

**THE WORSHIP OF GOD**  
**August 13, 2017**  
**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**      **Prelude on Foundation**      Sam Batt Owens  
(1928-1998)

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: "When the storms of life are raging, stand by me"

**People: Lord, hear my cry and rescue me!**

Leader: "When the world is tossing me like a ship upon the sea,"

**People: God who rules wind and water, stand by me.**

Leader: God stands with you in bright sunshine and deepest storm.

**People: God gently guides us to safety and peace. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN TFWS NO. 2191**

**Eternal Father, Strong to Save**      **MELITA**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

If we claim that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)**

**Lord, please forgive our weakness and our lack of trust in you. We are like the disciples who, in the midst of fears and storms, could only tremble and wonder about the threatening events. Even when Jesus called to the disciples, they shook with fear. But Jesus offered words of encouragement. When our faith slips, scoop us up and bring us peace. Be patient with us, for we are flawed and yet loved by you. Give us strong hearts and willing spirits to be your disciples. Amen.**

**PERSONAL CONFESSION AND MEDITATION (IN SILENCE)**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Leader: Keep your focus on Jesus. He is your Savior and your Guide. He will never fail you. Rejoice, dear friends, you are called precious by our Lord. 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**

**WESTMINSTER ABBEY**

Glory be to our Creator, praise to our Redeemer Lord.  
Glory be to our Sustainer, ever three and ever one.  
As it was in the beginning, now and evermore shall be.

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

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (IN UNISON)**

**Calm us now, O Lord, into a quietness that heals and listens. Open wounded hearts to the balm of your Word. Speak to us in clear tones so that we might feel our spirits leap for joy and skip with hope as your resurrection witnesses. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

**Romans 10:5-15**

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†† **ANTHEM**

**Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus**

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 will keep us constantly, even so, dear Lord, come quickly, Jesus, here I live to Thee, there to dwell eternally.

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

**Matthew 14:22-33**

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**SERMON**

**"Who Is It?"**

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**

**How Firm a Foundation**      Jeffrey Cadwell  
Mary Margaret Harris, flute

**\* 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)**

**Heavenly Father, the richness of your mercy is poured over us every minute of our lives, even when we least expect it. We offer our gifts and tithes in gratitude for all that you have done for and with us, that we might become better servants of the Gospel. Amen.**

**\* HYMN No. 396**

**O Jesus, I Have Promised**      **ANGEL'S STORY**

**\* PRONOUNCEMENT OF BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE**

**Finale Jubilante**

Healey Willan

(1880-1968)

**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 Emily and Lee Conner.

**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.

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

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

|                     |                 |                              |
|---------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|
|                     | 8:45            | 11:00                        |
| Liturgist:          | JoAnn Barbour   |                              |
| Lay Reader:         | Susan Taylor    | David Hedgecock              |
| Acolytes:           | Will Rhodes     | Sloane Harvey & Maddie Mills |
| Crucifer:           | Kennedy Bennett | Evan Gilgo                   |
| Assistant Organist: |                 | Caroline Conner              |

**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 members Lynn Collins and Becky Johnson, who will be in the Prayer Room on our behalf at noon to pray for requests given on the Prayer Request Cards.

#### REGISTRATION FOR CHOIRS

Registration will open for all choirs on **Monday, August 14**. You can fill out a form in the Welcome Center or register online at [www.frontstreetumc.org](http://www.frontstreetumc.org). The Epworth Ringers resume rehearsals on **Tuesday, September 5**, the Chancel Choir on **Wednesday, September 6**, and children and youth choirs on **Sunday, September 10**. Contact Matt Brittain ([matt@frontstreetumc.org](mailto:matt@frontstreetumc.org)) for any questions you may have.

#### UPCOMING WHEELCHAIR RAMP BUILDS:

**Saturday, August 19**

**Saturday, September 23**

Contact Tom Sineath for details - [tom.sineath@gmail.com](mailto:tom.sineath@gmail.com).

#### OPEN ARMS AT AZALEA MHP/COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP

Our next gathering at Azalea MHP will be **Saturday, August 19** from **4:00-6:00 p.m.** This month we will have family night with a potluck meal and a Back-to-School celebration. Come and experience the joy of cross-cultural connection and meeting Jesus in our Latino/a brothers and sisters. Please meet at FSUMC at 3:15 p.m. to carpool.

#### BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

All children and youth are invited to bring their backpacks to church with them on **Sunday, August 27**. 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.

#### YOUTH MISSION STOCKHOLDER LUNCH

Please join us on **Sunday, August 27** at **12 noon** in Aldersgate Hall for a special time of food and fellowship as our youth mission teams share about their experiences this summer. To assist with planning, please let Dave Bollen know you are coming by calling the church office (336-227-6263, ext. 202) or email ([dave@frontstreetumc.org](mailto:dave@frontstreetumc.org)) by **August 14**. All are welcome! We look forward to seeing you on the 27th!

#### AGAPE PROJECT 2017

Share Christ with refugee children in Armenia by packing a Christmas box following the instructions in the 2017 Project Agape Packing List. For more information, visit the church website or pick up instructions in the Welcome Center. Please return filled boxes by **Wednesday, September 20**.

#### SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The following dates are available to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one: **August 27, September 3, and October 29**. Please contact Linda Paul at 336-543-5081 or [kpaul5@triad.rr.com](mailto:kpaul5@triad.rr.com) for details or to sign up.

#### CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 13, 2017

##### Sunday, August 13

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

##### Monday, August 14

|      |                            |                  |
|------|----------------------------|------------------|
| 7:00 | Education Ministry Meeting | Room 305         |
| 7:00 | Worship Committee Meeting  | John Wesley Room |

##### Thursday, August 17

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| 9:30  | Prayer and Meditation                            | Prayer Room |
| 10:00 | Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting                    | Room 303    |
| 6:30  | Travel Tour to Georgia Planning/Interest Meeting | Room 402    |

##### Saturday, August 19

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| 8:30 | Wheelchair Ramp Build                        |            |
| 4:00 | Open Arms at Azalea MHP/Community Fellowship | Azalea MHP |

##### Sunday, August 20

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

# FRONT STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

#### Our Mission:

*Knowing Christ • Growing in Christ • Sharing Christ*



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Rev. Patrick Murphy

#### Associate Pastor of Student Ministries

Dave Bollen

#### Organist/Director of Music

Dr. Matt Brittain

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