

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.
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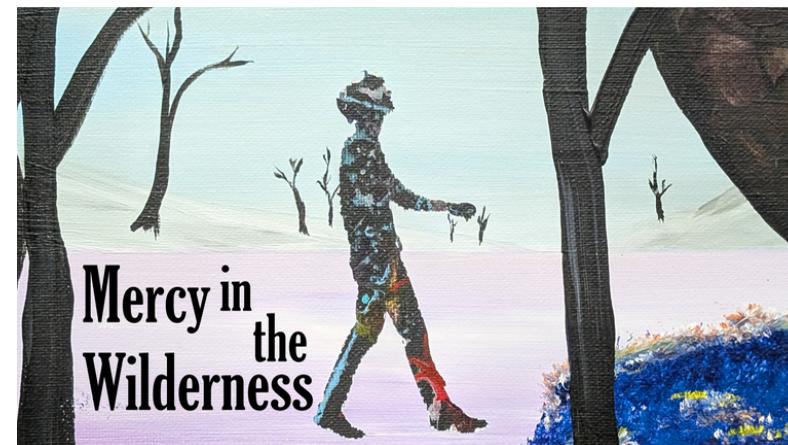
John Hall & Barbara Atkinson Certified Lay Ministers



Aldersgate

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Connecting . Knowing . Loving . Growing



8:30am and 11:00am

March 22, 2026

5th Sunday of Lent

1320 Umstead Rd, Durham, NC 27712



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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.

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).

Fifth Sunday in Lent Reflection Questions:

1. Where do you need to actively set your mind on the Spirit of life and peace?
2. The promise is that the Spirit of him who raised Jesus dwells in you. How does this change how you understand your life?
3. How are you experiencing resurrection in your life? (or where in your life do you need to experience a life of resurrection?)

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?

Aldersgate began making Chrismons and decorating a tree around 1976-1979 in the "old" church. Joan Coble and Georgine Brueckner led the United Methodist Women (UMW) in making the gold and white bead symbols of Jesus Christ.



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

Clara Boykin
Darlene and Barry Marlow
Annie and Richard King
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
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Inna Nichols
Dave and Carol Brese
Judy Schlegel
David Leonard
Ron West
Rose Smith
Diane Weller
Bob Elium
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Scott Thomas

Family and Friends

Francis Corbett (Friend of Ginger Hawkins)
Michael (Brother of Patti Bradshaw)
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)
Holly (Friend of Wanda Crutchfield)
Shulin Smith-Mei (Grandson of Rose and Bill Smith)
Lynda Carrington (Friend of Mary Tom and Alan Roberts)
John (Son of Carol Chellette)
Mary Nichols
Jakob Dennis (Nephew of Cindy Stanley)

Connection Spotlights

Palm Sunday Easter Egg Hunt

Join us on Palm Sunday, March 29th at noon for a Easter Egg Hunt and Hotdog Lunch. Families can join us for an Easter Egg Hunt for our children infant to 5th grade. All are welcome to a Hotdog lunch provided by our United Methodist Men, following our Easter Egg Hunt. Please RSVP by Sunday March 22nd to help us tell our Easter Bunny helpers how many children are coming and get an accurate Hotdog count.

Scan to RSVP



Spring Consignment Sale

The Agape Shop 4 Kids Spring Consignment Sale has been a hit this weekend and ends today! Make sure to stop by the FLC gym from (Noon-2:00 p.m.) to browse all the great items and participate in the final day.

Crop Walk for Hunger

The 52nd annual Durham Crop Walk is happening on Sunday, March 29th. Aldersgate has been an integral part of the walk and has had a walking team for more than the past 30+ years, AUMC is fielding a team this year as well. The walk starts at 2PM at Duke Chapel. If you have any questions about this years AUMC Crop Walk team please reach out to John Howe. (jhowe888@aol.com)

Join our Team



Additionally, there is a small card table in the narthex (next to the choir room) for sign-up and information.

Susanna Wesley Bake Sale

Join us for the Susanna Wesley Bake/Craft Sale on Palm Sunday, Sunday, March 29th from 9:00 a.m. - noon. Please come by the Wesley Room to take home some home baked goodies and hand-made crafts. All of our proceeds support local and global missions. We also tithes 10% to the church.

