

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
February 16, 2020
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

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 **I Love Thee, My Lord** George Shearing
 (1919-2011)

* **OPENING PRAYER (IN UNISON)**

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

* **PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 73**

O Worship the King **LYONS**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Our lives are meant to be offered as worship to God, but we don't always make that choice. May we confess our hearts to God this morning, and seek his forgiveness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)

Lord, we have lists of things to do, for all the areas of our lives. Our lives are so time bound and duty bound that we feel imprisoned in them. Then we are challenged by Christ to take a journey of discipleship. We don't feel ready for this journey. We need more time. And we complain and cry about how much we have to do. Forgive us, Lord, when we place so many "duties" in the path to serving you. Reset our priorities, so that we will be ready to commit our lives in your service. Lord, help us to be ready when you call us. Amen.

PERSONAL CONFESSION AND MEDITATION (IN SILENCE)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Do not be afraid. The barrier of fear, which prevents you from being ready, is being destroyed by the love and presence of God. Come on the journey. Come with hope and 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 **Christ, Be Our Light!** Bernadette Farrell
 (b. 1957)



* **PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

MISSION MOMENT Jim Piatt
 Mission of Hope Dominican Republic

†† **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)

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Holy Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover peace; through Christ our Lord, Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Deuteronomy 30:15-20 OT Page 186

†† **ANTHEM** **If Ye Love Me** Philip Wilby
 Chancel Choir (b. 1949)

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever; e'en the Spirit of Truth. And ye know Him, for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless. I will come to you.

-John 14:15-18

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 NT Page 167

SERMON **"Choice of the Chosen"** 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 OFFERING

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

Ubi Caritas Paul Mealor
 Margaret Dalton, soprano (b. 1975)

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est. Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor. Exultemus, et in ipso jucundemur. Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum. Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero. Amen. ("Where charity and love are, God is there. Christ's love has gathered us into one. Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him. Let us fear, and let us love the living God. And may we love each other with a sincere heart.")

* **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)**

God of heaven and earth, we praise you for your tremendous wisdom and love. You have been patient with us when we have been slow to follow your way. Through the obedience of Jesus Christ, you have forgiven us and renewed our life. As a sign of our gratitude, please receive these gifts offered out of your abundance. We pray through Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

* **HYMN No. 170**

O How I Love Jesus
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* **PRONOUNCEMENT OF BLESSING**

POSTLUDE **Jubilate** Roy Douglas
 (1907-2015)

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

	8:45	11:00
Lay Reader:	Jim Clark	Betty Massey
Acolyte:	Ethan Rodriguez	Liza Self
Crucifer:	Grey Metts	Will Self

WELCOME! We're glad that you have chosen to worship with us today. Following this service, there is a gathering in the Heritage Center for fellowship and refreshments. Please join us. Our hosts this week are Bob and Amy Chandler.

THIS MORNING'S SOLOIST is Margaret Dalton, who is a graduate of Elon University with a Bachelor of Arts in Vocal Performance. She divides her time between Burlington and Charlotte, where she is an actor in the Children's Theatre. When in Burlington, she is delighted to have the opportunity to sing in Front Street's Chancel Choir, and we welcome her with open arms.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in memory of my father, Lynch Hocutt Hamby, by David and Nancy Hamby.

MEMBERS OF THE ALTAR GUILD serving in February are Glenda Blue, Nancy Bell, Hy Harris, Glenda Milligan, Doris Stadler, and Martha Wimmer.

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 Kathy Cecil, who will be in the Prayer Room on our behalf at noon to pray for requests given on the prayer request cards.

METHODIST HOME FOR CHILDREN SUNDAY

Today is Methodist Home for Children Sunday. Your gift to the Methodist Home for Children will help vulnerable children and families reach their full, God-given potential. Offering envelopes are provided for your gifts.

LENTEN SMALL GROUP STUDIES

This 6-week study of Rev. Adam Hamilton's *The Walk* highlights five essential practices modeled in Christ's own walk with God and reinforced throughout the New Testament. This study will begin in March. Times and dates TBD. To assist us in scheduling, please register your interest at www.frontstreetumc.org, and let us know which times of the day you prefer for attending a small group by **today**.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY MARDI GRAS PARTY

All children are invited to a Mardi Gras party which includes breakfast and a parade on **Sunday, February 23**. The children will learn about the season of Lent, the traditions of the church, and celebrate Jesus. This event is during Sunday School in room 307!

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

There will be an Ash Wednesday Service on **Wednesday, February 26** at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary, including the imposition of ashes. A nursery for children under 5 will be provided. Please join us.

