

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
August 26, 2018
FOURTEENTH 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 in C Major, BWV 545/i** J. S. Bach
 (1685-1750)

*** CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVELY)**

Leader: Great are the works of the Lord.

People: Full of honor and majesty is God's work, and God's righteousness endures forever.

Leader: God provides food for those who fear him; God is ever mindful of his covenant.

People: God has sent redemption to his people; God has commanded this covenant forever. Holy and awesome is God's name.

All: Praise the Lord!

*** PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 88**

Maker, in Whom We Live DIADEMATA

CALL TO CONFESSION

Sisters and brothers, through Jesus Christ we have been drawn into the embrace of the living God. And so, with confidence in the love that embrace holds, let us confess our sins before God and each other.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)

Merciful God, we have failed to be the body of Christ redeemed by his blood. Though you promise to be with us always, we have given in to fear, prejudice, and jealousy, believing that what we have and who we are is not enough. We need your mercy and grace to be fully human — to love you and our neighbors as ourselves. Refashion us into the people you have created us to be, so that we may live as disciples of Jesus, completely immersed in your love. Amen.

PERSONAL CONFESSION AND MEDITATION (IN SILENCE)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Almighty God, have mercy on us through our Lord Jesus Christ; strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep us to eternal life.

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**

†† **RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS** Steve and Betty Massey

†† **BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS**

†† **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)

Holy Spirit, as we hear the Scriptures read and proclaimed, give us ears to hear and hearts to receive what you say to us today. Urge us to live what we have heard. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON I Kings 8:1,6,10-11,22-30,41-43 OT Page 311

†† **ANTHEM** **My Eyes for Beauty Pine** Herbert Howells
 Chancel Choir (1892-1983)

My eyes for beauty pine, my soul for God's grace, no other care nor hope is mine, to heaven I turn my face. One splendor thence is shed from all the stars above: 'tis named when God's name is said, 'tis Love, 'tis heavenly Love. And every gentle heart that burns with true desire is lit from eyes that mirror part of that celestial fire.

-Robert Bridges
 (1844-1930)

*** GOSPEL LESSON John 6:56-69** NT Page 98

SERMON **"Where Would We Go?"**
 Rev. Patrick Murphy

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** **O Welt, ich muß dich lassen, Op. 122, No. 11**
 ("O world, I must leave you")

Tune at UMH No. 631

Johannes Brahms
 (1833-1897)

†† **OFFERTORY**

Day by Day
 Chancel Choir

Martin How
 (b. 1931)

Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray. To see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, follow thee more nearly, day by day.

-Prayer of St. Richard of Chichester
 (c. 1197-1253)

*** 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, we praise you for the abundant giving you manifest in our lives, and so with these offerings we reaffirm our commitment to your mission. Teach us by your Holy Spirit to embody generosity in all things, so that we might hold our possessions loosely and walk in the freedom of your love for the sake of others. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*** HYMN NO. 631**

O Food to Pilgrims Given

O WELT, ICH MUSS DICH LASSEN

*** PRONOUNCEMENT OF BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

Fugue in C Major, BWV 545/ii

J. S. Bach

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. Michael Glick.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in honor of the women in the Wednesday night Bible study group by Marlee Beckom.

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 Vicky Glassford, 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:	Steve Cecil	
Lay Reader:	Susan Taylor	John Black
Acolytes:	Hallie Smith	Thomas Joyner & Britton Isley
Crucifer:	Evan Gilgo	Ellis Hawks

UNITED WAY DAY

Please join United Way of Alamance County at Front Street United Methodist Church on **Thursday, August 30** for United Way Day. This two-part event will feature a community breakfast and conversation focusing on easing the effects of childhood trauma. Tickets are \$10 and include the cost of breakfast. For more information, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/united-way-day-2018-building-a-resilient-community-uwacday-hope4ac-tickets-48254964899>.

CEREAL SUNDAY | SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Please deposit cereal or other canned/dry goods in the tubs in the cabinet in the Welcome Center. September's collection will go to Allied Churches.

OFFICE CLOSED

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

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.

