

**THE WORSHIP OF GOD**  
**November 24, 2019**  
**CHRIST THE KING 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 in D Minor, Op. 37, No. 3/i**  
Felix Mendelssohn  
 (1809-1847)

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVELY)**

Leader: The Lord continually watches all of God's own sheep.  
**People: They are led to green pastures and brought before stilled waters.**  
 Leader: Praise God for God's tender and loving care of us.  
**People: Thanks to God for all the mercies God shows to us.**  
 Leader: Let us enter God's house with hearts filled with joy.  
**People: O Lord, open our spirits to respond to your words of compassion. Amen.**

**\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 154**

**All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name CORONATION**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Christ our King, hear our prayers as we bow before your throne.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)**

**O Lord, you lavish your love and gifts upon us, that we might know your love and be equipped to strengthen your Kingdom. Forgive us when we treat you as an inconvenience, as just another consumer of our time and resources. We confess that we have elevated over you other activities and other people. Encourage us when we act with spiritual immaturity. Continue to love us and guide us with your Holy Spirit, that we may grow into the disciples you desire for us to be, for your sake and for ours. Amen.**

**PERSONAL CONFESSION AND MEDITATION (IN SILENCE)**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Leader: In the name of our Shepherd Jesus Christ, who brings hope and peace, 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**

†† **THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** Insert  
**Daryn Wesley Allen Moore**

†† **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**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (IN UNISON)**

**Calm us now, O Lord, into a quietness that heals and listens. Open wounded hearts to the balm of your Word. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**                      **Isaiah 1:11-20**                      OT Page 630

†† **ANTHEM**                      **Toccata on King's Weston** Michael Compton  
Epworth Ringers                      (b. 1994)  
 UMH No. 168

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**                      **John 4:21-24**                      NT Page 95

**SERMON "If God Doesn't Need My Money, What Does He Want?"**  
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**

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**                      **Toccata on King's Weston** Michael Compton  
Epworth Ringers  
 UMH No. 168

†† **OFFERTORY**                      **There Shall a Star from Jacob Come Forth**  
Chancel Choir                      Felix Mendelssohn

There shall a star from Jacob come forth, and a scepter from Israel rise up, and dash in pieces princes and nations. How brightly beams the morning star, with sudden radiance from afar, with light and comfort glowing! Thy Word, Jesus, inly feeds us, rightly leads us, life bestowing. Praise, O praise such love o'erflowing!  
-Numbers 24:17; Psalm 2:9

**\* 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

**\* COMMITMENT CELEBRATION PRAYER (IN UNISON)**

**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. 168**                      **At the Name of Jesus**                      **KING'S WESTON**

**\* PRONOUNCEMENT OF BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE**                      **Fugue in D Minor, Op. 37, No. 3/ii**  
Felix Mendelssohn

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

	8:45	11:00
Lay Reader:	Tom Steele	Betty Massey
Acolytes:	Thomas Joyner	Sarah Hargrove and Dorothy Gail McKinney
Crucifer:	Evan Gilgo	Jacob Wilkinson

**WELCOME!** We're glad that you have chosen to worship with us today. Following the 11:00 a.m. service, please join us for a church-wide covered dish luncheon in Aldersgate Hall.

**THE CORNUCOPIA** is given to the glory of God and in honor of Rev. and Mrs. Patrick Murphy by the Gary Harris family.

**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](mailto:prayer@frontstreetumc.org). We thank team member Carol Hoxie, 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.

**ADVENT DEVOTIONS**

Front Street's Advent Devotions 2019 are now available in the Welcome Center, Narthex, or Heritage Center. We ask that you only take one copy per family. Beginning December 1, a daily devotion will be posted on Front Street's Facebook page. 'Like' us to receive notifications. Alternatively, sign up at our website, [www.frontstreetumc.org](http://www.frontstreetumc.org), to receive a daily Advent Devotion straight to your inbox. We hope these devotions will be a source of renewal for you this Advent season.

**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](mailto:marcy@frontstreetumc.org)) by **December 1** if your child is interested or to learn more.

**UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY | SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1**

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.umcsgiving.org/umsd](http://www.umcsgiving.org/umsd).

**TREES OF LOVE | SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1**

The Trees of Love provide opportunities for the members of our church to share Christ's love with our neighbors. Look for three decorated trees near the Heritage Center.

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

Circles 1, 2, and 4 will meet in the Chapel at 10:30 a.m. on **Monday, December 2**. A musical program will be presented for the holiday season. All women are invited to join us for this special program and then for the luncheon afterwards. Contact Doris Jefferson at 336-228-0130 for additional information.

**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

Date	8:45	Aldersgate	11:00	Total
10/27	62	40	175	277
11/3	0	59	228	287
11/10	57	56	165	278
11/17	59	52	197	308

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**CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 24, 2019**

**Sunday, November 24**

8:45	Worship Service	Sanctuary
8:45	Contemporary Worship Service	Aldersgate Hall
9:45	Sunday School	Classrooms
11:00	Worship Service	Sanctuary
12:00	Church-wide Covered Dish Lunch	Aldersgate Hall
1:00	Family Advent Workshop	Aldersgate Hall
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/Confirmation	Aldersgate Hall

**Tuesday, November 26**

7:30	Men's Breakfast Bible Study	Reading Area
9:30	Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study	Room 305
6:30	Missions Team Meeting	John Wesley Room

**Thursday and Friday, November 28 - 29, Church Office Closed**

**Sunday, December 1**

8:45	Worship Service	Sanctuary
8:45	Contemporary Worship Service	Aldersgate Hall
9:45	Sunday School	Classrooms
11:00	Worship Service	Sanctuary
12:30	Front Street Travelers	NC Symphony
4:00	Children's Choir	Sanctuary
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5:00	Wesley Ringers	Room 406
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**BEL CANTO CONCERT**

Bel Canto Company (Greensboro, NC) will present their Christmas Concert, *Candle, Star, Joyous Light*, on **Monday, December 2** at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

**MEMBERSHIP SUNDAY**

Are you interested in becoming part of the Front Street membership? The next quarterly membership Sunday is **December 8**. If you would like to join Front Street at any of the worship services that Sunday, please contact the church office to complete the information needed for the church roll. We look forward to having you as part of the Front Street family.

**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. Place your order by **December 6** at [www.frontstreetumc.org](http://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.

# FRONT STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Our Mission:**

*Knowing Christ • Growing in Christ • Sharing Christ*



**Pastors**

Rev. Ross Carter  
Rev. Patrick Murphy

**Youth Minister**

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