



Aldersgate United Methodist Church

Sunday, January 18, 2026

Rev. Jennifer Kerby

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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>Lion and the Lamb</i>	Journey Band
*WORSHIP SONG	<i>Cornerstone</i>	Journey Band
*WORSHIP SONG	<i>Worthy of It All</i>	Journey Band
*SCRIPTURE LESSON	John 1:29-42 CEB	Elise & Heather Burkett
CHILDREN'S TIME		Bob Reis
MESSAGE	<i>Looking for a Savior</i>	Rev. Jennifer Kerby
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE		
THE LORD'S PRAYER		
*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST		
OFFERING		
OFFERING SONG	<i>Always</i>	Journey Band
MOMENTS FOR MINISTRY	<i>Cold Weather Collection</i>	Rev. Jennifer Kerby
*BENEDICTION		Rev. Jennifer Kerby
*CLOSING SONG	<i>The Blessing</i>	Journey Band

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PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Altar Duty: Carolyn Reis and Bobbie Burtch
AV Tech: Ryan McKeever
Children's Message: Bob Reis
Director of Music: Anastasiia Sidorova

Greeters: Julie DeRosa and Jeff Walters
Head Usher: Steve Davis
Liturgist: Elise & Heather Burkett

11:00 AM Traditional Worship

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

PRELUDE		Mark Sobol
SUNG CALL TO WORSHIP, 349	<i>Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus</i>	LEMMEL
*WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP		Laura Parrish
Leader:	This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!	
People:	We remember the life and witness of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. who said injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.	
Leader:	We remember the life and witness of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. who said whatever affects one directly affects all indirectly.	
All:	Holy God, let the radiance of our Savior Jesus' love and the justice of all your prophets reveal our path forward in the days ahead. Amen.	
*OPENING HYMN, 156	<i>I Love to Tell the Story</i>	HANKEY
OPENING PRAYER		Laura Parrish
Holy and Eternal God,	lead us from our half-lived lives to abundant life in you. Lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust. Let peace fill our hearts, our world, our universe. Help us dream together as your prophets dreamed, pray together as your saints prayed, and work together as Christ's disciples worked to build the world of peace and justice that you have long proclaimed to be the work of the Messiah you sent to us. In whose name we pray. Amen.	

PROCLAMATION OF THE LIVING WORD

PSALTER READING, UMHp 774	Psalm 40:1-11	Laura Parrish
CHOIR ANTHEM	<i>Your God Will Come</i>	Chancel Choir
*GOSPEL READING	John 1:29-42 CEB	Laura Parrish
SERMON	<i>Looking for a Savior</i>	Rev. Jennifer Kerby
HYMN OF REFLECTION, 2218	<i>You Are Mine</i>	YOU ARE MINE

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE	Rev. Jennifer Kerby
THE LORD'S PRAYER	

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST



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OFFERTORY

The Star

Mark Sobol & Anastasiia Sidorova

*DOXOLOGY, 95

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD 100th

THE HOLY CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Laura Parrish

*CLOSING HYMN, 715 vs 1-3

Rejoice, The Lord is King

DARWALL'S 148th

*BENEDICTION AND DISMISSAL

Rev. Jennifer Kerby

POSTLUDE

Choral Benediction

Chancel Choir

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AV Tech: Ryan McKeever

Chancel Choir

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Greeters: Carol Mason and Bill Baldwin

Liturgist: Laura Parrish

Head Usher: Steve Davis

Organist: Mark Sobol



RECONCILING MINISTRIES NETWORK

REMINDERS...

- Nursery and Childcare is available in Rooms 132 & 137.
- Altar Flowers: contact Beverly Barker at (302) 584-4509 or email macbhal@aol.com; checks for contributions may be put in the Treasurer's mailbox in The HUB. Please include envelope number.
- Bulletin Announcements are due Tuesdays by 5:00 PM. Email to kyle.smith@aldersgatede.org.
- Messenger Articles & Photos are due by the 15 of each month email: messenger@aldersgatede.org.
- Email request for prayers, visitation and encouragement: prayerlist@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 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 on the altar reminds us to pray for those serving our country: Dallas Apotheker (son of Pastor Jennifer and Brent Apotheker), Evan DeMaio, Eric Emerson (son in-law of Rick & Kathleen Brady), Jacob Flenner (grandson of Janet Flenner), Benjamin Lovett (Julia Shay's brother), Mike May (Betty Lu & Gary Ireland's nephew). *If there is a military service member in your family for whom you would like the church to pray, submit their name with your name to kyle.smith@aldersgatede.org.*

The flowers on the altar are in honor of my granddaughter's second birthday, Vivienne Kay Reiner, from Marilyn Reiner.

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

Our Weekly Prayer List

This week, with the World Council of Churches, we pray for God's blessings on the nations of the Arabian Peninsula.

