

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
July 8, 2018
SEVENTH 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

Douze Marches Héroïques

II. La Grâce Georg P. Telemann

I. La Majesté (1681-1767)

Rob McConnell, trumpet
Andy Lang, organ

*** CALL TO WORSHIP (IN UNISON)**

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;

People: God's steadfast love endures forever!

All: Blessed be the name of the Lord!

*** PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 573**

O Zion, Haste

TIDINGS

CALL TO CONFESSION

Sisters and brothers, there is no point at which we are not in need of God's grace and forgiveness. Therefore, trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sins so that God may be glorified in Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)

Holy God, you know how stubborn we can be. You call us to serve others, but we stay in the coolness of our own homes. You would send us to where the hopeless live, but we are reluctant to leave our creature comforts. You would feed us on the peace and joy of your Word, but we pull our chairs up to tables that divide and make false promises. Forgive us, we pray. Transform our defiance into discipleship, and our rejection of others into the welcoming of all people into the grace of Jesus Christ. This we ask in Christ's name. Amen.

PERSONAL CONFESSION AND MEDITATION (IN SILENCE)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: God's grace is sufficient for all our needs, covering all our sins. God's power is made perfect in our weakness, as Christ redeems our lives and reconciles us completely to 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

Gloria Patri

WESTMINSTER ABBEY



*** 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 speak to us, and live. Amen.

† **SCRIPTURE LESSON** **Matthew 23:1-4,15** NT Page 25

†† **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON** **2 Samuel 5:1-10** OT Page 279

†† **ANTHEM** **Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life** R. V. Williams
Chancel Choir (1872-1958)
Rob McConnell, trumpet S. Drummond Wolff
(1916-2004)

Come, my way, my truth, my life: such a way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all strife; such a life as conquers death. Come, my light, my feast, my strength: such a light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in length; such a strength as makes his guest. Come, my joy, my love, my heart; such a joy as none can move; such a love as none can part; such a heart as joys in love.

† **NEW TESTAMENT LESSON** **Galatians 5:1-15** NT Page 190

† **SERMON** **"Freedom to Love"** Rev. Lee Edwards

*** †† GOSPEL LESSON**

Mark 6:1-13

NT Page 40

†† **SERMON**

"Offended, Stuck, Sent"

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

O Healing River

arr. David Cherwien

Jack Wolverton, baritone

(b. 1957)

O healing river, send down your waters upon this land. O healing river, send down your waters, and wash the blood from off the sand. This land is parching, this land is burning, no seed is growing in the barren ground. O healing river, send down your waters, O healing river, send your waters down. Let the seed of freedom awake and flourish. Let the deep roots nourish, let the tall stalks rise. O healing river, send down your waters. O healing river, from out of the skies.

*** 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)**

All things come from you, O God, and with gratitude we return what is yours. With thankfulness, especially for the gift of your son, Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves and all that we have, in union with Christ's offering for us, for the transformation of this community and your world. Amen.

*** HYMN TFWS No. 2130**

The Summons

KELVINGROVE

*** PRONOUNCEMENT OF BLESSING**

*** POSTLUDE**

Trumpet Voluntary

John Stanley

Rob McConnell

(1712-1786)

Andy Lang, organist

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. David Hamby.

THANK YOU Reverend Lee Edwards, pastor at Faith United Methodist Church in Burlington, for being our guest preacher at the 8:45 a. m. service.

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

	8:45	11:00
Liturgist:	Steve Cecil	JoAnn Barbour
Lay Reader:	Barbara Long	Mary Holden Burke
Acolyte:	Kennedy Joyce	Robert Henry
Crucifer:	Jackson Faircloth	Jack Simpson

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God.

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

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 Gene and Elizabeth Fonville, who will be in the Prayer Room on our behalf at noon to pray for requests given on the Prayer Request Cards.

WHEEL CHAIR RAMP BUILD

The next wheel chair ramp build is scheduled for **Saturday, July 14**. If you are interested in assisting with this ministry, please contact Tom Sineath at tom.sineath@gmail.com.

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.

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

The Buckner Mission Man Triathlon is fast approaching. 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. This year, our high school youth mission team will be serving in Kanawha County, West Virginia which will be the first year ASP has been in that county. Front Street will be represented for their 36th year serving at ASP. We have 15 youth and adults going.

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 about 175 children registered for VBS. This is fantastic and exciting! We need about 15 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 or call 336-227-6263.

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 8, 2018

Sunday, July 8		
8:45	Worship Service	Sanctuary
9:00	Contemporary Worship Service	Aldersgate Hall
9:45	Sunday School	Classrooms
11:00	Worship Service	Sanctuary
Monday, July 9		
6:30	UMYF Monday Funday/Burlington Royals	Burlington Athletic Stadium
Tuesday, July 10		
7:00	Stewardship Committee Meeting	John Wesley Room
Thursday, July 12		
7:00	Building and Grounds Committee Meeting	Ministry Center
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

FIRST AID KITS

We now have three first-aid kits located throughout the church. You will find the kits located in:

1. the Welcome Center on the wall next to the bulletin boards
2. Aldersgate Hall on the wall next to the kitchen
3. the office workroom on the counter

The kits contain items such as band aids, ointment, bandages, and more.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Date	8:45	9:00	11:00	Online	Total
6/10	55	45	249	15	364
6/17	62	37	148	10	257
6/24	30	54	168	10	262
7/1	50	63	169	13	295

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 and October 7**. Please contact Linda Paul at 336-543-5081 or kpaul5@triad.rr.com for details or to sign up.

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



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