

**THE WORSHIP OF GOD**  
**March 3, 2019**  
**TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY**  
**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**                      **Prélude à 5 parties**  
Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens  
(1823-1881)

\* **OPENING PRAYER (IN UNISON)**  
**Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\* † **PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 185**  
**When Morning Gilds the Skies    LAUDES DOMINI**

\*†† **PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 260**  
**Christ, upon the Mountain Peak    SHILLINGFORD**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)**

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE (IN RESPONSE TO CONFESSION)**

Leader: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward 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.**

**SUNG RESPONSE**                      **Alleluia Verse**      William Bradley Roberts  
(b. 1947)

Al-le-lu - ia,      al-le-lu - ia,  
al-le-lu - ia,      al - le - lu - ia.      Al-le-lu - ia,  
al-le-lu - ia,      al-le-lu - ia,      al - le - lu - ia.

\* **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.**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**                      **2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2**                      NT Page 180

\* **GOSPEL LESSON**                      **Luke 9:28-36**                      NT Page 69

**SERMON**                      **"Transfiguration"**                      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**

† **OFFERTORY**                      **Adoration in F**  
Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens

†† **OFFERTORY**                      **Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain**      Carl Schalk  
Chancel Choir                      (b. 1929)

*Jesus, take us to the mountain, where, with Peter, James, and John, we are dazzled by Your glory, light as blinding as the sun. There prepare us for the night by the vision of that sight. What do You want us to see there, that Your close companions saw? Your divinity revealed there fills us with the self-same awe. Clothed in flesh like ours You go matched to meet our deadliest Foe. What do You want us to hear there, that Your dear disciples heard? Once again the Voice from heaven says of the Incarnate Word: "Listen, listen, everyone, this is my beloved Son!" Take us to that other mountain where we see You glorified, where You shouted "It is finished!" where for all the world You died. Hear the stunned centurion: "Truly this was God's own Son!" We who have beheld Your glory, risen and ascended Lord, cannot help but tell the story, all that we have seen and heard; say with Peter, James, and John: "You are God's beloved Son!"*  
-Jaroslav J. Vajda (1919-2008)

\* **DOXOLOGY No. 94 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow**  
**LASST UNS ERFREUEN**

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!

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (IN UNISON)**

**Transforming God, we come to your altar this morning, knowing that in our giving and in our living we have often put "just enough" into living our faith so as not to impact our lifestyle or cause too much discomfort. May our offering this morning be an invitation to living a life radically transformed by your power, love, and grace. We pray this in the mighty love of Jesus. Amen.**

† **SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**                      **UMH No. 17**

†† **SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**                      **UMH No. 24**  
**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 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light**  
Laura Sam, soprano    arr. Brenda Portman  
UMH No. 206                      (b. 1980)

**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. 451**                      **Be Thou My Vision**                      **SLANE**

\* **PRONOUNCEMENT OF BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE**                      **Fanfare**  
Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens

**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. Roger Jefferson.

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God and in memory of Shirley Collins by her family.

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

	8:45	11:00
Communion Servers:		Jesse & Elaine Williams
Liturgist:	JoAnn Barbour	
Lay Reader:	Julian Mims	David Hamby
Acolytes:	Savanna Sanders	Chandler & Lillee Hope Beckom
Crucifer:		Dess Beckom

**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 members Buddy and Lisa Smith, who will be in the Prayer Room on our behalf at noon to pray for requests given on the Prayer Request Cards.

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

**Circles 1, 2, and 4** will meet **tomorrow** at 10:00 a.m. in the Heritage Center for fellowship and refreshments. The general business meeting will convene in the Chapel at 10:30 a.m. **Circle 5** will meet on **Tuesday, March 12** at 7 p.m. in the Heritage Center. All women are invited to join us. Contact Doris Jefferson at 336-228-0130 for additional information.

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE**

There will be an Ash Wednesday Service on **Wednesday, March 6** at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. A nursery for children under 5 will be provided.

**SPRING FORWARD**

Don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour on **Saturday, March 9** before going to bed.

**MEMBERSHIP SUNDAY**

Are you interested in becoming part of the Front Street membership? The next quarterly Membership Sunday is **March 10**. 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.

**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.

**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.

**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

Date	8:45	9:00	11:00	Online	Total
2/3	54	56	221	12	343
2/10	53	59	202	11	325
2/17	52	63	214	12	341
2/24	57	71	194	13	335

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**CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 3, 2019**

**Sunday, March 3**

8:30 American Red Cross Blood Drive	Aldersgate Hall
8:45 Worship Service	Sanctuary
9:00 Contemporary Worship Service	Aldersgate Hall
9:45 Sunday School	Classrooms
11:00 Sanctuary Worship	Sanctuary
4:45 Disciple Bible Study	Room 401
5:30 UMYF	Aldersgate Hall
6:00 Evensong	Sanctuary

**Monday, March 4**

10:00 UMW	Heritage Center/ Chapel
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**Tuesday, March 5**

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 6**

7:30 Youth Breakfast Club	Dr. Cecil's Office 1711 Sykes St.
6:00 Aldersgate Praise Band	Aldersgate Hall
7:00 Ash Wednesday Service	Sanctuary
8:00 Chancel Choir	Choir Room

**Thursday, March 7**

9:30 Prayer & Meditation	Prayer Chapel
7:00 Women's Bible Study	Room 401

**Saturday, March 9**

2:00 Azalea MHP Fellowship	Azalea MHP
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**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 Class	Aldersgate Hall

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

The following dates are available to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one: **March 24 and 31 and May 12 and 26**. 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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