4533

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### PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Altar Duty: Wendy Pease and Barb Johnson

AV Tech: Ryan McKeever

Liturgist: Lydia Shay

Greeters: Cheryl Beeson and Linsey Anderson

Congregational Prayer: David Harrington

Communion Servers: Kathy Daum, Susan Mammele, and Sharon Owens

Head Usher: Steve Davis

Director of Music: Anastasiia Sidorova

Journey Band

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## 11:00 AM Traditional Worship

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### ENTRANCE

PRELUDE	<i>Prayer</i>	Susan Ryan
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Amy Honisch
<b>*CALL TO WORSHIP</b>		Amy Honisch
L: On this first Sunday in Lent, we join Jesus in the wilderness, a place of wild and dangerous things, of testing and temptation away from the security of home.		
<b>P: God, rescue us in the wilderness!</b>		
L: Once again, we watch and listen as Satan throws out temptation upon temptation, and we find our security in Jesus, who does not waver from the truth.		
<b>P: God, rescue us within the wilderness!</b>		
L: Once again, we face our own frailty and realize that the wilderness is not nearly as dangerous as our choices to prioritize selfish gain and hoarding of power.		
<b>P: God, rescue us through the wilderness!</b>		
L: Once again, we call upon God in the wildernesses of our lives, and we trust God's faithful reply: Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue them and honor them.		
<b>P: Thanks be to God! Amen.</b>		
<b>*HYMN, 127</b>	<i>Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah</i>	CWM RHONDDA
<b>*PASSING THE PEACE</b>		Anastasiia Sidorova
CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER		Marie Cordivano
OFFERING PRAYER		Anastasiia Sidorova
OFFERTORY	<i>Lamb of God, What Wondrous Love</i> <i>arr. A.R. Petker</i>	Chancel Choir
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<b>*DOXOLOGY</b>		
<b><u>PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE</u></b>		
<b>*HYMN OF PREPARATION, 397(v.1,2,4,5)</b>	<i>I Need Thee Every Hour</i>	NEED
<b>*SCRIPTURE LESSON</b>	<b>Luke 4:1-13 (NIV)</b>	Amy Honisch
SERMON	<i>The Journey of Grace Includes Temptation</i>	Rev. Glenn Catley

**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**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Panis Angelicus*

Anastasiia Sidorova/Kitty Lugar

*César Franck*

*Romance in G*

Susan Ryan

*Reger*

**\*CLOSING HYMN, 377**

*It Is Well with My Soul*

VILLE DU HAVRE

**\*BENEDICTION**

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AV Tech: Ryan McKeever

Greeters: Carol Mason and Martha Weldin

Liturgist: Amy Honisch

Congregational Prayer: Marie Cordivano

Communion Servers: Donnie DeVoll, Doug DeVoll, and Bonnie Rambo

Head Usher: Steve Davis

Director of Music: Anastasiia Sidorova

Organist: Mark Sobol

Chancel Choir

Susan Ryan, Flute



Aldersgate UMC is a Reconciling  
Congregation

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:prayerlist@aldersgatede.org)
- **Messenger Articles & Photos:** E-mail [messenger@aldersgatede.org](mailto:messenger@aldersgatede.org).
- **Church Office Hours:** Monday – Thursday 9 AM- 4 PM and Fridays 9 AM- 12 PM.
- **The Hughes Chapel** is open Monday-Friday during office hours.
- **With COVID and flu season upon us,** stay home if you are not feeling well, wash your hands or use hand sanitizer, wear a mask if you wish and use your discretion to do what is best for you.

## 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 of the amazing and talented cast, crew, and production team of Finding Nemo Jr* from Nancy Hough.

## Our Weekly Prayer List

### Sympathy

Family & Friends of Bonnie Gleason

Family & Friends of Holly Van Such

### Members & Friends

Aldersgate Staff Members

Austin (Friend of Kerry Halbedl)

Betty and Paul Aldrich

Ralph & Emily Bankert

Susan Burch (Ken Roth's sister)

Angela DeMaio (Christy Zeigler's mother)

Lynda Franzone (Ellen Leonzio's niece)

Jean Ann Harding

Karin Ingman

John Kochis (Family of Kym Kelly)

Virginia Lipford

Mike Luternau

Anna Maansson

Judy Morton

Dan Murray  
Jessica S. (Friend of Martha Weldin)  
Doris Springer  
Sloane (Grand-niece of Judy Morton)  
Martin Wagner  
Linda Weller  
Bruce Zimmerman (Uncle of Lynne Conlan)

### Prayer Points

- Gratitude for the ways our church community cares for one another.
- Pastor Kyung-Hee restored to full health and strength
- Grant us wisdom to know when to be still and when to act against evil, injustice, and oppression

### Catalyst Intercessory Prayer Points

- Gratitude for the bravery of 10 experiment members to step out of the boat!
- Guide our words and actions the Older Adults in our neighborhoods.
- May these Older Adults feel God's love through us.
- Help us know when and where to pivot this experiment.

### Aldersgate Core Values

**Valuing Fellowship** - Relating to and enjoying one another. Come as you are and belong before you believe. Life is better together.

**Sharing Encouragement** - Giving hope to those who need it.

**Nurturing Families & Youth** - Building up Christian homes so that they honor Christ.

**Serving with Mobilized Laity** - Equipping and empowering members to serve based on their gifts and interests. Working together in Christ's service. Learning to grow through doing & serving.