Members & Friends

Aldersgate Lay Leadership & Staff Members

Kent, Karen, and Connor Allaway

Rev. Anthony Arrington

Ralph & Emily Bankert

Bill & Jenny Berg

Don Blythe

Avery Cheromiah

John Ericson

Catherine & Abigail Frey (Granddaughter of Ann Roberts)

Claud (Skip) Gray (Stepfather-in-law of Kym Kelly)

Chris Harvey

Karin Ingman

Members & Friends

Betty Lu & Gary Ireland

Mike Luternau

Anna Maansson

Shirley Rollins

Gerri Ross

Megan S. (Friend of Martha Weldon)

Doris Springer

Jerry Stein (Sam Stein's father)

Judy Vacca (Christine Lassiter's mother)

Christopher Van Sickle (Gerri Van Sickle's son)

Prayer Points

- 1) The people of Iran.
- 2) Help us to be a place of refuge and prayer when grief and fear surround.
- 3) Gratitude for the leadership and care that Friendship House provides.

CHILI & CHOCOLATE & SALAD COOK-OFF SOCIAL

Saturday, January 31, 5 PM

Join us for our incredibly delicious and wildly fun Aldersgate Chili & Chocolate Cook-off Social! Make chili, a chocolate dessert or salad and YOU could get a chance to wear a Sombrero of Glory (TM) and perhaps even take home a trophy.

Sign up after Church on Sunday or call the Office.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Come check out a blast from the past! On Monday, January 19 at 2 pm in the Student Ministry Center, we will be showing Aldersgate Musical Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. Open to folks of all ages. Please RSVP pam.downey@aldersgatede.org so we can make sure we have enough popcorn!



Chili & Chocolate (& Salad) Cook-off Social: Sign up by putting your form and check in Hub Box 27, or in-person sign-ups here today and next Sunday (1/25). Event will be Saturday, January 31, from 5:00-7:30 PM. Please see Jeff Walters in the Narthex to sign up **TODAY!**

Save the date for our next Arts @ Aldersgate: Sunday, February 1 at 2 PM - Treat yourself to an inspiring afternoon of live music with award-winning vocalist **Sharon Sable** and her exceptional band featuring **E. Shawn Qaissaunee** (guitar), **Jason Fraticelli** (bass), and **Jon Thompson** (saxophone & flute). Together, they create a vibrant and soulful sound that blends jazz, world, pop, and more—music that uplifts, connects, and stays with you long after the final note.

Known for their captivating performances and lush musical textures, Sharon and her band delight audiences of all backgrounds. For this special concert at **Aldersgate**, they will share a heartfelt selection of songs celebrating hope, love, and renewal—perfect for lifting spirits and welcoming this month with joy.

Sunday morning hospitality helps provide a welcoming atmosphere for everyone. It's also fun and a great way to serve the AUMC community. Please consider signing up via Sign Up Genius or see Sandy Anderson or Mary Jean Wichmann. We will work with you to show you everything you need to know. Kids can help too!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0A45AEA823A46-61564284-aumc>

Altar Guild Flowers- It's a new year and that means new opportunities to sponsor our Sunday worship floral arrangements on the altar in the sanctuary. Beverly Barker is working on 2026 dates and has availability if you would like to sponsor a Sunday and dedicate the arrangement to a family member or friend. Contact Beverly at macbhal@aol.com for sponsorship.

Do you live in New Castle County and need critical home repairs to safely age in place? You may qualify for the FHLB Pittsburgh–funded Aging in Place Critical Repairs Program through Habitat for Humanity of New Castle County if you meet at least one eligibility criterion (including age 62+, disability, veterans, recovery from domestic abuse or substance use, HIV/AIDS, recent reentry, or youth aging out of foster care), own and occupy your home, and live in an eligible census tract. Don't wonder—call 302-420-0392 or email Repairs@habitatncc.org or Rdyer@habitatncc.org to find out if you qualify. <https://www.habitatncc.org/our-programs/critical-repairs/>

Inclement weather/church closings – Please listen to WDEL, check our Facebook, and One Call for any updates. A decision will be made by 8 AM.

CALENDAR

Sunday, January 18, 2026

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
12:30 Youth Musical Rehearsal; MC, Auditorium

Monday, January 19, 2026

OFFICE CLOSED

2:00p Youth Event- Afternoon at the Movies, SMC
6:30 Boy Scouts Troop #67
7:00 Stewardship Committee, Zoom

Tuesday, January 20, 2026

7:00p Finance, 237/Zoom

Wednesday, January 21, 2026

12:00p Staff Meeting, 237
6:00 Impact, SMC
6:00 Journey Band Rehearsal, Auditorium
7:00 Chancel Choir, Choir Room
7:00 Cub Scouts Pack #67, Aud., RR, FH

Thursday, January 22, 2026

10:00a Journey Bible Study, 237
11:00 Worship Design Team, 236
6:00p Girl Scouts Troop #129
6:30 Catalyst Team, 237/Zoom
7:00 Aldersgate Brass, Music Center

Friday, January 23, 2026

12:30p HOPP Food Distribution, Parking Lot

Soup-er Bowl

February 8, 2026

Aldersgate vs. Hunger Game Plan

**Help us Tackle Hunger in Wilmington by donating cans of
soup or Monetary Donations (\$1 = 1 can of Soup)!**

Collection boxes will be located by the glass doors and in the
Narthex. Monetary donations can be made online (there is a
Soup-er Bowl line item on Aldersgate's website) or make
checks payable to Aldersgate UMC.

Please write "Soup-er Bowl" in the memo line

The cans of soup collected will be distributed between our February
HOPP Bag giveaway and our Aldersgate Free Little Pantry.

The money collected will be distributed between
Neighborhood House, Jewish Family Services,
and Ezion-Mount Carmel UMC.

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