

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
September 16, 2018
SEVENTEETH 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 **Adagio** Tomaso Albinoni
Mark Hauser, oboe (1671-1750)
arr. S. Drummond Wolff
(1916-2004)

*** CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVELY)**

Leader: The heavens declare the glory of God;
People: The skies show forth the work of God's hands.
Leader: Day unto day conveys God's glory;
People: Night unto night imparts God's wisdom.
**All: May the words of our mouths and the thoughts
of our hearts be acceptable in your sight, O
Lord, our rock and our redeemer!**

*** PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 451**

Be Thou My Vision **SLANE**

CALL TO CONFESSION

We are all beloved daughters and sons of God. Yet, knowing this, we still do not always live as we ought. Therefore, with confidence in God's grace, let us confess our sins together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

PERSONAL CONFESSION AND MEDITATION (IN SILENCE)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Hear the good news: "Christ died for us while we were still sinners." That proves God's love for 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 Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive DETROIT

In blazing light your cross reveals the truth we dimly knew: what trivial debts are owed to us, how great our debt to you! UMH No. 390, Stanza 3

*** 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)

**For three simple things we pray, Holy Spirit: eyes to see,
ears to hear, and hearts and minds to know more fully
the scope of your salvation. Be present with us, Lord, as
we receive your Word. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Proverbs 1:20-33 OT Page 584

†† **ANTHEM** **The Call of Wisdom** Will Todd
Chancel Choir (b. 1970)

Lord of wisdom, Lord of truth, Lord of justice, Lord of mercy; walk beside us down the years till we see you in your glory. Striving to attain the heights, turning in a new direction, entering a lonely place, welcoming a friend or stranger. I am here, I am with you. I have called: do you hear me? Silver is of passing worth, gold is not of constant value, jewels sparkle for a while; what you long for is not lasting. Rulers govern under me with my insight and my wisdom. Those who know me know my love, those who seek me find their answer. God the Father and the Son, Holy Spirit coeternal. Glory be ascribed to you, now and to the end of ages.

*-Michael Hampel
(b. 1967)*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON James 3:1-12 NT Page 230

SERMON **"Wise Words and Foolish Tongues"**
Rev. Patrick Murphy

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

OFFERTORY

O God of Mercy Gerre Hancock
Jack Wolverton, baritone (1934-2012)
Mark Hauser, oboe arr. Paul Bouman
(b. 1918)

O God of mercy, God of light in love and mercy infinite, teach us, as ever in your sight, to live our lives in you. Teach us the lesson Jesus taught: to feel for those his blood has bought, that every deed and word and thought may work a work for you. And may your Holy Spirit move all those who live to live in love, till you receive in heaven above those who have lived to you.

-Godfrey Thring (1823-1903)

*** 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)**

Most gracious God, we your children and servants give you thanks for all of your goodness and love toward us and toward all whom you have made. We thank you especially for the gift of your Son Jesus Christ. And so, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies that with truly thankful hearts we may live generously without reservation. May these humble offerings be multiplied so that your name may be praised. Amen.

*** HYMN TFWS No. 2220 We Are God's People SYMPHONY**

*** PRONOUNCEMENT OF BLESSING**

POSTLUDE **Postlude** William Mathias
(1934-1992)

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 Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Price.

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

THE ROSEBUD ON THE ALTAR is given to the glory of God and in honor of Zachary Charles Cecil, son of Lucas and Laura Cecil, born on July 30, 2018. Proud grandparents are Steve and Cathy Cecil and Jimmy and Teresa Hamilton.

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

	8:45	11:00
Lay Reader:	Barbara Long	David Hamby
Acolytes:	Ava Pittard	Sarah Hargrove and Will Self
Crucifer:	Alex Pardue	Grey Metts

MEMBERS OF THE ALTAR GUILD serving in September are Marianna Harris, 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 Sandra Hughey and Betty Huneycutt, who will be in the Prayer Room on our behalf at noon to pray for requests given on the Prayer Request Cards.

JOIN THE 2019 HAITI MISSION | January 19-26, 2019

The Haiti Mission Team is in the process of planning a trip, and there will be an interest meeting **today** in the John Wesley Room immediately following the 11 a.m. worship service. A deposit of \$250.00 is due by **September 20, 2018**.

GUEST PREACHER, RANDY EVANS, WALKING TALL MINISTRY

On **Sunday, September 23**, we will welcome Randy Evans, who will preach and teach in both the 9 and 11a.m. services. Randy leads a faith movement in Wilmington called "Walking Tall," which builds relationships with individuals experiencing poverty by giving these neighbors full access to their needs through safe and sacred spaces in the heart of downtown Wilmington. During the Sunday School hour in the Reading Area, Randy will be sharing extensively about the vision of Walking Tall and how FSUMC might become more deeply involved in the lives of our neighbors experiencing poverty in Burlington.

AGAPE PROJECT 2018

A friendly reminder to please return all AGAPE Christmas boxes by **Sunday, September 23**. Thank you for making Christmas special for these children.

A BIBLE STUDY FOR BUSY LIVES

Join Pastor Ross on a 24-week journey through the Bible. Disciple Fast Track enables busy people to fit a comprehensive Bible study into their schedules. This class will meet **Sunday evenings, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.** in Room 303, beginning **October 7**. Please register by **September 23** to assist with planning. Visit www.frontstreetumc.org/features for more information and to register.

JEANNE ROBERTSON SHOW: A MISSION FUNDRAISER

Jeanne Robertson will be performing a show at Front Street UMC on **Sunday, October 14** at 2:30 p.m. in Aldersgate Hall. All proceeds benefit the FSUMC Haiti mission in January 2019! Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased from the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings, from a team member, or in the church office.

NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES

It's time! It's time for us to update our pictorial directory. Lifetouch will be at our church to photograph all families on **October 26-27, 29-30, and November 1-3**. Our directory won't be complete without you. You may begin signing up on our church website or in person during office hours, Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Watch the bulletin/newsletter/etc. for more information in the coming weeks.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Date	8:45	9:00	11:00	Online	Total
8/19	38	69	202	8	317
8/26	44	49	190	10	293
9/2	47	43	147	0	237
9/9	0	0	234	17	251

SEE BACK OF BULLETIN FOR MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 16, 2018

Sunday, September 16

8:30 American Red Cross Blood Drive	Aldersgate Hall
8:45 Worship Service	Sanctuary
9:00 Contemporary Worship Service	Aldersgate Hall
9:45 Sunday School	Classrooms
11:00 Worship Service	Sanctuary
12:00 Haiti Mission Trip Interest Meeting	John Wesley Room
4:00 Children's Choir	Sanctuary
4:00 Youth Choir	Choir Room
5:00 Wesley Ringers	Room 307
5:00 Youth Bells	Bell Room
6:00 UMYF/Confirmation	Aldersgate Hall

Tuesday, September 18

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 19

7:30 Youth Breakfast Club	Dr. Cecil's Office 1711 Sykes St.
5:30 BMMT Evaluation Meeting	John Wesley Room
6:00 Aldersgate Praise Band	Aldersgate Hall
7:00 Lay Leadership & Nominations Meeting	John Wesley Room
7:00 Wednesday Night Ladies Bible Study	Room 401
7:00 Chancel Choir	Choir Room

Thursday, September 20

9:30 Prayer and Meditation	Prayer Room
10:00 Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting	Room 303
6:00 Finance Committee Meeting	John Wesley Room

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CROP WALK

The time is near for the Alamance County CROP WALK, to be held on Saturday, October 6. Did you know that Alamance has raised over \$2.1M in support of hunger relief since its 1979 start? 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.

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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