

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



Friendly Faces of Aldersgate

Rev. Steve Murphy Pastor, Preacher, Teacher

Henry Branson Director of Music

Stan Benton Organist

Lydia Cauley Director of Family Ministries

John Hall & Barbara Atkinson Certified Lay Ministers



Aldersgate

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Connecting . Knowing . Loving . Growing



8:30 and 11:00 Worship
December 14, 2025
Third Sunday of Advent

1320 Umstead Rd, Durham, NC 27712

 info@aldersgate.org



919-477-0509



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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. Either scan the QR code below or use the one 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 (habnc@hotmail.com) or the church office (churchoffice@aldersgate.org or 919-477-0509).

Adult Sunday School Classes: Come join us for Adult SS Classes (9:30 - 10:30) in the Family Life Center on 2nd floor. There are 3 class options, LIFT (room 207), Outbackers (room 202), and Iron Men (room 206).

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.



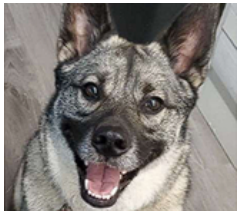
Connection Spotlights

Celebration for Stan Benton

Organist Stan Benton’s last Sunday will be December 28. We will have a celebration for Stan on **January 25** following church

Pet Therapy Coming Soon!

Join us to experience and learn about the wonderful benefits of Pet Therapy! Come and meet “MAGNUS” January 18th from 12:30 – 1:30 Aldersgate United Methodist Church Family Life Center. For questions, please contact the Church Office at 919-477-0509



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

Rose Smith
Tippy Sutton
Billie Staats
Carol Lowans
Roxanne Parker
John and Alice Hagaman
Bob and Phyllis Carter
Joanne and Frank Wootton
Cynthia Gentry
Jackie Roberts
Hugh and Beth Osteen
David and Linda Schaffer
Tim Hayes
Inna Nichols
Dave and Carol Brese
Judy Schlegel
David Leonard

Family and Friends

Family of Jimmie Lewis, Family of Roy Chopping IV(Grandson of Ingrid Chopping), Family of Peggy Thornton (Grandmother of Heather Matter), Jerry (Father of Scott Thomas), Larry Mahood (Cousin of Pattie Bradshaw), Jesse (Cousin of Jill Bosecker), Jennifer (Friend of Mary Taylor), Cate (Friend of Ellen Venable), Dusty N. (Son-in-law of Richard & Annie King), Allyson (Daughter of Susan and Johnny Branch), Katherine (Friend of Cathy Voorhees), Holly (Friend of Wanda Crutchfield)

Connection Spotlights

R Wave Respite’s Memory Café

Ministry for Care Partners and for those with mild and moderate dementia. Join us for games and activities **Monday, Dec. 15th** from 11:00 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Family Life Center. We are inviting any potential participants for the respite care, and their care partners as well as volunteers. Please register through our email: RWaveRespite@Aldersgate.org

Neighborhood Christmas Caroling

Wednesday, December 17 at 6:00pm (5:30 for hot cocoa in the Wesley Room) for an evening of **Christmas Caroling** as we bring hope, love, and festive cheer to the community of Autumn Ridge. All ages are welcome—bring your family, friends, and your holiday spirit!

Moravian Lovefeast

Moravian Lovefeast celebrations are centuries-old services of music, candlelight, and shared food. This year, join us for hot coffee & Moravian bread from Old Salem as we remember and celebrate our shared life in Christ. **December 21st at 6:30** in the Family Life Center.

Share Your Christmas

Durham Social Services works to bring joy to neighbors in need through the annual "Share Your Christmas" program. Any donation to AUMC goes directly toward providing gift cards for local families and individuals in need. Questions can be directed to Loren Cone (loren.cone@yahoo.com) or John Howe (jhowe888@aol.com)

Deadline: Dec 22nd

11:00pm Christmas Eve at Duke Chapel

Duke Chapel will host a Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols Service at **11pm on December 24th**. This is the traditional service with candlelight, scripture readings, and Christmas carols. Arrive early to allow for time to park and because the service often fills up. Free and ADA parking is available in the Bryan Center Parking Garage at 125 Science Drive.

Standing With Our Immigrant Neighbors

Here are some resources if you are interested in learning how to respond and accompany our immigrant neighbors: nccumc.org/immigration/



8:30 Worship

GATHERING MUSIC Stan Benton

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

WELCOME AND CENTERING WORD John Sanders
Song of Joy

ADVENT CANDLE OF JOY Kevin and Addie Harrison
MOMENT OF SILENCE

*SONG OF PRAISE UMH 234
O Come, All Ye Faithful
(v.1-3)

*SCRIPTURE READING Judy Sanders
Zephaniah 3:14-20

SERMON Pastor Steve Murphy
Advent Song of Joy

INVITATION TO OFFERING
OFFERING RESPONSE Stan Benton
Aldersgate Favorites:
Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

COMMUNION Pastor Steve Murphy

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE John Sanders

DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

*SONG OF PRAISE UMH 246
Joy to the World

*BENEDICTION Pastor Steve Murphy

11:00 Worship

GATHERING MUSIC

Arcangelo Corelli

“Christmas Concerto” Op.6 No.8
I. Vivace - Grave
V. Pastorale ad libitum

WELCOME LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

Pastor Steve Murphy

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Antonio Vivaldi

Gloria in Excelsis Deo
Glory to God in the highest

*OPENING HYMN

UMH 234

O Come, All Ye Faithful
(v.1-3)

ADVENT CANDLE OF JOY

Luke Sasser and Sylvia Quillin

*PASSING THE PEACE

Vivaldi

Et in Terra Pax Hominibus
And on earth, peace to
people of good will.

SCRIPTURE

Heather Mitchell

Luke 1:46b-55

KIDS OWN WORSHIP INVITATION

Lydia Cauley

Vivaldi

Landamus Te
We praise you, we bless you, we
adore you, we glorify you

Gratias Agimus Tibi
We give you thanks for your
great glory

SCRIPTURE

Heather Mitchell

Isaiah 40:3-5
Isaiah 61:1-3

Vivaldi

Domine Deus, Rex Coelestis
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father

Domine Fili Unigenite
Lord Jesus Christ,
only Begotten Son

ADVENT LITANY AND LORD’S PRAYER

JOHN HALL

Vivaldi

Domine Deus, Agnus Dei
Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father, who takes away the sins of
the world, have mercy on us;

Qui Tollis Peccata Mundi
You take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;

INVITATION TO OFFERING

John Hall

OFFERING

Vivaldi

Qui Sedes ad Dexteram Patris
You are seated at the
right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

*DOXOLOGY

On Screen

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*CLOSING HYMN

UMH 246

Joy to the World

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Vivaldi

Quoniam Tu Solus Sanctus
For you alone are the Holy One, you
alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,

Cum Sanco Spiritu
With the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

*BENEDICTION

Pastor Steve Murphy

POSTLUDE

Marc-Antoine Charpentier

Nöels sur les Instruments, H.534
Les Bourgeois de Châstre
Joseph est bien Marié
Ou sen vont ces guays Bergers

Today’s	Andrea Moore, soprano	Chuck Wines, oboe	Katie Miller, viola
Musical	Kirsten Overdahl, alto	Allison Willet, violin	Katie Kotar, cello
Guests:	Ganesh Om, trumpet	Charlotte Roh, violin	Sarah Wines, violone
		Stan Benton, organ	