



ALDERSGATEDE

# IT IS WHAT IT IS

**A Series on 1st & 2nd Corinthians**

JAN 16-FEB 27 2022

## Aldersgate United Methodist Church

Sunday, January 16, 2022

**11:00 AM Traditional Worship**

**The Reverend J. Christopher Pennington, *Pastor***

**The Reverend Anthony Arrington, *Minister of Pastoral Care***

**The Reverend Robert McFarland, *Pastor of Worship and Music***

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***Aldersgate is a significant place where disciples are made!***

*With God's help and through prayer we GATHER as God's people,  
GROW in faith and love, and GO into the world as Jesus' disciples.*

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## **SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

### **ENTRANCE**

**PRELUDE**

*Organ Prelude*

Aldersgate Brass

*Bach, trans. Zabel, ed. Ostrander*

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

**L:** In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth, darkness was over the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

**P:** Centuries before Jesus walked among us, the Spirit of God was promised to him, so that he would bring justice to the nations.

**L:** Jesus sent the Spirit of truth to teach us and give us peace.

**P:** At Pentecost the Spirit came, as the rush of violent wind and tongues of fire.

**All:** That same Spirit is among us now. Let us worship God!

### **PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT, 329 (Unison)**

**HYMN, 2117**

*Spirit of God*

DOVE SONG

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**P:** Lord God, we know that you are life, the life which is the light of the world. But sometimes we allow the darkness to close in. We find ourselves driven apart from you. We confess that we do not always trust Christ's gifts; Sacrificing grace and truth in order to get ahead in the world. We do not always listen to your Spirit's teaching and direction, trusting instead in our own intellect or hard work. Please forgive our thoughtlessness, carelessness, willful ignorance and disobedience.

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Sarabande*

Aldersgate Brass

*Handel, arr. Gordon*

### **PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

**SONG OF PREPARATION, 328**

*Surely the Presence of the Lord*

WOLFE

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

**1 Corinthians 12:1-11**

**SERMON**

*The Spirit is...*

The Reverend Chris Pennington

**HYMN OF RESPONSE, 331** *Holy Spirit, Come, Confirm Us*

FOR THE BREAD

## A MODERN AFFIRMATION, 885

Pastor: Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:

**ALL: We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power, and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good. We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death. We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need. We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.**

## THANKSGIVING

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOR REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

### THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

## SENDING FORTH

### HYMN, 336

*Of All the Spirit's Gifts to Me*

MEYER

### BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

*Alman*

*Byrd, trans. Dishinger*

Aldersgate Brass

### OFFERING OUR TOTAL SELVES IN SERVICE TO OUR LORD

*The offering of gifts is a portion of our covenant to God: Our Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service, and Witness*

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## PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Altar Duty: Carolyn Reis and Betty Lu Ireland

Music: Rob McFarland, *Pastor of Worship and Music*  
Mark Sobol, *Organist*

Aldersgate Brass: Jim Armistead, Bert Diemer, Betsy Diemer, Sam Stein, and Bill Holloway

## CALENDAR

### Sunday, January 16, 2022

9:00a Contemporary Worship Service, Livestream

11:00 Traditional Worship Service, Livestream

### Monday, January 17, 2022

Office is closed

### Tuesday, January 18, 2022

7:00p Amplified, Aldersgate, Zoom

### Wednesday, January 19, 2022

6:00p Impact, Zoom

### Thursday, January 20, 2022

6:00p Journey Band, Auditorium

### Friday, January 21, 2022

Saturday, January 22, 2022

### **REMINDERS...**

- **Altar Flowers:** contact Cheryl Beeson at (302) 658-7765 or e-mail [cherylbeeson45@gmail.com](mailto:cherylbeeson45@gmail.com); **checks for contributions may be put in the Treasurer's mailbox in The HUB.**
- **Prayer List, Visitation, and Persons to Encourage list:** contact the church office.
- **Messenger Articles & Photos:** E-mail [messenger@aldersgatede.org](mailto:messenger@aldersgatede.org).
- **Amazon:** If you shop Amazon, use [smile.Amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and choose Aldersgate as your charity!
- **Church Office Hours:** Monday – Thursday 9 AM- 4 PM and Fridays 9 AM- 12 PM.
- **Koinonia Fellowship Zoom** Sundays at noon: Meeting ID: 959 0788 3751 Passcode: Aldersgate  
<https://zoom.us/j/95907883751?pwd=UGhkZWVmOGN6d0d0NzdhaWhyK3gwZz09>

### **OUR CARING MINISTRY**

**The Peace Candle** in the sanctuary reminds us to pray for those serving our country: Weston Stigler (grandson to Martha and Willis Weldin) and Joshua Biggs-Herrera (grandson to Karen Covey Moore) and Captain Matthew C. Small (grandson to Ron and Phoebe Smith).

**The flowers on the altar are** *in memory of Robert James Pepper* from the Duffy family.

**The flowers on the altar are** *in memory of Frank and Edna Fritts*, from their daughter, Carolyn Fleckenstein.

**We extend of deepest condolences to the family of Eldo Luciani** who passed away on May 3, 2021.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Chili & Chocolate Cook-off Social has been canceled.**

**Emmanuel Dining Room** - EDR has returned to making box meals rather than prepared meals. Aldersgate continues to financially support the EDR every month.

