

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
OCTOBER 25, 2020
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
ELEVEN O’CLOCK

GATHERING AND COMMUNITY CONCERNS

PRELUDE **Prelude on Here, “O My Lord”** James Pethel (b. 1936)

CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVELY)

Leader: Our hearts are lifted up toward God.

People: God created all that is!

Leader: We celebrate that great love of God.

People: God gifted us with God’s only son, Jesus the Christ.

Leader: Rejoice and be glad today!

People: Our hearts and spirits praise God for all his blessings. Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 110 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God EIN’ FESTE BURG
(see page 3 for the words to this hymn)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us test and examine our ways, and return to the Lord.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)

Merciful God, it isn’t easy for us to follow the commandments of loving. Jesus said the greatest commandment is to love God and to love our neighbors. But we have allowed misunderstanding, fear, hatred, and prejudice to cloud our spirits, turning them away from those who need our love. Please forgive us for this foolishness and stubbornness. We ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

PERSONAL CONFESSION AND MEDITATION (IN SILENCE)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Though our hearts were hardened, God has touched them with his compassionate care; healing our wounds, and giving courage and strength to our souls. Be assured that God’s love is poured out for you and rejoice!

People: We rejoice in the name of Jesus Christ.

All: Glory to God. Amen.

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 is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 22:34-40

SERMON "Loving God and Neighbor" Rev. Ross Carter

*** THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from there he shall come to judge the quick and the
dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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

HYMN NO. 557 Blest Be the Tie That Binds DENNIS

BENEDICTION

The ushers will dismiss the congregation by rows.

POSTLUDE Toccata in Seven John Rutter (b. 1945)

110 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1. A might-y for-tress is our God, a bul-wark nev-er fail-ing;
 2. Did we in our own strength con-fide, our striv-ing would be los-ing,
 3. And though this world, with dev-ils filled, should threat-en to un-do us,
 4. That word a-bove all earth-ly powers, no thanks to them, a-bid-eth;

our help-er he a-mid the flood of mor-tal ills pre-vail-ing.
 were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choos-ing.
 we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to tri-umph through us.
 the Spir-it and the gifts are ours, thru him who with us sid-eth.

For still our an-cient foe doth seek to work us woe; his craft and
 Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je-sus, it is he; Lord Sa-ba-
 The Prince of Dark-ness grim, we trem-ble not for him; his rage we
 Let goods and kin-dred go, this mor-tal life al-so; the bod-y

power are great, and armed with cru-el hate, on earth is not his e-qual.
 oth, his name, from age to age the same, and he must win the bat-tle.
 can en-dure, for lo, his doom is sure; one lit-tle word shall fell him.
 they may kill; God's truth a-bid-eth still; his king-dom is for-ev-er.

WORDS: Martin Luther, ca. 1529; trans. by Frederick H. Hedge, 1853 (Ps. 46)
 MUSIC: Martin Luther, ca. 1529; harm. from *The New Hymnal for American Youth*, 1930

EIN' FESTE BURG
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557 Blest Be the Tie That Binds

1. Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in
 2. Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our
 3. We share each oth - er's woes, our mu - tual
 4. When we a - sun - der part, it gives us

Chris - tian love; the fel - low - ship of
 ar - dent prayers; our fears, our hopes, our
 bur - dens bear; and of - ten for each
 in - ward pain; but we shall still be

kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.
 aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
 oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.

WORDS: John Fawcett, 1782
 MUSIC: Johann G. Nägeli; arr. by Lowell Mason, 1845

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GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Thank you for your support of the mission and ministry of the church. Offering plates are placed at the doors from the narthex into the sanctuary so that our gifts and tithes may be placed in them upon entering or leaving. 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).

THE ROSEBUD ON THE ALTAR is given to the glory of God and in honor of Matthew Stephenson Lewis, son of Stephen and Leana Lewis, born on September 15, 2020. Proud grandparents are Gene and Elizabeth Fonville.

WE THANK Fred Glassford for serving as lay reader during our worship service.

THE UPPER ROOM

The November-December issue of The Upper Room is available. Copies are located in the narthex and the Welcome Center.

CEREAL SUNDAY | NOVEMBER 1

Please deposit cereal or other canned/dry goods in the tubs in the cabinet in the Welcome Center. Thank you for helping stock the food pantry at the Salvation Army.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The following dates are available to place flowers in the sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one: **November 29, and December 6, 13, 24, and 27**. Please contact Linda Paul at 336-543-5081 or kpaul5@triad.rr.com for details or to sign up.

SHARE IN OUR ADVENT DEVOTION

We are seeking Front Street friends to participate in our 2020 Advent devotion:

- 1) Adults or youth to write a short devotion
- 2) Youth or children to create art for inclusion in the booklet

Turn in a draft of your devotion and art no later than **October 30, 2020**. Full details at www.frontstreetumc.org/features.

PLAYSCHOOL FUNDRAISER

The Front Street Playschool is raising support for classroom resources by selling Attractions Dining and Value Guides. Their goal is to raise \$1,000. They only have a short time to reach their goal; **Friday, October 30** is the last day! Questions? Contact Rebecca Hurdle at playschoolfs@gmail.com or 336-227-6603.

PRAYER VIGIL

The Prayer Team invites you to participate in a PRAYER VIGIL for our nation, and the upcoming election on **Saturday, October 31**, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. The church will be available for prayer time, or you may choose to be in prayer at home. Resource materials and a prayer guide are available at www.frontstreetumc.org. Handouts will be available at the church, and a designated area for prayer will be announced. Please bring your own Bible for scripture reading.

DRIVE THRU TRUNK OR TREAT

Our drive thru trunk or treat for the younger members of our church family is coming up on **Saturday, October 31, 4:00-6:00 p.m.** in the Webb Ave. parking lot! Dress up in your favorite costume and drive thru to collect candy and treats! Enter the church parking lot from Front Street (signs will direct you). *This event will take place rain or shine!*

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

We will celebrate All Saints' Sunday on **November 1**. There will be reserved seating for families of those we remember.

BLOOD DRIVE

Front Street will have a blood drive on **Saturday, November 7** from **8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.** in Aldersgate Hall. Note: donors can go ahead and sign up now online at www.redcrossblood.org, sponsor code: Front Street. Also, donors may text or call Gene Fonville at 336-260-8114 (cell) for more information or to schedule your appointment.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

You're invited to pack a Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child shoebox. It's simple.

- Pick up an empty shoebox in the Welcome Center area.
- Follow the instructions inside the box for packing.
- Return the packed shoebox to the designated spot in the Welcome Center by

Monday, November 9.

Packed shoeboxes will be delivered throughout the world to children in need, and will spread the good news of God's love. Thank you for supporting Operation Christmas Child. For more information visit www.frontstreetumc.org/features.

POINSETTIAS

Poinsettias will be placed in the Sanctuary on **Sunday, November 29**. They may be given in honor or in memory of a loved one. To place your order, visit www.frontstreetumc.org or an order form will be available in the next newsletter. Order forms are also available in the Welcome Center. Deadline to order is **November 15**. Cost is \$24.00.

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 25, 2020

Sunday, October 25

11:00	Worship Service	Sanctuary
6:00	UMYF	Aldersgate Hall

Tuesday, October 27

9:00	Men's Breakfast Bible Study	Zoom
9:30	Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study	Room 402
6:00	Epworth Ringers	Bell Room

Saturday, October 31

9:00	Prayer Vigil	Church or Home
4:00	Drive Thru Trunk or Treat	Webb Ave. Parking Lot

Sunday, November 1

11:00	Worship Service	Sanctuary
6:00	UMYF	Aldersgate Hall
