

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
October 20, 2019
NINETEENTH 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** **Prelude** Gordon Jacob
(1895-1984)

†† **VOLUNTARY** **Fairest Lord Jesus** arr. Linda R. Lamb
Youth Bells (b. 1944)

* **OPENING PRAYER (IN UNISON)**
**God of power and might, as we come to offer our
 worship, help us to recognize the imprint of your love
 and mercy in our lives. Open our hearts to that love,
 that we may grow in our faith and be strengthened in
 our witness to you. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

* **PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 189**
Fairest Lord Jesus **ST. ELIZABETH**

CALL TO CONFESSION
 As the Lord gives us his mercy, may we offer him the
 truth of our confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)
**Lord, in your mercy, forgive us when we allow ourselves
 to be claimed by the hostility and anger of the world.
 We confess that we have allowed the world to influence
 us, instead of we, the Church, influencing the world. We
 ask that you would challenge us to be the people you
 call us to be, that others might be drawn toward you.
 Amen.**

PERSONAL CONFESSION AND MEDITATION (IN SILENCE)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Rejoice! You are called beloved of God. 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 **Glory Be to the Father** **MEINEKE**
 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy
 Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
 world without end. Amen. Amen. UMH No. 70

* **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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (IN UNISON)

**Gracious God, as we turn to your Word for us, may the
 Spirit of God rest upon us. Help us to be steadfast in our
 hearing, in our speaking, in our believing, and in our
 living. Amen.**

† **SCRIPTURE LESSON** **Psalm 19** OT Page 498

* † **GOSPEL LESSON** **Matthew 11:16-18, 25-30** NT Page 11

† **SERMON** **"Making the Grade"** Rev. Marshall Old

* †† **SCRIPTURE LESSON** **Mark 11:12-14** NT Page 47

†† **ANTHEM** **This Is the Day** Michael Jochen
(b. 1944)

This is the day the Lord has made! We will rejoice be glad in it! Oh,
 this is the day, this is the day, the Lord has made! This is the day the
 Lord has made! See all the marvelous things He's done! Oh, this is
 the day, this is the day, the Lord has made! We will rejoice, rejoice,
 give thanks and sing praise! We will rejoice, for this is the day! This is
 the day! This is the day the Lord has made! Praise be to God for
 every day! Oh, this is the day, this is the day, the Lord has made!
 -Psalm 118:1, 23, 24, 28

* †† **GOSPEL LESSON** **Luke 23:32-34, 39-43** NT Page 89

†† **SERMON** **"Jesus: Fully Human? Fully Divine?"**
Dr. John Harwood

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** **Invention in B-flat Major, BWV 785** J. S. Bach
(1685-1750)

†† **OFFERTORY** **The Divine Image** Jonathan Adams
Chancel Choir (b. 1962)

To Mercy, Pity, Peace, and Love all pray in their distress; and to these
 Virtues of delight return their thankfulness. For Mercy, Pity, Peace, and
 Love is God our Father dear, and Mercy, Pity, Peace, and Love is
 Man, his child and care. For Mercy has a human heart, Pity, a human
 face, and Love, the human form divine, and Peace, the human dress.
 Then every man, of every clime, that prays in his distress, prays to the
 human form divine, Love, Mercy, Pity, Peace, Love.
 -William Blake (1757-1827)

* **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)**

**O Lord, our God, you graciously welcome all who seek
 you. Guide us by your Spirit, so that our hearts and our
 daily actions will honor you. Let the ministries of our
 church reach out to show and tell our neighbors of your
 faithful love. Receive our gifts and offerings for the sake
 of Jesus, our Lord. Amen.**

* **HYMN NO. 389** **Freely, Freely** **FREELY, FREELY**

* **PRONOUNCEMENT OF BLESSING**

POSTLUDE **Fanfare** Gordon Jacob

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 John and Susan Black.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Dr. Bill
 Simpson in honor of the fourteen members of the Barker
 family, cousins of Betsy Simpson, who are having their biennial
 family reunion in Maggie Valley this weekend.

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

	8:45	11:00
Liturgist:	David Hedgecock	Phil Minton
Lay Reader:	Susan Taylor	David Hamby
Acolytes:	Thomas Joyner	Lauren Turner & Adam Faircloth
Crucifer:	Kaelan Mims	Jackson Faircloth

MEMBERS OF THE ALTAR GUILD serving in October are Teresa Chandler, Trisha Craig, Marianna Harris, Betty Huneycutt, and Marie Ray.

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 Vicky Glassford, who will be in the Prayer Room on our behalf at noon to pray for requests given on the Prayer Request Cards.

