

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

March 10, 2019

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

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 **Prière, Op. 158** Camille Saint-Saëns
 ("Prayer") (1835-1921)
 Amy Marsh, cello

* CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVELY)

Leader: Long ago, God rescued his people from slavery.

People: We have enslaved ourselves again today, in many different ways.

Leader: God can and will rescue us. Place your trust in God's love.

People: Our hope is in the Lord who is our refuge and our strength.

Leader: Even though temptations surround us, drawing us away from God,

People: We will continue to follow God, worship God, and trust in his ways. Amen.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 110

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God EIN' FESTE BURG

CALL TO CONFESSION

Our lives are meant to be offered as worship to God, but we don't always make that choice. May we confess our hearts to God, and seek his forgiveness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)

We have lists of things to do for all the areas of our lives. Our lives are so time bound and duty bound that we feel imprisoned in them. Then Christ challenges us to take a journey of discipleship. We don't feel ready for this journey. We need more time. And we complain and cry about how much we have to do. Forgive us, Lord, when we place so many "duties" in the path to serving you. Reset our priorities, so that we will be ready to commit our lives in your service. Lord, help us to be ready when you call us. Let us place our trust in you in all things. Amen.

PERSONAL CONFESSION AND MEDITATION (IN SILENCE)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Do not be afraid. The barrier of fear that prevents you from being ready is being destroyed by the love and presence of God. Come on the journey. Come with hope and peace. 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 **Glory to the Father** John Weaver
 Gloria Patri (b. 1937)



* PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

† Tim and Janet Van Sant
†† Jim and Alliene Johnson
†† Tracy Reid

†† 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)

Since we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth, make us hunger for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Romans 10:8b-13** NT Page 160

†† ANTHEM **O For a Closer Walk with God** C. V. Stanford
 Chancel Choir (1852-1924)

O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heavenly frame; a light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb! Return, O holy Dove, return! Sweet messenger of rest; I hate the sins that made thee mourn, and drove thee from my breast. So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my frame; so purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

-William Cowper (1731-1800)

* GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 4:1-13

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SERMON

"The Devil Made Me Do It" 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

Walk This Lonesome Valley Ruth E. Schram
Nicole Hannah, mezzo soprano (b. 1956)
Amy Marsh, cello

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. But, I want You, Lord, to walk with me. All along this pilgrim journey, I want You, Lord, to walk with me. Wandering through this lonesome valley, I want You, Lord, to walk with me.

-Traditional

* 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)

God of heaven and earth, we praise you for your tremendous wisdom and love. You have been patient with us when we have been slow to follow your way. Through the obedience of Jesus Christ, you have forgiven us and renewed our life. As a sign of our gratitude, please receive these gifts offered out of your abundance. We pray through Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

* HYMN No. 269 Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days LAND OF REST

* PRONOUNCEMENT OF BLESSING

POSTLUDE

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Helmut Walcha
(1907-1991)

WELCOME! We're glad that you have chosen to worship with us today. Following this 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.

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

	8:45	11:00
Lay Reader:	Jim Clark	Mary Holden Burke
Acolytes:	Lilliee Hope Beckom	Jacob Garrison & Leila Wilson
Crucifer:	Dess Beckom	Anna Thomas

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

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

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SURVEY FOR AGES 22-40

The Discipleship Team is interested in your feedback regarding the young adult population of the church. We would love your input on how to better serve this age group within the church. If you are between 22 and 40 years of age, please take the brief survey (2-3 minutes) by **today**. Visit www.frontstreetumc.org/features for the survey. Responses are anonymous. Thank you for your time and valuable feedback.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY ON SUNDAY MORNINGS

Beginning **Sunday, March 17**, a new women's Bible study group will meet in the John Wesley Room during the Sunday School hour. All are welcome. No RSVP necessary. Our first study will be on the Book of Job. Bring your Bible and an open mind. Contact Capri Cizek (ashleycapri@hotmail.com) with questions or for more information.

