



The Promise Realized Through Faith

Don't Blink!

by Bethany Stabler

Don't blink! We are told that the seasons of being newly married, starting new jobs, and raising babies—up until the time they have babies of their own—will all happen in the blink of an eye. “Don't blink!” they tell the newlyweds, the young parents, and the entry-level employees. “Don't blink! It will be over before you know it.” However, when we're in the routine of the day-to-day grind, it can be difficult to see out of the trenches toward the promises of future blessings.

Abram, while in the day-to-day routine of living in the land of his ancestors, may not even have been thinking of a different chapter for his life. Daily trials and routines likely filled all the space in his mind. Then, God intervened. Ten generations after Noah's son, Shem, stepped into the promise of God's blessing of a rainbow, God stepped into Abram's life with a new promise:

Genesis 12:2 — “I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.”

The Lord met Abram where he was and promised him blessings. He promised those blessings not just to Abram, but to his entire family. Though these promises were given by God, they were not immediate. Abram still had to wait in the trenches of everyday life. Looking back, Abram may have echoed the same thing our elders say to us: “Don't blink!”

Don't blink. Blessings will come. God is faithful, and His promises are true. Have faith and don't blink!

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them." Matthew 18:20

Welcome to Aldersgate Methodist Church of North Charleston. We're so happy that you are here!

Be thoughtful, be still, be reverent; for here we meet with a Holy God.

Before the service, speak to the Lord; during the service, let the Lord speak to you; after the service, speak to one another.

-If you have kiddos four or under, we offer an engaging and loving nursery so that you can get some personal time with God.

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"THEN I TURNED MY FACE TO THE LORD GOD,
SEEKING HIM BY PRAYER AND PLEAS FOR MERCY WITH FASTING AND SACKCLOTH AND ASHES."

DANIEL 9:3



Worship Service

Today's reader is Kristi Todd

Gathering Music

Libby Hanson

Chiming of the Trinity

Opening Hymn

THE GOD OF ABRAHAM PRAISE



1 The God of A-braham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove;
2 Your Spi - rit still flows free, high sur - ging where it will;
3 You have e - ter - nal life im - plan - ted in the soul;



the an - cient of e - ter - nal days, the God of love!
in pro - phet's word you spoke of old and you speak still.
your love shall be our strength and stay, while a - ges roll.



The Lord, the great I Am, by_ earth and_ heaven con - fessed
E - sta - blished is your law, and_ change - less_ it shall stand,
We praise you, li - ving God! We_ praise your_ ho - ly name;



we bow be - fore your ho - ly_ name for - e - ver blest.
deep writ up - on the hu - man_ heart, on_ sea or land.
who was, and is, and is to_ be, for - e'er the same!

Call to Worship

*All: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord, Amen.*

Welcome & Announcements

The Word of the Lord

Genesis 12:1-4 (ESV)

¹ Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ² And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

⁴ So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran

Romans 4:1-5,13-17 (ESV)

¹ What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? ² For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³ For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness." ⁴ Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. ⁵ And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness,

¹³ For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

¹⁶ That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, ¹⁷ as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God!

Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: World without end. Amen, Amen.**

Sermon

"The Promise Realized Through Faith"

Pastor Kam Stabler

The Confession of Sin

Leader: Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Holy name, Amen.

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Holy Communion

Donations for the Pastor's Benevolence Fund may be placed on the Communion Rail.
Members of the prayer ministry are at the sides of the altar if you would like someone to pray for you.

Leader: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us, once for all upon the cross.

All: Therefore let us keep the feast.

Communion Music

Choir

"O Father We Have Wandered"

by Kevin Nichols

Post Communion Prayer

All: Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious body and blood of Your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of Your Son, and heirs of Your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out to do the work You have given us to do, to love and serve You as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To Him, to You, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever, Amen.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead;

he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*The term "catholic" (with a lower case "c") does not refer to any specific denomination or group of Christians. The term comes from two Greek words that together mean "throughout the whole." So when the creed states, "I believe in the holy catholic church," it refers to the wholeness of the whole church in all times and places rather than to any specific branch of Christianity.

Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts

Offering
Choir

"Just As I Am, I Come"
by Charlotte Elliott & Mary McDonald

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below, Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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 forever. Amen.

Closing Hymn

BE STILL, MY SOUL



1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side. Bear pa-tient - ly
2. Be still, my soul: your God will un - der - take To guide the fu -
3. Be still, my soul: the hour is hast -'ning on When we shall be



the cross of grief or pain. Leave to thy God to or - der and pro - vide;
ture, as in a - ges past. Your hope, your con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake;
for - ev - er with the Lord. When dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone,



In eve - ry change, God faith - ful will re - main. Be still, my soul:
all now mys - ter - ious shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul:
Sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored. Be still, my soul:



your best, your heav'n-ly Friend Through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
the waves and winds still know the Christ who ruled them while He dwelt be - low.
when change and tears are past All safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

Benediction

Leader: Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!

From Ashes to Alleluia: Psalms of Lent and the Gospel of Christ

This Lent, we journey with the Psalmists through the raw landscapes of the human soul—repentance, longing, trust, and despair. Each week, we will pair a Psalm with a passage from the Gospels, discovering how every cry finds its answer, every prayer finds its shape, and every hope finds its fulfillment in the life, teaching, and sacrifice of Jesus Christ.



Week 2 of Lent: A Defiant Trust

***"The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear?...
Though war break out against me, even then I will be confident." (Psalm 27:1, 3)***

This psalm is a battle cry from the wilderness. It isn't prayed from a place of peaceful safety, but in the face of tangible enemies, advancing armies, and palpable fear. The psalmist's "heart's cry" is for one thing: a steady, unwavering trust. "Though war break out against me, even then I will be confident." This is the prayer for a faith that defies circumstances, a light that pierces the deepest darkness of anxiety. Lent's journey now moves from the confession of Week 1 into the testing ground of trust.

"Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ... But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble."
(Matthew 6:25-27, 33-34)

Jesus speaks directly into this human tendency to fear. His sermon redirects our frantic gaze from the threats that surround us—what we will eat, drink, or wear—to the character of the God who provides. "Look at the birds of the air..." His command, "Do not worry," is rooted in the assurance of a Father's meticulous, loving care. The God who is our "light and salvation" is also the tender Provider who sustains all creation.

The Christ Connection: Jesus is the ultimate embodiment of this psalm. He walked the ultimate wilderness, facing the "armies" of sin, shame, and death with a steadfast trust in the Father. He is the Light that no darkness can overcome (John 1:5). Our confidence is not in our own strength to endure, but in the faithful character of the God who walks with us, proven in Christ.

Your Weekly Challenge: When anxiety rises this week—a worry about provision, a relational tension, a fear for the future—pause. Breathe and recite: "The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear?" Then, immediately redirect that worry into prayer for one thing related to God's kingdom—pray for a neighbor's well-being, for peace in a conflict, or for someone to know God's love. Trade your fear for focused trust.

Prayer List

Please join us in lifting up the following individuals and families in your daily prayers:

Betty Black, Edith Black (friend of Joe Hamer), Bob Bollacker, Tony Burke, Rocky Cox, Betty Dawsey, Bonnie and Mark Ferris (Betty Wickert's daughter and son-in-law), Hoy Fisher, Joan Fried, Patsy Ganis, Woody Ganis, Carlos Gonzalez and family, Jimmie Gore, Family of Dan Gross, Joe Hamer, Ernest Hoenck, Jeri Jackson, Shawn Jacques, Frances Jenkins, Jennifer Keefer-Jacobs, Eunice Longsine, Justin Lowe and family, Carol Massey, Ben McBride, Mike and Theresa Meynardie, Kathy Mobley, Karen Peacock (Julie's mother), Joanne Ragge, Debbie Rayeski, Bette Renaud, Robert Seabrook, Sue Shipman, Frances Thompson, Joseph Tracy, Randy Ward, and Jenny and Michael Worrell.

