

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
September 15, 2019
FOURTEENTH 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 **Fantasia in C Major, BWV 570** J. S. Bach
 (1685-1750)

*** CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVELY)**

Leader: Let us start this service well, by reminding
 ourselves: that it is not we who chose Christ...

People: ...but Christ who chose us.

Leader: That we are not here because of our
 goodness...

People: ...but because of Christ's grace.

Leader: That we are not here to enlighten ourselves...

People: ...but to allow Christ to enlighten us.

Leader: That we have not come to be entertained...

**People: ...but to worship God with heart, soul, mind, and
 strength.**

*** PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 103**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise **ST. DENIO**

CALL TO CONFESSION

The proof of God's amazing love is this: while we were
 sinners, Christ died for us. Because we have faith in
 Christ, we dare to approach God with confidence. Let
 us admit our sins before God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)

**Merciful Lord, we like to think that we do everything well.
 We pat ourselves on the back when we act with love
 and mercy toward others, complimenting ourselves in
 self-righteousness; but, you know us better. You know
 our faults and our failings. You know when we falsely
 proclaim that we are truly living as you would have us
 live. Teach us again about your forgiving and healing
 love. Show us ways of merciful living, that we may
 extend the love and mercy you have given us to others.
 Forgive us, we pray. For we ask these things in Jesus'
 name. Amen.**

PERSONAL CONFESSION AND MEDITATION (IN SILENCE)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: No matter what befalls us, the Lord walks with
 us on the path, bringing us courage and hope.
 No matter what, we belong to the Lord, now
 and forever. 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**

MISSION MOMENT **Financial Peace** Kelly McKinney

†† 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 **I Timothy 1:12-17** NT Page 208

†† ANTHEM **Amazing Grace** Will Todd
 Chancel Choir (b. 1970)

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me.
 I once was lost but now am found, was blind, but now I see. Through
 many dangers, toils and snares I have already come; 'tis Grace that
 brought me safe thus far and Grace will lead me home. The Lord has
 promised good to me. His word my hope secures. He will my shield
 and portion be, as long as life endures. The earth shall soon dissolve
 like snow, the sun forbear to shine; but God, who call'd me here
 below, will be for ever mine.

-John Newton (1725-1807)

*** GOSPEL LESSON** **Luke 15:1-10** NT Page 78

SERMON **"Nobody Does This"** 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

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 **Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us** Dale Wood
Davis Kelton, tenor (1934-2003)

Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need your tender care. In
 your pleasant pastures feed us, for our use your fold prepare. Blessed
 Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us; we are yours. Blessed Jesus,
 blessed Jesus, you have bought us; we are yours. We are yours; in love
 befriend us, be the guardian of our way; keep your flock, from sin
 defend us, seek us when we go astray. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
 hear us children when we pray. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear us
 children when we pray. Early let us seek your favor, early let us do your
 will; blessed Lord and only Savior, with your love our spirits fill. Blessed
 Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still. Blessed Jesus,
 blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still.

-Dorothy Thrupp (1779-1847)

*** 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

*** 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. 378** **Amazing Grace** **AMAZING GRACE**

*** PRONOUNCEMENT OF BLESSING**

POSTLUDE **Prelude on 'St. Denio'** Percy Whitlock
(1903-1946)

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. & Mrs. Gary Parrott.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in memory
 of Andi and in honor of Caroline, Burch, Carter, Sidney, Madi,
 Iris, Vera, Rocky, Ria, and Ruby, our grandchildren, by Stan
 and Vicki Whitlow.

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

	8:45	11:00
Lay Reader:	Nancy Bell	Esther Bennett
Acolytes:	David Moran	Ace McAteer & Liza Self
Crucifer:	Henry Lakey	Claire Piatt

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. We thank team members Sharon Beal and Sandy Elliott, who will be in the Prayer Room on our behalf at noon to pray for requests given on the Prayer Request Cards.

SPECIAL OFFERING TODAY FOR STORM/HURRICANE RESPONSE

Our Conference Youth are raising money for Storm Response, and the Conference has pledged to match the first \$500,000. This provides us with a great opportunity! You and I can contribute and have our gift doubled! If you are writing a check, please place "Youth Storm Fund" in the memo line. You can also follow this link and give online at your convenience, <https://nccpilgrimage.org/missions/>.

AZALEA MHP FELLOWSHIP

Everyone is welcome to join us on **Saturday, September 21** (3:00-5:00 p.m.) at Azalea MHP for superhero activities and fellowship with our neighbors. Please gather at the church at 2:15 p.m. to carpool. Contact Betty Huneycutt for details.