WHEELCHAIR RAMP MINISTRY

Join our Wheelchair Ramp Ministry Team on their next build scheduled on **Saturday, March 23 at 8:30 a.m.** All youth and adults are welcome. On-site training is provided, and no experience is necessary. Contact Tom Sineath for details: tom.sineath@gmail.com.

WORSHIP SERVICES ON SUNDAY, MARCH 24

The contractors will begin replacing the Sanctuary windows on March 18. The work will take several weeks. On **Sunday, March 24**, the 8:45 a.m. worship service will be held in the Chapel, and the 11:00 a.m. service in Aldersgate Hall.

YOUTH MISSION FUNDRAISER - SUNDAYS IN MARCH

Our youth are selling Equal Exchange (organic and fair trade) bags of coffee, boxes of tea, and bars of chocolate on **Sunday mornings** to raise money for this summer's youth mission trips (ASP and Hinton Center). Find youth at the following locations: outside Aldersgate Hall from 8:30-10:30 a.m. and outside the Sanctuary from 10:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m.

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY

Our new Family Life Ministry Team met on February 21, and is working on several activity ideas for this year. We have a good group, but would really like to add 2-3 more under 40 team members! Don't wait on someone else — jump on in and help plan the fun!!! Contact Carol Sineath at cwsineath@gmail.com or 336-263-2495.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Date	8:45	9:00	11:00	Online	Total
2/10	53	59	202	11	325
2/17	52	63	214	12	341
2/24	57	71	194	13	335
3/3	49	57	171	22	299

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 10, 2019

Sunday, March 10

8:45	Worship Service	Sanctuary
9:00	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 307
5:00	Youth Bells	Bell Room
5:00	Disciple Bible Study	Room 401
6:00	UMYF/Confirmation	Aldersgate Hall

Tuesday, March 12

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
7:00	UMW Circle 5	Heritage Center
7:00	Stewardship Committee Meeting	John Wesley Room

Wednesday, March 13

7:30	Youth Breakfast Club	Dr. Cecil's Office 1711 Sykes St.
6:00	Aldersgate Praise Band	Aldersgate Hall
6:30	Prayer Team and Prayer Shawl Meeting	John Wesley Room
7:00	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
7:00	Women's Bible Study	Room 401

Thursday, March 14

2:00	Thursday Afternoon Book Study	Room 409
7:00	Children's Council Meeting	John Wesley Room

Sunday, March 17

8:45	Worship Service	Sanctuary
9:00	Contemporary Worship Service	Aldersgate Hall
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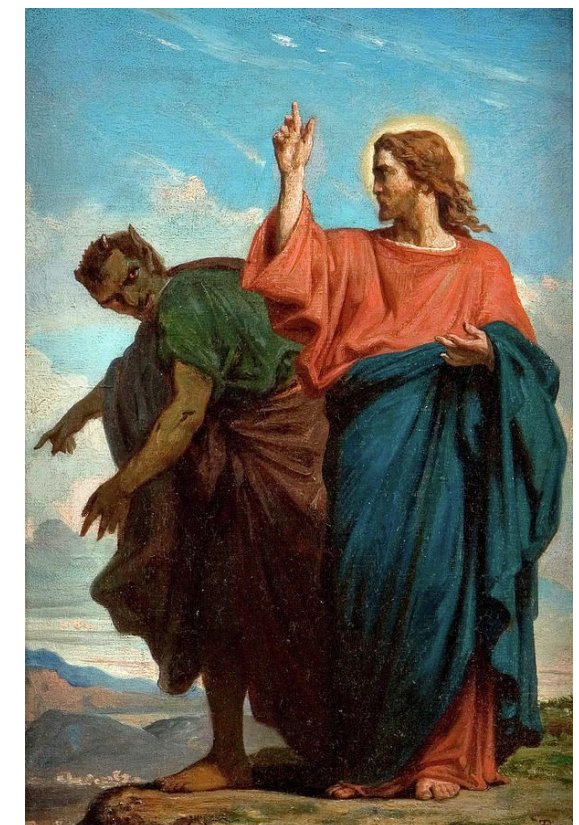
LIVE-STREAMING ON FACEBOOK

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

Director of Children's Ministries

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