Birthdays

- 3/2 Marian Gentry
- 3/2 Virginia Fullatjar
- 3/3 Lynn Johnson
- 3/7 Michael Worrell
- 3/7 Patty Wall
- 3/8 Michele Schreurg
- 3/9 Wayne Jackson
- 3/9 Kathy Hoge
- 3/9 Ann Hicks
- 3/11 Sara Story
- 3/13 Scott Neumann
- 3/18 Cynthia Jankauskas
- 3/19 Akila Lewis
- 3/19 Khalil Lewis
- 3/22 Fred Martin
- 3/23 Mason Yaun
- 3/26 Caity Robertson
- 3/28 Jenny Worrell

Anniversaries

- March 17th
Carlos Gonzales & Vanesa Perez (14th)
- March 19th
Kristi & Aaron Todd (4th)
- March 21st
Kurt & Becky Brugler (45th)
- March 25th
Lori & Dean Silvis (37th)

If we left out your birthday or anniversary,
please let us know:
office@aldersgateremount.org

This Week

MONDAY 2
HCM Soup Kitchen 10:30 AM
Nurture Meeting 6:00 PM

TUESDAY 3
Prayer Meeting 10:00 AM

WEDNESDAY 4
HCM Food Bank 10:00 AM
HCM Clothes Closet 10:30 AM
Choir Practice 6:00 PM

THURSDAY 5
HCM Soup Kitchen 10:30 AM
HCM Food Bank 6:00 PM
Class Meeting Study 6:30 PM

SUNDAY 8
Sunday School 9:00 AM
Worship Service 10:00 AM

NEWS & UPDATES

NURTURE MEETING

Please be advised that the **February Nurture Committee meeting** has been moved to a new date. We will now gather on **Monday, March 2, 2026, at 6:00 PM.** We apologize for the change in plans and appreciate your flexibility. We look forward to seeing you all there to kick off March!

WOA MEETING UPDATE

Because many of our members will be attending the Women's Retreat at St. Christopher's during the first weekend of March, we have decided to cancel our regularly scheduled meeting on March 14th. We want to ensure everyone has the opportunity to fully enjoy the retreat experience without missing out on our group time. Our next gathering will take place on **Saturday, April 11, 2026, at 11:00 AM.** We look forward to hearing all about the retreat when we reunite in April!

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: "PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS"

Aldersgate is excited to host guest speaker **Pastor David James** on **Monday, March 23rd, at 6:30 pm.** Pastor David is a volunteer representative for the Voice of the Martyrs. More information will follow in the coming weeks. Mark your calendar—you won't want to miss this!

SAVE THE DATE(S)!

Eighty years of memories, community, and growth is such a massive achievement that one day simply isn't enough to hold it all! We are absolutely thrilled to announce that we'll be celebrating **Aldersgate's 80th Birthday** not just once, but twice this spring. We're doubling the joy and the festivities to make sure this milestone gets the spotlight it deserves. The celebration kicks off on **Sunday, March 29th**, for a special Birthday Party held during the Sunday School hour. It's going to be a wonderful morning of reflection and treats as we honor eight decades of being together. But don't blow out the candles just yet, because the party continues on **May 17th at our Homecoming Spring Picnic!** We'll be headed into our own backyard for food, fresh air, and fellowship under the sun. Let's make these two dates unforgettable as we honor our rich history and look forward to the many years still to come!



Aldersgate Methodist Church of North Charleston is a member of the Global Methodist Church of SC. The mission of the GMC is to make disciples of **Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly.**

Last Sunday

ATTENDANCE:

Sunday School	48
Worship Service	87
Facebook/YouTube	25/8

OFFERING:

Giving Received	\$54,878.05
Giving Needed	\$64,567.78
Gain/Loss	(\$9,689.73)

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