

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

Lay Reader: John Lewis

HELP FEED A FAMILY THIS THANKSGIVING

Thank you to everyone who purchased a turkey and sides for an Eastlawn Elementary family. We are still accepting donations towards turkey meals (\$35.00). Make checks payable to Front Street UMC with "turkey" in the memo-line, and turn into the church office by **today**. Also, volunteers are needed to assist with delivering the turkeys to Eastlawn on **Monday, November 22 at 9:00 a.m.** Please contact Betty Huneycutt at missbetty11@gmail.com to volunteer.

POINSETTIAS

Poinsettias will be placed in the Sanctuary on Sunday, November 28. The cost is \$25 per poinsettia, and they may be purchased in honor or in memory of a loved one. Order online or pick up an order form from the Welcome Center. Deadline to order is **today**.

CHURCH-WIDE COVERED DISH LUNCH

Join us for a covered dish lunch in Aldersgate Hall on **Sunday, November 21** following 11:00 a.m. worship. Please bring enough food for your family plus one other. The church will provide the drinks. Let's start the week of Thanksgiving sharing a meal in community together.

CHRISTMAS CHEER

It's hard to believe that Christmas is right around the corner. Christmas Cheer always has families both young and old that need our assistance. Please call Susan Black at 336-516-2048 if you would like a family or two for your class or group. Also, what a great way for your family to help those less fortunate this holiday season. Please have all requests in by **November 19**.

ADVENT DEVOTIONS

Front Street's Advent Devotions 2021 will be available **Sunday, November 28**. Please pick up a copy in the Welcome Center, Narthex, or Heritage Center. We ask that you only take one copy per family. Beginning November 28, 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.

THE EMPTY CHAIR: HANDLING GRIEF ON HOLIDAYS

Like you, I (Ross) still grieve the loss of loved ones when the holidays roll around. I invite you to join me for a 5-week journey as we figure out how to handle grief during the holidays. We will use the book, *The Empty Chair*. Our weekly gatherings will be Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in Room 401 from **December 1-29**. The cost of the book is \$8.50. Please let Ross know if you would like to participate by emailing ross@frontstreetumc.org by **November 19**.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The Church Office will be closed **Thursday, November 25 and Friday, November 26** in observance of Thanksgiving. From all of us at Front Street UMC, we wish you and your family a very Happy Thanksgiving.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Date	Aldersgate	11:00	Total
10/17	34	121	155
10/24	42	98	140
10/31	30	113	143
11/7	32	142	174

SEE BACK OF BULLETIN FOR MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 14, 2021

Sunday, November 14

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	Ministry Center

Tuesday, November 16

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, November 17

7:30	Youth Breakfast Club	Biscuitville on S. Church Street
7:00	Chancel Choir	Choir Room

Thursday, November 18

9:30	Prayer Ministry	Room 402/Zoom
10:00	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Room 405
7:00	Board of Trustees	Zoom

Sunday, November 21

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
12:00	Covered Dish Luncheon	Aldersgate Hall
4:00	UMYF Turkey Bowl	City Park

BEL CANTO CONCERT

Bel Canto Company (Greensboro, NC) will present their Christmas Concert on **Monday, November 29 at 7:30 p.m.** in the Sanctuary. All are invited to attend. A love offering will be collected to defray cost. Masks required.

SABBATH STUDY WITH PASTOR STEPAHN

Life is just too busy. Which makes it harder and harder to "Remember the Sabbath;" let alone keep it holy. It's past time we do something about that. Join me in a sweeping study of Sabbath. This study will focus on a deep understanding of the effectiveness of Sabbath in our lives, and together we will work towards the goal of creating Sabbath practices for our future. Can you think of a better time to learn about Sabbath than right before choosing your new years resolution? The study will be on the first four Thursdays in December at 9 a.m. in the chapel. Register at frontstreetumc.org

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.

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

Children's Minister

Melissa Miller

Minister of Visitation

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD
NOVEMBER 14, 2021
TWENTY-FIFTH 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 **Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy**
arr. Howard Helvey
(b. 1968)

OPENING PRAYER (IN UNISON)

Gracious Lord, how shall we do your will today? Will it be in our worship, in gifts offered, in service done in your name? Bless each of us as we strive together to grow as your followers. May all that we say and do demonstrate our love for you. Amen.

* **OPENING HYMN No. 139 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**
LOBE DEN HERREN

CALL TO CONFESSION

God of infinite forgiveness, as we lay our hearts open before you, we pray your mercy and healing upon us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)

Heavenly Father, we confess that at times we feel apathetic about our life of discipleship. We are slow to live into your call to love others as you have loved us. We admit that we may need the Holy Spirit to light a fire under us, that we may again feel the exciting challenge of being your people. In Christ's holy name we pray. Amen.

PERSONAL CONFESSION AND MEDITATION (IN SILENCE)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (IN RESPONSE TO CONFESSION)

Leader: That which we ask in the name of Christ, we will be given! 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 Sharon Beal

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Insert
Italia Katherine Cox

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.

ANTHEM **Blessed Is the Man** Jane M. Marshall
Chancel Choir (1924-2019)

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly,
Nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates
day and night.

He is like a tree planted by streams of water.

-Psalm 1

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (IN UNISON)

Almighty God, in you are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Open our eyes that we may see the wonders of your Word; and give us grace that we may clearly understand and freely choose the way of your wisdom; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

* **SCRIPTURE LESSON** **Mark 13:1-8**

SERMON **"Not One Stone"** 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 **Rondo Jubilee** Brenda E. Austin
Epworth Ringers (b. 1972)

* **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! UMH No. 94

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

* **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. 581 Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service**
BEACH SPRING

* **BENEDICTION**

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

WELCOME! We're glad that you have chosen to worship with us today. Following this service, there is a gathering in the Reading Area for fellowship and refreshments. Please join us. Our hosts this week are John and Paula Reardon.

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

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 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.