

## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

April 21, 2019  
EASTER SUNDAY

Welcome: It's time to celebrate, we are in the presence of God.  
We invite you to joyfully prepare your hearts to receive God's love and to feel connected to the Body of Christ this day.

Please take a moment to sign the pew pads. We'd like to keep you informed of what we are doing, so please give us your email, too.

\*Please stand as you are able.

† 8:45 Worship Only    †† 11:00 Worship Only

EIGHT FORTY-FIVE

ELEVEN O'CLOCK

GATHERING AND COMMUNITY CONCERNS

**VOLUNTARY** March upon Handel's "Lift Up Your Heads," Op. 15  
Alexandre Guilmant  
(1837-1911)

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVELY)

Leader: The darkness is banished!

**People: The brightness of God's love floods in on us!**

Leader: Christ is risen from the dead!

**People: Christ is alive forevermore!**

Leader: Hallelujah!

**People: Hallelujah! Amen!**

### \* PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 302

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today EASTER HYMN

### CALL TO CONFESSION

Even the obstacle of death has been removed between us and God. If death no longer stands in our way, we can be sure that our sin does not either. Let us confess our sins, that they may be washed away by the mercy of our risen Lord.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)

Risen Lord, we have seen the empty tomb, and yet we sometimes act as if we have seen nothing. Why must we be afraid of death, even after its defeat? Yes, this is a glorious day of mirth and song; forgive us when we are quick to forget its Good News. Help us be a people of resurrection, not just on this day but all days. Fill our hearts with your resurrection promise, that we might turn from sin and be renewed. May we tell the glad story—that Christ is risen, he is risen, indeed! Amen.

### PERSONAL CONFESSION AND MEDITATION (IN SILENCE)

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: The tomb is empty! Our Lord and Savior has risen from the grave! That which has been dead is alive! No barrier, none whatsoever, can keep us from the love of God! In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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

**All: Glory to God! Amen.**

**SUNG RESPONSE** Alleluia Verse William Bradley Roberts  
(b. 1947)

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia,  
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia,  
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

### \* PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

### †† TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

All children are invited to gather at the chancel steps.  
Children ages 4 – first grade may then depart  
for Children's Church in Room 304.

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (IN UNISON)

**Holy God, Word made flesh, silence our agendas; banish our assumptions; cast out our casual detachment. Confound our expectations; clear the cobwebs from our ears; penetrate the corners of our hearts with this word. We know that you can, we pray that you will, and we wait with great anticipation. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** Acts 10:34-43 NT Page 129

**ANTHEM** Hallelujah from Mount of Olives Beethoven  
Chancel Choir (1770-1827)

Hallelujah! unto God's Almighty Son. Praise the Lord, ye bright angelic choirs, in holy songs of joy. Man, proclaim his grace and glory. Hallelujah! unto God's Almighty Son. Praise the Lord in holy songs of joy.

-Franz Xaver Huber (1755-1814)

\* **GOSPEL LESSON** John 20:1-18 NT Page 114

**SERMON** "More Power!" Rev. Ross Carter

## CALL TO PRAYER

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Minister: Let us pray.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

### GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Thank you for your support of the mission and ministry of the church. If you would prefer to make your contribution via Text-to-Give, just text your offering amount to FSUMC's dedicated number, 336-489-GIVE (4483).

### OFFERTORY Morning Has Broken from Cycle of Light

Laura Sam, soprano Joel Martinson  
(b. 1960)

Morning has broken like the first morning, blackbird has spoken like the first bird. Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word! Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven, like the first dewfall on the first grass. Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where his feet pass. Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning born of the one light Eden saw play! Praise with elation, praise every morning, God's recreation of the new day!

-Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965)

### \* DOXOLOGY

### LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**All Singing:** Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
UMH No. 94

### \* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (IN UNISON)

**Mighty God of Resurrection Power, you offer us life that overcomes death, light that overcomes darkness, hope that overcomes our deepest despair! What could we possibly offer in return? Our tithes and gifts, yes; but our minds, hearts, and bodies, as well. May the "Alleluias!" we offer leave this place with us to bring hope to everyone we meet! In the Risen Christ, we pray. Amen.**

\* **HYMN No. 308** Thine Be the Glory JUDAS MACCABEUS

### \* PRONOUNCEMENT OF BLESSING

**POSTLUDE** Toccata from Symphony No. 5, Op. 42, No. 1

Charles Marie-Widor  
(1844-1937)

**WELCOME!** We're glad that you have chosen to worship with us today. Following the 11:00 a.m. service, there is a gathering in the Heritage Center for fellowship and refreshments. Please join us. Our hosts this week are Rev. and Mrs. Marshall Old.

We thank the following for their service during our worship service:

	8:45	11:00
Lay Reader:	Julian Mims	Sally Fox
Acolytes:	Ava Pittard	Ella Kate Porfilio & Mack Smith
Crucifer:	Kaelan Mims	Mary Elizabeth Huneycutt

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God by Dr. & Mrs. William C. Simpson, Jr. in loving memory of their parents, the Rev. W. Carl Simpson, Sr. and his wife, Nocie Barnes Simpson, and Albert J. Johnston and his wife, Jean Barker Johnston.

**MEMBERS OF THE ALTAR GUILD** serving in April are Marianna Harris, Teresa Chandler, Lee Ann Michel, Chris Presley, and Meredith Self.

**THE PRAYER REQUEST CARDS** in the pews may be placed in the offering or in the Prayer Request Boxes in the reading area and the narthex area, or you may email the Prayer Ministry Team at prayer@frontstreetumc.org. We thank team members Sandra Hughey and Betty Huneycutt, who will be in the Prayer Room on our behalf at noon to pray for requests given on the Prayer Request Cards.

**PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES**

Our new Pictorial Directories are here! If you had your family portrait made, or if you submitted a picture to be in the directory, you may pick up your copy from the table outside of the church office. We have the directories alphabetized for ease in locating yours. If you do not have your picture in the directory, you may pick up a copy from the church office for \$10.

**OFFICE CLOSED**

The church office will be closed **tomorrow**. We will reopen on Tuesday, April 23 at 9 a.m. Happy Easter from all of the staff at Front Street UMC!

**MUSIC AND MISSION CAMP REGISTRATION**

Early registration opens **April 29** and open registration begins **May 6**. Class sizes are limited—register early to avoid disappointment—no exceptions will be made to the maximum class sizes. Visit [www.frontstreetumc.org](http://www.frontstreetumc.org) to register.

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**

The theme this year is LOVE ONE ANOTHER. You are invited to join thousands of others in praying for our nation on **Thursday, May 2**.

We encourage you to sign up to pray for 30 minutes on May 2 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. We would like to have people praying throughout the 12 hours, either in the Prayer Room or Chapel, or in their homes. Sign up sheets are located outside the Prayer Room, the Chapel, in the Sunday School rooms, and the Welcome Center. LOVE ONE ANOTHER pamphlets will also be available to use as prayer guides.

**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

Date	8:45	9:00	11:00	Online	Total
3/24	51	45	190	0	286
3/31	50	53	195	0	298
4/7	52	50	205	9	316
4/14	0	69	359	12	440

SEE BACK OF BULLETIN FOR MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 21, 2019**

**Sunday, April 21**

8:45	Worship Service	Sanctuary
8:45	Contemporary Worship Service	Aldersgate Hall
9:45	Sunday School	Classrooms
11:00	Worship Service	Sanctuary

**Monday, April 22 - Church Office Closed**

**Tuesday, April 23**

7:30	Men's Breakfast Bible Study	Reading Area
7:00	Board of Trustees & Building & Grounds Meeting	Ministry Center

**Wednesday, April 24**

6:00	Aldersgate Praise Band	Aldersgate Hall
7:00	Hospitality Committee Meeting	John Wesley Room

**Thursday, April 25**

7:00	Visioning Team Meeting	Room 301
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**Sunday, April 28**

