



Aldersgate United Methodist Church

Sunday, November 16, 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>	Vocal Impact & Journey Band
*WORSHIP SONG	<i>Praise</i>	Vocal Impact & Journey Band
*WORSHIP SONG	<i>Sing a New Song</i>	Vocal Impact
*SCRIPTURE LESSON	Psalm 98: 1–9 NIV	Lydia Shay
CHILDREN'S TIME		Pam Downey

Junior Choir Dismissal - All Children 2nd grade-5th grade welcome

MESSAGE	Marvelous Things	Pam Downey
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE		Laura Honisch
LORD'S PRAYER		Laura Honisch
*PASSING THE PEACE		Pam Downey
OFFERING	<i>What a Friend</i>	Vocal Impact & Journey Band
OFFERING SONG		Vocal Impact & Journey Band
*CLOSING SONG	<i>You Are Good</i>	Vocal Impact & Journey Band
*BENEDICTION		Pam Downey

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PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Altar Duty: Ellie Kelly and Jean Sobonya
AV Tech: Ryan McKeever
Children's Message: Pam Downey
Liturgist: Lydia Shay
Prayers of the People: Laura Honisch
Greeters: Kathy Harding, Mary Lou Landis, and Ned Landis
Head Usher: Steve Davis
Director of Music: Anastasiia Sidorova
Journey Band
Vocal Impact

11:00 AM Traditional Worship

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

PRELUDE

Mark Sobol

***SUNG CALL TO WORSHIP, 405** *Seek Ye First*

SEEK YE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Chase Merritt

L: Sing to the Lord a new song!

P: For God has done marvelous things!

L: Look around—see the sunrise, the rivers, the trees, the faces beside you.

P: All creation is God's masterpiece, showing off His glory!

L: The seas roar their applause; the mountains lift their voices in joy.

P: The world is alive with God's wonder!

L: Come, people of God—let's not stay silent.

P: Let's join the song of creation and praise the One who shows His love in every sunrise, every heartbeat, every act of grace.

All Together: We come to worship the Lord of marvelous things— the God who shows off His beauty, His power, and His love!

***HYMN, 62** *All Creatures of Our God and King*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

OPENING PRAYER (together)

Chase Merritt

Creator God, You have done marvelous things! The sunrise paints Your glory, the rivers clap their hands, and the mountains sing Your praise. Open our eyes this morning to see You showing off— in the beauty of creation, in the laughter of friends, in the grace that fills this place. Teach us to join the song of all the earth: to sing a new song of joy, to worship with wonder, and to live each day amazed by Your love. We offer You our praise and our hearts, for You alone are worthy. Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE LIVING WORD

ANTHEM

Sing a New Song

Vocal Impact

***SCRIPTURE READING**

Psalm 98: 1–9 NIV

Chase Merritt

***HYMN OF PREPARATION, 92** *For the Beauty of the Earth*

DIX

SERMON

Marvelous Things

Pam Downey

HYMN OF REFLECTION, 144 *This Is My Father's World*

FERRA BEATA

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Cheryl Merritt

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Cheryl Merritt

*PASSING THE PEACE

Cheryl Merritt

OFFERING

Pam Downey

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OFFERTORY

When in Our Music God Is Glorified

Chancel Choir

*DOXOLOGY, 95

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD 100th

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chase Merritt

THE HOLY CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CLOSING HYMN, 77

How Great Thou Art

HOW GREAT THOU ART

*BENEDICTION & DISMISSAL

Pam Downey

POSTLUDE

An Irish Blessing

Chancel Choir

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AV Tech: Ryan McKeever

Greeters: Mary Blythe and Don Blythe

Liturgist: Chase Merritt

Prayers of the People: Cheryl Merritt

Head Usher: Steve Davis

Director of Music: Anastasiia Sidorova

Organist: Mark Sobol

Vocal Impact

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.
- **Rev. Kerby's Office Hours:** Monday, Wednesday-Thursday 9 AM-2 PM and Friday 9AM-12PM.
- **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 on the altar reminds us to pray for those serving our country: Weston Stigler (grandson to Martha and Willis Weldin); Benjamin Lovett (Julia Shay's brother); Jacob Flenner (grandson of Janet Flenner), Dallas Apotheker (son of Pastor Jennifer and Brent Apotheker). *If there is a military service member in your family for whom you would like the church to pray, please submit their name with your name to Kyle Smith at kyle.smith@aldersgatede.org.*

