

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

Lay Reader: David Hedgecock

AT THE TABLE: be sure to check out and share the latest *At the Table* video premiering Saturday morning at 6:00 a.m. on YouTube and Facebook.

MARCH FOOD LIST FOR BACKPACK MINISTRY

This academic year, our Backpack Ministry supplies food for 200 children at Eastlawn Elementary. In March, we are collecting the following items: breakfast or granola bars, canned meat, mac and cheese, peanut butter (plastic jars), protein beans such as black beans or garbanzo beans. Please deposit donations outside the church office.

LENTEN RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES

A variety of resources to help your family grow in faith this Lent are now available in the Welcome Center. For more information, please contact Ms. Melissa.

LENTEN SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Join us on Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m. throughout Lent for a special Sunday School class on "Mere Christianity" taught by Dr. Jim Pace. This class meets in Aldersgate Hall and via Zoom. All youth and adults are welcome. You are encouraged to read Book Three, pages 69-150, in preparation for the March 19 class.

FRESH MOBILE MARKET LOCATION CHANGE

Beginning this month, the Fresh Mobile Market will take place in the parking lot of Northside Presbyterian Church at 1805 Vaughn Road. This is just across the street from Eastlawn Elementary and will enable us to better serve our Eastlawn families. We will still need lots of volunteers to distribute food and help with managing the flow of cars. To volunteer at our next Fresh Mobile Market on **Wednesday, March 15**, sign up at frontstreetumc.org or contact Ms. Melissa for details at melissa@frontstreetumc.org.

UMCOR SUNDAY OFFERING, MARCH 19

UMCOR supports the work of the United Methodist Committee on Relief, the denomination's humanitarian relief and development organization. The United Methodist Church can respond quickly through UMCOR with funds to address immediate needs and grants to support long-term recovery. This is only possible with your support. Your gift to UMCOR is an example of extravagant grace. Offering envelopes will be provided for your gift.

SUMMER DAY CAMP REGISTRATION

Summer Day Camp registration is now open! For more information and how to register, please visit our website www.frontstreetumc.org/afterschool or contact Katie Porter at afterschool@frontstreetumc.org.

PLAYSCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR 2023-24

Front Street Playschool is now enrolling for the 2023-2024 school year! We are a morning preschool program for children who are 1, 2, 3, and 4 years of age. Our goal is to provide a safe, positive, loving environment in which children have the opportunity to learn and grow intellectually, socially, emotionally, spiritually, and physically. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming part of our family, please contact Rebecca Hurdle at playschools@gmail.com or 336-227-6603.

VBS REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Register your child or grandchild for VBS (June 26-30) now at www.frontstreetumc.org. Register by **April 30** for early bird rates of \$20 per child/\$40 cap. After April 30, cost increases to \$25 per child/\$50 cap. Registration closes on June 4. Learn more at www.frontstreetumc.org.

COAT HOOKS IN NARTHEX

Coat hooks are now available in the Narthex. They are located on the right-hand side coming into the Narthex from Front Street.

SEE BACK OF BULLETIN FOR MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 12, 2023

Sunday, March 12

8:45 Aldersgate Contemporary Worship	Aldersgate Hall
9:45 Children's Sunday School	Classrooms/3rd Floor
9:45 Lenten Sunday School Class	Aldersgate Hall
11:00 Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
2:00 Youth Outing/Movie	AC Movie Theater
4:00 Children's Choir	Sanctuary

Tuesday, March 14

8:00 Men's Breakfast Bible Study	Heritage Center
9:30 Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study	Room 401
6:15 Epworth Ringers	Bell Room
7:00 Circle #5	Heritage Center

Wednesday, March 15

7:30 Youth Breakfast Club	Biscuitville, 669 Huffman Mill Road
2:00 Fresh Mobile Market	Northside Presbyterian
6:00 Front Street Market for Missions Planning	Room 401
7:00 Chancel Choir	Choir Room

Thursday, March 16

9:30 Prayer Team Meeting	Room 402/Zoom
10:00 Prayer Shawl Ministry	Room 405
7:00 Visioning Team Meeting	Room 402

