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**DECEMBER 8, 2024** 

## THE ALDERSGATE EXPERIENCE

## **DECEMBER MISSION PROJECT**

This month's mission project is to help bring warmth to the children of our local communities. We have decided to make a "Mitten Tree" for the December project; however, we're looking to collect more than just mittens! Any cold weather clothing items, such as gloves, scarves, toboggans/tuques, etc., can be donated! The tree will be set up in the Narthex for the rest of the month.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

As always, you can also choose to make financial contributions. Please be sure to make checks out to AUMC, and indicate missions on the memo line. Likewise, please designate envelopes/online giving similarly.



Diane Barfield is now our **Social Media Coordinator**! Please pass along pictures and announcements so that we can let the community know how active and busy we are! Text Diane at **(917) 447-1708**.

### **TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:**

**LUKE 3:1-6** 

The Proclamation of John the Baptist

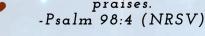
In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, <sup>2</sup>during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, <sup>4</sup>as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. <sup>5</sup>Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; <sup>6</sup>and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"



If you volunteer at Dorothy Day, you may know a kind gentleman named Dave. He knows several of you! Dave called the church this past Thursday to brag about several people, name, from AUMC who he said "deserve every commendation." The work we do to help God's people does not go unnoticed!

# Ring, Sing, & String

Make a Joyful Noise unto the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing





#### **OPPORTUNITES TO SERVE**

We've recently posted brand-new, squeakyclean sign-up sheets for Ushers, Greeters, Altar Guild, and Blessing Box, for 2025. Now's a great time, going into a new year, to learn the ropes! We will teach you what you need to know. If you're curious about what is entailed in these roles, you will find descriptions of them next to their sign-up sheets on the bulletin board. These are crucial to the smooth operation of our worship experience, and the Blessing Box ministry. Please consider signing up!

Gifts have been given to the Glory of God, in memory of Hope Carter, to the building fund, by Alice Reeves; and to UMCOR, by A Friend.

A gift has also been given to the Glory of God, in honor of Lyn Skews, by Peggy Palmer.

The holiday season is the perfect time to say "thank you" to our Aldersgate church staff for their presence and excellent service throughout the year. To show our heartfelt appreciation, a love offering is being collected until JOIN THE SUNDAY LUNCH BUNCH Christmas Eve. Please place your gift in the offering plate, drop off in church office, or put in outside drop box located next to middle set of church doors. Checks should be made to AUMC and designated for "staff Christmas offering." Thank you,

Staff Parish Relations Committee

#### **CHRISTMAS MUSIC IS HERE**

Well, we updated the name after last year, when the newest additions to the program, the ukelele group and bluegrass band, led us all in the singalong at the end of the program... but it's still a joyous celebration! (And no worries; the singalong is back this year, too!)

Ring, Sing, & String! is a fun, light-hearted program meant to help get us all in the spirit of the season. Featured will be a handbell quartet, the Chancel Choir, a men's quartet, a number of soloists and other small groups, and the aforementioned singalong at the end.

Following the program, there will be light refreshments in the Fellowship Hall.

We're not done with music this year yet, though!

After tonight's program, we have the Chancel Choir's Christmas Cantata during worship **NEXT Sunday, December 15.** This year's cantata, a work by Stan Pethel featuring a few solo and small-group selections, is titled—very appropriately—"Behold the Glory." Don't miss it!

And then...

#### CAROLING!

It's been several years since we last went caroling. So it has been suggested that we gather at the church at 5pm on Sunday, December 22, and take some Christmas Joy to our shutins in the form of song! Anyone who wants to join is welcome. No sign-up required. Call the church office if you have any questions.



