



Aldersgate United Methodist Church

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, September 21, 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 SONG	<i>The Lord's Prayer (It's Yours)</i>	Journey Band
*WORSHIP SONG	<i>I Will Follow</i>	Journey Band
*WORSHIP SONG	<i>Peace</i>	Journey Band
*PASSING THE PEACE		Anastasiia Sidorova
SCRIPTURE LESSON	1 Timothy 2:1-6(NIV)	Daniel DiGiacoma
BIBLE PRESENTATION		Pam Downey
CHILDREN'S TIME		Laura Honisch & Lydia Shay
Junior Choir Dismissal - All Children 2 nd grade-5th grade welcome		
MESSAGE	<i>For a Quiet Life</i>	Reverend Metty Mesick
LORD'S PRAYER	<i>The Lord's Prayer</i>	Journey Band
*WORSHIP SONG	<i>Above All</i>	Journey Band
*CLOSING SONG	<i>Holy Forever</i>	Journey Band
*BENEDICTION		Reverend Metty Mesick

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PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Altar Duty: Elaine Chester and Cheryl Beeson
AV Tech: Ryan McKeever
Liturgist: Daniel DiGiacoma
Children's Message: Laura Honisch & Lydia Shay
Greeters: Cheryl Beeson and Linsey Anderson
Head Usher: Steve Davis
Director of Music: Anastasiia Sidorova
Journey Band

11:00 AM Traditional Worship

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE, 2164

Sanctuary

SANCTUARY

PRELUDE

Mark Sobol

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Trent Honisch

L: Praise the Lord! Praise, O you servants of the Lord; praise the name of the Lord.

P: Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time on and forevermore!

L: From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised.

P: The Lord God is high above all nations, and God's glory above the heavens. Who is like the Lord our God, who is seated on high, who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?

All: No one is like the Lord our God - thanks be to God for being above all powers, all rulers, and all things. Amen.

***PASSING THE PEACE**

Anastasiia Sidorova

***OPENING HYMN, 126 (v 1,2,3)** *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

MIT FREUDEN ZART

OPENING PRAYER

Reverend Metty Mesick

All: Lord God, we welcome you into our midst. We welcome you into our house of worship. We ask that you open our hearts and our minds to your teachings, your guidance, and your Word. Inspire us this day to learn more about you. Help us to reach out to those around us in need. Comfort us when we fear, when we tremble, when we doubt. Love us, and continue to show us your love no matter what we are going through. In your mighty name we pray, Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE LIVING WORD

BIBLE PRESENTATION

Pam Downey

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Cheryl Merritt

CHOIR ANTHEM

Creation Will Be At Peace

Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Timothy 2:1-6(NIV)

Trent Honisch

***HYMN OF PREPARATION, 153** *Thou Hidden Source of Calm Response* ST. PETERSBURG

SERMON

For a Quiet Life

Reverend Metty Mesick

***HYMN OF REFLECTION, 472** *Near to the Heart of God*

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RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

Reverend Metty Mesick

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

***DOXOLOGY**

OFFERING PRAYER

Reverend Metty Mesick

All: Thank you God, for these gifts which we have shared with you. Please accept our love offerings, our money, our tithes, our time, and our prayers. All we have is yours, and all we have belongs to you. Accept these gifts of our love and our lives as we bring them before you. Amen.

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THE HOLY CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

***CLOSING HYMN, 665 (3 times)**

Go Now in Peace

GO IN PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BENEDICTION & DISMISSAL**

Reverend Metty Mesick

POSTLUDE

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Chancel Choir

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Altar Duty: Elaine Chester and Cheryl Beeson

AV Tech: Ryan McKeever

Greeters: Carol Mason and Bill Baldwin

Children's Message: Cheryl Merritt

Liturgist: Trent Honisch

Head Usher: Steve Davis

Congregational Prayer:

Director of Music: Anastasiia Sidorova

Organist: Mark Sobol



RECONCILING MINISTRIES NETWORK

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.
- **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 of our grandchildren and 1st great grandchild, Julian Joseph Baker, born July 28, 2025, from Doug and Donnie DeVoll.*

The candle on the altar *is in memory of Jeanette Zipse who passed away one year ago September 25.*

Retirement/Nursing Home Worship Leaders for Forwood Manor are Bonnie Rambo and Sherie Stiles.

Our Weekly Prayer List

Sympathy

Family & Friends of Byron Ford (Natalie Dyke's Father)

Family & Friends of Patrick Kelly, Sr. (Kym Kelly's Father-in-law)

Family & Friends of Alice Ritzinger

Members & Friends

Aldersgate Lay Leadership & Staff Members

Betty and Paul Aldrich

Ralph & Emily Bankert

Bill & Jenny Berg

Casey Gryszkiewicz (Nancy Eder's nephew)

Chris Harvey

Ed Hemschoot (Emma Detwiler's uncle)

Karin Ingman

Robin J. (Friend of Bob & Carolyn Reis)

Royal Lowthert

Mike Luternau

Anna Maansson

Jessica S. (Friend of Martha Weldin)
Helen Schowengerdt
Doris Springer
Andy Trachtman (Bill Culliton's son-in-law)
Susan Trachtman (Bill Culliton's daughter)
Judy Vacca (Christine Lassiter's mother)
Ferris Wharton

Prayer Points

- 1) Thankful for the opportunity to present bibles to 3rd graders to help them grow in their faith.
- 2) Help us to improve peace building by engaging beyond our differences.
- 3) Prepare our hearts to be open and patient in pastoral transition.

