

**THE WORSHIP OF GOD**  
**July 14, 2019**  
**FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

*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**                      **Toccata in D Minor** Alessandro Scarlatti  
**Aria alla Francese** (1660-1725)

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

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord our God.

**People: For the Lord is our God, and we are His people.**

Leader: As we wait upon the Lord, let us open our ears.

**People: That we might both hear and heed the word of  
the Lord.**

Leader: As we wait upon the Lord, let us open our eyes.

**People: That we might both see and perceive the will of  
the Lord.**

Leader: As we wait upon the Lord, let us open our hearts.

**People: That we might understand and turn to the Lord  
for guidance.**

**\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 577**

**God of Grace and God of Glory CWM RHONDDA**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Lord who intercedes for us, hear our hearts. Hear that  
which we confess aloud, and that which we lift in  
private. Give us your grace, in the name of Christ.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)**

**Heavenly Father, you are fireless in speaking to us, but  
we find it easy to close our minds, refusing to hear that  
which would require painful change, rejecting the truth  
because it is inconvenient. Forgive our deliberate  
denseness of mind, our fearful resistance to your Word,  
and our stubborn insistence that our way is the best way.  
Continue your speaking until we hear. Amen.**

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

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Leader: Our gracious and loving Lord is the essence of  
generosity and patience. Rest in, and rely on,  
God's love and forgiveness; for, it is in the  
name of Jesus Christ that you are forgiven!

**People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

**All: Glory to God. Amen.**

**SUNG RESPONSE No. 70      Glory Be to the Father      MEINEKE**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy  
Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.

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

†† **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)**

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your  
Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your  
Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say  
to us today. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON                      Amos 7:7-17                      OT Page 855**

†† **ANTHEM                      Children of the Heavenly Father                      Eric Nelson  
Chancel Choir                      (b. 1959)**

Children of the heavenly Father safely in his bosom gather; nestling  
bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given. God his own  
doth tend and nourish; in his holy courts they flourish. From all evil  
things he spares them; in his mighty arms he bears them. Neither life  
nor death shall ever from the Lord his children sever; unto them his  
grace he showeth, and their sorrows all he knoweth. Praise the Lord  
in joyful numbers, your Protector never slumbers; at the will of your  
Defender every foe then must surrender. No more a stranger or a  
guest, but like a child at home. Children of the heavenly Father  
safely in his bosom gather; nestling bird nor star in heaven such a  
refuge e'er was given.

*-Carolina Sandell Berg (1832-1903)*

**\* GOSPEL LESSON                      Luke 10:25-37                      NT Page 71**

**SERMON "Which came first - the level or the plumb?"**

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 OFFERINGS**

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                      Make Me a Channel of Your Peace                      S. Temple  
Nicole Hannah, soprano                      (1928-1997)  
Setting by Jane Holstein  
(b. 1958)**

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring  
your love. Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, and where there's  
doubt, true faith in you. O Master, grant that I may never seek so much  
to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to  
be loved as to love with all my soul. Make me a channel of your  
peace. Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope. Where there is  
darkness, only light, and where there's sadness, ever joy. O Master,  
grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console, to  
be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love with all my  
soul. Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are  
pardoned, in giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that  
we're born to eternal life.

*-St. Francis of Assisi (c. 1181-1226)*

**\* 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)**

**O God of our salvation, your Word brings joy to our hearts.  
We find contentment in your presence as we pray and  
worship you. Enable us to focus on your Holy Spirit, who  
brings life and peace. Inspire our congregation to reach  
out in creative ways to draw our neighbors into a closer  
relationship with you. Receive our gifts and offerings for  
the sake of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**\* HYMN No. 717      The Battle Hymn of the Republic  
BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC**

**\* PRONOUNCEMENT OF BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE      Prelude and Fugue in A Minor, BWV 551**

Johann Sebastian Bach  
(1685-1750)

**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. Roger Jefferson.

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

	8:45	11:00
Lay Reader:	Julian Mims	Esther Bennett
Acolyte:	Paige Hawley	Lelia Wilson
Crucifer:	Meredith Hawley	Kaelan Mims

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God and in celebration of our wedding anniversary by Marshall and Carol Old.