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.

HYMNS AND HOPS

You are invited to an interdenominational and intergenerational community gathering on **Sunday, September 9 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.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Circles 1, 2, and 4 will meet in the Heritage Center for fellowship and refreshments at 10:00 a.m. on **Monday, September 10**. The General Meeting will convene in the Chapel at 10:30 a.m. JoAnn Barbour, President of the United Methodist Women of the North Carolina Conference, will be the speaker. **Circle 5** will meet on **Tuesday, September 11** at 6:30 p.m. in the Heritage Center. All women are invited to join us. Contact Doris Jefferson at 336-228-0130 for more information.

MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY

The Men's Breakfast Bible Study resumes on **Tuesday, September 11** with breakfast available at 7:00 a.m. The Bible study starts at 7:30 a.m.

BLOOD DRIVE

Front Street will have a blood drive on **Sunday, September 16** from **8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.** in Aldersgate Hall. Note: donors can go ahead and sign up now online at redcrossblood.org, sponsor code: Front Street. Also, donors may text or call Gene Fonville at 336-260-8114 or email at gfonville@triad.rr.com for more information or to schedule your appointment.

SEE BACK OF BULLETIN FOR MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 26, 2018

Sunday, August 26

8:45	Worship Service	Sanctuary
9:00	Contemporary Worship Service	Aldersgate Hall
9:45	Sunday School	Classrooms
11:00	Worship Service	Sanctuary
3:00	Youth Leaders Meeting	Huneycutt's Home
5:00	UMYF End of Summer Party	McAdams' Home

Wednesday, August 29

7:30	Youth Breakfast Club	Dr. Cecil's Office 1711 Sykes St.
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Sunday, September 2

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

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 on **September 16** at 9:45 a.m. Contact Marcy McAdams (marcy@frontstreetumc.org) for more information or to volunteer.

JEANNE ROBERTSON SHOW: A MISSION FUNDRAISER

We are delighted to announce that Jeanne Robertson will be performing a show at Front Street UMC on **Sunday, October 14** at 2:30 p.m. in Aldersgate Hall. All proceeds benefit the FSUMC Haiti mission in January 2019! Tickets are \$30 and will go **on sale today**. They can be purchased from the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings, from a team member, or in the church office.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The First Time Visitors Committee is looking for volunteers to share welcome bags with our first time visitors. Please contact Betsy Huneycutt at 336-269-4086 or betsyshuneycutt@gmail.com for more information or to volunteer.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The following dates are available to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one: **December 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
7/29	47	36	167	11	261
8/5	51	51	158	8	268
8/12	44	32	220	10	306
8/19	38	69	202	8	317

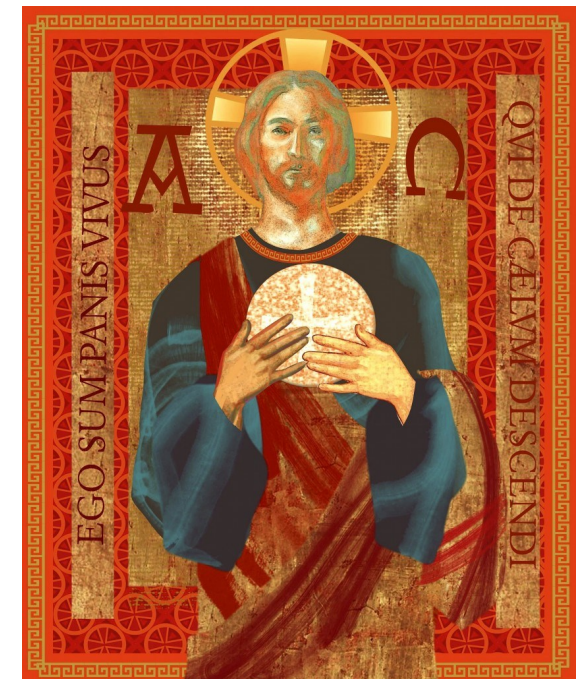
LIVE-STREAMING ON FACEBOOK

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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Rev. Patrick Murphy

Youth Minister

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