

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
April 28, 2019
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

Robert Hobby
(b. 1962)

* **CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVELY)**

Leader: Doubt and fear are gone!

People: Light and hope abound!

Leader: Where we once felt alone and lost,

People: Christ has come to walk again with us.

Leader: Hallelujah!

People: Hallelujah! Amen.

* **HYMN No. 327 Crown Him with Many Crowns DIADEMATATA**

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Lord loves us, and wants to hear what's on our hearts. Let's share the things that grieve us with God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)

Holy God, Lord of new life, hear our prayer this morning as we confess our wrongdoing to you. Forgive us for the times when we try to make you conform to our expectations. May we open our hearts to your grace and wisdom, as we allow you to be who you are; for it is who you truly are that we need most. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

PERSONAL CONFESSION AND MEDITATION (IN SILENCE)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Confession is good for the soul, and helps to mend our relationships. 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,
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* **PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

MISSION MOMENT National Day of Prayer † Lisa Smith
†† Beverly Thomas

†† **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)

O Lord, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love and strength to follow on the path you set before us; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 150 OT Page 583

†† **ANTHEM The Lord Is Risen Indeed** William Billings
Chancel Choir (1746-1800)

The Lord is risen indeed, Hallelujah! Now is Christ risen from the dead and become the first-fruits of them that slept. And did He rise? Hear, O ye nations, hear it, O ye dead. He rose! He burst the bars of death and triumphed o'er the grave! Then I rose! Then first humanity triumphant passed the crystal ports of light and seized eternal youth. Man all immortal, hail; heaven, all lavish of strange gifts to man, thine all the glory, man's the boundless bliss!

-Edward Young (1683-1765)

* **GOSPEL LESSON John 20:19-31** NT Page 115

† **SERMON "What Thomas Wanted"** Rev. Marshall Old

†† **SERMON "Thomas"** 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 I Know That My Redeemer Liveth from Messiah

Jessica Hannah, soprano G. F. Handel
(1685-1759)

I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth; and though worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God. For now is Christ risen from the dead, the first-fruits of them that sleep.

-Job 19:25-26 and I Corinthians 15:20

* **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)**

Holy God, thank you for Jesus, the Author of life, whom you raised from the dead. You still do marvelous miracles of forgiveness, bringing healing and new life in our midst. We know that these gifts don't come from our power or piety, but by your goodness. Let our offerings contribute to the ongoing work of your servant Jesus, here and now. Amen.

* **HYMN No. 128 He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought**
HE LEADETH ME

* **PRONOUNCEMENT OF BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

Toccata on "O Filii et Filiae"

Lynnwood Farnam
(1885-1930)

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 Mr. and Mrs. Gary Harris.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in memory of Paul Eugene Scarborough, Jr. on his birthday by Joanne and his family.

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

	8:45	11:00
Liturgist:	Don Milligan	
Lay Reader:	Jim Clark	John Lewis
Acolytes:	Abigale Robinson	Paige Hawley & Britton Isley
Crucifer:	Evan Gilgo	Meredith Hawley

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 member 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.

MUSIC AND MISSION CAMP REGISTRATION

Early registration for FSUMC members opens **tomorrow** 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 to register.

WHEELCHAIR RAMP MINISTRY

Join our Wheelchair Ramp Ministry Team on their next build scheduled on **Saturday, May 4 at 8:30 a.m.** All youth and adults are welcome. On-site training is provided, and no experience is necessary. Contact Tom Sineath for details: tom.sineath@gmail.com.

CEREAL SUNDAY

Cereal Sunday is **May 5**. Please deposit cereal or other dry/canned goods in the tubs in the cabinet in the Welcome Center. Thank you for helping stock the food pantry at the Salvation Army.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Circles 1, 2, and 4 will meet on **Monday, May 6** at 10:30 a.m. in the Chapel. A musical program will be presented by the children, with our luncheon following in Aldersgate at 11:30 a.m. Circle 5 will meet on **Tuesday, May 14** at 6:30 p.m. in the Heritage Center. The meeting will include a salad supper. All women are invited to join us as our guests at both meetings. Contact Doris Jefferson at 336-228-0130 for additional information.

OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

We are searching for someone to assume the duties of head collector at the 11 a.m. Sunday service for the months of May, September, and January. This person needs to be in the narthex between 10:45 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. on the aforementioned Sundays and sign up collectors as they enter the church. The task is not difficult. Anyone who applies is more than capable. Please call Phil Minton for more information, 336-584-1722.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Date	8:45	Aldersgate	11:00	Online	Total
3/31	50	53	195	0	298
4/7	52	50	205	9	316
4/14	0	69	359	12	440
4/21	50	107	368	12	537

SEE BACK OF BULLETIN FOR MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 28, 2019

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

Tuesday, April 30

9:30	Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study	Room 305
5:30	Men's Breakfast Bible Study Cook-In	Aldersgate Hall
6:15	Epworth Ringers	Bell Room

Wednesday, May 1

7:30	Youth Breakfast Club	Dr. Cecil's Office 1711 Sykes St.
6:00	Aldersgate Praise Band	Aldersgate Hall
7:00	Staff-Parish Relations Committee Meeting	John Wesley Room
7:00	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
7:00	Women's Bible Study	Room 401

Thursday, May 2

8:00	National Day of Prayer	Prayer Room, Chapel
9:30	Prayer & Meditation	Prayer Room

Friday, May 3-5 - UMYF Beach Trip

Ocean Isle Beach

Saturday, May 4

8:30	Wheelchair Ramp Build
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MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING

Please support the Mother's Day offering on **Sunday, May 12**. This offering raises funds to provide Benevolent Care to those residents within the United Methodist Retirement Homes communities, whose resources have been depleted. Offering envelopes will be provided.

GREETERS NEEDED

Front Street UMC is hosting a conference for rural pastors on **May 14 and 15**. Greeters (10) are needed from 8:30-10:30 a.m. each day. A small team of volunteers is needed to help serve lunch. Contact Cynthia Powell at cdpowell54@gmail.com or text 336-2147699 for details or to volunteer.

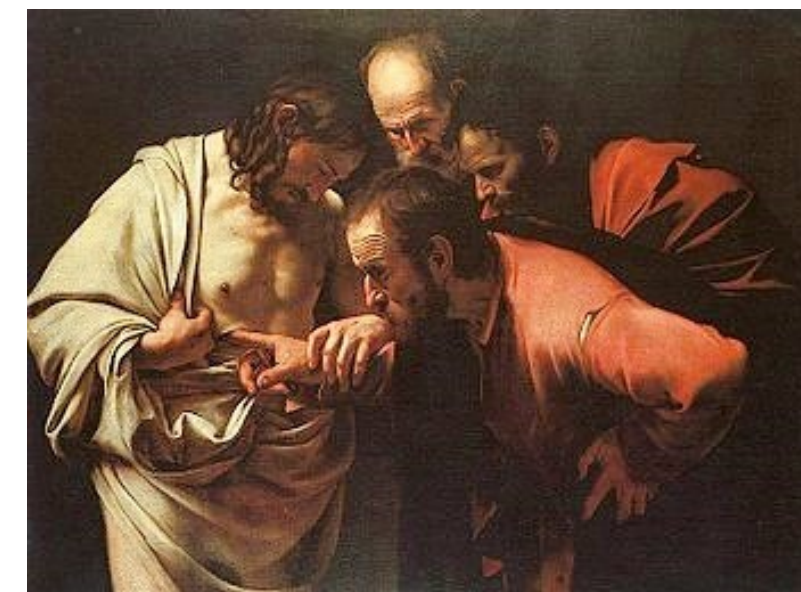
LIVE-STREAMING ON FACEBOOK

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