**MEMBERS OF THE ALTAR GUILD** serving in July are Chris Presley, Susan Black, Louise Cox, Margaret Ann Freeman, Cathy Jones, and Janice Whitlatch.

**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 Mike and Margaret Mitchell, who will be in the Prayer Room on our behalf at noon to pray for requests given on the Prayer Request Cards.

**AZALEA MHP FELLOWSHIP**

Everyone is welcome to join us on **Saturday, July 20** (10:00 a.m. - noon) at Azalea MHP for a morning of water activities and fellowship with our neighbors. Please gather at the church at 9:15 a.m. to carpool. Contact Betty Huneycutt for details.

**WELCOME BACK EASTLAWN STUDENTS**

Eastlawn students will be returning to school on **Monday, July 22**. Come out and support the children by welcoming them back to school red carpet style! We will meet at the church at 6:30 a.m., carpool to the school, and return by 8 a.m. Contact Marcy McAdams for details.

**BUCKNER MISSION MAN TRIATHLON | SATURDAY, JULY 27  
LAKE CAMMACK PARK AND MARINA, BURLINGTON, NC**

The Buckner Mission Man Triathlon is an annual event which raises money for the missions of FSUMC, over \$580K since its inception. We need **YOU** on our team! Individuals (all ages) are needed to assist with the event (6:00-11:00 a.m.) in body marking, registration, refreshments, directing course traffic, manning water stations, and the finish line. More information and race registration can be found at [www.missionmantriathlon.com](http://www.missionmantriathlon.com) or by contacting Amanda Warren (fosterunc@aol.com or 336-317-0715) or Susan Morris (susiecmorris@yahoo.com or 443-823-8735).

**PARENTING CLASSES – WE NEED YOUR INPUT**

The Family Life Ministry is hosting a series of three parenting workshops on Sunday afternoons in September for parents (and grandparents) of children aged 0-18 years. Debbie Kennerson, a Licensed Psychological Associate who has a Masters in Psychology, will be leading the sessions. **In order to make these workshops relevant and useful to the attendees, we need your input as to topics and areas for discussion. Responses are anonymous, and your input is much appreciated.** Visit [www.frontstreetumc.org/features](http://www.frontstreetumc.org/features) to submit your questions by **August 1**.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL | AUGUST 5 - 8**

**ROAR: LIFE IS WILD - GOD IS GOOD!**

We have about 170 children registered for VBS. This is fantastic and exciting! Now we need your help. We need kitchen and craft helpers and people willing to shepherd the groups of children from one activity to another. This requires no special skill or training, just a willingness to serve. Please contact Marcy McAdams for details or to volunteer at [marcy@frontstreetumc.org](mailto:marcy@frontstreetumc.org), or call 336-227-6263.

**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

Date	8:45	Aldersgate	11:00	Total
6/16	46	52	136	234
6/23	49	47	211	307
6/30	54	37	188	279
7/7	53	95	124	272

SEE BACK OF BULLETIN FOR MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 14, 2019**

**Sunday, July 14**

8:45	Worship Service	Sanctuary
8:45	Contemporary Worship Service	Aldersgate Hall
9:45	Sunday School	Classrooms
11:00	Worship Service	Sanctuary

**Wednesday, July 17**

6:00	Aldersgate Praise Band	Aldersgate Hall
7:00	Hospitality Committee Meeting	John Wesley Room

**Thursday, July 18**

9:30	Prayer and Meditation	Prayer room
10:00	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Room 405
6:30	BMMT Committee Meeting	John Wesley Room
7:00	Board of Trustees Meeting	Ministry Center

**Saturday, July 20**

10:00	Azalea MHP Fellowship	Azalea MHP
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**Sunday, July 21**

