

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
March 31, 2019
FOURTH 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 **Great Is Thy Faithfulness** arr. Suzanne Arant

*** CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVELY)**

Leader: Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

People: Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit.

Leader: Many are the woes of the wicked, but the Lord's unfailing love surrounds those who trust in him.

People: Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, you righteous; sing, all you who are upright in heart!

*** HYMN No. 384 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling** **HYFRYDOL**

CALL TO CONFESSION

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, our Lord Jesus Christ is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Therefore, let us confess our sins before God and each other.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)

Merciful God, sometimes the space between us feels overwhelming, an agonizing expanse separating us from you. We confess that the rift we feel has grown because we have rebelled against you, both in what we have done and in what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart, and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us our numerous sins, our running away from you and our neighbors, and our refusal to join the rich feast you spread for those who have been lost. Welcome us again into your loving arms, that we may walk in your ways to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PERSONAL CONFESSION AND MEDITATION (IN SILENCE)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Hear the good news: "If anyone is in Christ they are a new creation. Everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation." 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



*** PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

†† TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

All children are invited to gather at the front of the altar.
 Children ages 4 – first grade may then depart
 for Children's Church in Room 304.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (IN UNISON)

Holy Spirit, through the reading and proclaiming of the Scriptures, gift us with understanding and wisdom. Disturb our comfort, and provoke us to live the truth that you speak; through our Lord Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON **Psalms 32** OT Page 506

†† ANTHEM **Write Your Blessed Name** K. Lee Scott
 Chancel Choir

Write your blessed name, O Lord, upon my heart, there to remain so indelibly engraved that no prosperity, that no adversity shall ever move me from your love. Be to me a strong tower of defense, a comforter in tribulation, a deliverer in distress, and a faithful guide to the courts of heaven through the many temptations and dangers of this life. O Jesu, my only Savior! Amen.

† SCRIPTURE LESSON **Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-10** OT Page 436

† SERMON **"Why do we do this?"**
 Rev. Kellie Gallagher

*** †† GOSPEL LESSON** **Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32** NT Page 78

†† SERMON **"Everything I have is yours."**
 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 **Amazing Grace** John Ness Beck

Jack Wolverton, baritone

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see. Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come; 'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home. When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

†† OFFERTORY **Fantasia on Ebenezer** Matthew Compton
("O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus")

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free; rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me. Underneath me, all around me, is the current of thy love; leading onward, leading homeward, to thy glorious rest above.

*** 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)**
Almighty God, giver of every good and perfect gift, we give you thanks and praise, asking you to teach us to live generously and to render to you all that we have and all that we are. Help us to praise you, not only with our lips, but with our whole lives, that our joys, sorrows, and gifts might be a living sacrifice to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

*** HYMN No. 562** **Jesus, Lord, We Look to Thee** **SAVANNAH**

*** PRONOUNCEMENT OF BLESSING**

POSTLUDE **How Firm a Foundation** Michael Larkin

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. John Reardon.

THANK YOU, Reverend Kellie Gallagher, pastor at First United Methodist Church in Elon, 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	
Lay Reader:	Tom Steele	Esther Bennett
Acolytes:	Liza Self	Turner Hargrove & Kennedy Joyce
Crucifer:	Will Self	Grayson Presley

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in honor of my granddaughters, Mary Hunter Hite, Liza Hite, Ava Pittard, and Layne Pittard, by Mary Ann Garrison.

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 Vickie Sykes, who will be in the Prayer Room on our behalf at noon to pray for requests given on the Prayer Request Cards.

SPECIAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS

UMCOR: Your generous gift **today** ensures UMCOR's response in times of crisis. An offering envelope is provided in your bulletin.

Allied Churches: On **Sunday, April 7**, we will join other area churches during this season of Lent in receiving an offering to help with feeding the hungry and housing the homeless.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Circles 1, 2, and 4 will meet on **Monday, April 1** 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. Equal Exchange coffee, chocolate bars, and boxes of tea will be available during the United Methodist Women fellowship time from 10:00 to 10:30 a.m. in the Welcome Center.

Circle 5 will meet on **Tuesday, April 9** 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.

WALK WITH JESUS

Calling all kids K-5th grade. Join us **today and April 7** in Room 405 during the Sunday School hour for a special, interactive Easter program - *Walk with Jesus*. Come, bring a friend and check us out! The fun begins at 9:45 a.m.

