

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
APRIL 25, 2021
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*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.*

* Please stand as you are able.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK

GATHERING AND COMMUNITY CONCERNS

PRELUDE **Prelude on 'Brother James's Air'** Searle Wright
(1918-2004)

CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVELY)

Leader: We give thanks to you, God. Yes, we give thanks!

People: We declare your marvelous deeds!

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: Alleluia! Alleluia!

*** HYMN NO. 57 (STANZAS 1-5 AND 7)**

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing **AZMON**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Sisters and brothers, we have come together in the presence of our risen Savior Jesus Christ to offer all that we have and all that we are, that we might be transformed and renewed by his great mercy. Let us now confess our sins with confidence in the Lord's goodness, that we might be claimed by this new life in him.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

PERSONAL CONFESSION AND MEDITATION (IN SILENCE)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep us in eternal life.

People: Glory to God! Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (IN UNISON)

O Holy Spirit, you who gives life to all things and who speaks to us the living Word, be present to us in the hearing and proclaiming of the Gospel, that in receiving it, we may become more fully who you have called us to be. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 John 3:16-24

SERMON

"For One Another" 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

*** THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**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. 700**

Abide with Me

EVENTIDE

BENEDICTION

The ushers will dismiss the congregation by rows.

POSTLUDE

Jubilation

Gordon Young
(1919-1998)

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Thank you for your support of the mission and ministry of the church. Offering plates are placed at the doors from the narthex into the sanctuary so that our gifts and tithes may be placed in them upon entering or leaving. 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 Gene Scarborough by Joanne, Paula, Dave, Gigi, Sharon, Rick, Noah, and Jordan.

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.

THE UPPER ROOM: The May-June issue of The Upper Room is available. Copies are located in the Welcome Center.

CEREAL SUNDAY: Cereal Sunday at FSUMC is **May 2!** 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 or call Betty Huneycutt (336-212-0704) for porch pick up. Thank you for your continued support of stocking the food pantry at the Salvation Army.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS: The following dates are available to place flowers in the sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one: **May 2, 9, 16, and 30.** For more information, please contact Linda Paul at 336-543-5081 (cell) or kpaul5@triad.rr.com (email).

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

Lay Reader: John Lewis
 Acolyte: Charlie Smith
 Crucifer: Amelia Pardue

BIBLE STUDY AND COFFEE WITH A PASTOR

Join Pastor Ross on **Wednesday mornings** at 10 a.m. via Zoom for a Bible study. This study is ongoing with Pastor Ross hosting the gatherings in April. Look for the Zoom link in Tuesday's *Front Street Happenings* email. If you would like to participate but are unable to join us on Wednesday mornings, these gatherings are recorded and posted on our website and available to view at a time that suits you.

APRIL MISSION: TEACHER APPRECIATION

This month we are collecting gift cards and large-size individual candy bars, which will be assembled into gift bags to show appreciation for teachers in our community. All kinds of gift cards are great (examples include *Hobby Lobby, Michaels, Target, TJ Maxx, Walmart*, etc). Drop your donations in the church office (9 a.m.-1p.m.) by **Friday, April 30**. Volunteers will be needed in early May to help compile, wrap, and deliver the gift bags. Contact Marcy McAdams (marcy@frontstreetumc.org) for more information or to volunteer.

BIBLE SUMMER CAMPS

Ms. Marcy will be hosting four exciting Bible camps this summer where children can grow in their faith through stories, crafts, games, and more. The camps offered are:

- "Mystery Island" Preschool* Camp: June 21-24
- "Mystery Island" Elementary Camp: June 28-July 1
- "Rainforest Explorers" Preschool* Camp: July 26-29
- "Rainforest Explorers" Elementary Camp: August 2-5

All camps are from 9:00 a.m. - noon. These camps are open to children and grandchildren of Front Street members. There is no cost to attend. Register by **May 1** at www.frontstreetumc.org or pick up a form from the church office. *Preschoolers must be born before August 31, 2018.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

UMW will meet in person and via Zoom on **Monday, May 3** at 10:00 a.m. Gathering will take place in the Heritage Center. Masks and social distancing will be required due to the continued presence of COVID19. There will be no refreshments. The general meeting will begin in the chapel at 10:30 a.m. Attendees will be requested to maintain a safe distance while seated. As always, visitors are welcomed to join us. Contact Doris Jefferson at jeffersondoris@aol.com for additional information.

2021 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

The theme of the 2021 National Day of Prayer is "LORD pour out Your LOVE, LIFE, and LIBERTY." The Front Street Prayer Team encourages everyone to join thousands of others in praying for our nation on the National Day of Prayer, **Thursday, May 6**. Sign up to pray for 30 minutes at the church, or from wherever you are. A prayer guide and a list of our local, state, and national leaders will be available to guide you as you pray. Sign up online at www.frontstreetumc.org or look for sign-up sheets in the Welcome Center. *Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty* (2 Corinthians 3:17).

SEE BACK OF BULLETIN FOR MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 25, 2021

Sunday, April 25

8:45 Aldersgate Service Aldersgate Hall
 11:00 Worship Service Sanctuary
 6:00 UMYF Aldersgate Hall

Monday, April 26

10:00 UMW Nominating Committee Meeting Chapel
 7:00 Worship Team John Wesley Room

Tuesday, April 27

9:30 Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study Room 402

Wednesday, April 28

6:30 Aldersgate Praise Band Aldersgate Hall

Thursday, April 29

9:00 Men's Breakfast Bible Study Zoom

Saturday, May 1

8:30 Corridor District Youth Service Day Camp Chestnut Ridge

Sunday, May 2

8:45 Aldersgate Service Aldersgate Hall
 11:00 Worship Service Sanctuary

MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING

Please support the Mother's Day offering on **Sunday, May 9**. This offering raises funds to provide benevolent care to those residents within the United Methodist Retirement Homes communities, whose resources have been depleted. Offering envelopes will be provided.

YOUTH MISSION STOCK SALE REMINDER

Hello Front Street congregation! We are closing in on the end of April and our stock sale, and would love to have one last push. As of April 20, we have raised \$9,400.00, and I would love to get to \$12,000.00. So we are extending the end date of the sale to **May 15!** Make your stock purchase soon and get ready to earn a huge return on Investment with our youth. Thank you so much for your love and support!

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. The balcony is also available for non-video seating. If you have any questions about this service, please feel free to speak with Pastor Ross.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Date	Aldersgate	11:00	Total
4/4	35	151	186
4/11	25	74	99
4/18	30	85	115

FRONT STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Our Mission:

Knowing Christ • Growing in Christ • Sharing Christ



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