8:45	Worship Service	Sanctuary
8:45	Contemporary Worship Service	Aldersgate Hall
9:45	Sunday School	Classrooms
11:00	Worship Service	Sanctuary

**ELEMENTARY SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED**

Do you enjoy helping youngsters grow in their faith? Our Elementary Sunday School Program needs you for the new school year **(September 2019 - May 2020)**. Join one of our teaching teams for our 2nd-5th grade classes as a lead teacher or assistant teacher twice a month. The curriculum we use makes it easy to create a fun-filled learning environment, where children will grow their faith in leaps and bounds. Please contact Marcy ([marcy@frontstreetumc.org](mailto:marcy@frontstreetumc.org)) for details.

**OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE**

We are searching for someone to assume the duties of head collector at the 11 a.m. Sunday service for the months of September, January, and May. This person needs to be in the narthex between 10:45 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. on the aforementioned Sundays, and sign up collectors as they enter the church. The task is not difficult. There is a system in place to cover any Sundays you may be absent. Please call Phil Minton for more information, 336-584-1722.

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

The following dates are available to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one: **September 1 and 29 and October 20 and 27**. Please contact Linda Paul at 336-543-5081 or [kpaul5@triad.rr.com](mailto:kpaul5@triad.rr.com) for details or to sign up.

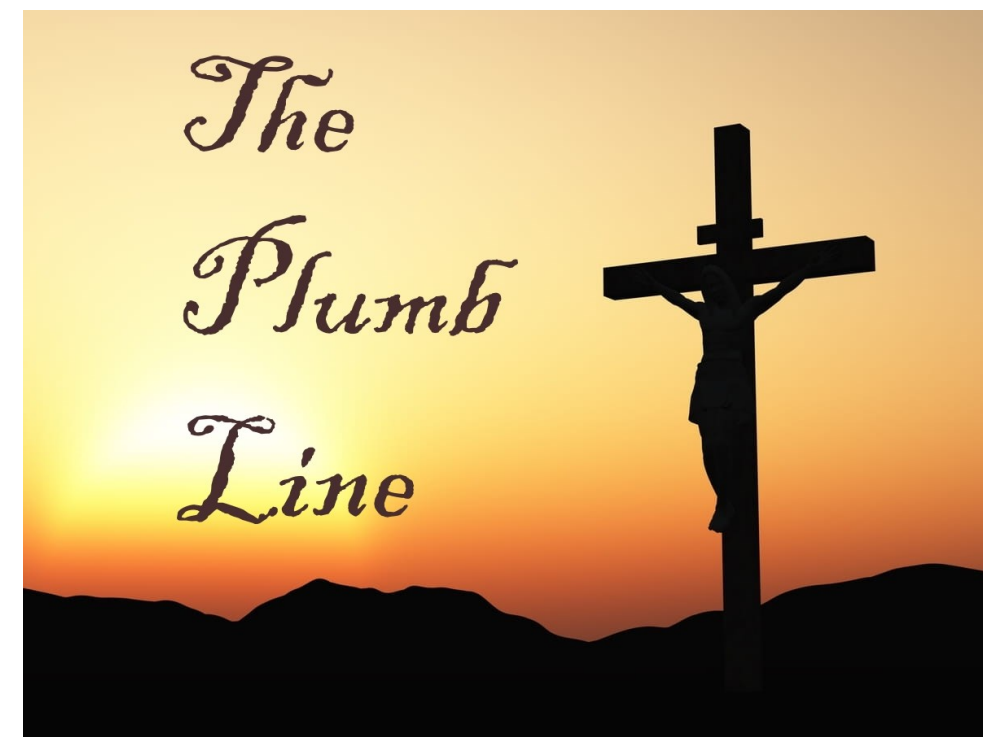
**LIVE-STREAMING ON YOUTUBE**

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

**Director of Children's Ministries**

Marcella Z. McAdams