

**THE WORSHIP OF GOD  
January 6, 2019  
EPIPHANY SUNDAY  
HOLY COMMUNION**

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** Prélude sur l'Introït de l'Épiphanie Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

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

Leader: Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

**People: For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples.**

Leader: But the Lord will arise upon you, and God's glory will appear over you.

**People: Nations shall come to God's light, and kings to the brightness of God's dawn.**

**All: Come, let us adore him!**

**\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 187**

**Rise, Shine, You People**

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**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Sisters and brothers, Christ is born and in him there is no darkness at all. Let us now confess our sins, confident that what is brought into the light of Jesus Christ will be redeemed and made whole.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)**

**Most holy and loving God, we admit to you and to each other that we are creatures who, either through foolishness or wilfulness, often choose darkness instead of light. Here and now we surrender to you our fears and proud opinions, our short-sightedness and our pompous wisdom, our deep-seated sins and our apathy towards change and renewal. Forgive the darkness and pain we have inflicted on others, and restore the light within our own souls. Trusting your grace, we earnestly pray that you would renew us in the light of your salvation; through Christ Jesus our Savior. Amen.**

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

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE (IN RESPONSE TO CONFESSION)**

Leader: Hear the good news. Christ died for us while we were still sinners. That proves God's love for us! 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)

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia,  
al-le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al-le-lu - ia,  
al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu ia, al - le - lu ia.

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

*Children ages 4—first grade may depart for Children's Church in Room 304.*

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (IN UNISON)**

**Gracious God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bring the Scriptures to bear on our lives and in this world. Cause them to take on flesh in us. This we pray in your holy name. Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON** Isaiah 60:1-6 OT Page 690

**\* GOSPEL LESSON** Matthew 2:1-12 NT Page 2

† **SERMON** "Discovering the King" Rev. Marshall Old

†† **SERMON** "Missing the Messiah" Rev. Patrick Murphy

**CALL TO PRAYER**

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Minister: Let us pray.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

† **OFFERTORY** I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light  
UMH No. 206 Wayne L. Wold (b. 1954)

†† **OFFERTORY** Epiphany Alleluias John Weaver (b. 1937)  
Chancel Choir

Alleluia. We have seen His star in the east, and are come to worship Him. Alleluia. Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. Alleluia.

*-From the Propers for the Epiphany Season*

**\* DOXOLOGY No. 94 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow  
LASST UNS ERFREUEN**

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!

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (IN UNISON)**

**O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth; lead us, who know you now by faith, to offer ourselves and these gifts in the turn of this new year, that we may see your glory in all things; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

† **SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION** UMH No. 17

†† **SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION** UMH No. 24  
**The Great Thanksgiving  
The Lord's Prayer  
The Sharing of Bread and Cup**

*After sharing Communion, you are invited to take a January prayer card to use in your daily prayer life.*

**COMMUNION** Cycle of Light Joel Martinson (b. 1960)  
Laura Sam, soprano

Heavy clouds had hung oppressive over winter-weary hearts. Darkened days had dulled our hope and dimmed our gleaming dreams. Then a flaming star appeared beyond the galaxy we knew, attracting our myopic gaze and pointing us to distant places, vistas unimagined. Now we walk a winding path from Christmas star's December birth through Lenten ashes, March endured and death embraced, to April life, the phoenix-risen Easter sun. So light, at last, will lead to Light.

*-Delores Dufner (b. 1939)*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (IN UNISON)**

**Bountiful God, we give thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**\* HYMN No. 679 O Splendor of God's Glory Bright** WAREHAM

**\* PRONOUNCEMENT OF BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE** Epilogue on 'Dix' William H. Harris (1883-1973)

**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 Mr. and Mrs. Tim Bauguess.

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

Communion Servers:	Curtis & Sharon Beal	
Liturgist:	Don Milligan	Rev. Marshall Old
Lay Reader:	Jim Clark	John Lewis
Acolytes:	Jacob Garrison	Chandler Beckom & Lilee Hope Beckom
Crucifer:	Henry Lakey	Dess Beckom

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God.

**MEMBERS OF THE ALTAR GUILD** serving in January are Stacey Lahey, Janie Crouch, Mary Zeta Hornaday, Pat Kernodle, and Robin Mann.

**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 members Sandra Hughley and Betty Huneycutt, who will be in the Prayer Room on our behalf at noon to pray for requests given on the Prayer Request Cards.

**2019 LAY LEADERSHIP**

The list of the 2019 lay leadership is available in the Welcome Center and Narthex.

**JANUARY FOOD DRIVE**

Front Street's Backpack Ministry supplies food for children at Eastlawn Elementary, who would otherwise go hungry over the weekend. In the month of January, we are asking for the following specific food items, which will be used to support our Backpack Ministry.

- pasta
- pasta sauce (no glass jars please)
- rice
- canned beans
- canned meat
- cans of corn or mixed vegetables
- cans of fruit
- snack packs (Jell-O or fruit cups)

Please deposit your donations in the Welcome Center. This collection continues **through January 31**.

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

Circles 1, 2, and 4 will meet in the Heritage Center for fellowship and refreshments at 10 a.m. on **Monday, January 7**. The General Meeting will convene in the Chapel at 10:30 a.m. Circle 5 will meet on **Tuesday, January 8** at 7 p.m. in the Heritage Center. All women are invited to join us. Contact Doris Jefferson at 336-228-0130 for additional information.

**WORSHIP SERVICES ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 13**

The contractors postponed the installation of the Sanctuary windows to mid-February. The 8:45 a.m. and 11 a.m. services on **Sunday, January 13** will be held in the Sanctuary.

**YOU'RE INVITED TO A RECEPTION HONORING CAROL SINEATH**

On **Sunday, January 13**, we will celebrate Carol's ministry during the Fellowship Time in the Reading Area following the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

**FAMILY WINTERFEST AND CHILI COOK-OFF**

Our Family Winter Festival and Chili Cook-Off will be on **Sunday, January 27 from 5-7 p.m.** Ms. Marcy and the Children's Council have planned all kinds of fun, winter activities for all ages. Do you make a really good chili? Enter our Chili Cook-Off and let your Front Street friends be the judge! Visit [www.frontstreetumc.org/features](http://www.frontstreetumc.org/features) for more information.

**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

Date	8:45	9:00	11:00	Online	Total
12/9	0	0	0	0	Snow
12/16	0	59	319	19	397
12/23	40	68	304	13	425
12/30	0	30	177	12	219

SEE BACK OF BULLETIN FOR MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 6, 2019**

**Sunday, January 6**

8:45	Worship Service	Sanctuary
9:00	Contemporary Worship Service	Aldersgate Hall
9:45	Sunday School	Classrooms
11:00	Sanctuary Worship	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
6:00	UMYF/Confirmation Class	Aldersgate Hall

**Monday, January 7**

10:00	UMW	Heritage Center/Chapel
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**Tuesday, January 8**

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
7:00	Circle 5	Heritage Center

**Wednesday, January 9**

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

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**SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

The following dates are available to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one: **February 10, 17, and 24**. Please contact Linda Paul at 336-543-5081 or kpaul5@triad.rr.com for details or to sign up.

**COVER IMAGE:** James Tissot (French, 1836-1902). The Magi Journeyming ("Les rois mages en voyage"), 1886-1894. Opaque watercolor over graphite on gray wove paper, Brooklyn Museum, Brooklyn, New York.

**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

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