CEREAL SUNDAY

Don't forget **April 7** is Cereal Sunday at FSUMC! Please deposit cereal or other canned/dry goods in the tubs in the cabinet in the Welcome Center. Thank you for helping stock the food pantry at the Salvation Army.

AUGUSTA'S PIMENTO CHEESE – YOUTH MISSIONS FUNDRAISER

Love pimento cheese? Purchase some delicious Augusta's Pimento Cheese and support our youth's fundraising efforts for their summer mission trips. The youth will be selling Augusta's Pimento Cheese for \$5 per container on **Sunday, April 7** and **Sunday, April 14** from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in the Welcome Center. Choose from original and jalapeño flavored cheese.

FILL A DOZEN EASTER EGGS

Want to bring joy to children in our Front Street community this Easter? Fill one or two dozen eggs with candy and the occasional \$1 bill (no coins please), and bring them to the church office by **April 8**. They will be hidden for the children to find at our **Easter Egg Hunt on April 14** at Lake Mackintosh (Burlington). This event is sponsored by our Children's Ministry.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Date	8:45	9:00	11:00	Online	Total
3/3	49	57	171	22	299
3/10	47	44	192	13	296
3/17	41	46	188	10	285
3/24	51	45	190	0	286

SEE BACK OF BULLETIN FOR MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 31, 2019

Sunday, March 31

8:45	Worship Service	Chapel
8:45	Contemporary Worship Service	Aldersgate Hall
9:45	Sunday School	Classrooms
11:00	Worship Service	Aldersgate Hall
4:00	Children's Choir	Chapel
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

Monday, April 1

10:00	UMW	Heritage Center/ Chapel
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Tuesday, April 2

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, April 3

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

Thursday, April 4

9:00	Prayer & Meditation	Prayer Room
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Saturday, April 6

8:30	Wheelchair Ramp Build	Contact Tom Sineath
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Sunday, April 7

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LENTEN RECITAL

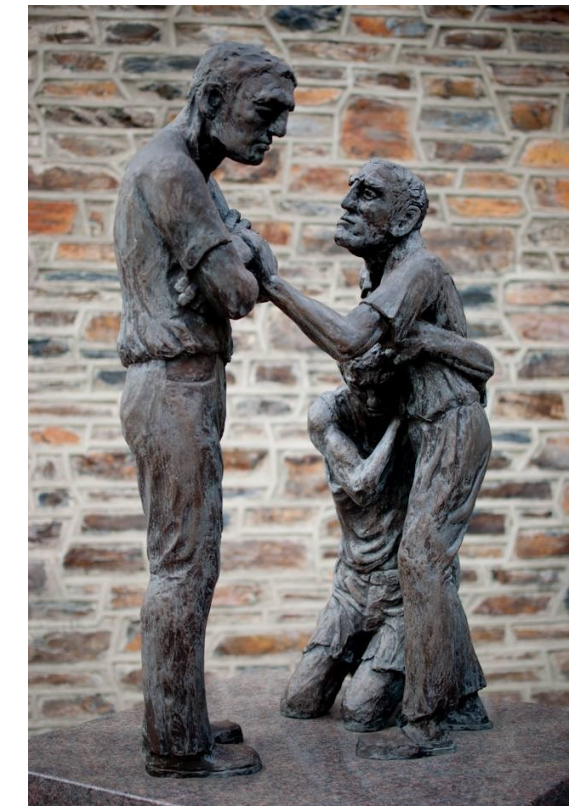
Take some time in the middle of your day on **Wednesday, April 10** for a little musical respite. Front Street is hosting a Lenten Recital featuring Matt Brittain, organ and Amy Marsh, cello at 12 noon in the Sanctuary. The program includes works by Barber, Saint-Saëns, Brahms, Stout, and Callahan. The recital will last between 35 and 40 minutes. There is no charge to attend. Invite a friend and join us.

BULLETIN IMAGE: "Reconciliation," bronze, 2005; sculptor: Margaret Adams Parker; commissioned by Duke Divinity School, Durham, NC.

FRONT STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Our Mission:

Knowing Christ • Growing in Christ • Sharing Christ



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