

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

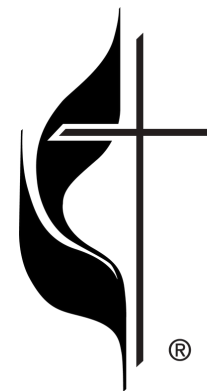
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Henry Branson Director of Music

Lydia Cauley Director of Family Ministries

Jonathan Hudson Communications and Office Director

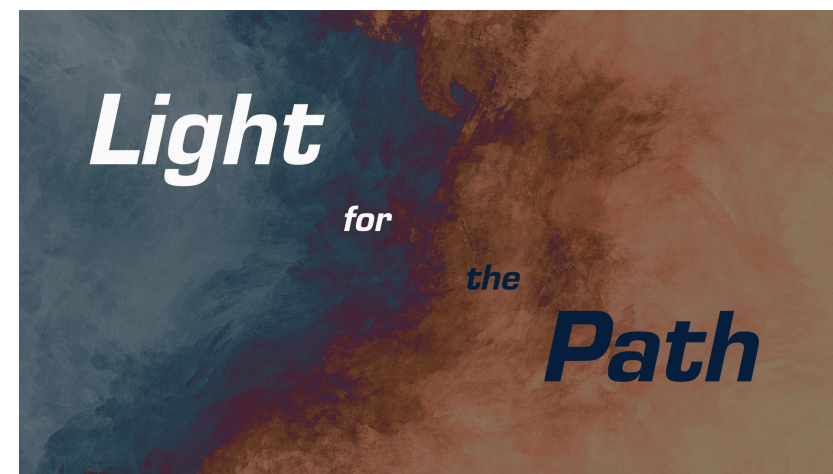
John Hall & Barbara Atkinson Certified Lay Ministers



Aldersgate

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Connecting . Knowing . Loving . Growing



8:30am and 11:00am

April 26, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Easter

1320 Umstead Rd, Durham, NC 27712



info@aldersgate.org



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. 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).

Light For The Path Easter Reflection Questions

1. What is the significance for your life that the resurrected Jesus has wounds to share and continues to participate in ordinary acts of life like eating?
2. Where might Christ be inviting you to "touch and see" — to experience resurrection in a tangible way this week?

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?

The pews in Aldersgate's sanctuary were installed on a 7-degree angle to foster a greater sense of community during worship services.



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 Linda Diane Weller (Mother of Kira Williams)
Family of Billie Staats (Wife of Dana Staats)
Clara Boykin
Darlene and Barry Marlow
Tippy Sutton
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
Ron West
Bob Elium
Cathy Chappell
Scott Thomas
Dennis Shipman
Janeen Webb
Rose Smith

Family and Friends

Francis Corbett (Friend of Ginger Hawkins)
Family of David Hart (Father of Susan Leonard)
Family of Destiny Lynn
Jim B. (Brother of Dave Brese)
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)
Carol (Sister of Wanda Crutchfield)
Lynda Carrington (Friend of Mary Tom and Alan Roberts)
Mary Nichols
Jakob Dennis (Nephew of Cindy Stanley)
Joe Cochrane (Friend of Judy Alford)
John
Duane (Friend of Patti and Ron Bradshaw)
Carthy (Friend of Carl Allen)
Fran (Sister -in-law of Kitty Creery)
Denita Boyce (Friend of Marie Padley and Lisa Pendergraph)

Connection Spotlights

Help Needed, Congregational Care

AUMC's Congregational Care Ministry extends the Hand of Christ by offering compassionate presence and support to those who are sick, hurting, lonely, or grieving during times of crisis and ongoing need. Congregational care goes beyond Pastors, calling all members to uphold a holy standard of care for every person in our AUMC family — and we are currently seeking kind-hearted individuals to serve as On-Going Care Ministers and Acute Care Ministers. If God's calling speaks to you, please contact Barbara Atkinson at habnc@hotmail.com to take the next steps in becoming a Care Minister.

Final Crop Walk Wrap Up

Let's Wrap Up Crop Walk! Many walkers have already turned in their completed packets and we are continuing to collect online and in person pledges. Already more than \$2,500 has been deposited! Now let's finish up collecting and turning in our money **BY THE END OF APRIL** so it can get to those who need it most.