**Pursuing Excellence** - Maintaining high ministry standards that bring glory to God.

## 40 DAYS OF LENT

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|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Psalm 73:26      | 11. 1 Peter 3:9       | 21. Proverbs 17:22       | 31. Luke 6:31          |
| 2. James 1:2-4      | 12. Ephesians 4       | 22. Philippians 4:23     | 32. Psalm 34:4         |
| 3. Romans 5:35      | 13. Philippians 4:5-6 | 23. 2 Timothy 1:7        | 33. Colossians 3:15    |
| 4. Isaiah 26:3      | 14. Joshua 1:9        | 24. Psalm 34:17          | 34. Psalm 94:19        |
| 5. John 14:6        | 15. Isaiah 41:10      | 25. Matthew 11:29        | 35. Psalm 56:3         |
| 6. Deuteronomy 31:6 | 16. Proverbs 3:5-6    | 26. Colossians 3:2       | 36. Romans 8:26        |
| 7. John 14:27       | 17. Psalm 119:66      | 27. Hebrews 13:8         | 37. Ephesians 6:17     |
| 8. 1 Peter 5:7      | 18. Psalm 119:72      | 28. Philippians 4:13     | 38. James 5:16         |
| 9. Galatians 1:10   | 19. Romans 12:12      | 29. 1 Chronicles 16:11   | 39. Matthew 26:41      |
| 10. Exodus 14:14    | 20. John 3:16         | 30. 1 Thessalonians 5:16 | 40. 2 Corinthians 5:17 |

Intentional Lenten Challenge to read and memorize Scripture verses during the Lenten season. We begin on Ash Wednesday and exclude Sundays.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Good Samaritan Fund** provides urgent/temporary assistance to individuals/families for help with rent or utility bills. Referral phone calls from people in urgent need are received in the office and are referred to Friendship House where the applicants are screened. We are collecting TODAY!



**Lenten Bible Study** – During the Lenten season will be studying *Restored: Finding Redemption in Our Mess*. Tuesday at 11 AM in Room 236 and Zoom Starting March 11, 18, 25, April 1  
Thursday at 7 PM in Room 236 and Zoom Starting March 13, 20, 27, April 3  
Please contact Kyle Smith in the office to RSVP. The books will be \$10.

**The 2025 Ecumenical Worship Series – Services begin at 6 PM with a light supper following:**

March 12 Aldersgate UMC  
March 19 Saints Peter & Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church  
April 2 St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church  
April 9 Holy Rosary Roman Catholic Church

**Save the Dates: Aldersgate's Annual Rummage Sale** is April 26, 2025, with donation intake days on April 19, and 21-23, and preparation the full week before the sale. To learn all you need to know about our sale and the fun we have serving our community with this event, tune in to our information Zoom on Sunday, March 16th 7:00 to 8:00 PM A Zoom link will be included in the March 13 Worship email. Also watch for volunteer sign-ups periodically in the Narthex and see additional details in the March Messenger.

**Join us for an exciting and fun Easter Egg Hunt** for families with children aged 10 and younger on Saturday, April 12, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm in the Student Ministry Center. Capture precious moments with the Easter Bunny and do crafts, games, and snacks. For volunteer opportunities, contact Pam Downey, [pam.downey@aldersgatede.org](mailto:pam.downey@aldersgatede.org) or call the office.

**Interested in P/T work that will also benefit your church?** We are currently seeking a Maintenance Technician. Ron Romine, who has served Aldersgate in various positions throughout the years, is currently our Maintenance Technician. Ron's last day with us will be Thursday, March 20, 2025. The position is responsible for the general maintenance and upkeep of the building and property. Contact Kevin Botbyl, Church Administrator, for a complete job description or to discuss the position; call the church at 302.4878.2575 or email Kevin at [kevin.botbyl@aldersgatede.org](mailto:kevin.botbyl@aldersgatede.org).

## CALENDAR

### **Sunday, March 9, 2025**

9:00a Contemporary Worship Service, Sanctuary  
10:00 Sunday School for all ages  
11:00 Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary

### **Monday, March 10, 2025**

5:30p Wilmington Drama Kids  
6:30 Troop #67

### **Tuesday, March 11, 2025**

10:00a Worship Design Team, 237/zoom  
11:00 Lenten Bible Study, 236/zoom  
6:00p Trustees, 237  
7:00 SPRC, 236

### **Wednesday, March 12, 2025**

9:30a Esther Circle, 236  
10:00 Staff Meeting, 237  
5:00p Sight Singing Classes, MC

### **Wednesday, March 12, 2025 continued**

6:00 Impact, SMC  
6:00 Cub Scouts Pack #67; 137, FH, RR  
6:00 Ecumenical Worship Service, Sanctuary  
6:30 Ecumenical Dinner, Auditorium  
7:00 Choir, Music Center  
7:30 Handbells, Handbell Room

### **Thursday, March 13, 2025**

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

### **Friday, March 14, 2025**

2:00p March through the Steps

### **Saturday, March 15, 2025**

7:00a March through the Steps  
1:00p Whispering Woods, MC



# FLOWER ORDER FORM

SUBMIT ORDERS BY MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2025!

Each plant is \$15

Completed forms and checks can be placed in MAILBOX #10 in the HUB!

Purchased flowers may be picked up on Easter Sunday, April 20. Thank you.

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Lilies: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Geraniums: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Tulips: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Enclosed: (\$15/plant): \_\_\_\_\_ Envelope # \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I WILL PICK UP MY FLOWER ORDER \_\_\_\_\_ I WILL NOT PICK UP MY FLOWER ORDER

Plant #1: Please Circle: In "Memory of" or In "Honor of"  
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Plant #2: Please Circle: In "Memory of" or In "Honor of"  
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