

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

Lay Reader: Mary Holden Burke

THE UPPER ROOM

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

YOUTH FUNDRAISER – CHARLESTON WRAP

Today is the last day to purchase Charleston Wrap products as a fundraiser for youth missions. Go ahead and get your Christmas shopping done early! To order, stop by our table in the Welcome Center today or visit our website. All the funds we raise go to our Missions Fund for summer 2022.

CHARGE CONFERENCE

Front Street's annual Charge Conference is on **Thursday, October 21 at 7:45 p.m. by Zoom**. Charge Conference is a time for us to celebrate the life of the church in preparation for a new year. Our Visioning Team members are the voting members of the Charge Conference.

ADVENT DEVOTIONS

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to write a devotion to be included in our 2021 Advent devotional booklet. There are still plenty of scriptures remaining to be taken. The task is straightforward—choose a scripture from the list, write a short (300 word maximum) devotion around that scripture, include a title and a prayer, and submit it by **October 24**. Full details at www.frontstreetumc.org.

POINSETTIAS

Poinsettias will be placed in the Sanctuary on **Sunday, November 28**. They may be given in honor or in memory of a loved one. To place your order, visit www.frontstreetumc.org or look for an order form in the next newsletter. Also, forms are available in the Welcome Center. Deadline to order is **November 14**. Cost is \$25.00.

QUICK STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

In preparation for our Stewardship Campaign which begins next month, we are sharing weekly videos in which individuals in different ministries of the church share why Front Street is important to them. Find these videos in Tuesday's "Front Street Happenings" emails, Facebook, and Instagram. To be added to the "Happenings" email list, contact Joanna@frontstreetumc.org.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

| Date | Aldersgate | 11:00 | Total |
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| 9/19 | 30 | 90 | 120 |
| 9/26 | 30 | 114 | 144 |
| 10/3 | 28 | 100 | 128 |
| 10/10 | 30 | 128 | 158 |

SEE BACK OF BULLETIN FOR MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 17, 2021

Sunday, October 17

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

Tuesday, October 19

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| 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, October 20

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| 7:30 Youth Breakfast Club | Biscuitville on S. Church Street |
| 7:00 Chancel Choir | Choir Room |
| 7:00 Reckless Love Study | Room 301 |
| 7:00 Wednesday Night Women's Bible Study | Room 401 |

Thursday, October 21

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| 9:30 Prayer Ministry | Room 402/Zoom |
| 10:00 Prayer Shawl Ministry | Room 405 |
| 7:45 Annual Charge Conference | Zoom |

Sunday, October 24

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**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

Organist/Director of Music

Dr. Matt Brittain

Choir Director

Dr. Brad Logan

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
OCTOBER 17, 2021
TWENTY-FIRST 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.

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 **Take Up Thy Cross, the Savior Said**
Howard Helvey
(b. 1968)

CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVELY)

Leader: God created the heavens and the earth.

People: And gave them to us to use and enjoy.

Leader: And God breathed life into each of us, and set us on the earth.

People: And God sent Jesus Christ to save us from the pull of death.

Leader: Everything that fills our souls with gladness and light is a gift from the loving Creator.

People: We have been entrusted with unfathomable riches. For all this, our God is to be praised. Let us worship God together!

* **OPENING HYMN No. 152** **I Sing the Almighty Power of God**
FOREST GREEN

CALL TO CONFESSION

We have been so focused on having *seats* in the kingdom that we almost lost focus on the *work* of the kingdom. We have become so pious that we neglect those in need.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)

Lord, you know how many times I *thought* I knew... how to run my life, how to fix their problems, and how you should answer prayer. But each time, through trauma or tragedy, hardship or hard times, you remind me how much I *don't* know about your will. Though I may not like it at the time, please remind me that you are God, and I am not. Ask me questions I can't answer. Give me answers I can't comprehend. Remind me that you laid the earth's foundation. That you speak and the winds obey. That you squeeze the clouds 'til rain falls. Then give me the good sense to hold my peace and meditate on what you've just said. Amen.

PERSONAL CONFESSION AND MEDITATION (IN SILENCE)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (IN RESPONSE TO CONFESSION)

Leader: The God who wraps himself in a storm and speaks to Job is the same God who wrapped himself in a human body to die on a cross. 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.
Children ages 4 – first grade may then depart for Children's Church in Room 309.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (IN UNISON)

Tune us to hear your voice, to face your silence without fear. Speak and bring to us our Savior, Jesus Christ, to giver of your peace. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Job 38:1-4, 34-41**

SERMON **"Out of the Whirlwind"**
Rev. Stephan Margeson

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 **Keep Your Lamps!** André Thomas
Chancel Choir (b. 1952)

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.
Children don't get weary 'til your work is done.
Christian journey soon be over, the time is drawing nigh.
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.
-Spiritual

* **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

* **THE APOSTLES' CREED (IN UNISON)**

**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 thence 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.**

* **HYMN No. 530** **Are Ye Able** **BEACON HILL**

* **BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE **Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service**
Anne Krentz Organ
(b. 1960)

MEMBERS OF THE ALTAR GUILD serving in October are Teresa Chandler, Trisha Craig, Marianna Harris, Betty Huneycutt, and Marie Ray.

THE PRAYER REQUEST CARDS are located on a table at the entrance of Aldersgate Hall and may be placed in the offering plate or in the prayer request box on this same table, 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.