

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
NOVEMBER 15, 2020
TWENTY-FOURTH 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.

Singing: We will not be singing the hymns. You are encouraged to read the meaningful words as the hymn is played.

GATHERING AND COMMUNITY CONCERNS

PRELUDE

Folktune

Charles Callahan
(b. 1951)

CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVELY)

Leader: Fear the Lord, you his holy ones. They lack nothing, those who fear God.

People: The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

HYMN NO. 79 (STANZAS 1-4) Holy God, We Praise Thy Name GROSSER GOTT

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Scriptures say, "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Therefore, let us confess our sins before God and each other.

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

Leader: The Scriptures say further, "If anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world." In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: Glory to God! Amen.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Col. Norm McDaniel

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (IN UNISON)

O Holy Spirit, find us where we are today in the reading and proclaiming of the Word. Challenge us with its truth, so that we may leave behind those parts of us that need to die, and so that we might step into the new life given to us by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Corinthians 8:1-15

SERMON

"This Work of Grace"

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

HYMN NO. 581

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

BEACH SPRING

BENEDICTION

The ushers will dismiss the congregation by rows.

POSTLUDE

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

Paul Manz
(1919-2009)

79 Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

1. Ho - ly God, we praise thy name; Lord of all, we
 2. Hark, the glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -
 3. Lo! the ap - os - tol - ic train joins thy sa - cred
 4. Ho - ly Fa - ther, Ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it:
 *5. Christ, thou art our glo - rious King, Son of God, en -

bow be - fore thee; all on earth thy scep - ter claim;
 bow are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,
 name to hal - low; proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,
 three we name thee, though in es - sence on - ly one;
 throned in splen - dor; but de - liv - er - ance to bring

all in heaven a - bove a - dore thee. In - fi - nite thy
 in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heavens with
 and the white-robed mar - tyrs fol - low. And from morn to
 un - di - vid - ed God we claim thee, and a - dor - ing
 thou all hon - ors didst sur - ren - der, and wast of a

vast do - main; ev - er - last - ing is thy reign.
 sweet ac - cord: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord.
 set of sun, through the church the song goes on.
 bend the knee while we own the mys - ter - y.
 vir - gin born hum - bly on that bless - ed morn.

*May be omitted

WORDS: Sts. 1-4, Ignaz Franz, 18th cent.; trans. by Clarence Walworth, 1853;
 sts. 5-7, F. Bland Tucker, 1982MUSIC: *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, ca. 1774
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581 Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

1. Lord, whose love through hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of
 2. Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry
 3. As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-
 4. Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear

hu-man need, who up-on the cross, for-sak-en,
 cry for bread; still the cap-tives long for free-dom;
 veal-ing light in its height and depth and great-ness
 name we go to the child, the youth, the a-ged,

of-fered mer-cy's per-fect deed: we, your ser-vants, bring the
 still in grief we mourn our dead. As, O Lord, your deep com-
 dawns up-on our quick-ened sight, mak-ing known the needs and
 love in liv-ing deeds to show; hope and health, good will and

wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart, con-se-crat-ing
 pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul, use the love your
 bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear, stir-ring us to
 com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give, that your ser-vants,

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 MUSIC: Attr. to B. F. White, 1844; harm. by Ronald A. Nelson, 1978

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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).

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in memory of Bob, Betty, and Robin Smith by Todd, Beverly, Alexis, and Matt Smith and Leigh Jones.

WE THANK Mary Holden Burke for serving as lay reader during our worship service.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Our stewardship focus this year is "For Such A Time As This...." Let's join in renewing our covenant to live faithfully as ministers of the church with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. On Pledge Sunday (**November 22**) we will have the opportunity to communicate our pledges for 2021; and, this year you have a couple of options on how to do that:

- **You can bring your pledge card to worship**, if you are comfortable attending in person.
- **You can mail your pledge card to our Financial Manager**, Tammy Page, in the church office (PO Box 2597, Burlington, NC 27216).
- **You can deliver your pledge card to the Church Office** Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- **This year there is a new option. You can enter your pledge online.** Just go to Front Street's website (frontstreetumc.org) and click on the *For Such a Time as This* logo. This online method has the same blanks to fill in as the paper pledge card. When you hit "Submit" after the final question, it will send the information directly to our Financial Manager, Tammy Page.

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 pick up an order form from the Welcome Center. Deadline to order is **today**. Cost is \$24.00.

TURKEYS FOR EASTLAWN ELEMENTARY

Thank you to everyone who purchased a turkey for an Eastlawn Elementary family. We are still accepting donations. Make checks payable to Front Street UMC with "turkey" in the memo-line, and turn into the church office by **November 20**. Also, volunteers are needed to assist with delivering the turkeys to Eastlawn on **Monday, November 23 at 9:00 a.m.** Please contact Marcy at marcy@frontstreetumc.org to volunteer. Thank you for your support of this ministry and for your part in sharing Christ with the children of Eastlawn Elementary and their families.

ADVENT DEVOTIONS

Front Street's Advent Devotions 2020 will be available **Sunday, November 29**. We invite you to sign up to receive an Advent devotion directly to your inbox three times a week (Sundays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays). Visit www.frontstreetumc.org to sign up. A limited number of hard copies will be available to pick up in the Welcome Center or Narthex. We ask that you only take one copy per family. We hope these devotions will be a source of renewal for you this Advent season.

FORGOTTEN ANGEL DRIVE

Each year, there are angels left on the tree—FORGOTTEN because they are reaching the top of the age limit. No one wants to provide Christmas gifts for them. The Salvation Army needs heroes that champion the cause for 9 to 12-year-old boys and girls. How can you help? Purchase an item or two for older boys and girls. Pick up a list of suggested items from the Welcome Center. Drop your unwrapped gift(s) in the Welcome Center by **Monday, November 30**.

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 15, 2020

Sunday, November 15

8:30 Pilgrimage (virtually)	Aldersgate Hall
11:00 Worship Service	Sanctuary
2:30 Annual Charge Conference	Zoom

Tuesday, November 17

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

Thursday, November 19

9:00 Men's Breakfast Bible Study	Zoom
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Sunday, November 22

11:00 Worship Service/Pledge Sunday	Sanctuary
12:00 Confirmation Orientation	Ministry Center
6:00 UMYF	Aldersgate Hall