8:45	Worship Service	Sanctuary
8:45	Contemporary Worship Service	Aldersgate Hall
9:45	Sunday School	Classrooms
11:00	Worship Service	Sanctuary
5:00	Disciple Bible Study	Room 401
6:00	UMYF	Aldersgate Hall

**GREETERS NEEDED**

On **Tuesday, May 14** and **Wednesday, May 15**, Front Street UMC is hosting a conference for rural pastors, a joint event between both NC Conferences, the Duke Endowment, and the Institute for Emerging Issues at NC State. Greeters (10) are needed for 2 hours each day (8:30-10:30 a.m.) to ensure our guests feel welcome and provide directions to the facilities, etc. A small team of volunteers is needed to help serve lunch.

If you can be a greeter on one or more days, contact Cynthia Powell at [cdpowell54@gmail.com](mailto:cdpowell54@gmail.com) or text at 336-214-7699. This is a wonderful opportunity for Front Street to welcome and extend the hospitality of Christ. Won't you join us?

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

The following dates are available to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one: **June 30 and August 11**. Please contact Linda Paul at 336-543-5081 or [kpaul5@triad.rr.com](mailto:kpaul5@triad.rr.com) for details or to sign up.

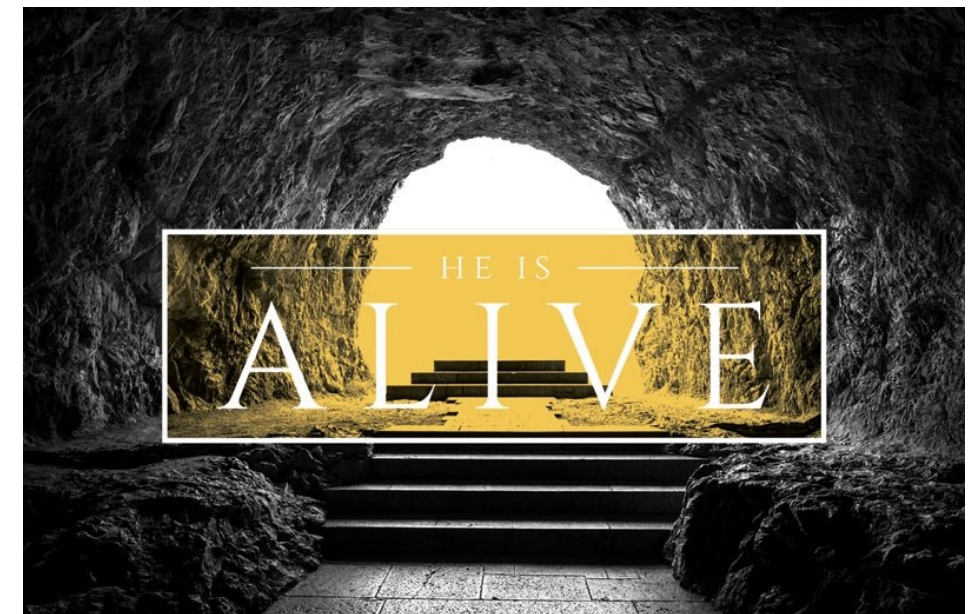
**LIVE-STREAMING ON FACEBOOK**

We are pleased to be able to live-stream our 11:00 a.m. worship each week for the benefit of those who are not able to be physically present. For those who would prefer to not be on camera, we endeavor to make the back half of the Sanctuary a non-video zone. The balcony is also available for non-video seating. If you have any questions about this service, please feel free to speak with Pastor Ross.

# FRONT STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Our Mission:**

*Knowing Christ • Growing in Christ • Sharing Christ*



**Pastors**

Rev. Ross Carter  
Rev. Patrick Murphy

**Youth Minister**  
Chris Huneycutt

**Organist/Director of Music**  
Dr. Matt Brittain

**Choirmaster**  
Laura J. Sam

**Director of Children's Ministries**  
Marcella Z. McAdams