



Aldersgate United Methodist Church

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, October 12, 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>Great Things</i>	Journey Band
*WORSHIP SONG	<i>10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)</i>	Journey Band
*SCRIPTURE LESSON	Luke 17:11-19 (CEB)	Rev. Jennifer Kerby
CHILDREN'S TIME		Rev. Jennifer Kerby
Junior Choir Dismissal - All Children 2nd grade-5th grade welcome		
MESSAGE	<i>I Spy with My Little Eye</i>	Rev. Jennifer Kerby
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE		Rev. Jennifer Kerby
LORD'S PRAYER		Rev. Jennifer Kerby
*PASSING THE PEACE		Rev. Jennifer Kerby
OFFERING		Rev. Jennifer Kerby
OFFERING SONG	<i>This is Amazing Grace</i>	Journey Band
STEWARDSHIP		Roger Domenick
*BENEDICTION		Rev. Jennifer Kerby
*CLOSING SONG	<i>Praise</i>	Journey Band

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PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Altar Duty: Dinah Schlecht and Jill McKeown
AV Tech: Ryan McKeever
Children's Message: Rev. Jennifer Kerby
Greeters: Kathy Harding and Cheryl Beeson
Head Usher: Steve Davis
Director of Music: Anastasiia Sidorova
Journey Band

11:00 AM Traditional Worship

We welcome flautist Susan Ryan to share her gift of music with us today. Today also marks the beginning of our fall Stewardship Campaign, "Commit to US," and we invite you to prayerfully consider how you will support Aldersgate in the year to come with your talents, time, and treasures.

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

PRELUDE

Mark Sobol & Susan Ryan

***SUNG CALL TO WORSHIP, 2164**

Sanctuary

SANCTUARY

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Sandy Anderson

L: Precious Lord, you know the troubles we've seen and the trials we face.

P: Help us this day and every day, to see you at work in the world, that we might praise your name and proclaim your faithfulness.

***HYMN, 98**

To God Be the Glory

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OPENING PRAYER (together)

Sandy Anderson

Holy God, in mystery and silence, you are ever present in our lives, bringing new life out of destruction, hope out of despair, growth out of difficulty. We thank you that you never leave us alone but labor always to make us whole. Help us perceive your unseen hand in the unfolding of our lives and be mindful of the faithful guidance of your Holy Spirit, that we may know the joy you intend for your people and the healing of the world. Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE LIVING WORD

ANTHEM

You Are Mine

Chancel Choir & Susan Ryan

***SCRIPTURE READING**

2 Timothy 2:8-15 (NRSV)

Sandy Anderson

***HYMN OF PREPARATION, 140**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

***GOSPEL READING**

Luke 17:11-19

Rev. Jennifer Kerby

SERMON

What's Your Good News?

Rev. Jennifer Kerby

HYMN of REFLECTION, 2162

Grace Alone

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RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

Rev. Jennifer Kerby

THE LORD'S PRAYER

***PASSING THE PEACE**

OFFERING

Mark Sobol & Susan Ryan

***DOXOLOGY, 95** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD 100th

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Roger Domenick

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sandy Anderson

THE HOLY CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

***CLOSING HYMN, 57 (V 1-5)** *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

AZMON

*BENEDICTION & DISMISSAL

Rev. Jennifer Kerby

POSTLUDE

Mark Sobol & Susan Ryan

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Altar Duty: Dinah Schlecht and Jill McKeown

AV Tech: Ryan McKeever

Greeters: Gail Lodge and Barabra Buckley

Liturgist: Sandy Anderson

Head Usher: Steve Davis

Director of Music: Anastasiia Sidorova

Organist: Mark Sobol

Flute: Susan Ryan



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 memory of Bill Buckley on his birthday* from Barbara Buckley and family.

Our Weekly Prayer List

Sympathy

Family & Friends of Barbara Bolza (Sharon Owens' mother)

Members & Friends

Aldersgate Lay Leadership & Staff Members

Betty and Paul Aldrich

Rev. Anthony Arrington

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

Karol Robertson (Friend of Elaine Chester)

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 Harvest Food Festival Donations
- 2) Peace talks in Egypt
- 3) Federal workers including military and their families

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

Check out the World Council of Churches Yearly Prayer Cycle for the Nations calendar

You can make a difference by praying for the nations of the world. God hears our prayers and responds in powerful ways when we lift them up in Jesus' name. Each week two to three countries are designated to intentionally pray for during that week. You can locate the countries on a world map or even take time to learn about the history and/or current conditions through internet sources. See [The Ecumenical Prayer Cycle | World Council of Churches](#).

