

**THE WORSHIP OF GOD**  
**February 17, 2019**  
**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**                      **Choral, Op. 37, No. 4**      Joseph Jongen  
(1873-1953)

**\* OPENING PRAYER (IN UNISON))**

**Heavenly Father, you have held us through the night, sustaining our breath and opening our eyes into a new day. Thank you for all your provision, including the sustaining of our souls. Amen.**

**\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 132**

**All My Hope Is Firmly Grounded**      **MICHAEL**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Come to me, all you who labor and are heavily burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls, for my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. Let us put aside that which keeps us from resting in God, as we pray together:

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)**

**God of mercy and patience, be with us this day as we celebrate the Good News. Forgive us when we get so caught up in trusting in our own strength, intelligence, and resources, that we forget to trust in you. Help us to not only trust you, but to abide in you. It's in Jesus' name, we offer this prayer. Amen.**

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

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Leader: As we have opened up our hearts, let us rest in God's mercy. 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**                      **Alleluia Verse**                      William Bradley Roberts  
(b. 1947)



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

**MISSION MOMENT**

Mission of Hope Haiti

†† **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)**

**God of mercy, you promised never to break your covenant with us. Amid all the changing words of our generation, speak your eternal Word that does not change. Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

**Psalm 131**

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†† **ANTHEM**

**Blessed Are They**

John Leavitt

Chancel Choir

(b. 1956)

Blessed are they, happy are they, blessed are they of God. Happy are they who are poor, for they shall be blessed of God. He gently will lead them; he gladly will feed them; their home is the heart of God. And blessed are those with sorrow and woe: his comfort and joy will overflow. The meek and the lowly, blessed and holy: great is their gift from God. Happy are those who desire the righteousness born of God. He blesses their hunger; he fills them with wonder; their rest is the peace of God. And blessed are those who mercy do show: his grace and compassion will know. The purest of children see now this heaven, held in the hand of God. Happy are those who love peace, for they are the people of God. His light does shine through them; his truth will be in them, their life is the life of God. The world will reject them, reject them before him. Their part is the love of God. Blessed are those who are poor. Happy are those who do mourn. Blessed are those who are meek. Happy are those whose hearts yearn. Blessed are those who show grace. Happy are those who are pure. Blessed are those who seek peace. Happy are those who know God. -Phil Speary

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

**Matthew 6:24-34**

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**SERMON**

**"Simple Trust"**

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**

**If You But Trust in God to Guide You**

Jessica Hannah, soprano    arr. Brenda Portman  
(b. 1980)

If you but trust in God to guide you and place your confidence in him, you'll find him always there beside you to give you hope and strength within; for those who trust God's changeless love, build on the rock that will not move. Only be still, and wait his pleasure in cheerful hope with heart content. He fills your needs to fullest measure with what discerning love has sent; doubt not our inmost wants are known to him who chose us for his own. Sing, pray, and keep his ways unswerving, offer your service faithfully, and trust his word; though undeserving, you'll find his promise true to be. God never will forsake in need the soul that trusts in him indeed.

-Georg Neumark (1621-1681)

**\* 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)**

**Most Holy God, as we place our gifts at the foot of your throne, we are grateful that you continue to invite us to abide in you. May our life in you enable us to remember that you always care for us, even in ways beyond our understanding. As we understand more of the depth of your love for us, may that knowledge soak into us in a way that loosens our grip on the things of this world. May we instead cling to your love and redeeming grace, which endures eternally. In Christ's holy name, we pray. Amen.**

**\* HYMN NO. 368**

**My Hope Is Built**

**THE SOLID ROCK**

**\* PRONOUNCEMENT OF BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE**

**Recessional**

Francis Jackson  
(b. 1917)

**WELCOME!** We're glad that you have chosen to worship with us today. Following the 11:00 a.m. service, there is a gathering in the Heritage Center for fellowship and refreshments. Please join us. Our hosts this week are Mr. and Mrs. Bob Chandler.

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God and in honor of Sarah Carter on the occasion of our 30th anniversary by Ross Carter.

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

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

	8:45	11:00
Lay Reader:	Gary Harris	John Lewis
Acolytes:	Ella Kate Porfilio	Charlie & Mack Smith
Crucifer:	Claire Piatt	Evan Gilgo

**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 Don and Glenda Milligan, 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.