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6:00 UMYF	Aldersgate Hall

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

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

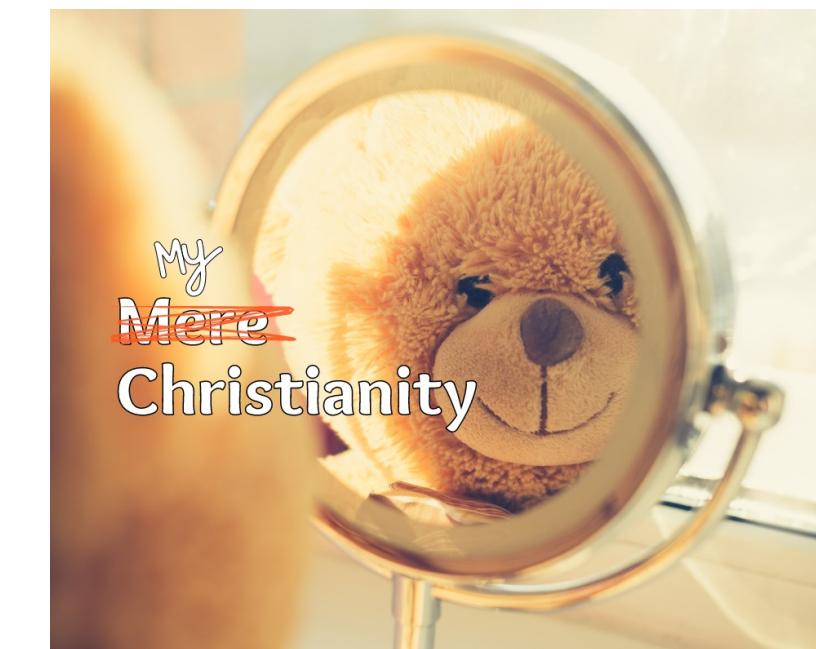
LIVE-STREAMING

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 wherever you find podcasts to listen to past sermons.

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Our Mission:

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Follow Us



THE WORSHIP OF GOD
MARCH 12, 2023
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Welcome: At Front Street, we follow a rhythm of prayer and worship found in *The United Methodist Hymnal*. *The United Methodist Hymnal* (UMH) is the red, hardbound book found in the pew racks. *The Faith*

We Sing (TFWS) is the black, softbound book located behind the UMH in the pew racks. An asterisk (*) indicates to stand, where able.

The people's responses are printed in **bold**. Before the worship service, we invite you to prepare your hearts to receive God's love and to feel connected to the Body of Christ. Please take a moment to sign the pew pads. After the worship service, green recycling boxes can be found in the narthex for disposal of worship guides.

Thank you for helping us with our creation care.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK

GATHERING AND COMMUNITY CONCERNS

PRELUDE	Trio Sonata in D Major I. Adagio Johann Joachim Quantz II. Allegro (1697-1773)
	Dr. Nathan Southwick, violin Dr. Anna Lampidis, oboe

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The season of Lent can be barren and lonely,
People: but God goes with us through the wild wilderness.
Leader: Our lives are lived in seasons of transitions and transformations.
People: Lent is a time to ponder God's providence and persistence.
Leader: Together, we seek fruitfulness, for it has been promised to us;
People: the barrenness of Lent will give way to the fruitfulness of Easter.
Leader: In this season of penitence and pondering, let us gather before God.
People: We come, as a family, to wait for the Lord with strength and courage.
All: **Let us worship our Lord!**

*** PROCESSIONAL HYMN UMH No. 127**
Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah CWM RHONDDA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Oh You, who answers my prayer, again I petition you to hear me; respond to me. I'm not alone in praying to you. I know there are others in the Psalms and even near me, and yet my prayers are often quiet, solemn, and short.

Oh You, who answers the prayers of millions, stir within me a desire to truly cry out to you! Despite your desire to hear my voice, build my desire to make my voice loud and clear in the midst of the masses. And then when I can finally hear my cry to you, open my ears to hear the same cries of all your children. Help me listen to them until I realize my prayer is our prayer.

Oh You, who answers the prayers of one people, my sins are too much for me. Forgive our sins. Amen.

*** THE APOSTLES' CREED**

UMH No. 881

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.

ANTHEM

How Can I Keep from Singing

Chancel Choir

Dr. Nathan Southwick, violin
Dr. Anna Lampidis, oboe

Taylor Davis
(b. 1987)

My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentations.
I hear the real, though far off hymn that hails a new creation.
Through all the tumult and the strife I hear its music ringing.
It sounds an echo in my soul; how can I keep from singing?

While though the tempest loudly roars, I hear the truth, it liveth.
And though the darkness round me close, songs in the night it giveth.
No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that rock I'm clinging.
Since love is lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

When tyrants tremble sick with fear, and hear their deathknell ringing,
When friends rejoice both far and near, how can I keep from singing?
In prison cells and dungeon vile, our thoughts to them are winging,
When friends by shame are undefiled, how can I keep from singing?

-Robert Lowry (1826-1899)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord of All Wisdom, together, we seek your wisdom and thirst for your word. Gather us with open hearts that through your word, the barrenness of Lent might prepare us for the fruitfulness of Easter. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 95:1-7
***Luke 17:11-19**

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SERMON

MY Christianity

Rev. Ray Warren

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 He Shall Feed His Flock Like a Shepherd

Dr. Nathan Southwick, violin G. F. Handel
Dr. Anna Lampidis, oboe (1685-1759)
arr. B. Wayne Bisbee
(b. 1934)

*** DOXOLOGY Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow OLD 100th**

All Singing: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.
UMH No. 95

*** CLOSING HYMN UMH No. 298 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross HAMBURG**

*** BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE **Prelude on "Cwm Rhondda"** John G. Barr
(**"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"**) (b. 1938)

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 host this week is Betty Huneycutt.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in memory of Lois Bradshaw and Mary Ann Inabnit by Jim, Carol, and Kevin Pace, and Melissa Pace Garrison.

MEMBERS OF THE ALTAR GUILD serving in March are Nancy Long, Ruth Colville, Louise Cox, Beth Kelley, and Kathy Roberson.

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. We thank team members Buddy and Lisa Smith, who will be in the Prayer Room on our behalf at noon to pray for requests given on the Prayer Request Cards.