**It's time for Aldersgate Preschool's Pajama and Book Drive** - CHILD, Inc. is a private, non-profit organization, that offers prevention, treatment, emergency shelter and advocacy services that strengthen families. We want to be part of this drive so that we can help make a better bedtime for these children and families. Help us transform bedtime for an at-risk child by donating a NEW pair of pajamas, robes, slippers and NEW children's books! All sizes are needed- from newborn to adult. Thank you for helping us share the gift of a good night's sleep and a sweet bedtime story. After all, good nights are good days! Please place all items in the baskets at the Preschool welcome area. Donation delivery is planned for early February.

**Aldersgate Youth Musical Cancelled for this Year** - Due to the continuing rise in COVID, and out of extreme caution for the safety of our cast, crew, and their families, we have made the difficult decision to cancel the 2022 youth musical – Anything's Possible. We hope and pray that we will be able to safely gather, rehearse and perform in 2023. Thank you to everyone for their continued generosity and support of this program. Wishing you all grace, peace, and good health – Janet Atwater, Youth Musical Director

### **ALDERSGATE YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS**

**Impact:** Youth in 6th-12th grade are invited to join us every Wednesday from 6-7:30 PM for youth group! Come out and join us for games, activities, fellowship, faith-forming studies, and more!

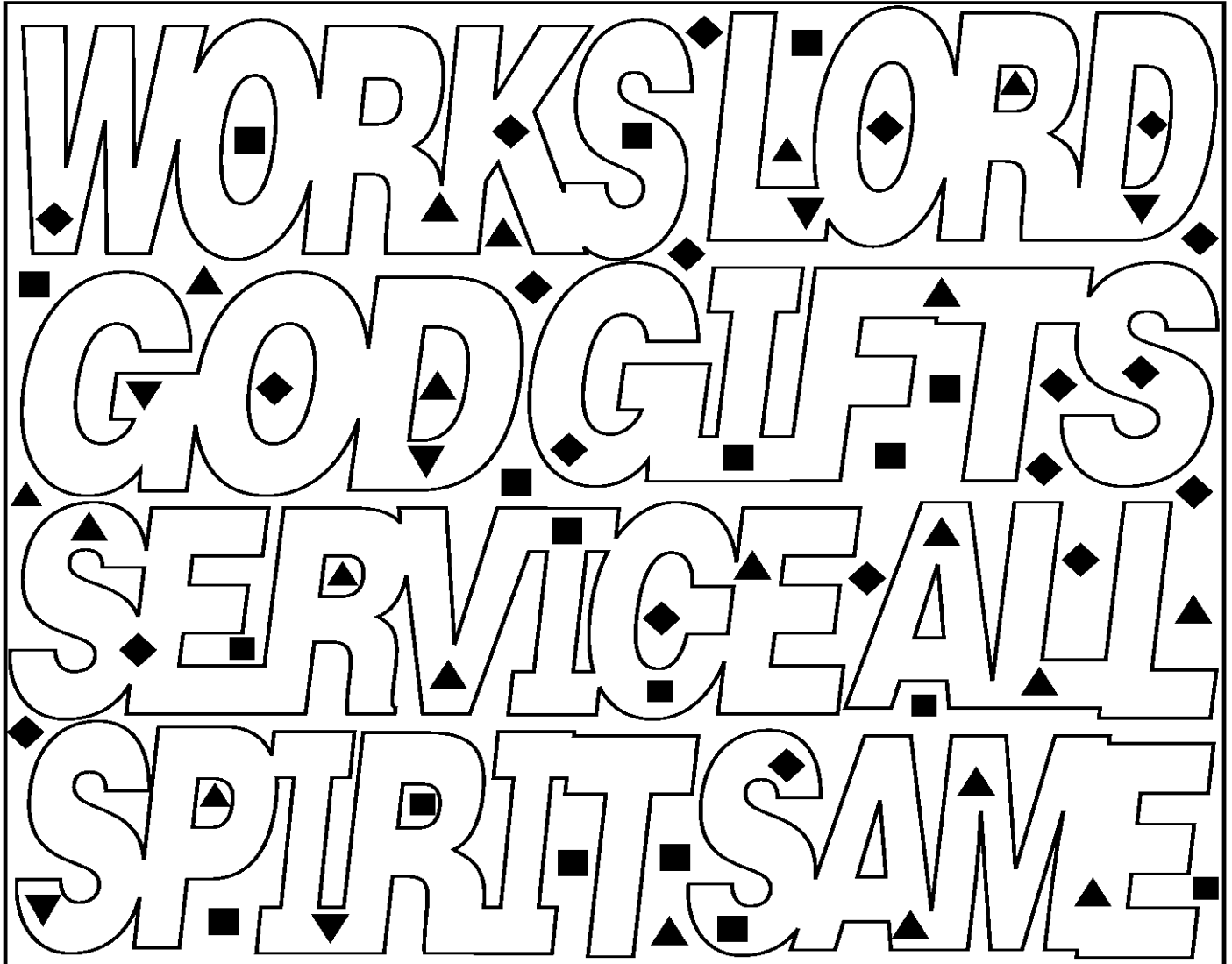
**Amplified:** Young adults ages 18-25 are invited to join us for our young adult small group every Tuesday from 7-8:30 PM. Join us outside and in-person for fellowship, fun, and Bible Study!

**Panera Fundraiser:** Get dinner or takeout from the Fairfax Shopping Center Panera on Sunday, 1/30/22 from 4-8 PM. A portion of your purchase will benefit our 2022 mission trip to Spirit Lake!

# Spiritual Gifts

Believers are all different  
in their abilities and interests.

Shade in the shapes that contain a ▼ and  
add the shaded words to the spaces below.



There are different gifts but the same \_\_\_\_\_ , different service but  
the same \_\_\_\_\_ , different kinds of working but the same \_\_\_\_\_ .