The flowers on the altar are in loving memory of Don Rollins from Shirley Rollins, his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

Retirement/Nursing Home Worship Leader for Forwood Manor is Bonnie Rambo and Sherie Stiles.

Our Weekly Prayer List

Sympathy

Family & Friends of David Benfer
Family & Friends of Barbara Holden (Friend of Marie Cordivano)
Family & Friends of Robin J. (Friend of Bob & Carolyn Reis)
Family & Friends of Maryann Moyer (Stepmother of Don Moyer)

Members & Friends

Aldersgate Lay Leadership & Staff Members

Ralph & Emily Bankert

Steve Cake (Ron Nelson's Brother-in-Law)

Catherine & Abigail Frey (Granddaughter of Ann Roberts)

Casey Gryszkiewicz (Nancy Eder's nephew)

Gary Ireland

Royal Lowthert

Anna Maansson

Andy Trachtman (Bill Culliton's son-in-law)

Megan S. (Friend of Martha Weldin)

Jerry Stein (Sam Stein's father)

Judy Vacca (Christine Lassiter's mother)

Betty and Paul Aldrich

Bill & Jenny Berg

Abbey Detwiler (Emma Detwiler's sister)

Karin Ingman

Chris Harvey

Kiasia J. (Friend of Judy Morton)

Mike Luternau

George McKeown

Lucille Riggs

Doris Springer

Bob Reis

Prayer Points

- 1) Elected officials show mercy for the people that they represent
- 2) Traveling mercies for Pastor Jennifer
- 3) Youth Ministry at Aldersgate



ANNOUNCEMENTS

This week, with the World Council of Churches, we pray for God's blessings on the nations of Aotearoa New Zealand and Australia.

Transgender Day of Remembrance is an annual observance on November 20 that honors the memory of transgender people whose lives were lost in acts of anti-transgender violence. The day seeks to highlight the losses we face due to anti-transgender bigotry and violence. The right to simply exist is first and foremost. With so many seeking to erase transgender people — sometimes in the most brutal ways possible — it is vitally important that those we lose are remembered, and that we continue to fight for justice. Resources for further information and avenues of action:

<https://rmnetwork.org/united-methodist-alliance-for-transgender-inclusion/>

<https://glaad.org/tdor/>

<https://www.hrc.org/resources/transgender>

The Love Does Class is excited to announce the return of CHRISTMAS JOY! Aldersgate is pairing with Urban Promise and Neighborhood House to help bring a happy and blessed Christmas to many families in need. Our Christmas tree is up with gift tags listing items of need that can be purchased, including gift cards. A collection bin is next to the tree and gift cards can be placed in the black mailbox, on the wall next to The Hub door. All gifts will be due on Sunday, December 7. Representatives from the agencies will attend the service to accept the donations. If you have any questions, please speak with any member of the Love Does Class.

Pecans are in! Orders may be picked up in the Narthex between 9:30 and 12:15. If you are not able to pick them up then, call Laura Parrish (302-477-1718) to make other arrangements. United Women in Faith appreciate your support of their missions.

Our Advent Workshop & Potluck dinner is Sunday, November 30 at 5 PM.

Bring your favorite main dish to share and make Christmas crafts!

We will also have advent wreaths for people to decorate if they like, for \$10.

If you have questions, please see Pam Downey.



SCAN THE QR CODE to Register



Join us for our THIRD Aldersgate Tree Lighting ceremony on Sunday, November 30, at 6:30 PM. We'll have hot chocolate, caroling with our Brass ensemble, signing Christmas cards, and the lighting of our tree at 7 PM! Invite your friends and neighbors to this festive event.

