

Offering Our Gifts

Our vision is **Connecting, Knowing, Loving, and Growing** as disciples of Jesus and his Church to bless Durham and beyond, and you are key to making it happen! Every gift, large or small, directly supports the foundational ministries and daily operations of Aldersgate. Join us in this vital work—your offering helps us bring this vision to life.

A few ways to give:

- **In-person:** Place your offering in the plate during service.
- **Online:**
Visit www.aldersgate.org/give



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Friendly Faces of Aldersgate

Rev. Steve Murphy Pastor, Preacher, Teacher

Henry Branson Director of Music

Lydia Cauley Director of Family Ministries

Jonathan Hudson Communications and Office Director

John Hall & Barbara Atkinson Certified Lay Ministers

Jeff Whicker Church Organist



Aldersgate

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Connecting . Knowing . Loving . Growing



8:30am and 11:00am

October 25, 2026

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

1320 Umstead Rd, Durham, NC 27712



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919-477-0509



aldersgate.org

Welcome to Aldersgate UMC

Thank you for joining us for worship.

If this is your first time we invite you to fill out a Connection Card. Scan the QR code on the connection card in the pew pocket and place it in the offering plate.

Assistance: Please see any usher or friendly face.

Worship: Stand as you are able for starred (*) moments. We use the UMH and TFWS hymnals (in your pew) and the NRSV bible translation.

Congregational Care: For congregational care needs, including hospitalizations or home-bound needs, contact Barbara Atkinson (919-638-5711) or the church office (churchoffice@aldersgate.org or 919-477-0509).

Members Joining: David Bass, Carolyn Bass, Bri ter Haar, Cynthia Werner, Tom Werner
Members Being Baptized: Dale ter Haar and Creighton Emily Harrison

Connect:

Scan the QR code to fill out our Digital Connection Card.



Weekly Newsletter:

Sign up for the weekly email newsletter to stay connected to Aldersgate news.



Churchcenter App:

Scan the QR code for the church directory and more.



Did you know?

Judy Alford is the only Aldersgate Lay Person of the Year (1991) who was also named Durham District Layperson of the Year.



Prayer Requests

To add your own request to the prayer list: email churchoffice@aldersgate.org, fill out a paper prayer card in the pew pocket, or call us at 919.477.0509 any time.

Church Members

Family of Paula James
Carol Lowans
Roxanne Parker
John and Alice Hagaman
Bob and Phyllis Carter
Joanne and Frank Wootton
Cynthia Gentry
Jackie Roberts
Hugh and Beth Osteen
Dave and Carol Brese
Judy Schlegel
Dana Staats
David Leonard
Rudy Dunbar
Carol Newman
Gary James
Patti Bradshaw

Family and Friends

Jim B. (Brother of Dave Brese)
Jennifer (Friend of Mary Taylor)
Cate (Friend of Ellen Venable)
Allyson (Daughter of Susan and Johnny Branch)
Joe C. (Friend of Judy Alford)
Duane (Friend of Patti and Ron Bradshaw)
Cathy (Friend of Carl Allen)
Denita B. (Friend of Marie Padley and Lisa Pendergraph)
John (Brother of Sam Austin)
Cohen and his family
David L.
Bobby B. (Friend of Ron and Patti Bradshaw)
Dorothy W. (Mother of Cheryl Blake)
Matt P. (Friend of Voorhees Family)
Erve B. (Brother of Dave Brese)
Dale R. (Brother of Glenn Reynolds)
Rev. Jim G. (Friend of Lee King)
Ruth C. (Mother of Carol Newman)
Cheryl and Pat (Friends of Cathy Cozart)
Amanda (Neice of Cathy Cozart)
Scott B. (Friend of Stacey McCorison)
Mick S. (Brother in Law of Linda Morris)
Family of Doris Hodges (Mother of Susan Parham)

Connection Spotlights

All Saints Sunday, November 1st

Join us on Sunday, November 1st for All Saints Sunday at our 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. services. We will be honoring and celebrating our members who have passed away in the past year. In addition to the services, we will hold a reverent outdoor Service of Community Remembrance at 5:30 p.m. in the columbarium. We will light candles, offer prayers, and comfort each other as we give thanks to God for our loved ones. Please share this with anyone you know that is grieving.

Scouts Quarter Auction Fundraiser

Troop 400 is holding their Quarter Auction on Saturday, Nov. 7th from 1-4PM at Aldersgate. Paddles are \$5 and remember to bring your quarters for the auction. Be sure to join the scouts, there will be food, raffle tables, and lots of vendors.

