

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

Lay Reader: Martha Brannock

**WELCOME!** We're glad that you have chosen to worship with us today. Following this service, there is a gathering in the Heritage Center for fellowship and refreshments. Please join us. Our hosts this week are Tom and Mary Holden Burke.

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God.

**MEMBERS OF THE ALTAR GUILD** serving in November are Martha Brannock, Margaret Mitchell, Chris Presley, Doris Simpson, Linda Weavil, and Nancy Wilson.

**THE PRAYER REQUEST CARDS** are located on the tables in the narthex and may be placed in the offering plate or in the prayer request box in the narthex area, or you may email the prayer ministry team at prayer@frontstreetumc.org. A member of the prayer team will collect requests and offer prayers for requests given on the prayer request cards.

**TODAY IS UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY**

Gifts to the United Methodist Student Day offering help deserving United Methodist students continue their education and their faith journeys as they strive to make a difference in the world and discern what God has called them to do. Offering envelopes are provided for your gift.

**ADVENT DEVOTIONS**

Front Street's Advent Devotions 2021 are available **today**. Please pick up a copy in the Welcome Center, Narthex, or Heritage Center. We ask that you only take one copy per family. Beginning **today**, a daily devotion will be posted on Front Street's Facebook page. 'Like' us to receive notifications. Alternatively, sign up at our website, www.frontstreetumc.org, to receive a daily Advent devotion straight to your inbox. We hope these devotions will be a source of renewal for you this Advent season.

**BEL CANTO CONCERT**

Bel Canto Company (Greensboro, NC) will present their Christmas concert on **tomorrow evening** at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. All are invited to attend. A love offering will be collected to defray costs. Masks required.

**YOUTH MISSIONS FUNDRAISER EXTENDED**

That's right! Now through the end of the season (**December 3, 2021**), you can continue shopping online with Charleston Wrap using our unique organization ID, and we will still reap the benefits! Not only is it incredibly easy to continue supporting our cause, but it also gives you a great opportunity to get more of the products you love or cross even more off your holiday shopping list. For more information, visit www.frontstreetumc.org.

**CEREAL SUNDAY**

Don't forget **December 5** is Cereal Sunday at FSUMC! Please deposit cereal or other canned/dry goods in the tubs in the cabinet in the Welcome Center. Thank you!

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

The following dates are available to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or memory of a loved one: **December 24 and 26**. For more information, please contact Linda Paul at 336-543-5081 (cell) or kpaul5@triad.rr.com (email).

**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

Date	Aldersgate	11:00	Total
10/31	30	113	143
11/7	32	142	174
11/14	30	137	167
11/21	34	124	158

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**CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 28, 2021**

**Sunday, November 28**

8:45	Aldersgate Contemporary Worship	Aldersgate Hall
9:45	Sunday School	Classrooms
9:45	Aldersgate Praise Band Rehearsal	Chapel
11:00	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary

**Monday, November 29**

2:00	Jesse Williams Memorial Service	Sanctuary
7:30	Bel Canto Concert	Sanctuary

**Tuesday, November 30**

9:00	Men's Breakfast Bible Study	Zoom
9:30	Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study	Room 401
6:15	Epworth Ringers	Bell Room

**Wednesday, December 1**

7:30	Youth Breakfast Club	Biscuitville on S. Church Street
7:00	The Empty Chair Bible Study	Room 401
6:30	Chancel Choir	Choir Room

**Thursday, December 2**

9:00	Sabbath Study	Chapel
9:30	Prayer Ministry	Room 402/Zoom

**Sunday, December 5**

8:45	Aldersgate Contemporary Worship	Aldersgate Hall
9:45	Sunday School	Classrooms
9:45	Aldersgate Praise Band Rehearsal	Chapel
11:00	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
6:00	UMYF	Aldersgate Hall
6:00	Confirmation Class	AH/Ministry Center

**TREES OF LOVE**

This season, share Christ with our neighbors by adorning our Trees of Love:

**Tree of Grace:** Pastor's Discretionary Community Relief Fund assists members of the community who are in financial distress. Specifically, this fund helps to pay for electric, gas, and water bills.

**Tree of Hope:** Our Sister's House has women and children residing there over the holidays. Help make Christmas special for them by taking an ornament and returning the item listed on the reverse. Let's bring some hope to our neighbors who need our help the most.

