

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
November 10, 2019
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*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 **Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott** Johann Hanff
 ("A mighty fortress is our God") (1663-1711)

*** OPENING PRAYER (IN UNISON)**

**Lord, we ask that you would open our hearts to worship
 you this day. May this be a time when we remember all
 you have done for us, and learn how to respond with
 joy. Amen.**

*** PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 163**

Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know **HENDON**

CALL TO CONFESSION

We seek to remove all the barriers that keep us from the
 love of God and from loving other people. Come now
 to confess all that separates you from others and from
 God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)

**Gracious God, so often we look at ourselves, our gifts
 and our talents, and wonder what you would do with
 these offerings. We don't think we have much to give.
 So, far too many times, we belittle the gifts and turn our
 backs on the needs and opportunities presented to
 serve, believing that our gifts cannot possibly make a
 difference. We think that we must possess the greatest
 of talents and wealth in order to truly please and serve
 you. How foolish we are! Help us to bring our lives, just
 as they are, to you, and receive your gentle touch and
 healing grace. For we ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

PERSONAL CONFESSION AND MEDITATION (IN SILENCE)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Be blessed by God's absolute love for you. 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**

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

†† 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 **Psalm 145:1-5** OT Page 581

*** GOSPEL LESSON** **Luke 6:27-38** NT Page 64

SERMON **"Benefits of a Giving Lifestyle"** 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 I Know That My Redeemer Liveth from Messiah

Jessica Hannah, soprano G. F. Handel
 (1685-1759)

I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter
 day upon the earth. And though worms destroy this body, yet in my
 flesh shall I see God. For now is Christ risen from the dead, the first fruits
 of them that sleep.

-Job 19:25-26; 1 Corinthians 15:20

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Since by Man Came Death from Messiah

Chancel Choir G. F. Handel

Since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the
 dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

-1 Corinthians 15:21-22

*** 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 of all power and grace, we sometimes get
 discouraged in the work of disciple-making and world-
 transforming to which you've called us. Remind us once
 more of the victory of Christ and the victory available to
 us. As we give our tithes and offerings, may we do so
 with the confidence of victors, knowing that in your love,
 grace, and compassion, you will have the last word. We
 pray this in the name of your Son, who bore our sins and
 who defeated our death. Amen.**

*** HYMN No. 567**

Heralds of Christ

NATIONAL HYMN

*** PRONOUNCEMENT OF BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

Alla Marcia

Henry Coleman
 (1888-1965)

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. Gene Fonville.

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

	8:45	11:00
Lay Reader:	Julian Mims	Martha Brannock
Acolytes:	Lauren Turner	Liam Peterson & Mack Smith
Crucifer:	Meredith Hawley	Will Stadler

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in memory of Bob, Betty, and Robin Smith by Todd, Beverly, Alexis, and Matt Smith and Leigh Jones.

MEMBERS OF THE ALTAR GUILD serving in November are Martha Brannock, Chris Presley, and Linda Weavil.

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.

CHARGE CONFERENCE

Front Street's annual Charge Conference is **today at 3:00 p.m.** at First UMC, Elon. The members of the Visioning Council are the voting members of the Charge Conference.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Our stewardship focus this year is "Living & Giving." It's a great theme, because it reminds us that stewardship isn't only about our finances, it's also about how we live as we share our time and talent. We will come together for worship on **Sunday, November 24 for Pledge Sunday**, and lay our financial pledges on the altar rail. After the 11 a.m. worship service, we will enjoy a covered dish meal. A pledge card and letter were mailed earlier this month.

FAMILY ADVENT WORKSHOP

Calling all families! Save the date, and join us for a Family Advent Workshop following our church-wide covered dish luncheon on **Sunday, November 24**. Learn about the significance of Advent through hands-on activities, and make your own family Advent wreath. \$10 per family to attend, plus an additional \$5 for those wishing to make an Advent wreath, payable at the session on November 24. This workshop is for all ages. A nursery will be provided for 0-3 year olds. **Registration is open through November 17**. Visit www.frontstreetumc.org for details.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE PROGRAM

Would your child like to participate in our 5:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Eve service? Speaking and non-speaking parts are available. Be a narrator or dress up as a character in the nativity story. Please contact Ms. Marcy (marcy@frontstreetumc.org) by **December 1** if your child is interested or to learn more.

BOXED LUNCH FUNDRAISER – DECEMBER 8

Support our adult mission team by purchasing a boxed lunch containing delicious soup, sandwich (your choice of turkey & cheese or roast beef & cheese), chips, and a cookie. Lunches are \$10 a box. Quarts of soup (chicken & vegetable with a tomato base) are also available for \$7.50. Money raised will support the Front Street adult mission team as they travel to the Dominican Republic in January 2020, where they will serve with Mission of Hope. Simply place your order by **December 6** at www.frontstreetumc.org, and pick up your lunch following 11:00 a.m. worship on **December 8**. Paper forms are also available in the Welcome Center.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Date	8:45	Aldersgate	11:00	Total
10/13	32	64	221	317
10/20	35	23	190	248
10/27	62	40	175	277
11/3	0	59	228	287

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 10, 2019

Sunday, November 10

8:45	Worship Service	Sanctuary
8:45	Contemporary Worship Service	Aldersgate Hall
9:45	Sunday School	Classrooms
11:00	Worship Service	Sanctuary
3:00	Charge Conference	First UMC, Elon
4:00	Financial Peace	Room 301
6:00	Confirmation Class	Room 305

Monday, November 11

7:00	Discipleship Committee Meeting	John Wesley Room
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Tuesday, November 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
6:30	Finance Committee Meeting	John Wesley Room
7:00	Circle 5	Heritage Center
7:00	Financial Peace	Room 401

Wednesday, November 13

7:15	Youth Breakfast Club/Junior High	Dr. Cecil's Office
7:30	Youth Breakfast Club/Senior High	1711 Sykes St.
6:00	Aldersgate Praise Band	Aldersgate Hall
7:00	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
7:00	Women's Bible Study	Room 401
7:00	Staff-Parish Relations Committee Meeting	John Wesley Room

Saturday, November 16

2:00	Azalea MHP Fellowship	Azalea MHP
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Sunday, November 17

8:45	Worship Service	Sanctuary
8:45	Contemporary Worship Service	Aldersgate Hall
9:45	Sunday School	Classrooms
11:00	Worship Service	Sanctuary
12:00	Bible Buddies/Lunch	Room 307
2:00	Playschool Marketplace Fundraiser	Aldersgate Hall
4:00	Financial Peace	Room 301
4:00	Children's Choir	Sanctuary
4:00	Youth Choir	Choir Room
5:00	Wesley Ringers	Room 406
5:00	Youth Bells	Bell Room
6:00	UMYF	Aldersgate Hall

LIVE-STREAMING

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