Commit to US! – Worship that Welcomes All

Every Sunday, Aldersgate gathers to lift our voices in praise, hear God's Word, and share in prayer. Our worship is where many first discover the love of Christ and the warmth of this community. Your gifts make this possible—supporting music, technology, worship staff, and the ministries that help us grow in God and service.

Please prayerfully consider how you can Commit to US! and make your pledge for 2026. Pledge cards will be mailed soon but are now available online at News - Aldersgate UMC DE (www.aldersgatede.org/news) and are due by mail on November 14, 2025 or can be brought to worship on November 30, 2025. Together, let's continue to gather, grow, and go as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Support Troop 67 at our Philmont Carwash Fundraiser on Sunday, October 12th from 12:30–4:30 PM in the front parking lot of the church! For just \$10, the scouts will wash your car while raising funds for their Summer 2026 Philmont Ranch adventure. Come out, let the scouts do a good turn, and drive away with a sparkling car!

Join us for our last Taste & See: Lunchtime Market of the season at Aldersgate UMC - Thursday, October 16, from 11 AM – 2 PM. Come out and support our incredible WKC food entrepreneurs: Philmore's Gourmet, Ma Ada's Water Ice, Euphia's Juice Life, Infusion Blends, Forever Freeze Co., Plus, enjoy live music by Charlie Hannigan! Don't miss your chance to celebrate community, good food, and small business creativity before the season wraps up. Bring a friend, grab lunch, and Taste & See what Wilmington Kitchen Collective is all about!

Harvest Food Festival: Thanks to everyone who donated food, money, and time to the Harvest Food Festival this year! On Monday, October 6th, we delivered over 35 bags of food to each of our community agencies. We spent time with the food administrators and staff of each agency, and were received with big smiles and great appreciation!! We will also be able to send checks to each of these agencies in the next few weeks. Thank you for providing these tangible blessings to help our community members in need!

Our annual Trunk or Treat will be on Saturday, October 25, 3-5 pm. Be a part of putting a smile on a child's face by hosting a decorated trunk and handing out candy to all the costumed kids. Contact pam.downey@aldersgatede.org to enter your trunk.

Fall is here and time to order UWF Pecans! Fresh Whaley pecans in one pound bags of halves or pieces, to be delivered in November. On-line orders are encouraged: <https://eeumw.wufoo.com/forms/2025-uwf-pecan-orders/> or call Laura Parrish at 302-477-1718. Money from pecan sales supports missions for women and children.

Our next Arts @ Aldersgate is an Organ Spooktacular on Sunday, October 26 at 2 PM. Starring Gabriel Benton on the organ and featuring our Chancel Choir, Gateway Ringers, Junior Choir, Vocal Impact, and Cherub Choir. You do not want to miss this fun afternoon!

If you have a child in college and would like them to receive a College Care Package from Aldersgate, please contact Pam Downey with your child's name and mailing address.
pam.downey@aldersgatede.org

We're working on a permanent livestream solution to the Journey service; in the meantime it will be livestreamed on YouTube via cellphone.

Save the date: Chili & Chocolate Cook-Off Social XIV is Saturday, January 31, 2026, from 5 PM to 7 PM. All are welcome! This is a great opportunity to invite a friend.

CALENDAR

Sunday, October 12, 2025

9:00a Contemporary Journey Service, Auditorium

10:00 Sunday School for all ages

11:00 Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary

12:00p Handbell Rehearsal, Handbell Room

Monday, October 13, 2025

6:30 Boy Scouts Troop #67

Tuesday, October 14, 2025

10:00a Worship Design Team, 237/zoom

6:00p Trustees, 236

Wednesday, October 15, 2025

10:00a Staff Meeting, 237

6:00p Impact, SMC

6:00 Journey Band Rehearsal, Auditorium

7:00 Chancel Choir, Choir Room

7:00 Cub Scouts Pack #67, Aud., FH, RR

Thursday, October 16, 2025

10:00a Journey Bible Study, 237

6:00p Girl Scouts Troop #129

7:00 Aldersgate Brass, Music Center

Friday, October 17, 2025

Saturday, October 18, 2025