**Tree of Life:** Allied Churches has specific requests for the following items:

- carryout/to go trays (the clam type)
- garbage bags
- paper towels
- toilet paper

Adorn our Trees of Love with the spirit of giving! Please return all items (unwrapped) to the trees by **Sunday, December 19**. Note: if you are donating money or gift cards, please return to the church office.

# FRONT STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Our Mission:**

*Knowing Christ • Growing in Christ • Sharing Christ*



**Pastors**  
Rev. Ross Carter  
Rev. Stephan Margeson

**Youth Minister**  
Chris Huneycutt

**Minister of Visitation**  
Leslie B. Peavy

**Children's Minister**  
Melissa Miller

**Organist/Director of Music**  
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**THE WORSHIP OF GOD  
NOVEMBER 28, 2021  
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

*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.*

*All in attendance are required to wear a mask regardless of vaccination status.*

\* Please stand as you are able.

**ELEVEN O'CLOCK**

**GATHERING AND COMMUNITY CONCERNS**

**PRELUDE** **Nun komm', der Heiden Heiland, BWV 661**  
**("Savior of the Nations, Come")** J. S. Bach  
UMH No. 214 (1685-1750)

**OPENING PRAYER: Blessing of the Chrismon Tree and Advent Wreath** (IN UNISON)

Holy Lord, we come with joy to prepare our hearts to celebrate the birth of your Son, who rescued us from the darkness of sin by making the cross a tree of life and light. May this tree, arrayed in splendor, remind us of the life-giving cross of Christ, that we may always rejoice in the new life that shines in our hearts.

Christ came to bring us salvation and has promised to come again. Let us pray that we may always be ready to welcome him:

Loving God, your Church joyfully awaits the coming of its Savior, who enlightens our hearts and dispels the darkness of ignorance and sin. Pour forth your blessings upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May their light reflect the splendor of Christ, who is Lord, for ever and ever. Amen.

\* **PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 196** **Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus**  
**HYFRYDOL**

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH** Sandy Elliott

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

The Lord offers us peace. May we respond to that offer by confessing the condition of our hearts.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (IN UNISON)

Lord, hear us this day as we open our hearts and our spirits to you. We find ourselves fretful and on edge these days. Help us to find our rest, and our peace, in you. By the power of your Holy Spirit, remind us of how blessed we are; lead us to pass our blessedness into the lives of those around us. As you have given to us, may we find joy in giving of ourselves to others. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

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

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE** (IN RESPONSE TO CONFESSION)

Leader: Through Christ we have peace. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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

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

**TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES**

All children are invited to come forward to the chancel steps. Children ages 4 – first grade may then depart for Children's Church in Room 309.

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** (IN UNISON)

Let the word of faith be on our lips and in our hearts, and let all other words slip away. May there be one voice we hear today—the voice of truth and grace. Amen.

\* **SCRIPTURE LESSON** **Jeremiah 33:14-16** OT Page 738  
**Luke 21:25-36** NT Page 85

**SERMON** "Time to Go Home" 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**

**On Jordan's Bank**  
Chancel Choir

Gerald Peterson

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry  
Announces that the Lord is nigh;  
Awake and listen, for he brings  
Glad tidings of the King of kings!

For you are our salvation, Lord,  
Our refuge and our great reward;  
Once more upon your people shine  
And fill the world with love divine.

To heal the sick, stretch out your hand,  
And make the fallen sinner stand;  
Shine out, and let your light restore  
Earth's own true loveliness once more.

To you, O Christ, all praises be,  
Whose advent sets your people free,  
Whom with the Father we adore,  
And Holy Spirit evermore!

-Charles Coffin (1676-1749); trans., John Chandler (1806-1876)

\* **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

\* **AFFIRMATION FROM I TIMOTHY**

UMH No. 889

**Leader:**

There is one God  
and there is one mediator, Christ Jesus,  
who came as a ransom for all,  
to whom we testify.

**People:**

This saying is sure  
and worthy of full acceptance:  
That Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners,  
and was manifested in the flesh,  
vindicated in the Spirit,  
seen by angels,  
proclaimed among the nations,  
believed in throughout the world,  
taken up in glory.  
Great indeed is the mystery of the gospel. Amen.

\* **HYMN No. 718** **Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending**

**HELMSLEY**

\* **BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

**Tell Out, My Soul**  
UMH No. 200

Paul Manz  
(1919-2009)