

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
March 1, 2020
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
HOLY COMMUNION

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 **Sonate über den Passionschoral** J. Weyrauch
"Herzliebster Jesu, was hast du verbrochen"
I. Ruhige Viertel (1897-1977)
UMH No. 289
Amy Marsh, cello

* **CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVELY)**

Leader: Happy are those whose sins are forgiven.
People: Happy are those whose sins are cast away.
Leader: Rejoice in the Lord! Be glad!
People: Sing out! Shout for joy!
Leader: Rejoice in the Lord!
People: Rejoice! Amen!

* **PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 110**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God EIN' FESTE BURG

CALL TO CONFESSION

Dearly beloved, draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. May we humble ourselves as we offer our confession to the Lord.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)

Almighty and loving God, who caused light to shine out of darkness, shine in our hearts and cleanse us from all our sins. Restore us, we pray, to the light found in the face of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

PERSONAL CONFESSION AND MEDITATION (IN SILENCE)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Abundant grace is God's gift to us. Out of all proportion to our wrongdoing, we receive grace and forgiveness from God's amazing love, revealed to us in Christ Jesus. It is in the name of Jesus Christ that you are forgiven!

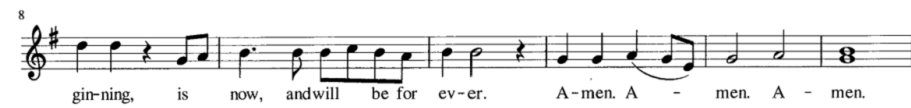
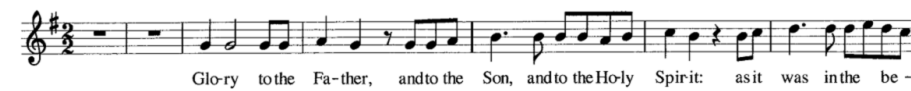
People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: Glory to God. Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE

Glory to the Father
Gloria Patri

John Weaver
(b. 1937)



* **PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Children ages 4—first grade may 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.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON **Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7** OT Page 2

* **GOSPEL LESSON** **Matthew 4:1-11** NT Page 3

SERMON **"The Temptations"** 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

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** **Sonate über den Passionschoral** J. Weyrauch
"Herzliebster Jesu, was hast du verbrochen"
V. Choral: Schreitende Halbe
Amy Marsh, cello

†† **OFFERTORY** **Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley** arr. Johnson
Chancel Choir (b. 1978)

Jesus walked this lonesome valley, he had to walk it by himself. Oh, nobody else could walk it for him, he had to walk it by himself. Jesus prayed, there in the garden, he had to pray all by himself. Oh, nobody else could pray there with him, he had to pray all by himself. Jesus died way out on Calvary, he was pierced and crucified. Oh, nobody else could die in his place, he had to die all by himself. We must walk this lonesome valley, we have to walk it by ourselves. Oh, nobody else can walk it for us; we have to walk it by ourselves.

-Traditional spiritual

* **DOXOLOGY Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow OLD 100TH**

All Singing: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.
UMH No. 95

* **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (IN UNISON)**

Holy God, we bring our tithes and offerings to your altar, understanding that we have already received the greatest gift of all, the forgiveness of our sins and transgressions through the sacrifice of your Son. We pray you would bless our gifts for the work of your kingdom. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

UMH No. 17

The Great Thanksgiving
The Lord's Prayer
The Sharing of Bread and Cup

After sharing Communion, you are invited to take a March prayer card to use in your daily prayer life.

COMMUNION **Spiegel im Spiegel** Arvo Pärt
("Mirror in the Mirror") (b. 1935)
Amy Marsh, cello

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (IN UNISON)

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* **HYMN No. 365** **Grace Greater than Our Sin** **MOODY**

* **PRONOUNCEMENT OF BLESSING**

POSTLUDE **Rondeau from Abdelazer** Henry Purcell
(1659-1695)
arr. Desmond Ratcliffe
(1917-2001)

WELCOME! We're glad that you have chosen to worship with us today. Following the 11:00 a.m. service, there is a church-wide covered dish lunch in Aldersgate Hall. Please join us.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in memory of Mrs. Nancy B. Lewis, Charles Bateman, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bain, and Mr. and Mrs. James E. Lewis, Sr. by John Lewis.

MEMBERS OF THE ALTAR GUILD serving in March are Nancy Long, Ruth Colville, Louise Cox, Mary Ann Garrison, Beth Kelley, and Kathy Roberson.

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

	8:45	11:00
Communion Servers:	Jesse & Elaine Williams	
Liturgist:	Steve Cecil	
Lay Reader:	Julian Mims	John Lewis
Acolytes:	Conner Wilkinson	Abigale & Sidney Lee Robinson
Crucifer:	Jacob Wilkinson	Ella Kate Porfilio

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 Nancy Bell, who will be in the Prayer Room on our behalf at noon to pray for requests given on the prayer request cards.

