THE WORSHIP OF GOD November 18, 2018 TWENTY-SIXTH 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 For the Beauty of the Earth John Ferguson (b. 1941)

* OPENING PRAYER (IN UNISON)

Holy God, we gather this day to praise You for the abundant gifts You have given to us. As we feast around the Thanksgiving table this week and remember our blessings, move us to be a blessing to others. Amen.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 102

Now Thank We All Our God NUN DANKET

CALL TO CONFESSION

For God so loved the world that God gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Let us confess our need for God's saving love to be at work in our lives.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)

Forgiving and loving God, as we anticipate Thanksgiving Day, a time when we gather around the table to share food, memories, and love, we confess that our hearts have a tendency to turn inward. Open our eyes to see those people who would be very grateful for a day old crust of bread or some fresh water. As we fill ourselves to overflowing, help us to remember those dear ones. Forgive us, O God, for the times when we are less attentive to them, and to You. Soften our hearts and our spirits to reach out to all in need. And help us to turn each day more fully toward You. We ask this in the precious name of our Savior Jesus. Amen.

Personal Confession and Meditation (IN SILENCE)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: By God's abundant mercy, we have been

saved. 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 ResponseAlleluia 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.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Luke Andress

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (IN UNISON)

Heavenly Father, speak to us in clear tones so that we might feel our spirits leap for joy and skip with hope as your resurrection witnesses. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 136

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†† ANTHEM

Now Thank We All Our God J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Epworth Ringers arr. Janet Linker (b. 1938)

Mark Hauser, conductor and Jane McFadden
(b. 1942)

* GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 17:11-19

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SERMON

"Grateful Hearts, Grateful Lives"

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

PLEDGE COMMITMENT AND OFFERING

† **OFFERTORY**Now Thank We All Our God
Epworth Ringers arr. Janet Linker and
Mark Hauser, conductor Jane McFadden

†† OFFERTORY

For the Beauty of the Earth

Chancel Choir

John Rutter (b. 1945)

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise. For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise. For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise. For each perfect

gift of thine to our race so freely given, graces human and divine,

flowers of earth and buds of heaven: Lord of all, to thee we raise this

-Folliot S. Pierpoint (1835-1917)

* Doxology

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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

* COMMITMENT CELEBRATION PRAYER (IN UNISON)

our joyful hymn of praise.

Gracious and loving God, giver of all that is good and true and beautiful and life-giving, these pledge cards represent our sweat, they represent our faith, they represent our dreams. The commitments which we make on them are our responses to the awesome gifts that have been given to us; and they are pledged in thanksgiving for all we have received, for all we have been inspired to be, for all we are challenged to become. May they represent the first fruits of all we have and not what we have left over, so that we may live out as closely as possible the spirit in which you give to us. May our pledges, tithes, and offerings be sacrificial, holy, and filled with possibilities. As we give and see our gifts placed on your altar, may we also offer ourselves as a holy and living sacrifice to you and the work of your kingdom. In the precious name of Christ we pray. Amen and Amen.

* HYMN No. 694 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

* PRONOUNCEMENT OF BLESSING

POSTLUDE Now Thank We All Our God

David N. Johnson (1922-1987) We thank the following for their service during our worship service:

8:45 11:00

Lay Reader: Susan Taylor Tom Steele

Acolyte: Ethan Rodriguez Luke Andress

Crucifer: Kaelan Mims Stephen Andress

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 Mary Holden Burke and Betty Huneycutt.

THE CORNUCOPIA is given to the glory of God and in honor of Rev. and Mrs. Ross Carter by the Gary Harris family.

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 members Buddy and Lisa Smith, who will be in the Prayer Room on our behalf at noon to pray for requests given on the Prayer Request Cards.

TODAY IS COMMITMENT SUNDAY. Pledge cards are available in the pews and on the tables in the Narthex.

POINSETTIA ORDERS

Today is the deadline for poinsettia orders. Order forms are available in the Welcome Center and on the church website.

CHARGE CONFERENCE

Front Street's annual Charge Conference is **today 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.

MISSIONARY AIR GROUP

Missionary Air Group is a missions movement based here in Burlington, NC that, through aviation, accesses remote regions in Central America and Africa to provide quality medical care and offer the Gospel of Jesus Christ to those they encounter in holistic and responsible ways. **Today**, MAG will have a text-to-give event (targeting \$10/person) with all of their Burlington partner churches to fundraise some of their needs for this coming season of ministry. Learn more about MAG at www.flymag.org.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed on **Thursday**, **November 22 and Friday**, **November 23** in observance of Thanksgiving.

UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY | SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Gifts to the United Methodist Student Day offering help deserving United Methodist students continue their education and their faith journeys as they strive to make a difference in the world and discern what God has called them to do. Offering envelopes will be provided for your gift. To learn more about this offering, visit www.umcgiving.org/umsd.

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.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Date	8:45	9:00	11:00	Online	Total
10/21	39	49	246	11	345
10/28	60	66	202	10	338
11/4	0	50	247	10	307
11/11	46	41	174	9	270

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CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 18, 2018

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

Tuesday, November 20

7:30 Men's Breakfast Bible Study Reading Area

<u>Ihursday, November 22 – Friday, November 23</u> Church Office Closed

Sunday, November 25

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9:45	Sunday School	Classrooms
11:00	Worship Service	Sanctuary
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6:00	UMYF	Aldersgate Hall

FRONT STREET FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS HAYRIDE AT TWIN LAKES | SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

Come and join us for this fun event. We will meet at the Burlington Carpet One (3561 S. Church Street) at 4:30 p.m. Dress WARM. We will cancel if it is raining. Bring canned goods for admission. For more information, please contact Marcy McAdams at the church office.

UPCOMING:

Advent Devotions 2018 will be available on **Sunday, December 2**. Please pick up a copy in the Welcome Center, Narthex, or Heritage Center. We ask that you only take one copy per family. Sign up at our website, www.frontstreetumc.org, to to receive a daily devotion in your inbox.

<u>Angel Tree Delivery</u> - **Sunday**, **December 2**. If you are interested in volunteering for this project, please contact Margaret Blackwell at margaret_blackwell@yahoo.com or 336-227-6441.

<u>Trees of Love</u> - **Sunday, December 2.** There will be opportunities for the members of our church to share Christ's love with our neighbors. There will be three decorated trees near the Heritage Center.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

United Methodist Women (Circles 1, 2, and 4) will meet in the chapel at 10:30 a.m. on **Monday**, **December 3**. Matt Brittain and Amy Marsh will present a musical program for the holiday season. All women are invited to join us for this special program and the luncheon which will follow. Circle 5 will meet on **Tuesday**, **December 11** at 7:00 p.m. in the Heritage Center. For additional information, contact Doris Jefferson at 336-228-0130.

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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Rev. Ross Carter Rev. Patrick Murphy

Youth Minister Chris Huneycutt

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