

**THE WORSHIP OF GOD**  
**July 22, 2018**  
**NINTH 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**      **Prelude in C Minor, Op. 37, No. 1/i**

Felix Mendelssohn  
(1809-1847)

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

Leader: Once we were without hope and without God in the world.

**People: But in Jesus Christ, we who were far off have been brought near.**

Leader: For he is our peace.

**People: In his flesh, he has made of many cultures one people, and broken down the walls that divide us.**

**All: Let us worship the Lord our God!**

**\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 546**

**The Church's One Foundation      AURELIA**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

In Christ, all things great and small, dark and shameful, are brought into the light and transformed by God's mercy. Therefore, with confidence in God's goodness, let us confess our sins to the One who makes us whole.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)**

**Gracious God, we confess our day-to-day struggle to be fully human. You love us unconditionally, but we have failed to love others. We fear being vulnerable, and we fear those unlike us. You draw us from many cultures to be one people led by your Son Jesus Christ. And so we confess that in our selfishness we have stifled generosity and left little time to serve others. Lord, forgive us. Purge what is sinful within us, that we may be set free to love as you love. Amen.**

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

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Leader: Brothers and sisters, hear the good news: "God shows God's love for us because while we were still sinners Christ died for us." 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.**

**GLORY PATRI 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)**

**Draw us into the Scriptures, Holy Spirit. Open our hearts and minds, so that we may gain understanding, wisdom, and resolve to live in the way of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON      2 Samuel 7:1-14a      OT Page 281**

†† **ANTHEM      The King of Love My Shepherd Is      John Rutter**  
Chancel Choir      (b. 1945)  
UMH No. 138

**\* GOSPEL LESSON      Mark 6:30-34, 53-56      NT Page 41**

**SERMON      "Imprisoning God" 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 AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**OFFERTORY      The Lord Is My Shepherd      Thomas Matthews**  
William Inabnit, tenor      (1915-1999)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: For thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

**\* 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)**

**Lord God, you who nurture Christ in all things through your Holy Spirit, we give you thanks for all gifts great and small, which you have entrusted to our care. Accept us with our gifts to be living praise and witness to your love throughout all the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.**

**\* HYMN NO. 427      Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life      GERMANY**

**\* PRONOUNCEMENT OF BLESSING**

**\* POSTLUDE      Fugue in C Minor, Op. 37, No. 1/ii      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. John Black.

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

**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 Don and Glenda Milligan, 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
Lay Reader:	Gary Harris	David Hedgecock
Acolyte:		Mary Elizabeth Huneycutt
Crucifer:		Jackson Faircloth

**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.

**BUCKNER MISSION MAN TRIATHLON | JULY 28  
LAKE CAMMACK PARK AND MARINA, BURLINGTON, NC**

The Buckner Mission Man Triathlon is **this Saturday, July 28**. Volunteers are needed in all areas: body marking, registration, refreshments, directing course traffic, manning water stations, and the finish line. Come out and volunteer in this great event, which raises money for the missions of Front Street UMC. You'll have a great time! Contact Joanna Strelow at 336-227-6263 or joannacouperstrelow@gmail.com for details or to volunteer.

**ASP MISSION TRIP | JULY 29 - AUGUST 4**

Our high school youth depart on **Sunday, July 29** for their annual mission experience to share Christ with communities in rural Appalachia. If you would like to mail anything to the team, you may do so at the following address:

Cross Lanes United Methodist Church  
Attention: Front Street UMC ASP Team  
5320 Frontier Dr.  
Cross Lanes, WV 25313

Please keep the youth, adult leaders, and the people they will be serving in your prayers.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL | JULY 30 – AUGUST 2**

We have almost 200 children registered for VBS. Please lift this exciting time in prayer. If you are able to help, please let Marcy McAdams know. No prep is necessary on your part, just a willingness to serve. Please contact Marcy 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!

SEE BACK OF BULLETIN FOR MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 22, 2018**

<b>Sunday, July 22</b>		
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
<b>Tuesday, July 24</b>		
7:00	Board of Trustees Meeting	Ministry Center
7:00	Discipleship Team Meeting	John Wesley Room
<b>Thursday, July 26</b>		
7:00	Visioning Team Meeting	Room 301
<b>Friday, July 27</b>		
4:00	BMMT Packet Pick Up	Aldersgate Hall
<b>Saturday, July 28</b>		
6:00	Buckner Mission Man Triathlon	Lake Cammack
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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: **September 2, 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.

**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

Date	8:45	9:00	11:00	Online	Total
6/24	30	54	168	10	262
7/1	50	63	169	13	295
7/8	56	56	184	12	308
7/15	50	46	203	11	310

**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