CHURCH-WIDE COVERED DISH LUNCH

Join us for a covered dish lunch in Aldersgate Hall on **Sunday, March 1** following 11:00 a.m. worship. Please bring enough food for your family plus one other. Let's share a meal in community together!

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Date	8:45	Aldersgate	11:00	Total
1/19	50	50	185	285
1/26	32	60	212	304
2/2	44	57	173	274
2/9	59	51	186	296

SEE BACK OF BULLETIN FOR MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 16, 2020

Sunday, February 16

8:45	Worship Service	Sanctuary
8:45	Contemporary Worship Service	Aldersgate Hall
9:45	Sunday School	Classrooms
11:00	Worship Service	Sanctuary
4:00	Children's Choir	Sanctuary
4:00	Youth Choir	Choir Room
5:00	Wesley Ringers	Room 406
5:00	Youth Bells	Bell Room
5:00	Men's Breakfast Bible Study Pancake Supper	Aldersgate Hall
6:00	UMYF	Aldersgate Hall

Tuesday, February 18

7:30	Men's Breakfast Bible Study	Reading Area
9:30	Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study	Room 305
6:15	Epworth Ringers	Bell Room
6:30	Buckner Mission Man Triathlon Interest Meeting	John Wesley Room

Wednesday, February 19

7:15	Youth Breakfast Club/Junior High	Dr. Cecil's Office
7:30	Youth Breakfast Club/Senior High	1711 Sykes St.
6:00	Aldersgate Praise Band	Aldersgate Hall
7:00	Chancel Choir	Choir Room

Thursday, February 20

9:30	Prayer Team	Prayer Room
10:00	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Room 405
6:00	Building & Grounds and Trustees Meeting	HC/Chapel

Saturday, February 22

8:30	American Red Cross Blood Drive	Aldersgate Hall
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Sunday, February 23

8:45	Worship Service	Sanctuary
8:45	Contemporary Worship Service	Aldersgate Hall
9:45	Sunday School	Classrooms
11:00	Worship Service	Sanctuary
12:00	Youth Summer Missions Interest Meeting	Aldersgate Hall
4:00	Children's Choir	Sanctuary
4:00	Youth Choir	Choir Room
5:00	Wesley Ringers	Room 406
5:00	Youth Bells	Bell Room
6:00	UMYF/Confirmation	Aldersgate Hall

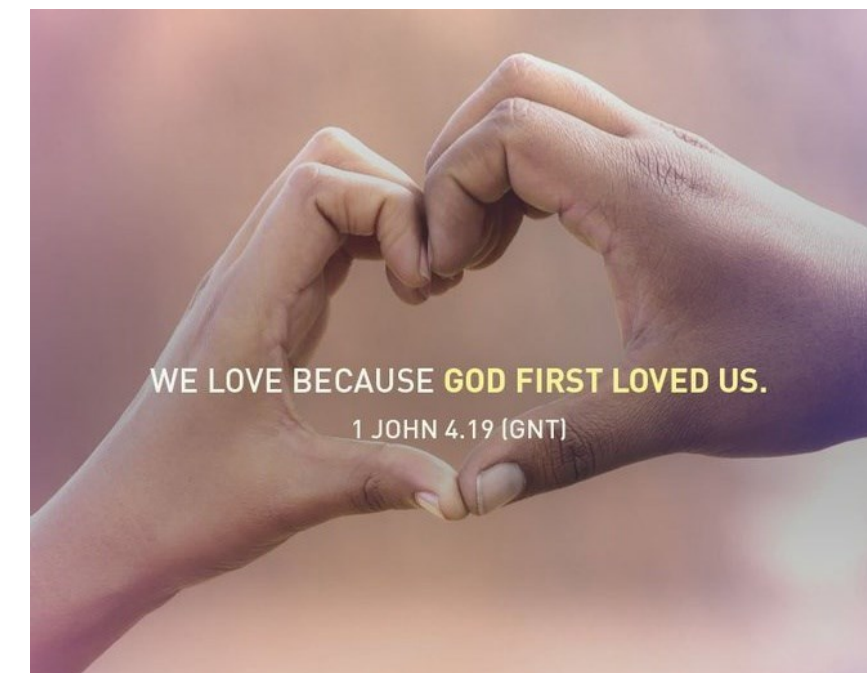
OFFICE ASSISTANT NEEDED

We are seeking someone who would enjoy working part-time as an office assistant at Front Street UMC. Hours are noon-4:00 p.m., Monday-Friday. This is a paid position, and a job description may be viewed on the church's website. Please send a resume before **March 15** to Pastor Ross at ross@frontstreetumc.org if you are interested in talking about the position.

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Knowing Christ • Growing in Christ • Sharing Christ



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