

**THE WORSHIP OF GOD**  
**April 15, 2018**  
**THIRD 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 Pastoral Dance on "Morning Has Broken"**

Andrew Clarke  
 (b. 1942)

\* **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.**

\* **PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 308**

**Thine Be the Glory JUDAS MACCABEUS**

**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, Alleluia**

**ALLELUIA NO. 1**



\* **PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**MISSION MOMENT National Day of Prayer**

† David & Nancy Hamby

†† Vicky Glassford

†† **RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

Jason and Emily Forgey

†† **THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Insert

**Declan Robert Forgey**

†† **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.**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

**Matthew 27:3-5**

NT Page 31

\* **GOSPEL LESSON**

**John 8:23-24; 11:25-27**

NT Pages 101, 105

**SERMON**

**"Judas, All Is Forgiven"**

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**

**OFFERTORY**

**I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked**

Davis Kelton, tenor      Geoffrey O'Hara  
 (1882-1967)

I walked today where Jesus walked, in days of long ago; I wandered down each path He knew, with reverent step and slow. Those little lanes, they have not changed; a sweet peace fills the air. I walked today where Jesus walked, and felt His presence there. My pathway led through Bethlehem, ah, memories ever sweet; the little hills of Galilee, that knew those childish feet; the Mount of Olives: hallowed scenes that Jesus knew before; I saw the mighty Jordan roll as in the days of yore. I knelt today where Jesus knelt, where all alone He prayed; the Garden of Gethsemane, my heart felt unafraid! I picked my heavy burden up, and with Him by my side, I climbed the Hill of Calvary, where on the Cross He died! I walked today where Jesus walked and felt Him close to me!

\* **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. 311**

**Now the Green Blade Riseth FRENCH CAROL**

\* **PRONOUNCEMENT OF BLESSING**

\* **POSTLUDE**

**Toccata on "O Filii et Filiae" L. Farnam  
 (O Sons and Daughters of the King) (1885-1930)**

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

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God and in honor of Clara Clayton on her birthday by her family.

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

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

	8:45	11:00
Liturgist:	JoAnn Barbour	
Lay Reader:	Gary Harris	Sally Fox
Acolyte:	Ella Kate Porfilio	Kennedy Joyce
Crucifer:	Jackson Faircloth	Ellis Hawks
Assistant Organist:		Graham Huneycutt

**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](mailto:prayer@frontstreetumc.org). We thank team member Bev Thomas, who will be in the Prayer Room on our behalf at noon to pray for requests given on the Prayer Request Cards.

#### HYMNS AND HOPS

You are invited to an interdenominational and intergenerational community gathering **tonight at 7 p.m.** at The Oak House in Elon. All are welcome to come for friendship, hymn singing, and fun. For more information, please contact Patrick Murphy.

#### AZALEA

Everyone is welcome to join us on **Saturday, April 21** (2:00 – 4:00 p.m.) at Azalea MHP for an afternoon of spring activities and fellowship with our neighbors. Please gather at the church at 1:15 p.m. to carpool. Contact Betty Huneycutt for details.

#### CHRISTIAN SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP SUNDAY

The Christian Service Scholarship celebration will be on **Sunday, April 29**. Rev. Meredith Hoxie Schol, Ph.D., a former recipient of this scholarship and daughter of David and Carol Hoxie, will be preaching at the 9 and 11 a.m. services on the 29th. Come prepared to make your commitment. There will be envelopes and pledge cards in the bulletins and the pew racks.

#### REGISTRATION OPENS APRIL 30 FOR:

Music & Missions Camp | June 18-22 | 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
Vacation Bible School | July 30-August 2 | 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
Visit [www.frontstreetumc.org](http://www.frontstreetumc.org) to register.

#### NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

The theme this year is PRAY FOR UNITY! Taken from Ephesians 4:3, which says, "Making every effort to keep the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace."

We encourage you to sign up to pray for 30 minutes on May 3 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 pm. 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. PRAY FOR UNITY pamphlets will also be available to use as prayer guides.

#### LOOKING FOR AN UNIQUE GIFT FOR A LOVED ONE?

Shopping for a meaningful gift for a soon-to-be graduate? Struggling to think of what to give a parent for Mother's Day or Father's Day? Consider honoring your loved one with a gift that is personalized, long-lasting, and benefits the mission outreach of Front Street UMC. Buy a brick!

Bricks are available for purchase at \$100 each and can be personalized with up to three lines of text (14 characters per line). They will be installed on the church walkway, so you and your loved one will be frequently reminded of this special moment. (Please be aware purchased bricks will be placed in quantities of 20, so installation times will vary.)

Visit [frontstreetumc.org](http://frontstreetumc.org) to order online, or contact the church office for a paper order form.

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#### CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 15, 2018

##### Sunday, April 15

8:45	Worship Service	Sanctuary
9:00	Contemporary Worship Service	Aldersgate Hall
9:45	Sunday School	Classrooms
11:00	Worship Service	Sanctuary
4:00	Children's Choir	Sanctuary
4:00	Youth Choir	Sanctuary
5:00	Wesley Ringers	Room 307
5:00	Youth Bells	Bell Room
6:00	UMYF	Ministry Center

##### Tuesday, April 17

7:30	Men's Breakfast Bible Study	Reading Area
9:30	Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study	Room 305
6:15	Epworth Ringers	Bell Room

##### Wednesday, April 18

7:30	UMYF Breakfast Club	Dr. Cecil's Office 1711 Sykes St.
1:00	GriefShare	John Wesley Room
7:00	Hospitality Committee Meeting	John Wesley Room
7:00	Chancel Choir	Choir Room

##### Thursday, April 19

9:30	Prayer and Meditation	Prayer Room
10:00	Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting	Room 303
7:00	Board of Trustees Meeting	Ministry Center

##### Sunday, April 22

8:45	Worship Service	Sanctuary
9:00	Contemporary Worship Service	Aldersgate Hall
9:45	Sunday School	Classrooms
11:00	Worship Service	Sanctuary
4:00	Children's Choir	Sanctuary
4:00	Youth Choir	Choir Room
5:00	Wesley Ringers	Room 307
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#### SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The following dates are available to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one: May 6 and 27 and June 17 and 24. 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*



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