

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
December 9, 2018
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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 **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel** Gerald Near
(b. 1942)

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Wesley Ringers arr. Francesca Battistelli,
Ian Eskelin, and Tim Lauer
adapted by Laura J. Sam

*** CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVELY)**

Leader: Lift up your heads, you gates.

People: Be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

Leader: Who is he, this King of glory?

People: The Lord Almighty—he is the King of glory. Amen.

*** PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 211 (Stanzas 1, 4, 6, and 7)**

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel VENI EMMANUEL

†† -Children's and Youth Choirs only on Stanza 4-

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

† Don and Glenda Milligan
†† The Doug and Laura Hargrove Family

We light this candle as a symbol of the purity of heart only God can bring. For He shall purify his people like gold and silver, until they shine forth His righteousness. Come, Lord Jesus, come!

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Lord offers us peace. May we respond to that offer by confessing the condition of our hearts.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)

Lord, hear us this day as we open our hearts and our spirits to you. We find ourselves fretful and on edge these days. Help us to find our rest, and our peace, in you. By the power of your Holy Spirit, remind us of how blessed we are; lead us to pass our blessedness into the lives of those around us. As you have given to us, may we find joy in giving of ourselves to others. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

PERSONAL CONFESSION AND MEDITATION (IN SILENCE)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Through Christ, we have peace. 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

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

GLORIA

Glor - - - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!

Glo - - - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!

*** PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

†† RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS Jim and Alliene Johnson
John and Kara Kolls
Tim Lavery
Beth McPhaul

†† THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Insert
Owen Henry Kolls

†† ANTHEM **Lullaby for the Christ Child** Ruth Henderson
Children's Choir, Youth Choir, (b. 1932)
and Chancel Choir

Hush little baby, don't you cry, I'm going to sing you a lullaby. Lullay. Sweet little Jesus, with your birth you bring salvation to all the earth. Lullay. Fair prince of peace, Lord of all, we humbly kneel by your manger stall. Lullay. God in his mercy on us has smiled, he sends his love through this tiny child. Lullay. Let us sing praises to our King, in glad thanksgiving our voices shall ring. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

-Ruth Watson Henderson

†† 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)

Let the word of faith be on our lips and in our hearts, and let all other words slip away. May there be one voice we hear today—the voice of truth and grace. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Revelation 5:1-14** NT Page 248

* GOSPEL LESSON **Luke 4:16-21** NT Page 61

SERMON **"Beyond Foreshadowing"** 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 **Meditation on 'Conditor Alme'** Alec Rowley
("Creator of the Stars of Night") (1892-1958)

†† OFFERTORY **Creator of the Stars of Night** arr. Cathy Moglebust
Youth Bells (b. 1958)

Creator of the stars of night, your people's everlasting light, O Christ, Redeemer of us all, we pray you hear us when we call.

* DOXOLOGY **Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow** **OLD 100th**
All Singing: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.
UMH No. 95

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

Lord of Love, you have given the gift against which no other gift can compare—a Savior, a Messiah, Jesus born in Bethlehem. We, ourselves, have been purchased, and so all that's left is for us to give out of gratitude for that one, unmatched gift. We bring our tithes and offerings to you for the building of your kingdom here on earth, that your children might always find room—room in our hearts and in our homes. In the Savior's name, we pray. Amen.

* HYMN NO. 220 **Angels from the Realms of Glory** **REGENT SQUARE**
†† -Children's and Youth Choirs only on Stanza 2-

*** PRONOUNCEMENT OF BLESSING**

POSTLUDE **Toccata on 'Veni Emmanuel'** Andrew Carter
(b. 1939)

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

8:45	11:00
Call to Worship:	Sidney Lee Robinson
Lay Reader:	Willard Haggins
	David Hamby
Acolytes:	Britton Isley & Turner
	Hargrove
Crucifer:	Evan Gilgo
	William Joyner

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 and in memory of Nancy Lewis by John Lewis.

MEMBERS OF THE ALTAR GUILD serving in December are Mary Ellen Cross, Trisha Craig, Marie Crissman, Helen Ellington, Sarah Folckomer, and Beth Kelley.

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.

A FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

Join the Chancel Choir and Epworth Ringers on **Sunday, December 16** at **10:45 a.m.** for our annual service of Lessons and Carols. **PLEASE NOTE: There will be NO 8:45 a.m. worship service and No Sunday School for children and youth.** Our 9:00 a.m. Aldersgate service worships as usual.

CHRIST OFFERING

On **Sunday, December 16**, a special Christ Offering will be taken. This offering assures that we not only meet our obligations for the year, but that we testify to the light which is Jesus Christ our Lord.

TREES OF LOVE

Thank you to everyone who has adorned our Trees of Love to share Christ with our neighbors this season. It's not too late to participate—please return all items (unwrapped) to the trees by **Wednesday, December 19**. **NOTE: If you are donating money or gift cards, please return to the church office.**

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Please join us for one of our Christmas Eve services as we celebrate the birth of our Lord:

- A Christmas Eve Service for Children: 5 p.m. in the Sanctuary.
- Communion Service: 8 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

OFFICE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The Church Office will be closed on **December 24, 25, and 26** for Christmas and **January 1** for New Year's Day. Merry Christmas and happy New Year!

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Date	8:45	9:00	11:00	Online	Total
11/11	46	41	174	9	270
11/18	57	61	216	12	346
11/25	49	45	199	10	303
12/2	59	58	210	9	336

SEE BACK OF BULLETIN FOR MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 9, 2018

Sunday, December 9

8:45	Worship Service	Sanctuary
9:00	Contemporary Worship Service	Aldersgate Hall
9:45	Sunday School	Classrooms
11:00	Worship Service	Sanctuary
5:00	Disciple Bible Study	Room 401
5:30	UMYF /Christmas Shopping	Aldersgate Hall

Tuesday, December 11

9:30	Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study	Room 401
6:15	Epworth Ringers	Bell Room
7:00	UMW Circle 5	Heritage Center

Wednesday, December 12

7:30	Youth Breakfast Club	Dr. Cecil's Office 1711 Sykes St.
6:00	Aldersgate Praise Band	Aldersgate Hall
7:00	Chancel Choir	Choir Room

Sunday, December 16

9:00	Contemporary Worship Service	Aldersgate Hall
9:45	Sunday School	Classrooms
10:45	Worship Service	Sanctuary
5:00	Disciple Bible Study	Room 401
6:00	UMYF Christmas Party/Covered Dish	Aldersgate Hall

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offering envelopes are now available for pick up outside the church office. PLEASE pick yours up by **December 30**. This will help in reducing our mailing costs.

ARRIVAL OF THE COMPLIMENTARY 8 X 10 PORTRAIT

We recently had a Lifetouch photography event. If you elected to have your complimentary 8 x10 sent back to Front Street UMC for pick up, the portraits are now located on **Sunday mornings** at the Welcome Center for you. Please stop by to collect your portrait.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The **2019** flower calendar is on the bulletin board in the Welcome Center. The following dates are available to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one: **January 6 and February 3, 10, 17, and 24**. Please contact Linda Paul at 336-543-5081 or kpaul5@triad.rr.com for details or to sign up.

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



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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