AGAPE PROJECT 2019

A friendly reminder to please return all AGAPE Christmas boxes by **Sunday, September 22**. Thank you for making Christmas special for the Armenian children.

FINANCIAL PEACE COURSES

Take control of your money with *Financial Peace University* (FPU)! Front Street is offering FPU twice weekly on:

Sundays, 4:00-5:30 p.m., beginning 9/22

Tuesdays, 7:00-8:30 p.m., beginning 9/24

Childcare (ages 0-11 years) is provided for the Sunday afternoon classes only. The cost of materials is \$50 (one per family unit). Please bring payment to the first class. Look for a registration form in this morning's bulletin. Alternatively, stop by the Welcome Center to learn more and sign up, or visit www.frontstreetumc.org to register by **today**.

FRONT STREET TRAVELERS

In remembrance of the 75th anniversary of D-Day, and to honor all who served in WWII, the Front Street Travelers will visit the National D-Day Memorial in Bedford, VA on **Saturday, September 28**. The cost is \$15 per person and includes: transportation, admission, and a one hour guided walking tour. Reservations are required. For reservations or additional information, contact Charles Hawks at 336-264-1616 or charleshawks1@gmail.com.

CROP WALK

The time is near for the Alamance County CROP Walk on **Saturday, October 5** in Burlington. To participate, sign up now at the CROP table in the Welcome Center. For Walk information, call Jenna Johnson at 336-584-1120 or Phil Young at 336-584-2090.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Date	8:45	Aldersgate	11:00	Total
8/18	46	50	199	295
8/25	52	57	199	308
9/1	46	48	128	222
9/8	0	0	301	301

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2019

Sunday, September 15

8:30 American Red Cross Blood Drive	Aldersgate Hall
8:45 Worship Service	Sanctuary
8:45 Contemporary Worship Service	Aldersgate Hall
9:45 Sunday School	Classrooms
11:00 Worship Service	Sanctuary
12:00 Haiti Mission Team Interest Meeting	John Wesley Room
3:00 Parenting Workshop	Room 401
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 at Lazer X on South Church Street.	Pick up & drop off at that location.

Tuesday, September 17

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

Wednesday, September 18

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

Thursday, September 19

9:30 Prayer and Meditation	Prayer Room
10:00 Prayer Shawl Ministry	Room 405

Saturday, September 21

3:00 Azalea MHP Fellowship	Azalea MHP
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Sunday, September 22

8:45 Worship Service	Sanctuary
8:45 Contemporary Worship Service	Aldersgate Hall
9:45 Sunday School	Classrooms
11:00 Worship Service	Sanctuary
3:00 Parenting Workshop	Room 401
4:00 Financial Peace Class	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

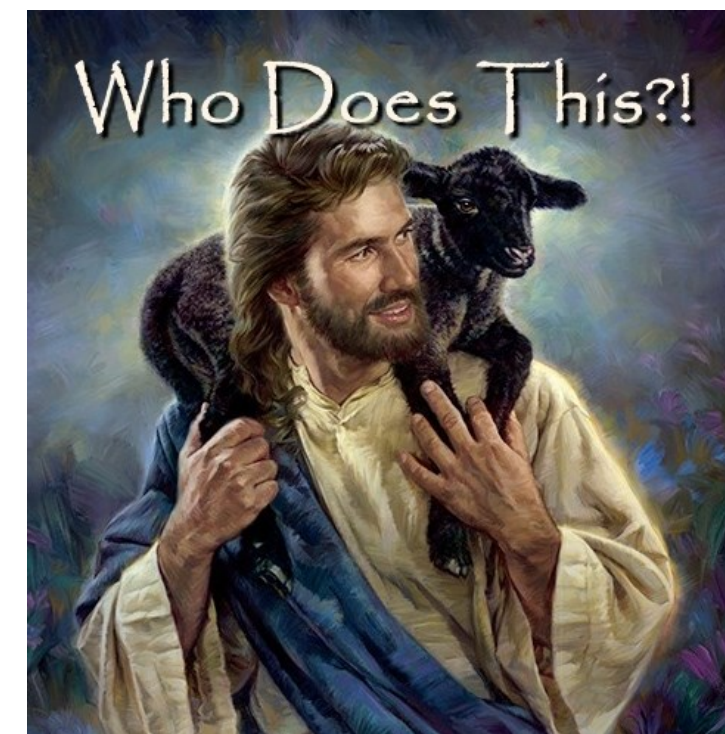
LIVE-STREAMING ON YOUTUBE

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 J. Sam

Director of Children's Ministries

Marcella Z. McAdams