

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
July 21, 2019
SIXTH 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 **Fantasia in G Minor, BWV 542/i** J. S. Bach
(1685-1750)

*** CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVELY)**

Leader: In the midst of strife, God is with us!

People: Come, O Lord, and pour your Word into our hearts.

Leader: In the anguish and grief of everyday living, God is with us!

People: Hear our cries, O Lord, and quiet our spirits!

Leader: Come, let us open our hearts and spirits to the Lord.

People: We come with confidence and hope in the presence of God. Amen.

*** PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 61**

Come, Thou Almighty King **ITALIAN HYMN**

CALL TO CONFESSION

If we claim that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)

Patient Lord, it is so easy for us to focus on all the things that are wrong. We spend much time and energy in anger, sorrow, and condemnation, leaving behind the possibilities of hope and service to you. Ease our hearts, O Lord. Forgive our willingness to get caught up in the negative. Direct our steps toward positive actions that will produce growth and peace, in our own lives and in the lives of those we are privileged to meet. We offer this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

PERSONAL CONFESSION AND MEDITATION (IN SILENCE)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: God's seeds of love have already been sown in your midst. Come and see the love of God outpoured for you. Come, live in the light of God. 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 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)

Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your Word. Silence in us any voices but your own, so that we may hear your Word and also do it; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Psalm 52** OT Page 521

†† **ANTHEM** **Take My Life, That I May Be** Dexheimer-Pharris
Chancel Choir (b. 1956)
Mary Margaret Harris, flute arr. Mark Sedio
(b. 1954)

Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise. Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love; take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee. Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise. Take my voice and let me sing always, only for my King; take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee. Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise. Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold; take my intellect and use every power as thou shall choose. Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise. Take my will and make it thine, it shall be no longer mine; take my heart, it is thine own, it shall be thy royal throne. Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

*-Frances Havergal
(1836-1879)*

*** GOSPEL LESSON** **Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43** NT Page 14

SERMON **"God's Plans for Evil"** 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 **Selections from Telemann for** G. P. Telemann
Instrument and Keyboard (1681-1767)
Allegro Edited by S. D. Wolff
Giocoso (1916-2004)
Mary Margaret Harris, flute

*** 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 Gracious God, you have rescued us from despair and death by the glorious resurrection of Christ your Son. Now you remain with us, empowering us by your Spirit. Turn our hearts in compassion for people who struggle in darkness and danger. We renew our commitment to serve you through our church's mission outreach. Use our tithes and gifts to kindle the light of the risen Christ in our community and throughout the world. We pray in his name. Amen.

*** HYMN NO. 664** **Sent Forth by God's Blessing** **THE ASH GROVE**

*** PRONOUNCEMENT OF BLESSING**

POSTLUDE **Fugue in G Minor, BWV 542/ii** J. S. Bach

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. Michael Glick.

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

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| | 8:45 | 11:00 |
| Lay Reader: | Stan Whitlow | Sandy Elliott |
| Acolyte: | Luke Andress | David Moran |
| Crucifer: | Stephen Andress | Dess Beckom |

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in memory of Pat Moser by Buell Moser.

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 member Kathy Cecil, who will be in the Prayer Room on our behalf at noon to pray for requests given on the Prayer Request Cards.

WELCOME BACK EASTLAWN STUDENTS

Eastlawn students will be returning to school **tomorrow**. 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.

COOLERS NEEDED FOR BUCKNER MISSION MAN TRIATHLON

Front Street family, do you have a medium- to large-sized cooler that we can borrow for the Buckner Mission Man Triathlon this year? If so, please drop it off at the church office by **Thursday, July 25**, and make sure your name is on your cooler. They will be used for food and drink at the Triathlon, and will be available for you to pick them up on Sunday, July 28. If you are unable to be at the Triathlon on the 27th, this is a great way you can contribute and help the church to raise money for missions!

BUCKNER MISSION MAN TRIATHLON, JULY 27

LAKE CAMMACK PARK AND MARINA, BURLINGTON, NC

This wonderful mission event will happen Saturday, and it can't happen without YOU! Thank you to everyone who has already volunteered. To find out how you can be involved, contact Amanda Warren (fosterunc@aol.com or 336-317-0715) or Susan Morris (susiecmorris@yahoo.com or 443-823-8735). Thank you!

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 master's degree 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 to submit your questions by **August 1**.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

| Date | 8:45 | Aldersgate | 11:00 | Total |
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| 6/23 | 49 | 47 | 211 | 307 |
| 6/30 | 54 | 37 | 188 | 279 |
| 7/7 | 53 | 95 | 124 | 272 |
| 7/14 | 42 | 37 | 159 | 238 |

SEE BACK OF BULLETIN FOR MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 21, 2019

Sunday, July 21

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

Monday, July 22

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| 6:30 | Welcome Back Eastlawn Students | Eastlawn |
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Friday, July 26

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| 4:00 | BMMT Packet Pick Up | Aldersgate Hall |
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Saturday, July 27

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| 7:30 | BMMT | Lake Cammack |
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Sunday, July 28

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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL | AUGUST 5 - 8

ROAR: LIFE IS WILD - GOD IS GOOD!

It takes a herd to make VBS happen! We have over 168 children registered for VBS. Won't you help make this year's VBS the best yet? Contact Marcy McAdams (marcy@frontstreetumc.org) for details or to volunteer.

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 2nd - 5th grade class teams either 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) 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 May, September, and January. 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 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