

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
May 20, 2018
PENTECOST SUNDAY
CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

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 **Prelude on "Veni Creator Spiritus"**
Libby Larsen
(b. 1950)

* **OPENING PRAYER (IN UNISON)**
Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit. Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. Amen.

* **PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 648**
God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian **HYFRYDOL**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Sisters and brothers, at no point do we live without need of God's grace and mercy. Let us turn to God together in confession, that we may be reminded of who and whose we are, through the power of God's Holy Spirit.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)

Merciful God, we confess that we are divided, for we are not at peace with one another. We confess our fear of trusting your Holy Spirit because of what you might call us to be or whom you might call us to befriend. We need your help, Lord, to overcome our fear, divisiveness, and preference, so that we may learn to value all of your children as beloved and called to be one in Christ. Cause us to abandon our hang-ups in listening to your Spirit, so that we may be renewed in Christ to love as you love us. Amen.

PERSONAL CONFESSION AND MEDITATION (IN SILENCE)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Confession is good for the soul and helps to mend our relationships. 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 **Gloria Patri** **WESTMINSTER ABBEY**

Glo-ry be to our Cre-a-tor, praise to our Re-deemer Lord. Glo-ry be to our Sus-tain-er, ev-er
three and ev-er one. As it was in the be-ginn-ing, now and ev-er-more shall be.

* **PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

† **THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** Insert
Amara Jeanette Gothorp

†† **ORDER OF CONFIRMATION AND RECEPTION INTO MEMBERSHIP** Insert

†† **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)

Break open the Scriptures, O God, through the power of the Holy Spirit, that in our hearing and thinking, your Word may take on flesh in us. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON **Ezekiel 37:1-14** OT Page 806

†† **ANTHEM** **Spirit Wind** John T. Bartsch, Jr.
Epworth Ringers (b. 1944)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON **Acts 2:1-21** NT Page 119

SERMON **"God the Intimate"**
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** **Spirit Wind** John T. Bartsch, Jr.
Epworth Ringers (b. 1944)

†† **OFFERTORY** **I Will Sing with the Spirit** John Rutter
Chancel Choir (b. 1945)

I will sing with the spirit: Alleluia. And I will sing with the understanding also: Alleluia. I will sing with the spirit: Alleluia.

* **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)**

Gracious God, you who send the Holy Spirit to lay claim to all creation, nurturing Christ in all things, we give you thanks for all gifts great and small, which have been lavished on us, your children. Accept us with our gifts to be living praise and witness to your love throughout all the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

* **HYMN NO. 604** **Praise and Thanksgiving Be to God**
CHRISTE SANCTORUM

* **PRONOUNCEMENT OF BLESSING**

* **POSTLUDE** **Celebration** Ruth Watson Henderson
(b. 1932)

WELCOME! We're glad that you have chosen to worship with us today. Following the 11:00 service, there is a gathering in the Heritage Center for fellowship and refreshments. Please join us. Our hosts this week are Mr. and Mrs. Bob Chandler.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in memory of Paul and Nell Abernethy by their children, Susan, Mac, Richard, and Mary Jo.

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

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

	8:45	11:00
Lay Reader:	Barbara Long	John Lewis
Acolytes:	Jack Simpson	Liza & Will Self
Crucifer:		Kaelan Mims

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.

EVENSONG

Join us **tonight at 6:00 p.m.** for Evensong. Choral Evensong is a service of sung evening prayer. The text of the service is drawn almost entirely from the Bible. Its main purpose is to proclaim the wonderful works of God in human history, and in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Sung psalms, canticles, and hymns are interwoven with readings from the Old and New Testaments and the recitation of the Apostles' Creed and Lord's Prayer. Evensong remains a sacred tradition practiced in churches, cathedrals, and religious communities around the world. This service will be supported by Front Street's children's and youth choirs, as well as the Chancel Choir. A nursery will be provided for children under 5.

BURLINGTON BOYS CHOIR

Boy choristers under the direction of Dr. Bill Allred will be our resident choir on **Sunday, May 27** 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.

OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed **Monday, May 28**, in observance of Memorial Day.

GRADUATES

This is a wonderful time of the year as we celebrate students who have graduated from high school and college. We would like to recognize your graduate. 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 29**. We will include the list of 2018 graduates in the June newsletter.

MUSIC AND MISSIONS SUMMER CAMP | JUNE 18-22, 2018 | 8:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

Join us for a week of fun, learning, and serving at our 2018 Music and Missions Camp: God's Forever Forgiveness. Campers will have the opportunity to learn new skills in music, dance, puppetry, or art, as well as grow in their faith through Bible stories and serving others. Class sizes are limited and filling up fast, so register now to avoid disappointment. Visit www.frontstreetumc.org for details and to register.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL | JULY 30- AUGUST 2 | PRESCHOOL—5TH GRADE

SHIPWRECKED: RESCUED BY JESUS

Get ready for an adventure to an uncharted island where kids are rescued by Jesus! Join us for an exciting adventure and register early by visiting www.frontstreetumc.org.

SEE BACK OF BULLETIN FOR MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 20, 2018

Sunday, May 20

8:45	Worship Service	Sanctuary
9:00	Contemporary Worship Service	Aldersgate Hall
9:45	Sunday School	Classrooms
11:00	Worship Service/Confirmation Sunday	Sanctuary
1:30	UMYF End of Year Party	Huneycutt Home
6:00	Evensong	Sanctuary

Monday, May 21

7:00	Safety Team	John Wesley Room
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Tuesday, May 22

6:00	Finance Committee Meeting	John Wesley Room
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Wednesday, May 23

7:30	UMYF Breakfast Club	Dr. Cecil's Office 1711 Sykes St.
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1:00	GriefShare	John Wesley Room
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BUCKNER MISSION MAN TRIATHLON | JULY 28

LAKE CAMMACK PARK AND MARINA, BURLINGTON, NC

This is the 15th year of Front Street's Buckner Mission Man Triathlon, which raises money for the missions of our church. Since 2003, this event has raised over \$546,000 for missions! The great success of the BMMT is due in large part to the tremendous support we get from YOU – our Front Street volunteers - on the day of the event. How can you help? Mark **July 28 (6-10 a.m.)** on your calendar and make plans to join us! We are looking for volunteers of all ages in the following areas: body marking, registration, refreshments, directing course traffic, manning water stations, and the finish line. Prefer not to get up early? Come help with site restoration. For more information please contact Joanna Strelow at joannacouperstrelow@gmail.com, or call the church office.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The following dates are available to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one: **May 27 and July 1, 8, 15, 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



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