

**THE WORSHIP OF GOD**  
**February 23, 2020**  
**TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD**

*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.

**ELEVEN O'CLOCK**

**GATHERING AND COMMUNITY CONCERNS**

**VOLUNTARY**      **Chorale Prelude on 'St. Elizabeth'**  
UMH No. 189      Aaron David Miller  
(b. 1972)

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVELY)**

Leader: The Lord rules—the nations shake!

**People: The Lord is great in Zion; God is exalted over all the nations.**

Leader: Magnify the Lord our God!

**People: Bow low in God's presence because the Lord our God is holy!**

**\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 260**

**Christ, upon the Mountain Peak**    **SHILLINGFORD**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Sisters and brothers, if we claim not to have sinned, then we deceive ourselves. But if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive our sins and cleanse us from everything that we've done wrong. Therefore, trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sins before God and each other.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)**

**Lord of infinite mercy, we are in such a hurry to memorialize everything that the power and meaning of an event becomes pale or altered in our life. Help us look at the life events of Jesus with new eyes, with eyes that see him in light of the witness of the ages, eyes that see Jesus as the One who comes to set people free, to heal, to bring hope and peace. Forgive us for the times when we fail to be faithful disciples. Help us to offer ourselves; for we kneel before you, imperfect, but willing to serve. Amen.**

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

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Leader: Rejoice! You have been blessed by God to be witnesses; to proclaim God's love to all. Be at 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**      Adam Long  
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)**

**Holy God, the cloud of your splendor and the fire of your love revealed your Son on the mountain heights. Transform our lives in his image, write your law of love on our hearts, and make us prophets of your glory, that having heard your Word, we may lead others into your presence. Amen.**

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**    **2 Peter 1:16-21**      NT Page 236

**ANTHEM**      **Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face**  
Chancel Choir      Percy Whitlock  
(1903-1946)

Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face; here faith can touch and handle things unseen; here would I grasp with firmer hands Thy grace; and all my weariness upon Thee lean. Here would I feed upon the Bread of God; here drink with Thee the Royal wine of heaven; here would I lay aside each earthly load, and taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.

-Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**      **Matthew 17:1-9**      NT Page 18

**SERMON**      **"Majesty With Our Own Eyes"**      Rev. 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**

**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**      **Be Thou My Vision**      Bob Chilcott  
William Inabnit, tenor      (b. 1955)

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart, be all else but naught to me, save that thou art; be thou my best thought in the day and the night, both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light. Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word; be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord; be thou my great Father, and I thy true son; be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one. Be thou and thou only the first in my heart; O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art; great heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

-early Irish; translated by Mary Byrne (1880-1931);  
versified by Eleanor Hull (1860-1935)

**\* 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)**  
**Gracious God, giver of every good and perfect gift, receive the fruits of our labor as a token of our abiding trust in you. Guide us toward holy living that embodies mercy, justice, and forgiveness to each other and toward all whom you have made. May these tithes and offerings be a sign of commitment and of faith in your leadership, so that the ministries of this congregation may faithfully fulfill the work you have set before us; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\* HYMN (SEE INSERT)**    **Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain**  
**SILVER SPRING**

**\* PRONOUNCEMENT OF BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE**      **Trumpet Tune in C Major**      M. McCabe  
(b. 1941)

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

	11:00
Lay Reader:	Tim Laverty
Acolyte:	Clay Thomas
Crucifer:	Anna Thomas

**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 Michael and Kelly Glick.

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God and in honor of the birthday of Roger Jefferson by Doris Jefferson.

**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](mailto:prayer@frontstreetumc.org). We thank team members Gene and Elizabeth Fonville, who will be in the Prayer Room on our behalf at noon to pray for requests given on the prayer request cards.

**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.

**LENTEN SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE**

Are you giving up something tangible for Lent? Perhaps it's coffee, chocolate, sweets, or soda. Consider using the money you save by not buying these items to purchase school supplies for the *Classroom Closet*, and support our local educators. The *Classroom Closet* is a volunteer-led, non-profit organization that relies on grants and donations from local sponsors to allow teachers to inexpensively fully equip their classrooms. Please drop donations in the Welcome Center. This drive will run through Lent, **February 26-April 10**. Visit our website or the Welcome Center for a list of items and more information.

**PLAYSCHOOL BOOK FAIR**

Front Street Playschool will be having a Book Fair at Barnes and Noble on **February 29!** Come and hear our sweet children sing between 11:30 a.m. and 12:10 p.m. Be sure to tell your cashier at checkout that you are there with Front Street Playschool! If you are unable to make it to the store, you can shop online at [bn.com/bookfairs](http://bn.com/bookfairs) from **March 1 – 7** and use the code 12586343. Thank you so much to our church family for your continued support!

**CEREAL SUNDAY**

Don't forget **March 1** is Cereal Sunday at FSUMC! Please deposit cereal or other canned/dry goods in the tubs in the cabinet in the Welcome Center. Thank you for helping stock the food pantry at the Salvation Army.

**MEMBERSHIP SUNDAY**

The next quarterly **Membership Sunday** is **March 8**. If you would like to join Front Street at any of the worship services that Sunday, please contact the church office to complete the information needed for the church roll. We look forward to having you as part of the Front Street family.

**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

Date	8:45	Aldersgate	11:00	Total
1/26	32	60	212	304
2/2	44	57	173	274
2/9	59	51	186	296
2/16	53	53	155	261

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**CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 23, 2020**

**Sunday, February 23**

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

**Tuesday, February 25**

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

**Wednesday, February 26**

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 Ash Wednesday Service	Sanctuary
8:00 Chancel Choir	Choir Room

**Thursday, February 27**

7:00 Visioning Team Meeting	Room 301
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**Saturday, February 29**

11:30 FS Playschool at Barnes & Noble Book Fair & Art Show	Barnes & Noble
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**Sunday, March 1**

8:45 Worship Service	Sanctuary
8:45 Contemporary Worship Service	Aldersgate Hall
9:45 Sunday School	Classrooms
11:00 Worship Service	Sanctuary
12:00 Church-wide Covered Dish Lunch	Aldersgate Hall
4:00 Children's Choir	Sanctuary
4:00 Youth Choir	Choir Room
5:00 Wesley Ringers	Room 406
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6:00 UMYF/Confirmation	Aldersgate Hall

**EVENSONG**

The chancel choirs of the Episcopal Church of the Holy Comforter and Front Street United Methodist Church join forces for an Evensong to celebrate the Feast of St. Patrick on **Sunday, March 15** at 5:00 p.m. in the sanctuary of Front Street United Methodist Church. A reception will follow in the Heritage Center. A nursery for children under 5 will be provided.

**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](mailto:ross@frontstreetumc.org) if you are interested in talking about the position.

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**Our Mission:**

*Knowing Christ • Growing in Christ • Sharing Christ*



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