



# Aldersgate United Methodist Church

*SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST*

Sunday, July 27, 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.*

## **10:00 AM Unified Worship**

**WORSHIP SONG**

*This Is the Day*

Anastasiia Sidorova/Debbie Mulrooney

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chase Merritt

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Chase Merritt

L: Come, all who are thirsty!

P: Come to the waters and drink deeply.

L: The Lord offers us living water, welling up to eternal life.

All: We come with open hearts to worship the Source of Life.

**\*PASSING THE PEACE**

Rev. Dr. Kyung-Hee Sa

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Cheryl Merritt

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

Rev. Dr. Kyung-Hee Sa

**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.

**OFFERING PRAYER**

Rev. Dr. Kyung-Hee Sa

**OFFERTORY**

*As the Deer*

Chancel Choir

**\*DOXOLOGY**

### **PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

**\*HYMN OF PREPARATION, 191**

*Jesus Loves Me*

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**\*SCRIPTURE LESSON**

**Luke 15:11–32 (NIV)**

Chase Merritt

**MESSAGE**

*The Compassionate Father*

Matthew Hamilton

### **SENDING FORTH**

**\*WORSHIP SONG**

*Good Good Father* Anastasiia Sidorova/Debbie Mulrooney

**\*BENEDICTION**

Rev. Dr. Kyung-Hee Sa

**POSTLUDE**

*Soon and Very Soon*

Chancel Choir

GIVING - TEXT **the word GIVE** TO (302)500-4533 or SCAN QR Code



## PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Altar Duty: Cheryl Beeson and Elaine Chester

AV Tech: Ryan McKeever

Liturgist: Chase Merritt

Greeters: Donnie DeVoll and Doug DeVoll

Head Usher: Steve Davis

Director of Music: Anastasiia Sidorova

Debbie Mulrooney

## 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.

## 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 memory of Pat Culliton* from her loving husband Bill.

**Retirement/Nursing Home Worship Leader for Forwood Manor is Antoinette Jabbi.**

## Our Weekly Prayer List

### Sympathy

Friends & Family of Angela DeMaio (Christy Zeigler's mother)

Friends & Family of Fay Whittle

### Members & Friends

Aldersgate Staff Members

Ralph & Emily Bankert

Susan Burch (Ken Roth's sister)

Kathie Foss

Chris Harvey

Karin Ingman

Lynn Irwin (Friend of Elaine Chester)

Mike Luternau

Anna Maansson

Jessica S. (Friend of Martha Weldin)

Wagner Family

Betty and Paul Aldrich

Bill & Jenny Berg

JoAnn Bush

Casey Gryszkiewicz (Nancy Eder's nephew)

Ed Hemschoot (Emma Detwiler's uncle)

Gary Ireland

Robin J. (Friend of Carolyn & Bob Reis)

Patrick Kelly, Sr. (Kym Kelly's Father-in-law)

J.E. Hamer-Maansson

Doris Springer

Susan Trachtman (Bill Culliton's daughter)



### Prayer Points

- 1) Thankful for God's unconditional love. Help us model this love in our divided world.
- 2) Church leadership during pastoral transition
- 3) Thankful for safe return of mission team

### Catalyst Intercessory Prayer Points

- 1) Guide our work with the Lead Team.
- 2) Help us clearly see Aldersgate's next steps.
- 3) Gratitude for our Intercessory Prayer Team.

### 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.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

We're collecting next Sunday: June 2025 Collection: \$ 580    July 2025 Collection: \$632

**The deadline for the Sunday, August 10 bulletin is Friday, August 1 at 10 am, due to an early printing schedule.**

**Come & Sing Choir!** Have you ever thought about singing with the Chancel Choir? You're invited to our Summer Come & Sing Choir on Sunday August 3<sup>rd</sup> and August 24<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM. Everyone is welcome-no robes, no weeknights rehearsals-just come as you are and enjoy singing for the 10 am worship! It's a no-pressure way to experience choir with no obligation to join in the fall.

**Come join us for Taste and See with WKC!** - The Wilmington Kitchen Collective will host their "Taste and See" lunchtime market on the third Thursday of each month, here at Aldersgate UMC. The lunchtime market, which will be set up in the parking lot, will last from 11 AM-2 PM and will feature a food truck (or caterer), bakers, water ice, artisans and live music! Our next date is July 21.

**Hunger doesn't take a Vacation!!** Donations of non-perishable, non-expired food items are being collected for the AUMC Little Pantry. Our pantry is filled on a weekly basis. The need in our community is great and donations are appreciated!

### CALENDAR

#### **Sunday, July 27, 2025**

10:00a Unified Worship, Sanctuary

#### **Monday, July 28, 2025**

7:00p Nominations & Leadership Dev. Committee, 237/zoom

#### **Tuesday, July 29, 2025**

10:00a Worship Design Team, 237/zoom

#### **Wednesday, July 30, 2025**

10:00a Staff Meeting, 237

7:00p PG&M, 237/Zoom

#### **Thursday, July 31, 2025**

#### **Friday, August 1, 2025**

#### **Saturday, August 2, 2025**