

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
May 12, 2019
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MOTHER'S DAY

*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 A Meditation on 'Brother James's Air'
Harold Darke
(1888-1976)

* **CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVELY)**
 Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made!
People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!
 Leader: Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!
People: For His mercy endures forever.

* **PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 88**
Maker, in Whom We Live **DIADEMATA**

CALL TO CONFESSION
 Lord, you are full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. As your children, we come to you with humble hearts. Listen, Lord, hear our cry.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)
Heavenly Father, we proclaim your presence with us, and then we behave in ways which run counter to your word. We get caught up in our own needs and whine about the injustices we feel in our lives. Help us to place our trust in your mercy and your compassionate love. Forgive us when we stray from your ways and wander into paths of self-pity and self-destruction. Lift us from the mire, and put us back on track. Give us confidence in your presence and your direction for our lives, for we ask these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

PERSONAL CONFESSION AND MEDITATION (IN SILENCE)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE
 Leader: Though we try, we cannot stray from God's love. Rejoice! This is the good news for all of 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)

* **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)
Living God, help us so to hear your Holy Word, that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe, and, believing, we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Revelation 7:9-17** NT Page 249

†† **ANTHEM** **My Shepherd Will Supply My Need**
Chancel Choir Virgil Thomson
(1896-1989)

My Shepherd will supply my need, Jehovah is his Name. In pastures fresh he makes me feed beside the living stream. He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake his ways. He leads me for his mercy's sake in paths of truth and grace. When I walk through the shades of death, thy presence is my stay. One word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away. Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread. My cup with blessings overflows, thine oil anoints my head. The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days. O may thy house be my abode and all my work be praise. There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come. No more a stranger or a guest, but like a child at home.
-Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

* **GOSPEL LESSON** **John 10:22-30** NT Page 104

SERMON **"Because of the Lamb"** 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

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 **The Lord Is My Shepherd** Thomas Matthews
William Inabnit, tenor
(1915-1999)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.
-Psalm 23

* **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)**
God, our Heavenly King, we rejoice that you invite everyone to a place of purpose in your kingdom. Through Christ, your Son, you give us a vision of the world, where your people can contribute the gifts you have given them. Give us strength by your Spirit to live joyfully as generous servants of your realm. We present your tithes and our offerings with thanks and praise in Jesus' name. Amen and Amen.

* **HYMN No. 715** **Rejoice, the Lord Is King** **DARWALL'S 148th**

* **PRONOUNCEMENT OF BLESSING**

POSTLUDE **Postlude** Arnold Cooke
(1906-2005)

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

	8:45	11:00
Lay Reader:	Tom Steele	Fred Glassford
Acolytes:	Luke Andress	Jacob Garrison & Liza Self
Crucifer:	Stephen Andress	Amelia Pardue

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. Curtis Beal.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in memory of all Godly mothers and in honor of mothers leading their children to Christ by Ruth Ann and Sammy Stubblefield.

MEMBERS OF THE ALTAR GUILD serving in May are Marianna Harris, Margaret Blackwell, Teresa Chandler, Nancy Hamby, and Susan Taylor.

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

MUSIC AND MISSIONS CAMP AND VBS REGISTRATION

Open registration has begun for Music and Missions Camp and VBS. Music and Missions Camp class sizes are limited—register early to avoid disappointment—no exceptions will be made to the maximum class sizes. Visit www.frontstreetumc.org to register.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP SUNDAY, MAY 26

Audrey Cecil Wilder, a former recipient of the scholarship, will deliver the message. Since 2002, your contributions to the Christian Service Scholarship Fund have provided more than \$139,000 in assistance.

BURLINGTON BOYS CHOIR

Boy choristers under the direction of Dr. Bill Allred will be our resident choir on **Sunday, May 26** at our 11 a.m. worship service. The Burlington Boys Choir was founded in 1959 in Burlington, North Carolina, and serves as a performing choir and a training group for boys in the Burlington area.

GRADUATES

Just a reminder, if you have a loved one who is a new college graduate, please visit www.frontstreetumc.org and complete an online graduate form or call the church office by **Tuesday, May 28**. We will include the list of 2019 graduates in the June newsletter.

BLESSING BAGS

Last week, Front Street youth assembled Blessing Bags. These bags contain a pair of socks, small hygiene items, a bottle of water, and snacks. They can be kept in your car, and distributed when you come into contact with a home-insecure individual in the community. Please take as many as you can use. The Blessing Bags are in tubs in the Welcome Center.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Date	8:45	Aldersgate	11:00	Online	Total
4/14	0	69	359	12	440
4/21	50	107	368	12	537
4/28	56	51	167	13	287
5/5	42	55	177	10	284

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CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 12, 2019

Sunday, May 12

8:45	Worship Service	Sanctuary
8:45	Contemporary Worship Service	Aldersgate Hall
9:45	Sunday School	Classrooms
11:00	Worship Service	Sanctuary

Monday, May 13

7:00	Discipleship Committee Meeting	John Wesley Room
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Tuesday, May 14

11:00	RFCAl Conference	Aldersgate Hall
5:30	Allied Church Consortium Meeting	Room 401
6:15	Epworth Ringers	Bell Room
6:30	UMW Circle 5	Heritage Center

Wednesday, May 15

7:30	Youth Breakfast Club	Dr. Cecil's Office 1711 Sykes St.
7:30	RFCAl Conference	Aldersgate Hall
6:00	Aldersgate Praise Band	Aldersgate Hall
6:30	Family Life Ministry Team	Room 305
7:00	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
7:00	Women's Bible Study	Room 401

Thursday, May 16

9:30	Prayer & Meditation	Prayer Room
10:00	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Room 303
6:30	Mission Team Meeting	John Wesley Room

Sunday, May 19

8:45	Worship Service	Sanctuary
8:45	Contemporary Worship Service	Aldersgate Hall
9:45	Sunday School	Classrooms
11:00	Worship Service	Sanctuary
4:30	UMYF End of the Year Party	1058 Crestwell Dr.

OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

We are searching for someone to assume the duties of head collector at the 11 a.m. Sunday service for the months of May, September, and January. This person needs to be in the narthex between 10:45 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. on the aforementioned Sundays, and sign up collectors as they enter the church. The task is not difficult. Please call Phil Minton for more information, 336-584-1722.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The following dates are available to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one: **June 30 and September 1, 8, and 29**. 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



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

Marcella Z. McAdams