

Ring, Sing, & String

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

-Psalm 98:4 (NRSV)



OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

We've recently posted brand-new, squeaky-clean 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 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 shut-ins 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.

JOIN THE SUNDAY LUNCH BUNCH

THE
DIXIE PIG

2007
Celanese Rd.
Rock Hill, SC
29732

Announcements

10:25am

Prelude

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

arr. Mark Hayes

*Presentation of the Cross
and Lighting of the Candles

“Prepare the Way of the Lord”

Jacques Berthier

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.

*Hymn

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

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

Offertory *(Al Quarles, solo)*

“Shepherd Boy”

arr. Ray Boltz

*Doxology

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

95

*Hymn

“People, Look East”

202, vv. 1, 4

Responsive Psalter Reading

Psalms 143:1-10

856, Response 2

Scripture Lesson

Luke 3:1-6 *(N. T. pg. 60)*

Susan Floyd

Sermon

“Not 14, Not 16. Perfect!”

Rev. Steve Holler

*Hymn

“Angels from the Realms of Glory”

220

*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

This Week's Events:

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8—2nd 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 7^o Día, cuyos eventos son primariamente hispanohablantes.

Coming Up:

- Dec. 17—New Life Grief Support Group (5pm)
- Dec. 18—Charles Wesley's 318th 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—5th-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 MINISTRY BY OUR **PRAYERS**, OUR **PRESENCE**, OUR **GIFTS**, OUR **SERVICE**, AND OUR **WITNESS**.

OUR PRESENCE 12/1/24:

Worship:	Online:	Sunday School:
62	15	4

OUR SERVICE TODAY:

Usher:	Greeter:	Altar Guild:
Audrey Culp	Fran Threatt	Bruce Farrington Nancy Griffith
Crucifer:	Harry Gibson/Steve Barfield	
Acolyte:	Norah Cordle/Harry Gibson	
Blessing Box:	Karen S., Diane E., John/Donna H.	

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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