OFFICE ASSISTANT NEEDED

We are seeking someone who would enjoy working part-time as an office assistant at Front Street UMC. Hours are noon-4:00 p.m., Monday-Friday. This is a paid position, and a job description may be viewed on the church's website. Please send a resume before **March 15** to Pastor Ross at ross@frontstreetumc.org if you are interested in talking about the position.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Circles 1, 2, and 4 will meet **tomorrow** at 10:00 a.m. in the Heritage Center for fellowship and refreshments. **Donna Tate**, Methodist Home for Children Development Officer, will be the speaker at the general meeting at 10:30 a.m. **Circle 5** will meet on **Tuesday, March 10** at 7:00 p.m. in the Heritage Center. All women are invited to join us at both meetings. Contact Doris Jefferson at 336-228-0130 for additional information.

YOUTH MISSIONS FUNDRAISER

Our youth will be selling Charleston Wrap items as a fundraiser for youth missions from **March 1 through March 15**. Forty percent of the sales come back to youth missions, one of the highest percentages in the fundraising industry. Visit www.charlestonwrap.com and use code 16900 to order. Alternatively, stop by the Welcome Center on Sunday **March 1, 8, or 15** in the morning to place an order with one of our youth.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS

It's that time again! Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed on **Saturday night, March 7**.

MEMBERSHIP SUNDAY

The next quarterly **Membership Sunday** is **March 8**. If you would like to join Front Street at any of the worship services that Sunday, please contact the church office to complete the information needed for the church roll. We look forward to having you as part of the Front Street family.

ENCOUNTER WITH THE BORDER

Recently, Pastor Patrick traveled to the U.S./Mexico border in order to encounter the reality of what is going on there in the lives of immigrant arrivals, migrant camps, the work of the church, and those who work alongside law enforcement. On **Monday, March 9** at 7:00 p.m. in Room 301, Patrick will be sharing what he learned on this trip. All are welcome. Childcare is provided for children under 5.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Date	8:45	Aldersgate	11:00	Total
2/2	44	57	173	274
2/9	59	51	186	296
2/16	53	53	155	261
2/23	n/a	98	149	247

SEE BACK OF BULLETIN FOR MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 1, 2020

Sunday, March 1

8:45	Worship Service	Sanctuary
8:45	Contemporary Worship Service	Aldersgate Hall
9:45	Sunday School	Classrooms
11:00	Sanctuary Worship	Sanctuary
12:00	Church-wide Covered Dish Lunch	Aldersgate
4:00	Children's Choir	Sanctuary
4:00	Youth Choir	Choir Room
5:00	Wesley Ringers	Room 406
5:00	Youth Bells	Bell Room
6:00	UMYF/Confirmation	Aldersgate Hall

Monday, March 2

10:00	UMW	HC/Chapel
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Tuesday, March 3

7:30	Men's Breakfast Bible Study	Reading Area
9:30	Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study	Room 305
6:15	Epworth Ringers	Bell Room

Wednesday, March 4

7:15	Youth Breakfast Club/Junior High	Dr. Cecil's Office 1711 Sykes St.
7:30	Youth Breakfast Club/Senior High	
6:00	Aldersgate Praise Band	Aldersgate Hall
7:00	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
7:00	Lenten Study - <i>The Walk</i>	John Wesley Room
7:00	Women's Bible Study - Jonah	Room 401

Thursday, March 5

9:30	Prayer Team	Prayer Room
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Sunday, March 8

8:45	Worship Service	Sanctuary
8:45	Contemporary Worship Service	Aldersgate Hall
9:45	Sunday School	Classrooms
11:00	Worship Service	Sanctuary
4:00	Children's Choir	Sanctuary
4:00	Youth Choir	Choir Room
5:00	Wesley Ringers	Room 406
5:00	Youth Bells	Bell Room
6:00	UMYF/Confirmation Class	Aldersgate Hall

EVENSONG

The chancel choirs of the Episcopal Church of the Holy Comforter and Front Street United Methodist Church join forces for an Evensong to celebrate the Feast of St. Patrick on **Sunday, March 15** at 5:00 p.m. in the sanctuary of Front Street United Methodist Church. A reception will follow in the Heritage Center. A nursery for children under 5 will be provided.

LENTEN SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

This supply drive for the *Classroom Closet* supports our local educators. The *Classroom Closet* is a volunteer-led, non-profit organization that relies on grants and donations from local sponsors to allow teachers to inexpensively fully equip their classrooms. This drive will run through Lent and end on **April 10**. Visit our website or the Welcome Center for a list of items and more information. Please drop donations in the Welcome Center.

FRONT STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Our Mission:

Knowing Christ • Growing in Christ • Sharing Christ



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Rev. Patrick Murphy

Youth Minister
Chris Huneycutt

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