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.

CALENDAR

Sunday, September 21, 2025

9:00a Contemporary Journey Service, Aud
10:00 Sunday School for all ages
11:00 Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary
12:00 Handbell Rehearsal, Handbell Room

Monday, September 22, 2025

6:30p Boy Scouts Troop #67

Tuesday, September 23, 2025

10:00a Worship Design Team, 237/zoom
7:00p Lead Team, 237

Wednesday, September 24, 2025

10:00a Staff Meeting, 237
6:00p Journey Band Rehearsal, Auditorium
6:00 Impact, Student Ministry Center
7:00 Chancel Choir, Choir Room
7:00 Cub Scouts Pack #67, Aud., FH, RR

Thursday, September 25, 2025

10:00a Journey Bible Group, 237
6:00p Girl Scout Troop #129
7:00 Aldersgate Brass, Music Center

Friday, September 26, 2025

12:30p HOPP Food Distribution, Parking Lot

Saturday, September 27, 2025

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Confirmation Information Meeting - Please mark your calendars for an information meeting on 9/28 at Noon right after the second church service. Confirmation is open to all students in Grade 7 - 12 who have not yet been confirmed. RSVP if possible, to pam.downey@aldersgatede.org.

Harvest Food Festival food drive - We're excited to announce that we will be collecting for our annual Harvest Food Festival again this fall with St. Mary Magdalen. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to help provide emergency food to families in need in our surrounding community. Our combined donations will be shared with Wilmington area food pantries including Neighborhood House, Ezion-Mt. Carmel, Claymont Community Center, St. Patrick's Center and Jewish Family Services. Please prayerfully consider a generous donation. Last year, we received 260 bags of food and over \$6,000! This was a tremendous gift and help to our community! There are 3 ways to donate:

- Donate food - please bring your non-perishable donation to the church on or before October 5th. We will have bags available for you today and next Sunday!
- Donate by check - please make checks payable to Aldersgate UMC and write "Harvest Food Festival" in the memo line.
- Donate with an online financial donation - please visit <http://aldersgatede.org/donate>

We will also need help delivering the food on Monday morning, October 6th. If you're able to help for 1-2 hours, please contact Diane Shea at sheadb@gmail.com, thank you!

On behalf of my medical mission nonprofit organization would like to sincerely thank the United Women's group for creating a space for me to talk about what we do. To all the parishioners who came and supported us financially we are extremely grateful. God bless you all abundantly.

~ Victoria Richards Ohwotu

Vocal Impact, Junior, and Children's choir rehearsals have started! Junior choir (Grades 2-5) will meet at 9:15 AM in the Music Center, Cherub choir (Pre-K3-Grade 1) will meet at 10:35 AM in Room 132, and Vocal Impact (Grade 6-12) will meet at 11 AM in the Music Center. We can't wait to see everyone!!

Mark your calendar! Our Trunk-or-Treat is Saturday, October 25 from 3 PM to 5 PM. This is a fun family event where you decorate the trunks of your cars and hand out candy to costumed children. Our rain date will be Sunday, October 26.

We are collecting nonperishable food for Our Little Free Pantry. Soup and canned goods with a pop top, individually packed fruit and snacks are very useful. You may drop off food to our red grocery carts by the glass doors. The need is tremendous right now, and we hope you can help!

Our next Arts @ Aldersgate is Sunday, October 26 at 2 PM.

ARTS AT ALDERSGATE

SUNDAY 2PM
CONCERT SERIES
ALL CONCERTS ARE
FREE AND OPEN TO
THE PUBLIC
LOVE OFFERING
GREATLY
APPRECIATED

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OCT, 2025

ORGAN SPOOKTACULAR

GABRIEL
BENTON, ORGAN

CHANCEL CHOIR, GATEWAY
RINGERS, JUNIOR CHOIR, CHERUB
CHOIR, VOCAL IMPACT

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DEC, 2025

CHRISTMAS CONCERT VIVALDI: *GLORIA*

CHANCEL CHOIR
STRING ENSEMBLE

ALDERSGATE BRASS, GATEWAY
RINGERS, JUNIOR CHOIR, VOCAL
IMPACT, JOURNEY BAND

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FEB, 2026

SONGS OF HOPE & UNIVERSAL LOVE SHARON SABLE & FRIENDS

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APR, 2026

SPRING CONCERT | BOB CHILCOTT'S A LITTLE JAZZ MASS WITH THE POETRY OF EMILY DICKINSON

CHANCEL
CHOIR

ALDERSGATE BRASS, JUNIOR CHOIR,
VOCAL IMPACT, JOURNEY
BAND, GATEWAY RINGERS

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