

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
November 11, 2018
TWENTY-FIFTH 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 **Three Jazz Organ Preludes**
II. Bossa Nova (Wunderbarer König)
Johannes Matthias Michel
(b. 1962)

God him-self is with us; let us now a - dore him, and with a - pe - ar be - fore him.
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God is in his tem - ple; all with - in keep si - lence, prostrate lie with deepest rev - erence.
15
Him a - lone do we own as our God and Sa - vior; praise his name for - ev - er.

* **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. 132**
All My Hope Is Firmly Grounded **MICHAEL**

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 that we have much to give. So, far too many times, we belittle the gifts and turn our backs on the needs and opportunities present 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 to 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)

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**

†† **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.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT Boyd and Kellee Hawley

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 **Psalms 127** OT Page 573

†† **ANTHEM** **Just As I Am** Richard DeLong
Chancel Choir (1951-1994)
Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come. Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt, fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come. Just as I am, thy love unknown has broken every barrier down, now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come. Just as I am, of thy great love the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove, here for a season, then above, O Lamb of God, I come, I come. -Charlotte Elliott (1789-1871)

* **GOSPEL LESSON** **Mark 12:38-44** NT Page 49

SERMON **"Two Small Copper Coins"** 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

OFFERTORY **The Gift of Love** Traditional English Melody
Jessica Hannah, soprano arr. Hal H. Hopson
Nicole Hannah, soprano (b. 1933)
UMH No. 408

* **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! 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. 92** **For the Beauty of the Earth** **DIX**
††-Stanza 3 in canon between women and men to create the "mystic harmony" that we share as the body of Christ.-
-Women begin, men enter one measure later.-

* **PRONOUNCEMENT OF BLESSING**

POSTLUDE **Fanfare for Organ** Ronald Arnatt

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

	8:45	11:00
Lay Reader:	Don Milligan	Sandy Elliott
Acolyte:	Lillee Hope Beckom	Adam Faircloth
Crucifer:	Cale Presley	Grayson Presley

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. Roger Jefferson.

SPECIAL MUSIC:

NICOLE HANNAH: Nicole is the youngest daughter from the Hannah family. She studied and graduated from Kentucky Wesleyan College, earning a Bachelor of Music degree. Along with singing at the church, she is an English teacher for Chinese students and has plans to earn a master's degree.

JESSICA HANNAH: Jessica is the eldest daughter from the Hannah family. She studied at Catawba College, transferred, and then graduated from Kentucky Wesleyan College with a Bachelor of Music degree. She is now studying at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro for her master's degree in vocal performance with a post-baccalaureate certificate in ethnomusicology. She has plans of earning her PhD in ethnomusicology.

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.

MEMBERS OF THE ALTAR GUILD serving in November are Martha Brannock, Brenda Allen, Chris Presley, Linda Ware, 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 Bev Thomas, who will be in the Prayer Room on our behalf at noon to pray for requests given on the Prayer Request Cards.

A WAY FORWARD INFORMATION SESSION

Join us today for the "Way Forward" information session. The session is from 4-6 p.m. in Aldersgate Hall. We will attempt to answer any questions regarding the special called session of General Conference in February 2019.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Our stewardship focus this year is "Thankful Giving." November is a great month for offering thanks to God for his abundant provision in our lives. We will come together for worship on **Sunday, November 18 for Pledge Sunday**, and lay our financial pledges on the altar rail. A pledge card and letter were mailed earlier this month.

CHARGE CONFERENCE

Front Street's annual Charge Conference is on **Sunday, November 18 at 3:00 p.m.** at First UMC, 303 N. Main Street, Graham. The members of the Visioning Council are the voting members of the Charge Conference.

BEL CANTO CONCERT

Bel Canto Company (Greensboro, NC) will present their Christmas Concert, Joyful Noël, on **Monday, November 26 at 7:30 p.m.** in the Sanctuary. Also performing are the Western Alamance High School chorus and the Graham High School chorus, under the direction of Mr. Sean Lucier and Ms. Jennifer Wells, respectively.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Date	8:45	9:00	11:00	Online	Total
10/14	36	46	210	10	302
10/21	39	49	246	11	345
10/28	60	66	202	10	338
11/4	0	50	247	10	307

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 11, 2018

Sunday, November 11

8:45	Worship Service	Sanctuary
9:00	Contemporary Worship Service	Aldersgate Hall
9:45	Sunday School	Classrooms
11:00	Worship Service	Sanctuary
4:00	"Way Forward" Conversation	Aldersgate Hall

Monday, November 12

7:00	Discipleship Team Meeting	John Wesley Room
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Tuesday, November 13

7:30	Men's Breakfast Bible Study	Reading Area
9:30	Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study	Room 401
6:00	Finance Committee Meeting	John Wesley Room
6:15	Epworth Ringers	Bell Room
7:00	Circle 5	Heritage Center

Wednesday, November 14

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

Thursday, November 15

9:30	Prayer and Meditation	Prayer Room
10:00	Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting	Room 303
6:30	Missions Committee Meeting	John Wesley Room

Saturday, November 17

2:00	Azalea MHP Community Gathering	Azalea MHP
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Sunday, November 18

8:45	Worship Service	Sanctuary
9:00	Contemporary Worship Service	Aldersgate Hall
9:45	Sunday School	Classrooms
11:00	Worship Service	Sanctuary
3:00	Annual Charge Conference	First UMC, Graham
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	Aldersgate Hall

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

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Rev. Patrick Murphy

Youth Minister

Chris Huneycutt

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