Aldersgate Shoebox Ministry

Aldersgate UMC is again supporting Operation Christmas Child. Last year, this ministry delivered over 12 million shoeboxes to children in more than 100 countries. Each child who receives a box is also invited to a 12-week Bible study on the Gospel. Shoeboxes and guidelines on acceptable items by age and gender are available at the display tables at church entrances. Return completed boxes to the same tables, along with a \$10 donation per box to help cover shipping.

Questions? Contact Glenn Reynolds at 919-407-0242 or ge.reynolds26@yahoo.com.

Hannah’s Kitchen Food Drive

Help us stock the shelves for Hannah’s Kitchen! We are collecting canned green beans, peas, or corn, plus canned soups and boxed macaroni and cheese (no glass, please!) Drop donations in the bin outside the church office or the FLC box outside the Preschool office. Thank you, AUMC family, for your abundance of generosity.

Questions? Contact Bill Smith, Richard Riggsbee, or Bob & Karen Gallegly.

Veterans Dinner: Sunday, November 8th, Family Life Center

Join us in honoring our veterans! Dinner is provided at 4:30 PM, followed by a short program at 5:30 PM. All are welcome! Please RSVP by Wednesday, November 4th. Glenn Reynolds – (919) 407-0242 or ge.reynolds26@yahoo.com or Debbie Sykes – (919)697-6349 or dsykes012@outlook.com

8:30 Worship

GATHERING MUSIC

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

WELCOME AND CENTERING WORD Bill Vincent
“Gift of the Holy Spirit”

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE AND SILENCE

*SONG OF PRAISE *Now Thank We All Our God* UMH 102

*SCRIPTURE READING Acts 10:44-48 Sharon MacLaurin

SERMON Water Will Flow Pastor Steve Murphy

NEW MEMBERS JOINING Carolyn and David Bass

INVITATION TO OFFERING

*OFFERING RESPONSE *Offertory* Paul Baloche

COMMUNION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Bill Vincent

DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES Jeri Vincent

*SONG OF PRAISE *The Gift of Love* UMH 408

*BENEDICTION Pastor Steve Murphy
The flowers in the sanctuary are given today to the Glory of God and
in joy and celebration of the baptism of Creighton Emily Harrison
by her family.

11:00 Worship

GATHERING MUSIC

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

WELCOME John Hall

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE *Prelude in E Minor* Frederic Chopin

*CALL TO WORSHIP
See what love has been given to us, that we should be called children of God.
Can anyone hold back the waters of baptism from those who receive the Spirit?
Jesus has come in the flesh, and lived and died, that God’s love might be made plain among us.
Can anyone hold back the waters of baptism from those who receive the Spirit?
Therefore, beloved, let us not love in word or in speech but in deed and in truth.
We are here to worship God, our savior! Let the mighty waters of grace flow!

*OPENING HYMN *Now Thank We All Our God* UMH 102

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION John Hall
LORD’S PRAYER

PASSING THE PEACE

ANTHEM *Meditation on Beautiful Savior* arr. Cathy Moglebust

BAPTISM AND NEW MEMBERS JOINING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Roy Swaringen
Holy Spirit, fall upon us as your word is read and bless us all with a new song.
Your grace is astounding and surprising, and is poured out on us, even us, even on those we might neglect.
Teach us to sing your new song that welcomes one another in love, until all find healing and harmony. Amen.

*SCRIPTURE READING Acts 10:44-48

KIDS OWN WORSHIP INVITATION Lydia Cauley

SERMON Water Will Flow Pastor Steve Murphy

INVITATION TO OFFERING John Hall

OFFERING *Prayer of St. Francis* Sandra Eithun
Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,
And Lord, help me to see that you’re present in this place.
Speak to those who’ve harmed, words of pardon;
When we feel in doubt, faith will be our guide.
Where there is despair, hope will be our strength;
Light will fill the darkness.
Sadness will fade away, and joy will abound!

Master Divine, let me reach my hands to those who cry,
And Lord, help me to hear, and to love as you would love.
For it is in giving we receive: in pardoning we are pardoned;
And in dying we are born into eternal life.

So, Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,
And Lord, come fill our hearts, because you’re present in this place;
You are present in this place. You are here, Lord,
In this place.

*DOXOLOGY UMH 95

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*CLOSING HYMN *The Gift of Love* UMH 408

*BENEDICTION Pastor Steve Murphy
May the God, who poured his Spirit upon you, and calls you beloved, reveal Christ’s ways of life to you as we go in peace to love and serve Jesus our Lord. Amen.

*CHORAL BENEDICTION *Amen* C.O. Beck

*POSTLUDE
Doug James, trumpet

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*please stand as you are able