

**THE WORSHIP OF GOD**  
**September 1, 2019**  
**TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**HOLY COMMUNION**

*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**                      **Folk Tune**                      Percy Whitlock  
(1903-1946)

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

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song!

**People: Praise God for wonderful acts of mercy!**

Leader: God has poured blessing upon blessing upon us!

**People: Praise the Lord, all the earth, shout your praise!**

\* **PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 185**

**When Morning Gilds the Skies**    **LAUDES DOMINI**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (IN UNISON)

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE** (IN RESPONSE TO CONFESSION)

Leader: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. 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 No.      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**

*Children ages 4–first grade may depart for Children's Church in Room 304.*

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** (IN UNISON)

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

**Psalm 81**

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\* † **GOSPEL LESSON**                      **Matthew 5:43-48**                      NT Page 5

† **SERMON**                      **"Be Perfect?"**                      Rev. Lee Edwards

\* †† **GOSPEL LESSON**                      **Luke 14:1, 7-14**                      NT Page 77

†† **SERMON**                      **"Honorable Mention"**                      Rev. Marshall Old

**CALL TO PRAYER**

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Minister: Let us pray.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**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**

**This Touch of Love**

Alfred V. Fedak

Jack Wolverton, baritone

(b. 1953)

This touch of love, this taste of peace, how can it last and still increase? I cannot bear to have this air of wonder cease. This happy feast, this friendly bond, how can I keep it long beyond this fleeting hour, this surge of power, this treasure found? This glow of joy, this glimpse of light, this momentary pure delight, I dread to leave to fret and grieve and die in night. This freshly washed, this flowing free, I need to know that this can be, make me believe what I receive is meant for me. Christ Jesus, you are what I need, the Bread and Wine on which I feed, no friend so true, no life so new—I'm rich indeed. O Savior, now my spirit raise, give new direction to my ways, in all I view, in all I do, to give you praise.

*-Jaroslav J. Vajda (1919-2008)*

\* **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)

**Holy and generous God, we humbly bring our gifts to your altar, so that we might invest what you have given to us in that which has lasting value: love, hope, compassion, redemption, and reconciliation. We pray in the name of the one who was all these things made flesh, Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

† **SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**UMH No. 17**

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**UMH No. 24**

**The Great Thanksgiving**  
**The Lord's Prayer**  
**The Sharing of Bread and Cup**

*After sharing communion, you are invited to take a September prayer card to use in your daily prayer life.*

**COMMUNION**

**Sonata in D Minor, Wq. 63/2**

C. P. E. Bach

(1714-1788)

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** (IN UNISON)

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\* **HYMN No. 616**    **Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast**    **HURSLEY**

\* **PRONOUNCEMENT OF BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE**

**Toccata, Op. 1184, No. 1**

Carson Cooman

(b. 1982)

**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. Fred Glassford.

**THANK YOU** Reverend Lee Edwards, pastor at Faith United Methodist Church in Burlington, for being our guest preacher at the 8:45 a. m. service.

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

	8:45	11:00
Communion Servers:	Teresa Brand & Betty Huneycutt	
Liturgist:	Tom Steele	Betty Massey
Lay Reader:	Susan Taylor	David Hedgecock
Acolytes:	Paige Hawley	Britton Isley & Ella Kate Porfilio
Crucifer:	Meredith Hawley	Jackson Faircloth

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God.

**MEMBERS OF THE ALTAR GUILD** serving in September are Marianna Harris, JoAnn Barbour, Margaret Blackwell, Mary Ann Garrison, and Suzanne Troxler.

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

**OFFICE CLOSED**

The church office will be closed on **Monday, September 2** in observance of Labor Day. Have a safe and happy holiday!

**YOUTH BREAKFAST CLUB ON WEDNESDAY MORNINGS - IMPORTANT NEWS**

Junior Highs and other early start students are welcome to meet at Dr. Cecil's office (Alamance Chiropractic) at 7:15 a.m. to drop book bags and walk over to Biscuitville to order to-go food. They will then return to Dr. Cecil's office and eat, while the older students arrive at the normal time of 7:30 a.m. We will all do the devotion together, and the older students can then go to Biscuitville to eat.

**MEMBERSHIP SUNDAY**

Are you interested in becoming part of the Front Street membership? The next quarterly Membership Sunday is **September 8**. If you would like to join Front Street at the 10:45 a.m. combined worship service 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.

**THE NEW YEAR BEGINS FOR UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

Welcome to a new year! Circles 1, 2, and 4 will meet in the Heritage Center for fellowship and refreshments at 10:00 a.m. on **Monday, September 9**. The general meeting will convene in the Chapel at 10:30 a.m. Circle 5 will meet on **Tuesday, September 10** at 6:30 p.m. in the Heritage Center for fellowship and a salad supper. All women are invited to join us as our guests at both meetings. Contact Doris Jefferson at 336-228-0130 for additional information.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY**

The Men's Breakfast Bible Study resumes on **Tuesday, September 10** with breakfast available at 7:00 a.m. The Bible study starts at 7:30 a.m.

**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

Date	8:45	Aldersgate	11:00	Total
8/4	46	44	152	242
8/11	56	51	179	286
8/18	46	50	199	295
8/25	52	57	199	308

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**CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2019**

**Sunday, September 1**

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

**Monday, September 2 - Church Office Closed**

**Tuesday, September 3**

6:15	Epworth Ringers	Bell Room
7:00	Stewardship Committee Meeting	John Wesley Room

**Wednesday, September 4**

7:15	Youth Breakfast Club/Junior High	Dr. Cecil's Office
7:30	Youth Breakfast Club/Senior High	Dr. Cecil's Office
6:00	Aldersgate Praise Band Rehearsal	Aldersgate Hall
7:00	Chancel Choir	Choir Room

**Thursday, September 5**

9:30	Prayer & Meditation	Heritage Center
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**Sunday, September 8**

9:45	Sunday School	Classrooms
10:45	Combined Worship - Celebration Sunday	Sanctuary
12:00	Covered Dish Lunch and Ministry Fair	Aldersgate Hall
4:00	Children's Choir (K-5)	Sanctuary
4:00	Youth Choir (6-12)	Choir Room
5:00	Wesley Ringers (2-5)	Room 406
5:00	Youth Bells (6-12)	Bell Room
6:00	Youth/Parent Meeting	Aldersgate Hall

**HAITI MISSION INTEREST MEETING**

Our next trip to Haiti will be January 18 - 25, 2020. There will be an interest meeting on **September 15** in the John Wesley Room immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service for anyone wanting to learn more about this mission opportunity. There is a limit of 15 spaces on this mission and the deadline to sign up is **September 25**. We will also have a presence at the Ministry Fair on September 8 - come and learn more! Contact Jennifer Smith for details ([Jensmith71@msn.com](mailto:Jensmith71@msn.com)).

**CROP WALK**

The 2019 Alamance County CROP Walk will be on **Saturday, October 5** in Burlington. Last year the Walk raised \$46,600, while Front Street raised \$5,900 as the second leading church - our church's goal is to raise \$7,000 in support of the CROP's overall 2019 goal of \$50,000. For information, please call Jenna Johnson at 336-584-1120 or Phil Young at 336-584-2090.

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

The following dates are available to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one: **December 8, 22, 24, and 29**. Please contact Linda Paul at 336-543-5081 or [kpaul5@triad.rr.com](mailto:kpaul5@triad.rr.com) for details or to sign up.

**LIVE-STREAMING ON YOUTUBE**

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 Sam

**Director of Children's Ministries**

Marcella McAdams