

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
August 12, 2018
TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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 **Prelude on 'St. Columba'** Henry G. Ley
(1887-1962)

* **OPENING PRAYER** (IN UNISON)

O God, the joy of this day, the hope for every day to come, move in our midst, fill us with Your Spirit, and make us one. May our words, as well as our actions, be sufficient to communicate our worship this hour. We pray in the name of the One who died for all. Amen.

* **PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 378**

Amazing Grace **AMAZING GRACE**

CALL TO CONFESSION

If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)

Most holy and merciful Father, we confess to You and to one another that we have sinned against You by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. You alone know how often we have grieved You by wasting Your gifts, and by wandering from Your ways. Forgive us, most merciful Father, and free us from our sin. Renew in us the grace and strength of Your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Savior. Amen.

PERSONAL CONFESSION AND MEDITATION (IN SILENCE)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Be at peace. In Christ the world finds wholeness.
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 **Glory Be to the Father** **MEINEKE**

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. UMH No. 70

* **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)

Heavenly Father, source of all light. Pour out on us the Spirit, that we may receive wisdom and understanding. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Mark 2:13-17** NT Page 36

†† **ANTHEM** **This is the Bread** Daniel Pinkham
Chancel Choir (1923-2006)

This is the bread which came down from heaven, that you may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread which came down from heaven; whoever eats of this bread will live forever: and the bread which I shall give for the life of the world is my flesh.

* **GOSPEL LESSON** **John 1:10-13** NT Page 91

SERMON **"Is Christianity a Crutch?"** 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**

Air

J. S. Bach
(1685-1750)

†† **OFFERTORY**

Prayer of St. Francis

Allen Pote
(b. 1945)

Chancel Choir
Nicole Hannah, soprano

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love. Where there is injury, thy pardon, Lord. Where there is doubt, let there be faith. Oh, Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Where there's despair, let me bring hope. Where there is darkness, let there be light. Where there is sadness, let there be joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console. To be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. Oh, Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love. For it is in giving that we receive, and it is in pardoning that we are pardoned. And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Amen.

* **DOXOLOGY**

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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! UMH No. 94

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

Most Holy Lord, You continually demonstrate Your love for us, remaining faithful to Your promises. As we offer our gifts this morning, stoke in us a fire to live every one of our days as a testimony to Your love. We pray it in Christ's name, who in love died for us. Amen.

* **HYMN NO. 175** **Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee** **ST. AGNES**

* **PRONOUNCEMENT OF BLESSING**

* **POSTLUDE** **Finale on 'Hyfrydol'** Henry Coleman
(1888-1965)

YOU'RE INVITED to a reception honoring Barbara Long upon her retirement as Front Street Playschool Director **today at noon** in the Heritage Center.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Dr. Bill Simpson in honor of his wife, Betsy, on the occasion of their wedding anniversary this week.

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

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| | 8:45 | 11:00 |
| Lay Reader: | Stan Whitlow | Sally Fox |
| Acolytes: | Hallie Smith | Meredith & Paige Hawley |
| Crucifer: | Anna Thomas | Stephen Address |

MEMBERS OF THE ALTAR GUILD serving in August are Doris Jefferson, Linda Paul, Chris Presley, Nancy Sain, and Susan Taylor.

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 Nancy Bell, who will be in the Prayer Room on our behalf at noon to pray for requests given on the Prayer Request Cards.

AZALEA FELLOWSHIP

Everyone is welcome to join us on **Saturday, August 18** (2:00 – 4:00 p.m.) at Azalea MHP for an afternoon of Back to School activities and fellowship with our neighbors. Please gather at the church at 1:15 p.m. to carpool. Contact Betty Huneycutt for details.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

All children and youth are invited to bring their backpacks to church with them on **Sunday, August 26**. We will be having a "Blessing of the Backpacks" at the 9 and 11 a.m. services to bless all learners and teachers in our church and in our community.

AUGUST FOOD DRIVE

Front Street's Backpack Ministry supplies food for children at Eastlawn Elementary who would otherwise go hungry over the weekend. In the month of August, we are asking for the following specific food items which will be used to support our Backpack Ministry.

- pasta
- pasta sauce (no glass jars please)
- canned beans
- cans of corn or mixed vegetables
- canned meat
- cans of fruit
- rice
- snack packs (Jell-O or fruit cups)

Please deposit your donations in the Welcome Center. This collection will continue **through August 31**.

LIVING HEALTHY WITH CHRONIC CONDITIONS

Front Street UMC and Piedmont Triad Area Agency on Aging will be sponsoring a workshop open to anyone that has or cares for someone with a chronic condition. Join us for these free interactive workshop sessions. Please **register by September 5** at www.frontstreetumc.org. For more information, please contact Carol at 336-227-6263 or email csineath@frontstreetumc.org.

PROJECT AGAPE

Share Christ with refugee children in Armenia by packing a Christmas box following the instructions in the 2018 Project Agape Packing List. For more information, visit the church website or pick up instructions in the Welcome Center. Plastic shoe boxes are available in the Welcome Center for you to take and fill and return to the church **by September 23**.

EPWORTH RINGERS ANNOUNCEMENT UPDATE

We have successfully found a ringer to fill the opening that we had for the 2018/2019 season; however, we would like to have a list of substitutes. Inevitably, we end up relying on our substitutes quite a bit, and it would be nice to have a list of three or four people we could contact. If you would be interested in being a substitute for Epworth Ringers (Front Street's adult handbell ensemble), please contact Matt Brittain. Many thanks!

SEE BACK OF BULLETIN FOR MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 12, 2018

Sunday, August 12

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| 8:45 | Worship Service | Sanctuary |
| 9:00 | Contemporary Worship Service | Aldersgate Hall |
| 9:45 | Sunday School | Classrooms |
| 11:00 | Worship Service | Sanctuary |
| 12:00 | Reception for Barbara Long | Heritage Center |

Monday, August 13

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| 7:00 | UMYF Monday Funday | Country Club Lanes |
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Tuesday, August 14

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| 6:00 | Finance Committee Meeting | John Wesley Room |
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Thursday, August 16

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| 9:30 | Prayer and Meditation | Prayer Room |
| 10:00 | Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting | Room 303 |

Saturday, August 18

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| 2:00 | Azalea MHP Fellowship | Azalea MHP |
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Sunday, August 19

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

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The following dates are available to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one: **September 2 and December 23 and 30**. Please contact Linda Paul at 336-543-5081 or kpaul5@triad.rr.com for details or to sign up.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

| Date | 8:45 | 9:00 | 11:00 | Online | Total |
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| 7/15 | 50 | 46 | 203 | 11 | 310 |
| 7/22 | 41 | 35 | 201 | 14 | 291 |
| 7/29 | 47 | 36 | 167 | 11 | 261 |
| 8/5 | 51 | 51 | 158 | 8 | 268 |

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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