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10:25am Announcements **Prelude** "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" arr. Mark Hayes \*Presentation of the Cross "Prepare the Way of the Lord" Jacques Berthier and Lighting of the Candles **Call to Worship** Our God, who made heaven and earth and all that is in them, keeps faith forever. Our God sets the prisoners free and brings peace to all who call on the name of the Lord. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down, and watches over strangers. Our God executes justice for the oppressed and gives food to the hungry. Come once more, with eager longing, and bless the name of the Lord. "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" \*Hymn 626, vv. 1, 2, 4 \*Affirmation of Faith "The Apostle's Creed" 881 \*Gloria Patri "Glory Be to the Father" 70 **Young Minds Time Audrey Culp Congregational Response** "Jesus Loves the Little Children" arr. Dallas Bolin Jesus loves the little children—all the children of the world! Red and yellow, black and white; they are precious in his sight. Jesus loves the little children of the world! **Anthem** "Climb to the Top of the Highest Mountain" Carolyn Jennings **Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer** Rev. Steve Holler "Shepherd Boy" arr. Ray Boltz **Offertory** (Al Quarles, solo) \*Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" 95 "People, Look East" 202, vv. 1, 4 \*Hymn **Responsive Psalter Reading** Psalm 143:1-10 856, Response 2 Scripture Lesson Luke 3:1-6 (N. T. pg. 60) Susan Floyd "Not 14, Not 16, Perfect!" Rev. Steve Holler Sermon "Angels from the Realms of Glory" 220 \*Hymn \*Benediction Rev. Steve Holler \*Congregational Blessing and Amen "Make Us One, Lord" Carol Cymbala Make us one, Lord, make us one. Holy Spirit, make us one. Let Your love flow, so the world will know: We are one in You. Postlude "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" Thomas Bliss

\*PLEASE STAND, IF ABLE.

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# s Week's Events:

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8—2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 9:15am—Sunday School
- (In-person & Online)
- 10:25am—Traditional Service
- (In-Person & Online)
- 5pm—Ring, Sing, & String!

#### Monday, December 9

10am—Coffee & Conversation

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

- 10:30am—United Women in Faith
- 6pm—Chancel Choir

#### **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12**

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

- \*8:30am—Seventh Day Adventists
- 2pm—Chancel Choir Dress Rehearsal
- \*3pm—Seventh Day Adventist Youth

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15—3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 9:15am—Sunday School
- (In-person & Online)
- 10:25am—Traditional Service
  - (In-Person & Online) ⇒ Chancel Choir Christmas Cantata!
- \*2pm—Seventh Day Adventist Children

\*La Iglesia Adventista del 7º Día, cuyos eventos son primariamente hispanohablantes.

- Dec. 17—New Life Grief Support Group (5pm)
- Dec. 18—Charles Wesley's 318<sup>th</sup> Birthday
- Dec. 19—Men's Bible Study (6pm)
- Dec. 24—Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (6:30pm)
- Dec. 25–26—Church Offices Closed for Christmas
- Dec. 29—5<sup>th</sup>-Sunday *Carol* Sing (during worship)
- Jan. 1, 2025—Church Offices Closed for New Year's Day
- Jan. 2—Men's Bible Study (6pm)
- Jan. 8—United Women in Faith (10:30am)
- Jan. 11—United Methodist Men Workday (9am; details TBA)
- Jan. 13—United Methodist Men (6pm)
- Jan. 16—Men's Bible Study (6pm)
- Jan. 17—Young at Hearts (11:30am)
- Jan. 18—Chili Cookoff!
- Jan. 23—Prayer Shawl Ministry (10:30am)
- Jan. 27—SPRC (6:30pm)
- Jan. 28—New Life Grief Support Group (5pm)

As members of this congregation, we WILL FAITHFULLY PARTICIPATE IN ITS MINIS-TRY BY OUR PRAYERS, OUR PRESENCE, OUR GIFTS, OUR SERVICE, AND OUR WITNESS.

#### **OUR PRESENCE 12/1/24:**

Online: **Sunday School:** Worship:

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#### **OUR SERVICE TODAY:**

Greeter: **Usher: Altar Guild:** 

**Bruce Farrington** 

**Audrey Culp** Fran Threatt

Nancy Griffith

**Crucifer:** Harry Gibson/Steve Barfield

Acolyte: Norah Cordle/Harry Gibson

Karen S., Diane E., John/Donna H. **Blessing Box:** 

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS:

This Week: Brenda Hochreiter

**Next Week:** Al Quarles

#### 2025 PLEDGE CAMPAIGN

Included in this bulletin as a physical insert is a letter from the Finance Committee and a pledge card for 2025. Please see these items for more information. The main point of this message is to share this related QR code; scan it to go directly to the online 2025 Pledge Campaign form:



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