YOUTH FUNDRAISER-LAST CHANCE TO ORDER

Our youth are selling Charleston Wrap wrapping paper as a fundraiser for youth missions. **Today** is the last day to place an order with our youth. Visit the Welcome Center from either 10-10:50 a.m. or following 11:00 a.m. worship. Alternatively, find a link at www.frontstreetumc.org/youth, and use **school code z-16900** to order online by the end of the day tomorrow.

FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL

Come celebrate the season at our Family Fall Festival on **Saturday, October 26** from **11:00 a.m. to 1 p.m.** (rain or shine.) Visit the pumpkin patch, eat caramel apples, and pet the furry stuffed animals in the barn area! There will be pizza, balloons, games, and activities for all ages! Dress to impress, and collect candy at "trunk or treat." Find us in Aldersgate Hall and the Front St./Davis St. parking lot. This event is free and open to everyone.

ADVENT DEVOTIONS

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to write a devotion to be included in our 2019 Advent devotional booklet. There are 7 scriptures remaining to be taken. The task is straightforward—choose a scripture from the list, write a short (300 word maximum) devotion around that scripture, include a title and a prayer, and submit it by November 1. Full details at www.frontstreetumc.org.

WHS SANITARY PRODUCTS FOR GIRLS

Williams High School is in great need of sanitary products and deodorant for girls. A box is located in the Welcome Center to place donations of sanitary pads, tampons, or deodorant. For more information, please contact Jennifer Smith.

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

We will celebrate All Saints' Sunday on **November 3** at the 8:45 a.m. Aldersgate and 11:00 a.m. services, when we will remember all those who in the last year finished their course in faith and now rest from their labors. Join us for a message of hope and remembrance as we celebrate the promise of the resurrection. **Please note that there will be no 8:45 a.m. traditional service.**

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

December 8 is available to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one. Also, the **2020 flower calendar is available** in the Welcome Center. If you are interested in placing flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one, please write your name on the Sunday you wish to put flowers in the church. Please contact Linda Paul at 336-543-5081 (cell) or kpaul5@triad.rr.com (email) for details or to sign up.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Date	8:45	Aldersgate	11:00	Total
9/22	76	51	206	333
9/29	52	45	192	289
10/6	43	45	195	283
10/13	27	64	216	307

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 20, 2019

Sunday, October 20

8:45	Worship Service	Sanctuary
8:45	Contemporary Worship Service	Aldersgate Hall
9:45	Sunday School	Classrooms
11:00	Worship Service	Sanctuary
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

Tuesday, October 22

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
7:00	Financial Peace	Room 401

Wednesday, October 23

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	The New Testament....Bible Study	Room 405

Thursday, October 24

7:00	Visioning Team Meeting	Room 301
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Saturday, October 26

11:00	Family Fall Festival	Aldersgate Hall
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Sunday, October 27

8:45	Worship Service	Sanctuary
8:45	Contemporary Worship Service	Aldersgate Hall
9:45	Sunday School	Classrooms
11:00	Worship Service	Sanctuary
4:00	Financial Peace	Room 301
4:00	Children's Choir	Sanctuary
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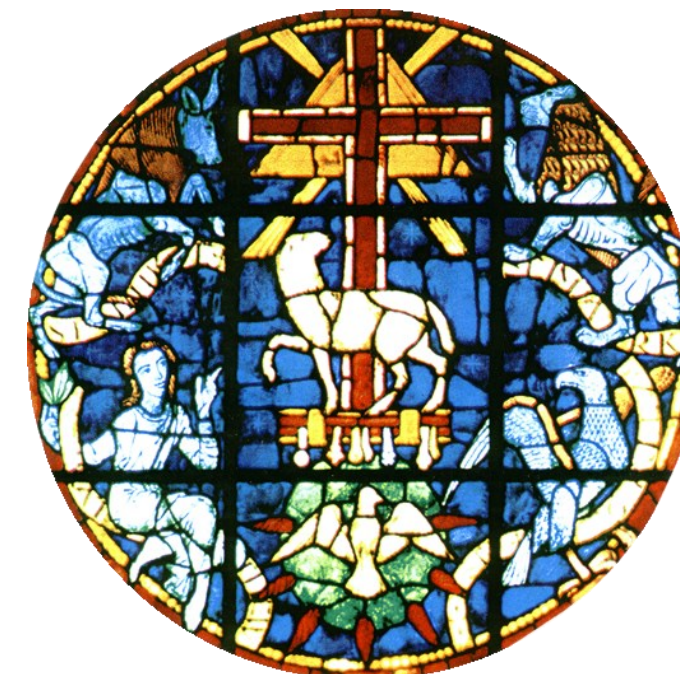
LIVE-STREAMING

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

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Marcella Z. McAdams