Help Needed, Adult Leaders for Aldersgate Family Ministries

Our Family Ministries team needs your help. We are looking for passionate caring people to aid in fostering discipleship and love to our families! We need people to fill the following roles: Children's Bible Study Teachers, Kids Own Worship Leaders & Vacation Bible School Station Assistants. If you are interested in making a positive impact for our families and youth, reach out to Lydia Cauley in person or at (lydia@aldersgate.org) to set up a time to chat. Thank you for your continued support of Aldersgate Family Ministries.

Light for the Path - Weekly Prayer Liturgy

We invite you to go deeper into the joy of resurrection. Either individually or as part of a small group you can use the weekly "Light for The Path" prayer liturgy and reflection questions. The weekly reflection questions and scripture will be in the bulletin and the prayer liturgy can be found on our website under the Worship tab and by scanning the QR Code.



Scan Here

Coffee & Fellowship

Aldersgate is excited to introduce Coffee & Fellowship every Sunday! There will be coffee, light food items, and a place to gather in between services on Sunday. Coffee and light food will be served outside in front of the main sanctuary entrance. All are welcome!

Times: Sunday's 9:30 a.m. - 9:50 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. - 10:50 a.m.

8:30 Worship

GATHERING MUSIC

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

WELCOME AND CENTERING WORD

Bill Vincent

“Touch and See”

LIGHTING THE PASCHAL CANDLE

As we light this candle,

may the fire of Christ's Resurrection strangely warm our hearts.

**Spirit of Resurrection, Illuminate the path before us,
that we may be your peace, your justice, and your love lighting
the world. Amen.**

*SONG OF PRAISE

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

UMH 89

*SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24: 36-43

Sharon MacLaurin

SERMON

Have You Anything to Eat?

Pastor Steve Murphy

STORIES OF RESURRECTION LIGHTING THE WAY

INVITATION TO OFFERING

*OFFERING RESPONSE

Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus

UMH 349

COMMUNION

Pastor Steve Murphy

OPPORTUNITIES OF COMPASSION

Bill Vincent

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*SONG OF PRAISE

Crown Him with Many Crowns

UMH 327

*BENEDICTION

Pastor Steve Murphy

**Arise, Shine! Jesus is the light of our path. Go from this place in
the glow of grace of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit that all may
be touched by Christ, the Light of the world. Amen.**

11:00 Worship

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME
LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

John Hall

*OPENING PRAYER
*OPENING HYMN

UMH 89

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

LIGHTING THE PASCHAL CANDLE

ONE: We do not walk in the shadows of the tomb, for the stone has
been rolled away.

ALL: The Risen Christ is the light of our path.

ONE: We live in the light of hope, because resurrection has broken into our
world.

ALL: The Risen Christ is the light of our path.

ONE: As we light this Paschal Candle,
may the fire of Christ's Resurrection strangely warm our hearts.

**ALL: Spirit of Resurrection, Illuminate the path before us,
that we may be your peace, your justice, and your love lighting the world.
Amen.**

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION
LORD'S PRAYER
PASSING THE PEACE
ANTHEM

John Hall

This Little Light of Mine
(John Hagaman, bass)

arr. Donald Moore

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Monday, He gave the gift of love,
Tuesday, peace came from above,
Wednesday, told me to have more faith,
Thursday, gave me a little more grace,
Friday, told me to watch and pray,
Saturday, told me just what to say,
Sunday, gave me pow'r divine, just let my little light shine;

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Glory, glory, hallelujah,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
This little ol' light of mine!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Gracious God, we live in a world where you are ushering in
resurrection, and you have called us out of darkness. As your word
is proclaimed, fill us with your Holy Spirit that we may see
everything through the light of the resurrected Jesus that is
transforming us and the world. Amen.**

*SCRIPTURE READING

Doug Taylor

Luke 24: 36-43

KIDS OWN WORSHIP INVITATION

Lydia Cauley

SERMON

Pastor Steve Murphy

Have You Anything to Eat?

STORIES OF RESURRECTION LIGHTING THE WAY

OPPORTUNITIES OF COMPASSION

INVITATION TO OFFERING

John Hall

OFFERING

arr. Dean Wagner

Fantasy of Kingsfold

*DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

John Hall

*CLOSING HYMN

UMH 327

Crown Him with Many Crowns

*BENEDICTION

John Hall

**Arise, Shine! Jesus is the light of our path. Go from this place in the
glow of grace of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit that all may be
touched by Christ, the Light of the world. Amen.**

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

Peter Lutkin

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*POSTLUDE