

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

Lay Reader: John Lewis

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 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 Four, pages 153-225, in preparation for the last week.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Children's Ministry at Front Street is excited about the 2023 Easter Egg Hunt. It will be held at Springwood Park on **April 1** at 11 a.m. at the Women of the Chamber Outdoor Shelter. This is a free event. Donations of canned goods for our Backpack Ministry are welcome.

WAYS TO HELP WITH THE EASTER EGG HUNT

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 **Wednesday, March 29**. Ms. Melissa has some empty eggs that you can pick up from the church office while supplies last. *Please be aware of children with peanut allergies and don't include candy with peanuts such as Reece's, snickers, peanut M&M's, etc.*
- Bring snacks/finger food for kids and families to enjoy at the hunt.
- Help set up and hide the eggs the morning of the hunt.

Sign-up to bring food or volunteer at [www.frontstreetumc.org](http://www.frontstreetumc.org). Questions? Contact Ms. Melissa at [melissa@frontstreetumc.org](mailto:melissa@frontstreetumc.org). Thank you in advance for your support of our Children's Ministry.

HOLY WEEK AT FRONT STREET

Palm Sunday • April 2

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 6

Service 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary  
Including Holy Communion and the stripping of the altar

Good Friday • April 7

Service 7:00 p.m. in Aldersgate Hall

Easter Sunday • April 9

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

VBS REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Register your child or grandchild for VBS (June 26-30) now at [www.frontstreetumc.org](http://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](http://www.frontstreetumc.org).

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CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 19, 2023		
<b><u>Sunday, March 19</u></b>		
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
4:00	Children's Choir	Sanctuary
6:00	UMYF	Aldersgate Hall
<b><u>Tuesday, March 21</u></b>		
8:00	Men's Breakfast Bible Study	Heritage Center
9:30	Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study	Room 401
1:30	Corridor Sub-district Pastor's Meeting	Heritage Center
6:15	Epworth Ringers	Bell Room
<b><u>Wednesday, March 22</u></b>		
7:30	Youth Breakfast Club	Biscuitville, 669 Huffman Mill Road
7:00	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
<b><u>Sunday, March 26</u></b>		
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
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SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The following dates are available to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one: **March 26, April 9, and May 7, 14, 21, and 28** For more information, please contact Linda Paul at 336-543-5081 (cell) or [kpaul5@triad.rr.com](mailto: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](mailto: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*



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Josh Abraham

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD  
MARCH 19, 2023  
FOURTH 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**                      **Arabesque No. 1**                      Claude Debussy  
   Linda Cykert, flute                      (1862-1918)  
                        arr. Peter Kolman  
                        (b. 1937)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus calls us saying, 'If you want to follow me, pick up your cross daily and follow.'  
**People: And so we've come, leaving our lives behind for this hour.**  
Leader: Jesus welcomes us saying, 'Let me take your burdens and lighten your load.'  
**People: And so we hand over our worries, doubts, and fears to God.**  
Leader: Jesus calls us to leave behind the life we would make for ourselves and receive the life of freedom and joy only God can give.  
**All: We are here, trying to give up control, ready to receive the loving care of our Lord Jesus Christ, who we worship today.**

**\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN UMH No. 381**  
**Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us      BRADBURY**

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**

**BAPTISM                      William Rowan Moore                      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                      Magnificat                      Benjamin Rogers**  
   Chancel Choir                      (1614-1698)

My soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit rejoiceth in God my Savior.  
For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaid.  
For behold from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed.  
For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his Name.  
And his mercy is on them that fear him; throughout all generations.  
He hath shewed strength with his arm:  
He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.  
He hath put down the mighty from their seat: and hath exalted the humble and meek.  
He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich he hath sent empty away.  
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel:  
As he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end.  
Amen.

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**  
**Unstop our ears, God. Help us hear Christ our Lord speaking truth so it will guide our lives and change our hearts. Teach us that we may follow you more faithfully each day. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON                      Psalm 143                      OT Page 579**  
**\*Luke 18:35-43                      NT Page 82**

**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                      Sonata for Flute and Piano                      Francis Poulenc**  
**II. Cantilena                      (1899-1963)**  
Linda Cykert, flute

**\* DOXOLOGY Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow OLD 100<sup>th</sup>**  
**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. 128**  
**He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought HE LEADETH ME**

\* BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE                      Toccata in G Major                      Théodore Dubois**  
                        (1837-1924)

**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 Phil and Jean Minton.

**TODAY IS UMCOR SUNDAY:** 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 ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God and in memory of Nancy Bain Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bain, and Mr. and Mrs. James E. Lewis, Sr. by John Lewis.

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

**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.