Need a Helping Hand?

AUMC UMM may have just what you are looking for. You might have something that is broken, something that needs to be built, a project in the yard to tackle, an expertise that you just can't come up with. — We might have a solution. Contact Bob Gallegly (bobgallegly@gmail.com). The AUMC United Methodist Men will help you with a solution.

Prayer Ministry

The Prayer Ministry will meet on Thursday, March 26th at 4:00 p.m. in the Wesley Room. Please join us as we pray for those on our AUMC prayer list and in our hearts. All are welcome! Call Cathy Voorhees at 919-818-9223 with any questions.

8:30 Worship

GATHERING MUSIC *It is Well with My Soul* arr. Martha Meir

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY
WELCOME AND CENTERING WORD *“Set Your Mind”* Barbara Atkinson

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE
MOMENT OF SILENCE

*SONG OF PRAISE *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy* UMH 340

*SCRIPTURE READING Sharon McLaurin
Romans 8: 6-11

SERMON Rev. Edwin Kogo
Redemption Road

INVITATION TO OFFERING Pastor Steve Murphy

OFFERING RESPONSE *Let There Be Peace on Earth* UMH 431

COMMUNION Pastor Steve Murphy

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Barbara Atkinson

DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES John Sanders

*SONG OF PRAISE *Freely, Freely* UMH 389

*BENEDICTION Pastor Steve Murphy

POSTLUDE *Near to the Heart of God* arr. Martha Meir

Renée McBride, guest organist

11:00 Worship

GATHERING MUSIC *A Gregorian Liturgical Year: Lent 5* Gerald Near
Swing Low (A Spiritual Pair) Dan Locklair

WELCOME John Hall
LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

*OPENING PRAYER

We come to worship you with our whole selves. We bring to you our minds and attitudes even when they are set on things less than life and peace. We come trusting in your mercy that meets our whole selves that we may be filled with the Holy Spirit and the power that raised Jesus from the dead. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN UMH 340
Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION Pastor Steve Murphy
LORD'S PRAYER

PASSING THE PEACE

THIRD GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION Lydia Cauley & Pastor Steve
Eleanor At Lee, Hudson Brown, Samuel Moore

**Bless these children as they receive these Bibles
Help them receive this Word of God
for the word of God is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path
Help them to learn its stories and study its words
Its stories belong to us all, and these words speak to us all
Its stories remind us that we belong, for we are children of God
Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, let all believers interpret the scriptures for themselves.
Let us learn together and grow in our love of God's word
In Jesus' name. Amen.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Janeen Webb

Renew us in your mercy as we center our hearts and minds on the gift of your word spoken to us. May we be transformed and made new as we respond to your word and your grace. Amen.

*SCRIPTURE READING Romans 8: 6-11

KIDS OWN WORSHIP INVITATION Lydia Cauley

SERMON Rev. Edwin Kogo
Redemption Road

INVITATION TO OFFERING John Hall

OFFERING Harry Rowe Shelley
The King of Love My Shepherd Is

The King of love my shepherd is whose goodness faitheth never;
I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine forever.
Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me,
And on his shoulder gently laid, and home rejoicing brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with Thee, dear Lord, beside me.
Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me.
Thou spreadst a table in my sight, Thy uncious grace bestoweth,
And O the transport of delight, with which my cup o'erfloweth.

And so through all the length of days, Thy goodness faitheth never;
Good shepherd may I sing Thy praise within Thy house forever! Amen.

*DOXOLOGY UMH 95

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING John Hall

*CLOSING HYMN UMH 389
Freely, Freely

*BENEDICTION Pastor Steve Murphy

Go, now, in the comfort and blessing of God's mercy, trusting that wherever you go, God's steadfast love surrounds you, sustains you, and supports you for the journey ahead. Amen.

*CHORAL BENEDICTION Peter Lutkin
The Lord Bless You and Keep You

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

POSTLUDE Louis Vierne
Préambule, op.31

Renée McBride, guest organist