

THE WORSHIP OF GOD  
SEPTEMBER 4, 2022  
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
HOLY COMMUNION

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.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK

GATHERING AND COMMUNITY CONCERNS

PRELUDER **Dear Lord and Father of Mankind**

William Inabnit, tenor Charles Callahan  
(b. 1951)

CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVELY)

Leader: In the beginning the Creator spoke and... A light flickered bright, day divided from night;

All: **There was evening and morning, the first day.**

Leader: The sky was painted, parting waters above and below;

All: **There was evening and morning, the second day.**

Leader: Plants yielding their own kind, flourishing far and wide;

All: **There was evening and morning, the third day.**

Leader: Up high sun, moon, stars, pointing out times and years;

All: **There was evening and morning, the fourth day.**

Leader: Sea teeming with life, sky filled with creatures of flight;

All: **There was evening and morning, the fifth day**

Leader: Creeping and crawling, vast varieties of life roam the earth, then God formed humans, fashioning his image from dirt;

All: **There was evening and morning, the sixth day.**

Leader: The canvas of creation was full, the Creator savored his good and beautiful work. On the seventh day he ceased all labor and declared it a holy day, commanding:

All: **Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.**

\* OPENING HYMN No. 110 **A Mighty Fortress Is Our God**  
EIN' FESTE BURG

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (IN UNISON)

Jesus said that the stones would praise God if we stopped. So the sky rejoices, and the earth joins in, and the sea applauds at what God has done! Let this Word ring through our ears and make our hearts softer and louder than stone. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Psalm 92  
\*Mark 2:23-28

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SERMON

**Sleeping on Sabbath**

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

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

**The Lord's Prayer** Albert Hay Malotte  
William Inabnit, tenor (1895-1964)

Our Father, which art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy Name.  
Thy kingdom come.  
Thy will be done in earth,  
As it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts,  
As we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
But deliver us from evil:  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

\* DOXOLOGY

**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!

**LASST UNS ERFREUEN**

UMH No. 94

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)

Lord of Creation, create in us a new rhythm of life composed of hours that sustain rather than stress, of days that deliver rather than destroy, of time that tickles rather than tackles.

Lord of Liberation, by the rhythm of your truth, set us free from the bondage and baggage that breaks us, from the

Pharaohs and fellows who fail us, from the plans and pursuits that prey upon us.

Lord of Resurrection, may we be raised into rhythms of your new life, dead to deceitful calendars, dead to fleeting friend requests, dead to the empty peace of our accomplishments.

To our packed-full planners, we bid, "Peace!"  
To our over-caffinated consciences, we say, "Cease!"  
To our suffocating selves, Lord, grant us release.

Drowning in a sea of deadlines and death chimes, we rest in you, our lifeline. By your ever-restful grace, allow us to enter your Sabbath rest as your Sabbath rest enters into us. In the name of our Creator, our Liberator, our Resurrection and Life, we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: We serve the God of abundance. Abundant in love, mercy, grace, and forgiveness. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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

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

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

**The Great Thanksgiving**  
**The Sharing of Bread and Cup**

UMH No. 24  
(Musical Setting E)

If you are unable to come forward for communion, please acknowledge an usher to be served where you are seated.

COMMUNION MUSIC **Barcarolle, Op. 44**

Gabriel Fauré  
(1845-1924)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (IN UNISON)

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

\* CLOSING HYMN **Dear Lord and Father of Mankind**  
(see insert)

REPTON

\* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE **A Mighty Fortress Is Our God**

Timothy Albrecht  
(b. 1950)

**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 Jason and Emily Forgey.

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

Lay Reader: Elizabeth Olivier

**YOUNG DISCIPLES ON COMMUNION SUNDAY:** Today we celebrate communion, and there is no formal children's church during this service. All children are invited to remain in the service to participate in communion (i.e. community). The nursery will remain open for children up to age 5.

**MEMBERS OF THE ALTAR GUILD** serving in September are Marianna Harris, Margaret Blackwell, Susanne Conlon, Mary Ann Garrison, Nancy Hamby, and Suzanne Troxler.

**MEMBERS OF THE BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE** serving in September are Carol Old, Vicki Glassford, Betty Huneycutt, Beth Kelley, Bert Mims, Carol Pace, and June Reid. If you are interested in serving on the Bereavement Committee, please contact Marie Crissman at [marie.crissman@gmail.com](mailto:marie.crissman@gmail.com) or 336-260-2512.

