

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
July 15, 2018
EIGHTH 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 **Allegro Moderato** J. S. Bach
 Amy Marsh, cello (1685-1750)

* **CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVELY)**

Leader: Open wide the doorways of the sanctuary!

People: That the king of glory may come into our midst.

Leader: Who is this king of glory?

People: This king of glory is our Savior Jesus Christ.

Amen!

* **PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 364**

Because He Lives **RESURRECTION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Come, bow before the Lord as we respond to His invitation for reconciliation of our relationship.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)

Patient Lord, you know how we are. We worry about every little thing, believing that our worry is somehow equal to action. Only you can fully repair what may be broken in our lives and in this world. May we trust in you for healing, not just for ourselves, but for our world. And may we act as you lead us, for your glory. Amen.

PERSONAL CONFESSION AND MEDITATION (IN SILENCE)

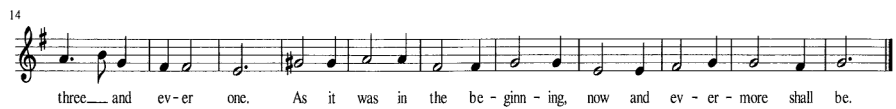
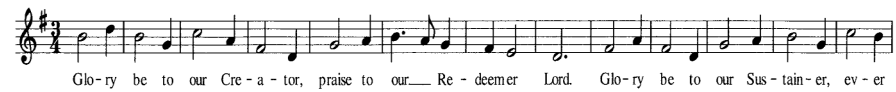
WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Be at peace. In Christ the world finds wholeness. 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 **Gloria Patri** **WESTMINSTER ABBEY**



* **PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

†† **RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS** Cameron and Margaret Arnett
 Retf and Jan Davis

†† **THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** Insert
 Anna Brice Arnett

†† **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)

Gracious God, as we turn to your Word for us, may your Holy Spirit rest upon us. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Revelation 21:1-4** NT Page 259

†† **ANTHEM "How Lovely are the Messengers" from St. Paul**
 Chancel Choir Felix Mendelssohn
 (1809-1847)

How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace!
 To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words, throughout all
 the lands their glad tidings.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON **1 Corinthians 15:21-23, 42-44**
 NT Page 176

SERMON **"A Vision of Heaven"** 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 **Sarabande in G Major** J. S. Bach

Amy Marsh, cello

* **DOXOLOGY**

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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)**

Heavenly Father, the heavens themselves shout your name and power. It's only by your power that we can make it through this life and into the next. We give our tithes and offerings this morning out of gratitude for the way of the Christ. Amen.

* **HYMN No. 701** **When We All Get to Heaven** **HEAVEN**

* **PRONOUNCEMENT OF BLESSING**

* **POSTLUDE** **Allegro moderato maestoso in C Major**
 Felix Mendelssohn

WELCOME! We're glad that you have chosen to worship with us today. Following the 11:00 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.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of my husband, Jack, and in honor of our grandchildren, Spencer, Sam, and Davis by Alice Thompson.

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 Sharon Beal and Sandy Elliott, who will be in the Prayer Room on our behalf at noon to pray for requests given on the Prayer Request Cards.

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

	8:45	11:00
Liturgist:	Don Milligan	
Lay Reader:	Jim Clark	Curwood Harrison
Acolyte:	Henry Lakey	Will Stadler
Crucifer:	Hunter Lakey	Claire Piatt

AZALEA

Everyone is welcome to join us on **Saturday, July 21** (2:00 – 4:00 p.m.) at Azalea MHP for an afternoon of water games, ice cream, and fellowship with our neighbors. Please gather at the church at 1:15 p.m. to carpool. Contact Betty Huneycutt for details.

WELCOME BACK EASTLAWN STUDENTS

Eastlawn students will be returning to school on **Monday, July 23**. 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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL | JULY 30– AUGUST 2

We have 190 children registered for VBS. This is fantastic and exciting! We need 5 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. For details or to volunteer, please contact Marcy McAdams at 336-227-6263 or marcy@frontstreetumc.org.

EPWORTH RINGERS ANNOUNCEMENT

If you have ever wanted to ring handbells, then now is your chance. Epworth Ringers (Front Street's adult handbell ensemble) has an opening for the upcoming 2018/2019 year (September through May). Rehearsals are on Tuesday nights from 6:15 p.m. until 7:30 p.m., and we ring once a month (usually on the fourth Sunday) at the 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship services. A rudimentary knowledge of note reading is recommended. We enjoy playing a wide variety of pieces, from meditative hymn arrangements to fast-paced, joyous melodies. Please contact Matt Brittain at matt@frontstreetumc.org if you are interested or if you know someone who might be interested. We would love to have you!

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The following dates are available to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one: **September 2, 9, and 30, October 7, and December 23 and 30**. Please contact Linda Paul at 336-543-5081 or kpaul5@triad.rr.com for details or to sign up.

SEE BACK OF BULLETIN FOR MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 15, 2018

Sunday, July 15

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

Monday, July 16

5:30	BMMT Team Meeting	Heritage Center
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Wednesday, July 18

7:00	Hospitality Committee Meeting	John Wesley Room
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Thursday, July 19

9:30	Prayer and Meditation	Prayer Room
10:00	Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting	Room 303

Saturday, July 21

2:00	Azalea MHP Community Fellowship	Azalea MHP
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Sunday, July 22

8:45	Worship Service	Sanctuary
9:00	Contemporary Worship Service	Aldersgate Hall
9:45	Sunday School	Classrooms
11:00	Worship Service	Sanctuary
12:00	ASP Team Meeting for Participants & Parents	Room 404

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Date	8:45	9:00	11:00	Online	Total
6/17	62	37	148	10	257
6/24	30	54	168	10	262
7/1	50	63	169	13	295
7/8	56	56	184	12	308

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

Organist/Director of Music
Dr. Matt Brittain

Choirmaster
Laura J. Sam

Coordinator of Congregational Care
Carol W. Sineath

Director of Children's Ministries
Marcella Z. McAdams