

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
August 18, 2019
TENTH 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 **Three Liturgical Improvisations No. 1** Oldroyd
My soul hath a desire and longing (1887-1951)
to enter the courts of the Lord."

OPENING PRAYER (IN UNISON)

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires
known, and from you no secrets are hidden. 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.**

*** PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 158**

Come, Christians, Join to Sing **SPANISH HYMN**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Our God is a God of justice, waiting to be gracious to
you, yearning to have pity on you. Blessed are all who
wait for the Lord. In faith, let us make our confession to
God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)

**God of infinite mercy and love, we come before you this
day, knowing that we have not always been faithful to
what you would have us do. We have too often turned
our backs on those in need, choosing not to hear their
cries. Forgive us, O Lord. We know that you don't want
us to behave in this way. Your love and mercy, so
generously showered over us, should be a beacon to
guide our own actions. We make no excuses, for none
would suffice. We ask your forgiveness and blessing.
Turn us around, and place us on the path of compassion
and peace. This prayer we offer in Jesus' name. Amen.**

PERSONAL CONFESSION AND MEDITATION (IN SILENCE)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: While we may turn our backs to God, He is
always faithful in His covenant with us. 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 No. 70 **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.

*** 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)

**God of mercy, you promised never to break your
covenant with us. Amid all the changing words of our
generation, speak your eternal Word that does not
change. Then may we respond to your gracious
promises with faithful and obedient lives; through our
Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Revelation 2:12-29

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†† **ANTHEM**

Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus arr. Dan Forrest
Chancel Choir (b. 1978)

Let us ever walk with Jesus, follow His example pure, through a world
that would deceive us, where to sin our hearts are lured. Ever in His
footsteps treading, living here, yet home above, full of faith and
hope and love, let us do our Father's bidding, faithful Lord, abide
with me; Savior, lead, I follow Thee. Let us also die with Jesus, by His
cross He conquered death, freed us from our souls' destruction,
quickened us with life's new breath. Let us mortify, while living, self
and pride, and die to sin, and the grave that shuts us in shall but
prove the gate to heaven. Jesus, here I die to Thee, there to dwell
eternally. Let us gladly live with Jesus, He is risen from the dead.
Death is swallowed up in victory, Jesus, Thou art now our Head.
Living members of Thy Body, where Thou livest we shall be, Thou wilt
keep us constantly, even so, dear Lord, come quickly, Jesus, here I
live to Thee, there to dwell eternally.

-Sigismund von Birken (1626-1681)

*** GOSPEL LESSON**

Luke 12:49-56

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SERMON "Letters from the Lamb: Pergamum and Thyatira"

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

Great Is Thy Faithfulness arr. Lloyd Larson
Julie Wolverton, soprano (b. 1954)
Jack Wolverton, baritone

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father, there is no shadow of
turning with thee; thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not; as
thou has been thou forever wilt be. Summer and winter, and
springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy
and love. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thy own dear
presence to cheer and to guide; strength for today and bright hope
for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Great is
thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new
mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided, great is thy
faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

-Thomas O. Chisholm (1866-1960)

*** 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)**

**Generous and loving God, you give and give to us,
holding nothing back. In response, we often give meekly,
worrying whether we will have enough to meet our needs
and wants, falling short in our ability to trust in you. Help
us to live more wisely and to give more freely, fully aware
of your providence and trustworthiness, more in tune with
your desires for our lives. In Christ, we pray. Amen.**

*** HYMN NO. 159**

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

*** PRONOUNCEMENT OF BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune David N. Johnson
(Homage to the 18th Century) (1922-1987)

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

	8:45	11:00
Lay Reader:	Tom Steele	David Hamby
Acolytes:	Mack Smith	Ace McAteer & Lauren Turner
Crucifer:	Grey Metts	Evan Gilgo

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. & Mrs. Curtis Beal.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in honor of the 40th wedding anniversary of Kathy and Steve Cecil by Steve Cecil.

MEMBERS OF THE ALTAR GUILD serving in August are Doris Jefferson, Linda Paul, Chris Presley, Ellen Ritter, 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 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.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Due to the refinishing of the floors in Aldersgate Hall, and the fumes that result, the church office will be closed on **Monday and Tuesday, August 19-20**. Staff will work remotely. To contact staff, please use email. Email addresses can be found on the staff page of our website (under the "Who We Are" tab).

SPECIAL OFFERING SUPPORTING THE MISSION OF DISCIPLE BIBLE OUTREACH MINISTRIES

TRANSFORMING LIVES IN PRISONS AND PEWS

A special offering will be taken on **Sunday, August 25** for Disciple Bible Outreach Ministries. The mission of this ministry is to develop and strengthen Bible study ministries in local churches and in outreach settings – especially prisons – which will transform lives, make disciples, and empower Christians for outreach ministry. This special offering is the largest single source of yearly support for DBOM in North Carolina.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

All children and youth are invited to bring their backpacks to church with them on **Sunday, August 25**. We will be having a "Blessing of the Backpacks" at the Aldersgate and 11 a.m. services to bless all learners and teachers in our church and in our community.

A NEW YEAR FOR FRONT STREET CHOIRS

Our children, youth, and adult choirs resume in early September:

Epworth Ringers - Tuesday, September 3

Chancel Choir - Wednesday, September 4

Youth and Children's Choirs - Sunday, September 8

Registration is now open. For schedules, information, or to register visit www.frontstreetumc.org, or pick up a paper form from the Welcome Center. Questions? Contact Matt Brittain at matt@frontstreetumc.org.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Date	8:45	Aldersgate	11:00	Total
7/21	39	45	183	267
7/28	43	35	178	256
8/4	46	44	152	242
8/11	56	51	179	286

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 18, 2019

Sunday, August 18

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

Monday, August 19

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, August 20

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Thursday, August 22

7:00	Visioning Team Meeting	Room 402
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Saturday, August 24

11:00	Ed Stewart Memorial Service	Sanctuary
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Sunday, August 25

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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 specific food items, which will be used to support our Backpack Ministry. A list of the items can be found in the Welcome Center. Please deposit your donations in the Welcome Center. This collection will continue **through August 31**.

PARENTING WORKSHOP

The Family Life Ministry is hosting a series of three parenting workshops on Sunday afternoons in **September (15, 22, and 29)** for parents (and grandparents) of children aged 0-18 years.

Debbie Kennerson, a licensed psychological associate, who has a masters in psychology, will be leading the sessions. Childcare will be provided for children 0-11 years old. The cost of the workshop is \$25 per family. Registration is now open at www.frontstreetumc.org.

PROJECT AGAPE 2019

Share Christ with refugee children in Armenia by packing a Christmas box following the instructions in the 2019 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 22**. The cold weather items (hats, scarves, and gloves) we collected last December (from the Trees of Love) are available in the Welcome Center. Please take what you need to complete your box.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The following dates are available to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one: **September 1 and 29 and October 20**. Please contact Linda Paul at 336-543-5081 or kpaul5@triad.rr.com for details or to sign up.

LIVE-STREAMING ON YOUTUBE

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

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