

**THE WORSHIP OF GOD**  
**September 23, 2018**  
**EIGHTEENTH 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      Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service**

Janet Linker  
(b. 1938)

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

Leader: Let us worship the triune God, who is gracious and merciful;

**People: Who is patient, full of faithful love, and ready to forgive;**

Leader: Who embraces the poor, the orphan, the widow, and the immigrant;

**People: Who, through Jesus Christ, gives to all who suffer and serve in God's name.**

**\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 66**

**Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven**

**LAUDA ANIMA**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

God refuses to let sin determine our relationship to God. In Christ, God has lavished mercy on us through his faithful death and resurrection. Therefore, let us confess our sins together, confident that God's grace is sufficient for us.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)**

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart, and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. You love us unconditionally, but we are afraid to be vulnerable and extend that love to our neighbors. Forgive our fear and reluctance to embrace you in others. Reduce the divisions that lie between us and that plague our world to rubble, that we might be set free to be people of reconciliation. Purge our sinfulness, that we might walk in the way that leads to life. Amen.**

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

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Leader: Almighty God, have mercy on us. Forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep us in eternal life.

**All: Glory to God! Amen.**

**SUNG RESPONSE      Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive      DETROIT**

Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls, and bid resentment cease; then, bound to all in bonds of love, our lives will spread your peace.      UMH No. 390, Stanza 4

**\* PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**MISSION MOMENT      Crop Walk      Jenna Johnson**

**†† 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)**

**Holy Spirit, break open the Scriptures to us, that in our hearing we may become doers of your Word. Challenge us; comfort us; send us. Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON      Isaiah 58:6-12      OT Page 688**

**†† ANTHEM      No Hands but Yours      J. Jerome Williams  
Chancel Choir      (b. 1938)**

Christ has no body now on earth but yours: no hands but yours; no feet but yours: Christ has no body now on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which to look out Christ's compassion to the world. Yours are the feet on which He is to go about doing good, and yours are the hands with which He is to bless us now.

*-St. Teresa of Avila, Spain (16<sup>th</sup> Century)*

**\* † GOSPEL LESSON      Matthew 8:5-10; 13:53-58      NT Pages 8, 15**

**† SERMON      "Let God Be God"      Rev. Ross Carter**

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

**†† SERMON      Randy Evans, Founder  
Walking Tall Wilmington**

**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**

**Children of the Heavenly Father**

Davis Kelton, tenor      Joel Martinson  
UMH No. 141      (b. 1960)

**\* 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)**

**For all the remarkable generosity you show to us and to all creation, we give you thanks, O God. Bless this act of giving, that it may be for us both a sacrifice and a witness to your abundance. Employ these gifts, we pray, for the sake of others, that all might come within reach of your saving embrace; through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**\* HYMN NO. 581      Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service**

**BEACH SPRING**

**\* PRONOUNCEMENT OF BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE**

**Grand Choeur      Théodore Dubois  
(1837-1924)**

**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. & Mrs. Phil Minton.

**WE WELCOME** Randy Evans as our guest preacher in both the 9 and 11 a.m. services. Randy leads a faith movement in Wilmington called "Walking Tall," which builds relationships with individuals experiencing poverty. Join us in Aldersgate Hall during the Sunday School hour as Randy shares 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.

**OUR SOLOIST** this morning is Davis Kelton. Davis graduated with a Bachelor of Arts from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. He currently works as the returns coordinator for James M. Pleasants Company (HVAC Factory Representative) in Greensboro. He has been singing in the Chancel Choir at Front Street for nearly six years. We are grateful for the musical gifts he shares with us on a weekly basis.

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God and in honor of the marriage of Donny Dutton and Nicole Steele on September 21<sup>st</sup>. Donny is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Marshall Old.

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

	8:45	11:00
Lay Reader:	Gary Harris	Coy Clayton
Acolyte:	Luke Andress	Turner Hargrove
Crucifer:	William Joyner	Kaelan Mims

**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](mailto:prayer@frontstreetumc.org). We thank team member Vickie Sykes, who will be in the Prayer Room on our behalf at noon to pray for requests given on the Prayer Request Cards.

**Azalea Community Gathering**

The Azalea Community Gathering has been rescheduled for **Saturday, September 29, 3:00-5:00 p.m.** Contact Betty Huneycutt for details.

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

Circles 1, 2, and 4 will meet for refreshments in the Heritage Center at 10:00 a.m. on **Monday, October 1**, followed by a general meeting in the Chapel at 10:30 a.m. Circle 5 will meet on **Tuesday, October 9** at 7:00 p.m. in the Heritage Center. Visitors are welcome. For more information, please contact Doris Jefferson at 336-228-0130.

**CROP WALK**

The time is near for the Alamance County CROP WALK, to be held on **Saturday, October 6**. 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.

**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. **Beginning October 7**, this class will meet **Sunday evenings from 5:00 -6:00 p.m.** in Room 303. Please register by the end of **today** to assist with planning. Visit [www.frontstreetumc.org/features](http://www.frontstreetumc.org/features) for more information and to register.

**JEANNE ROBERTSON SHOW: A MISSION FUNDRAISER**

Tickets are selling fast for Jeanne Robertson's show on **Sunday, October 14** at 2:30 p.m. in Aldersgate Hall. All proceeds benefit the FSUMC Haiti mission trip in January 2019! Tickets are still available for \$30 and can be purchased from the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings, in the church office, or from a team member.

**NEW MEMBER GATHERING**

Do you have questions about joining the membership of Front Street? Have you joined the church in the past year, and would like to learn more about how to get plugged in? Join Pastor Ross and his wife Sarah at their home on **October 21 at 7:00 p.m.** for dessert, where information will be shared about the UMC, and Front Street, in particular. Please email Pastor Ross ([ross@frontstreetumc.org](mailto:ross@frontstreetumc.org)) to RSVP.

**NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES**

You are invited to be included in our new family directory. We need YOU to make our directory complete. PLUS this is a great opportunity for an updated family photograph. Lifetouch will be at our church to photograph all families on **October 26-27, 29-30, and November 1-3**. You may sign up on our church website or in person during office hours, Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

Date	8:45	9:00	11:00	Online	Total
8/26	44	49	190	10	293
9/2	47	43	147	0	237
9/9	0	0	234	17	251
9/16	36	41	188	15	280

**CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 23, 2018**

**Sunday, September 23**

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

**Tuesday, September 25**

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 26**

7:30	Youth Breakfast Club	Dr. Cecil's Office 1711 Sykes St.
6:00	Aldersgate Praise Band	Aldersgate Hall
7:00	Wednesday Night Ladies Bible Study	Room 401
7:00	Chancel Choir	Choir Room

**Thursday, September 27**

2:00	Thursday Afternoon Book Study	Room 409
7:00	Vision Team Meeting	Room 301

**Saturday, September 29**

3:00	Azalea Community Gathering	Azalea MHP
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**Sunday, September 30**

8:45	Worship Service	Sanctuary
9:00	Contemporary Worship Service	Aldersgate Hall
9:45	Sunday School	Classrooms
11:00	Worship Service	Sanctuary
4:00	Children's Choir	Sanctuary
4:00	Youth Choir	Choir Room
5:00	Wesley Ringers	Room 307
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**Bulletin image:** "Luke 14 Banquet"

Artist: Hyatt Moore  
Acrylic on Canvas  
Collection of Joni and Friends, Agoura Hills, California

**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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Rev. Patrick Murphy

**Youth Minister**

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