**PANCAKE SUPPER**

Join us **tonight from 5 to 7 p.m.** for the Men's Breakfast Bible Study annual pancake supper. The menu includes both pancakes and sausage/bacon. Tickets are only \$6 for an individual and \$16 for a family. Purchase your tickets from team members in the Welcome Center before, after, and between Sunday services and at the door. This fundraising event benefits mission purposes.

**Hymns and Hops**

You are invited to an interdenominational and intergenerational community gathering **this evening at 7 p.m.** at The Oak House in Elon. All are welcome to come for friendship, hymn singing, and fun.

**MOVIE NIGHT: WON'T YOU BE MY NEIGHBOR?**

Join us on **Tuesday evening, February 19 at 6 p.m.** in Aldersgate Hall for a showing of *Won't You Be My Neighbor?*, a documentary about the late Fred Rogers and his work. Come and enjoy popcorn and soft drinks as you watch! **Please sign up online by the end of today at [www.frontstreetumc.org](http://www.frontstreetumc.org).** For more information, call Jean Anderson at 336-584-0432. **(Note: This movie is rated PG-13, and is not appropriate for children.)**

**BUCKNER MISSION MAN TRIATHLON**

We need you! We are currently planning for the 2019 Buckner Mission Man Triathlon. Are you interested, or know someone who is, in serving on the committee? Returning and new committee member kick-off meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, February 24 at 2 p.m.** in the Heritage Center. More details about committee openings will follow prior to meeting, but we need you all! With questions, reach out to Amanda Warren at 336-317-0715 or [fosterunc@aol.com](mailto:fosterunc@aol.com) or Susan Morris at [susiecmorris@yahoo.com](mailto:susiecmorris@yahoo.com).

**NEW SMALL GROUP STUDY FOR WOMEN: HAVING A MARY HEART IN A MARTHA WORLD**

Do you ever feel you aren't godly enough... aren't loving enough... aren't doing enough? This is the study for you! Come revisit the well-known story of Mary and Martha, and learn how you can draw closer to the Lord, deepening your devotion, strengthening your service, and doing both with less stress and greater joy. This study, facilitated by Marlee Beckom, begins on **Wednesday, February 27 at 7:00 p.m.** in Room 401. Spaces are limited to 25. Register today at [www.frontstreetumc.org/features](http://www.frontstreetumc.org/features) to avoid disappointment!

**BLOOD DRIVE**

Front Street will have a blood drive on **Sunday, March 3 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](http://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](mailto:gfonville@triad.rr.com) for more information or to schedule your appointment.

**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

Date	8:45	9:00	11:00	Online	Total
1/20	49	52	178	17	296
1/27	111	56	214	9	390
2/3	54	56	221	12	343
2/10	53	59	202	11	325

**CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 17, 2019**

**Sunday, February 17**

8:45	Worship Service	Sanctuary
9:00	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 307
5:00	Youth Bells	Bell Room
5:00	Disciple Bible Study	Room 401
5:00	Men's Breakfast Bible Study Pancake Supper	Aldersgate Hall
6:00	UMYF/Confirmation	AH/Chapel

**Monday, February 18**

5:00	Shirley Collins Memorial Service	Chapel
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**Tuesday, February 19**

7:30	Men's Breakfast Bible Study	Reading Area
9:30	Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study	Room 305
6:00	Movie Night: <i>Won't You Be My Neighbor?</i>	Aldersgate Hall
6:15	Epworth Ringers	Bell Room

**Wednesday, February 20**

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
7:00	Staff Parish Relations Committee Meeting	John Wesley Room

**Thursday, February 21**

9:30	Prayer & Meditation	Prayer Room
10:00	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Room 303
6:30	Mission Team Meeting	John Wesley Room
7:00	Family Life Ministry Team Meeting	Room 305

**Sunday, February 24**

8:45	Worship Service	Sanctuary
9:00	Contemporary Worship Service	Aldersgate Hall
9:45	Sunday School	Classrooms
11:00	Worship Service	Sanctuary
2:00	Buckner Mission Man Triathlon Meeting	Heritage Center
4:00	Children's Choir	Sanctuary
4:00	Youth Choir	Choir Room
5:00	Wesley Ringers	Room 307
5:00	Youth Bells	Bell Room
5:00	Disciple Bible Study	Room 401
6:00	UMYF/Confirmation	Aldersgate Hall

**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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