



Outreach Focus: Outreach Focus for November through December 11 is holiday gifts for STEP and Perspectives and there are a number of ways you can contribute to this worthy cause:

For STEP

1. You can purchase a toy for 0 – 8 year-olds valuing \$20 - \$40 and drop them off at Aldersgate by Sunday, December 11
2. You can purchase Target gift cards in \$10 denominations that will be given to 9 year-olds and older, again turning them in by December 11. You can also donate directly to Aldersgate with STEP Holiday in the memo line and gift cards will be purchased.
3. Or, from the comfort of your own living room, you can visit STEPslp.org to view the Amazon and Target wish lists and purchase gifts that will be sent directly to STEP **by** December 16.

Any loose coins (donated on Sunday morning) or money donated to Aldersgate, designated to Perspectives, will be used to purchase gifts for the kids at Perspectives.

Aldersgate Church is a Creator-centered, Jesus-shaped, Spirit-led community seeking to create atmospheres of spiritual connection, healing, and growth. We are an inclusive community, believing that God loves, honors, and celebrates all people regardless of age, race, nation, gender identity, background, sexual orientation, abilities, or socio-economic position. We believe that God calls us to embody God's radical love by cultivating a space free from harassment, judgment, hate, or discrimination. We hope you find spiritual connection, healing, and growth in worship today. Thanks for joining us!



Sunday, November 20, 2022
Order of Worship

Gathering

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn: "Amazing Grace" (UMH #378, vs. 1-4, 6)

Children's Message Cleo Bonham

Prayer Requests (raise your hand if you have a prayer request)

Prayer Song: "Build a Longer Table"
(ELCA ALL Creation Sings, #1062, vs. 1, 3 & 4)

Kids dismissed to Kids' Time

Scripture: Isaiah 2:1-4

Message Pastor Paul Baudhuin

Closing Hymn: "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"
(UMH #138, vs. 1, 2, 4-6)

Blessing

Postlude

Call to Worship

ONE: Beloved Community of God, come. Let us join together in spirit and flesh.

ALL: God of all Creation, thank you for your enduring love.

ONE: Beloved Community of God, lift your hearts as one.

ALL: Precious Lord Jesus, thank you for calling us into your work.

ONE: Beloved Community of God, open your minds to the mysteries of God's ways,

ALL: Sweet Spirit of God, thank you for breathing life into us and leading us in the ways of justice, loving-kindness, and humility.

ONE: Beloved Community of God, may our spirits rise together as we sing of God's great love.

Opening Hymn: "Amazing Grace"

Verse 1: Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

Verse 2: 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

Verse 3: Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come; 'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

Verse 4: The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures; he will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

Verse 6: When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

Kids' Time Song: "This, This is Where Children Belong"

This, this is where children belong welcomed as part of the worshipping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song. This is where children belong.

Prayer Song: "Build a Longer Table"

Verse 1: Build a longer table, not a higher wall, feeding those who hunger, making room for all. Feasting together, stranger turns to friend, Christ breaks walls to pieces; false divisions end.

Verse 3: Build a broader doorway, not a longer fence. Love protects all people, sparing no expense. When we embrace compassion more than fear, Christ tears down our fences: all are welcome here.

Verse 4: When we lived as exiles, refugees abroad, Christ became our doorway to the reign of God. So must our tables welcome those who roam. None can be excluded; all must find a home.

Closing Hymn: "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

Verse 1: The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never. I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine forever.

Verse 2: Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth; and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

Verse 4: 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.

Verse 5: Thou spreadst a table in my sight; thy unction grace bestoweth; and oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth.

Verse 6: And so through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never; Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

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Happening This Week: November 20-26

Monday: 6:30pm, Life Group, Sanctuary

Tuesday: 10:00am, Life Group, Sanctuary
6:45pm, Jubilee! Bell Choir, Sanctuary

Wednesday: 1:00pm Community Outreach Team, Sanctuary

Thursday & Friday: **OFFICE CLOSED**