

We thank the following for their service during our worship service

Lay Reader: Martha Brannock
Crucifer: Adam Faircloth

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS
Join us this **Wednesday** for a meal and a time of devotion. The meal will begin at 5:15 p.m., followed at 6:15 p.m. with a devotional activity for adults on the theme of Rediscovering Our First Love. Ms. Melissa will provide faith growing opportunities for our children (K-5th grade). A nursery is provided for children under 5.

The cost of the meal is \$3 per person/\$10 family cap. The menu this week is cheeseburgers. Meal reservations must be made by noon on Monday. Reservation cards are in the pew slots, church office, or make your reservation online at www.frontstreetumc.org.

EASTER EGG HUNT
The Front Street Easter Egg Hunt is planned for **April 9** at 11 a.m. at Springwood Park. The hunt will begin promptly at 11:00 a.m., so you won't want to be late! Don't forget to bring a basket! The hunt is for children up to 5th grade. More details coming soon! This is a free event, but we will be collecting canned food for our Backpack Ministry.

WAYS TO HELP WITH OUR EGG HUNT
Front Street family, help bring a little joy to our children this Easter! There are several ways you can be involved in this year's Easter egg hunt:

- Fill one or two dozen plastic eggs with candy or stickers and bring them to the church office by **Thursday, April 7**.
- Bring snacks/finger food for kids and families to enjoy at the hunt—let us know what you are bringing by signing up at frontstreetumc.org.
- Help set up and hide the eggs the morning of the hunt—volunteer at frontstreetumc.org.

Questions? Contact Ms. Melissa at melissa@frontstreetumc.org. Thank you in advance for your support of our Children's Ministry.

HOLY WEEK AT FRONT STREET
Palm Sunday • April 10
Contemporary service at 8:45 a.m. in Aldersgate Hall
Traditional service at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary
11:00 a.m. worship will be supported by Carolina Brass

Maundy Thursday • April 14
Service at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary
Including Holy Communion and the stripping of the altar

Good Friday • April 15
Service at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Easter Sunday • April 17
Contemporary service at 8:45 a.m. in Aldersgate Hall
Traditional service at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

A nursery is provided for all services

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE			
Date	Aldersgate	11:00	Total
2/27	30	145	175
3/6	40	138	178
3/13	32	127	159
3/20	25	141	166

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CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 27, 2022		
<u>Sunday, March 27</u>		
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
6:00	UMYF	Aldersgate Hall
<u>Tuesday, March 29</u>		
8:00	Men's Breakfast Bible Study	Heritage Ctr./Zoom
9:30	Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study	Room 401
6:15	Epworth Ringers	Bell Room
<u>Wednesday, March 30</u>		
7:30	Youth Breakfast Club	Biscuitville at S Church St.
10:00	Corridor Sub-District Clergy Meeting	Aldersgate Hall
5:15	Wonderful Wednesdays	Aldersgate Hall
7:00	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
<u>Sunday, April 3</u>		
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
6:00	UMYF	Aldersgate Hall

ACOLYTES AND CRUCIFERS play an important role in worship and provide a great opportunity for youth to serve. We are in need of acolytes (6th-8th grade) and crucifers (9-12th grade). Visit www.frontstreetumc.org to learn more and sign up.

NURSERY WORKERS NEEDED
Would you like to spend a few hours with our littlest friends? We need loving individuals to serve in our nursery on Sunday mornings, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. These are paid positions. To learn more or apply, please contact Melissa Miller (melissa@frontstreetumc.org).

SANCTUARY FLOWERS
The following dates are available to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one: **May 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29**. For more information, please contact Linda Paul at 336-543-5081 (cell) or kpaul5@triad.rr.com (email).

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 Ross. For Aldersgate sermons, search Aldersgate@FSUMC wherever you find podcasts to listen to past sermons.

FRONT STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Our Mission:
Knowing Christ • Growing in Christ • Sharing Christ



Pastors
Rev. Ross Carter
Rev. Stephan Margeson

Children's Minister
Melissa Miller

Youth Minister
Chris Huneycutt

Minister of Visitation
Leslie B. Peavy

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

MARCH 27, 2022

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

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

PRELUDE What Wondrous Love Is This
 Epworth Ringers arr. Dobrinski
 Linda Cykert, flute (1950-2021)

CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVELY)

Pastor: Let this be the welcoming place, the place of return.
People: And let it be built by a love that bends towards those who return here.
Pastor: For it is a love that has been waiting like a candle in the window ever lighting the way back.
People: And never willing to let go the hope that each child will return home.
Pastor: Let it be the place where the only appropriate response to a love that has come to the end of its longing is to feast and celebrate.
People: For that which has been lost has returned to be among us once more.

* OPENING HYMN No. 378 **Amazing Grace** **AMAZING GRACE**

CALL TO CONFESSION

It was said of the Prodigal Son that he “came to himself.” So we must wake up to ourselves, and to God. Let us be free from the illusion of trying to be perfect so that we might be more fully human.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)

O Gracious God, who knows the deepest places of our hearts, forgive us when we forget we are fearfully and wonderfully made, when we pretend you are not at the end of all of our searching, when we give ourselves over to the “whatever” of our culture. Remind us that your knowledge of us is wondrous and not punitive, and that we are defenseless against your love. Continue to seek us out even as we seek your face. Amen

PERSONAL CONFESSION AND MEDITATION (IN SILENCE)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: As we return to God with sunken heads, we find a Father that runs to meet us with a smile. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
All: Glory to God. Amen.

ORDER FOR CONFIRMATION AND RECEPTION INTO MEMBERSHIP Insert

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 **The Lord Is My Shepherd** John Rutter
 Chancel Choir (b. 1945)
 Margaret Dalton, soprano
 Bob Bearden, tenor
 Anna Lampidis, oboe

The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing.
He shall feed me in a green pasture, and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.
He shall convert my soul and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his Name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;
For thou art with me: Thy rod and thy staff comfort me.
Thou shalt prepare a table for me against them that trouble me:
Thou hast anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full.
But thy loving kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

-Psalm 23

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (IN UNISON)

Holy God, turn us away from our self-rejection so that we might see that your arms are open in welcome. In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

* SCRIPTURE LESSON **Luke 15:1-3,11-32** NT Page 78

SERMON **"Lost and Found"**
 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 **Aria** Alice Jordan
 Linda Cykert, flute (1916-2012)

* 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

* THE APOSTLES' CREED UMH No. 881

* HYMN No. 292 **What Wondrous Love Is This**
 WONDROUS LOVE

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE **Finale on 'Hyfrydol'** Henry Coleman
 (1888-1965)

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 Curtis and Carolyn Price.

THIS MORNING WE WELCOME oboist Anna Lampidis. Anna is the Principal Oboe of the Chamber Orchestra of the Triangle and Salisbury Symphony Orchestra and also holds the position of oboe and English horn with the Greensboro Symphony. She is on the music faculties of UNC-Chapel Hill, Wake Forest University, and East Carolina University. Her degrees include a DMA from UNC-Greensboro, MM from Yale University, and a BM from the University of Miami. She enjoys a diverse career as an orchestral player, chamber musician, soloist, clinician, and educator.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God, and in honor of the marriage of Becca Carter and Ryan Powell, by Sarah and Ross Carter.

TODAY IS UMCOR SUNDAY formerly called “One Great Hour of Sharing.” 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 are provided for your gift.

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.