**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 Bev Thomas, who will be in the Prayer Room on our behalf at noon to pray for requests given on the Prayer Request Cards.

#### CEREAL SUNDAY

Cereal Sunday at FSUMC is **today!** Please deposit cereal or other canned/dry goods in the tubs in the cabinet located in the Welcome Center. Please feel free to drop off these items any time during the month. Thank you for your continued support of stocking the food pantry at the Salvation Army.

#### CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed **tomorrow, September 5**, in observance of Labor Day.

#### COVERED DISH LUNCHEON

Everyone is invited to enjoy a covered dish lunch in Aldersgate Hall following our 11:00 a.m. service on **Sunday, September 11**. Please bring enough food for your family plus one other. Drinks will be provided. We hope you'll join us for good food and fellowship!

Volunteers are needed to help set up, serve, and clean up. If you'd like to help, please contact Elizabeth Fonville at [efonville9@gmail.com](mailto:efonville9@gmail.com).

#### UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

The United Women in Faith will resume meeting on **Monday, September 12**. Circles 1, 2, and 4 will meet at 10:00 a.m. in the Heritage Center for refreshments and fellowship. At 10:30 a.m., they will convene in the chapel and Pastor Ray will be the guest speaker. Circle 5 will meet on **Tuesday, September 13** at 7:00 p.m. in the Heritage Center. All women are invited to join us. Contact Kathy Roberson at [kvroberson@yahoo.com](mailto:kvroberson@yahoo.com) or Suzie Lambeth at [suzielambeth@icloud.com](mailto:suzielambeth@icloud.com) for additional information.

#### MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY

The Men's Breakfast Bible Study will resume weekly meetings on **September 13, 2022** at 8 a.m. in the Heritage Center. Arrive a little early and ham biscuits will be available along with coffee and orange juice. Dr. Jim Pace leads the study using the Methodist church lectionary readings for the upcoming week as a guide. Come and enjoy great Christian fellowship and engage in active discussion of the meaning of biblical passages. We would love to see you.

#### WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Date	Aldersgate	11:00	Total
8/7	40	167	207
8/14	52	134	186
8/21	35	137	172
8/28	37	177	214

SEE BACK OF BULLETIN FOR MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 4, 2022

##### Sunday, September 4

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, September 5 - Church Office Closed

##### Tuesday, September 6

6:15	Epworth Ringers	Bell Room
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##### Wednesday, September 7

7:30	Youth Breakfast Club	Biscuitville, 1700 S Church St.
7:00	Chancel Choir	Choir Room

##### Thursday, September 8

12:00	Anti-Racism Book Study	Room 401
7:00	Joint Meeting of Trustees, Finance, SPRC, and Visioning Teams	Chapel

##### Saturday, September 10

8:30	American Red Cross Blood Drive	Aldersgate Hall
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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	Sanctuary
4:00	Children's Choir	Choir Room
4:00	UMYF	Aldersgate Hall

##### TUESDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study will resume on **Tuesday, September 13** at 9:30 a.m. in Room 401. If any woman is interested in joining us, or would like more information, contact Patty Diming at 336-570-9739 or Salley Bradford at [salleybradford@yahoo.com](mailto:salleybradford@yahoo.com).

##### SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The following dates are available to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one: **September 11, 18 and 25**. For more information, please contact Linda Paul at 336-543-5081 (cell) or [kpaul5@triad.rr.com](mailto:kpaul5@triad.rr.com) (email).

##### CROP WALK

The 2022 Alamance County CROP Walk will be our first in-person walk in three years due to the COVID pandemic. This year's walk will begin at Trinity Worship Center on **Saturday, October 1**. Be there at 8:30 a.m. to turn in your money and receive a t-shirt. The walk will begin at 9:30 a.m. Sign up at the CROP table in the Welcome Center. Contact Jenna Johnson at [haj30@bellsouth.net](mailto:haj30@bellsouth.net) for more information.

##### LIVE-STREAMING

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. If you have any questions about this service, please feel free to speak with Pastor Ray. For Aldersgate sermons, search [Aldersgate@FSUMC](mailto:Aldersgate@FSUMC) wherever you find podcasts to listen to past sermons.

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