Coffee Hour Help – We need YOUR help with coffee hour. If you can set up or take-down, please see Sandy Anderson to sign up!

Advent Devotionals - This year, we will be offering a selection of Advent Devotionals for you and your family to use at home each day throughout the season of Advent. The devotionals will be available Sunday, November 30 at church or call the church office for one to be mailed, by request. If you desire to join with others on this Advent journey in conversation and prayer, please gather with Rev. Kerby at the front of the auditorium at 10:10 AM each Advent Sunday morning.

Advent Sensory Stations - Experience the wonder of Advent through your senses! During the Advent season, the Narthex and the auditorium will feature interactive sensory stations designed to help all ages engage more deeply with the themes of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. Each week offers an immersive, hands-on activity as we prepare our hearts for Christ’s coming. Take a few quiet moments before or after worship to explore, pray, and reflect.

Advent Family Devotional Kits - Journey day by day through the many names of Jesus this Advent! Each Advent Family Devotional Kit includes everything you need for a meaningful, stress-free countdown to Christmas with daily devotions, discussion prompts, and simple family activities. Kits will be available beginning Sunday, November 23 at both worship services.

2026 Mission Trip: Save the Date – We will travel to **New England** July 18-24, 2026, for Mission Trip for a week of service, worship, and faith in action! We will serve with hands-on mission projects, build community, and grow spiritually. Students and adults are encouraged to serve. More details and registration information are coming soon. Contact Pam Downey, pam.downey@aldersgatede.org, with questions.

The 2026 Disciplines Daily Devotional Books are in. We have a limited number of books for \$15. Please contact the office if you would like one.

Seussical JR. Information:

AUDITION: Friday, November 21 - Sunday, November 23
Hand out Scripts & Parent Meeting: Sunday, December 7
REHEARSALS Start: Sunday, January 4, 2026
PERFORMANCES: Friday, March 6 @ 7 pm, Saturday, March 7, & Sunday, March 8 @ 2:00 pm

Scan QR Code for Audition Link



CALENDAR

Sunday, November 16, 2025
9:00a Contemporary Journey Service, Aud.
10:00 Sunday School for all ages
11:00 Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary
12:00p Handbell Rehearsal, Handbell Room

Monday, November 17, 2025
6:30p Boy Scouts Troop #67
7:00 UWF, Zoom

Tuesday, November 18, 2025
7:00p Finance Team, 237/zoom

Wednesday, November 19, 2025
10:00a Staff Means of Grace Activity
6:00p Impact, SMC

Wednesday, November 19, 2025
6:00 Journey Band Rehearsal, Auditorium
7:00 Chancel Choir, Choir Room
7:00 Cub Scouts Pack #67, Aud., RR, FH

Thursday, November 20, 2025
10:00a Journey Bible Study, 237
11:00 Worship Design Team, 236/zoom
6:00p Girl Scouts Troop #129
7:00 Aldersgate Brass, Music Center
7:00 Catalyst Team, 237/zoom

Friday, November 21, 2025
12:30p HOPP Food Distribution

Saturday, November 22, 2025



POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

ORDERS CAN BE SUBMITTED NOVEMBER 2, 2025 THROUGH DECEMBER 3, 2025

DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2025

Each plant is \$16.00 Please make checks payable to Aldersgate UMC.

Purchased poinsettias may be picked up from the Narthex
following any service on Christmas Eve.

Given by: _____ Phone: _____

of Plants: _____ Total Amount Enclosed: (\$___/plant): _____

_____ I will pick up my poinsettia order _____ I will NOT pick up my poinsettia order

Envelope # _____

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

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

Plant #3: Please Circle: In "Memory of" or In "Honor of"

Plant #4: Please Circle: In "Memory of" or In "Honor of"

Plant #5: Please Circle: In "Memory of" or In "Honor of"

For accounting purposes, please enclose payment & order form in an envelope,
SEPARATE from your offering. Thanks!