

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
August 19, 2018
THIRTEENTH 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 **Cantilène** Marcel Dupré
Amy Marsh, cello (1886-1971)

*** CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVELY)**

Leader: Once we were without hope and without God in the world.

People: But in Jesus Christ, we who were far off have been brought near.

Leader: For he is our peace.

People: In his flesh, he has made of many cultures one people, and broken down the walls that divide us.

All: Let us worship the Lord our God!

*** PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 152**

I Sing the Almighty Power of God FOREST GREEN

CALL TO CONFESSION

In Christ, all things great and small, dark and shameful, are brought into the light and transformed by God's mercy. Therefore, with confidence in God's goodness, let us confess our sins to the One who makes us whole.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)

Gracious God, we confess our day-to-day struggle to be fully human. You love us unconditionally, but we have failed to love others. We fear being vulnerable, and we fear those unlike us. You draw us from many cultures to be one people led by your Son Jesus Christ. And so we confess that in our selfishness we have stifled generosity and left little time to serve others. Lord, forgive us. Purge what is sinful within us, that we may be set free to love as you love. Amen.

PERSONAL CONFESSION AND MEDITATION (IN SILENCE)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Brothers and sisters, hear the good news: "God shows God's love for us because while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." That proves God's love for 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 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**

MISSION MOMENT

†† 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)

Draw us into the Scriptures, Holy Spirit. Open our hearts and minds, so that we may gain understanding, wisdom, and resolve to live in the way of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14 OT Page 304; 305-306

†† ANTHEM Ave Verum Wolfgang Mozart
("Jesu, Word of God Incarnate") (1756-1791)

Chancel Choir

Ave verum Corpus natum de Maria Virgine: vere passum immolatum in cruce pro homine: Cujus latus perforatum unda fluxit et sanguine: Esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine. ("Jesu, Word of God Incarnate, of the Virgin Mary born; on the cross Thy sacred Body for us men with nails was torn. Cleanse us by the blood and water streaming from Thy pierced side. Feed us with Thy body broken, now and in death's agony.")

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Philippians 2:3-11 NT Page 197

SERMON "Humility & Wisdom" 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 Calm as the Night, Op. 29, No. 3 Carl Bohm
Cantilena (1844-1920)
Amy Marsh, cello trans. Anton Hegner
(1861-1915)

*** 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)**

Lord God, you who nurture Christ in all things through your Holy Spirit, we give you thanks for all gifts great and small, which you have entrusted to our care. Accept us with our gifts to be living praise and witness to your love throughout all the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

*** HYMN No. 549 Where Charity and Love Prevail ST. PETER**

*** PRONOUNCEMENT OF BLESSING**

*** POSTLUDE Finale in D Minor Eric H. Thiman**
(1900-1975)

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. Jesse Williams.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Steve and Kathy Cecil in honor of their 39th wedding anniversary.

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

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

	8:45	11:00
Liturgist:	Don Milligan	
Lay Reader:	Nancy Bell	Sandy Elliott
Acolyte:		Ace McAteer
Crucifer:		Hunter Lakey

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**.

OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed on **Monday, September 3** in observance of Labor Day. Have a safe and happy holiday!

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 csineath@frontstreetumc.org.

CELEBRATION SUNDAY | SEPTEMBER 9 | ONE SERVICE @ 10:45 A.M.

Bibles will be presented to our two-year olds, second graders, and sixth graders. Make plans to join us for a covered dish lunch following worship! Please bring two (2) of the following: meat dish | side dish | dessert - enough for your family plus 2. There will be **NO Sunday School for Children or Youth** on this day.

SUNDAY SCHOOL HELPERS NEEDED

Help our children grow into "faith-full" disciples of Jesus by serving once a month as a helper in Sunday School. No preparation is required - leaders are already in place for the upcoming year. Help in preschool or elementary age classes. The new year begins September 16, at 9:45 a.m. Contact Marcy McAdams (marcy@frontstreetumc.org) for more information or to volunteer.

AGAPE PROJECT 2018

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**.

SEE BACK OF BULLETIN FOR MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 19, 2018

Sunday, August 19

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

Monday, August 20

7:00	Children's Council Meeting	Room 401
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Tuesday, August 21

7:00	Staff Parish Relations Committee Meeting	John Wesley Room
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Thursday, August 23

7:00	Visioning Team	Room 301
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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: **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
7/22	41	35	201	14	291
7/29	47	36	167	11	261
8/5	51	51	158	8	268
8/12	44	32	220	10	306

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.

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!

REGISTRATION FOR CHOIRS

Registration is open for all choirs. You can fill out a form in the Welcome Center or register online at www.frontstreetumc.org. The Epworth Ringers resume rehearsals on **Tuesday, September 4**, the Chancel Choir on **Wednesday, September 5**, and children and youth choirs on **Sunday, September 9**. Contact Matt Brittain (matt@frontstreetumc.org) for any questions you may have.

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Knowing Christ • Growing in Christ • Sharing Christ



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