

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

Lay Reader: Fred Glassford  
Acolyte: Lydia Andress  
Crucifer: Luke Andress

#### OFFICE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The church office will be closed on **December 31** for New Year's Day. Happy New Year!

#### OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offering envelopes are available for pick-up outside the church office. PLEASE pick yours up by **December 31**. This will help in reducing our mailing costs. Thank you.

#### 2021 CONTRIBUTION DEADLINE

A friendly reminder from the Church Office: in order for contributions to be included as a contribution towards your 2021 statement, please have mail postmarked or dropped at the church office **NO LATER THAN December 30**. All contributions received after December 31 will be applied to your 2022 statement.

Please note: when you provide a check as payment, you authorize us either to use information from your check to make a one-time electronic fund transfer from your account or to process the payment as a check transaction.

#### CEREAL SUNDAY

Don't forget **January 2** is Cereal Sunday at FSUMC! Please deposit cereal or other canned/dry goods in the tubs in the cabinet in the Welcome Center. Thank you!

#### UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

We hope everyone is having a joyful Christmas holiday and will celebrate a happy, healthy New Year. To start the 2022 year, we invite all women of the church and their guests to join us on **January 3** at 10:00 a.m. for fellowship in the Heritage Center and then we move to the Chapel for two important speakers who will inform us of the relationship between the members of Front Street UMC and Eastlawn Elementary School.

#### SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The **2022** flower calendar is available in the Welcome Center. If you are interested in placing flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one, please write your name on the Sunday you wish to put flowers in the church. For more information, please contact Linda Paul at 336-543-5081 (cell) or k paul5@riad.rr.com (email).

#### WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Date	Aldersgate	11:00	Total
11/28	31	155	186
12/5	30	144	174
12/12	38	228	266
12/19	30	174	204

SEE BACK OF BULLETIN FOR MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 26, 2021

##### Sunday, December 26

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

##### Monday, December 27 - Church Office Closed

##### Wednesday, December 29

7:00 The Empty Chair Bible Study Room 401

##### Friday, December 31 - Church Office Closed

##### Sunday, January 2

8:45 Aldersgate Contemporary Worship Aldersgate Hall  
9:45 Sunday School Classrooms  
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#### 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. 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*

## Lost at Home

COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERIES

#### Pastors

Rev. Ross Carter  
Rev. Stephan Margeson

Children's Minister  
Melissa Miller

Youth Minister  
Chris Huneycutt

Minister of Visitation  
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## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

DECEMBER 26, 2021

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY

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**      **God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen**

arr. Jay Rouse

### CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVELY)

Leader: Like Joseph and Mary, we want to protect the child Jesus.

**People: We want him to be safe and sound.**

Leader: And when something unexpected happens, we are frightened.

**People: We wonder what we should have done differently.**

Leader: Lord, in this day, help us to remember that you are ever with us.

**People: Let us place our trust in your loving presence as we grow in our own faith. Amen.**

\* **PROCESSIONAL HYMN** No. 220 **Angels from the Realms of Glory**  
REGENT SQUARE

### CALL TO CONFESSION

Repent, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)

Lord, Christmas Day was only yesterday, and we are exhausted. People have come and gone already; some gatherings are still going on; yet the world is reminding us that "normalcy" will soon return to us. We don't want to go there just yet. We want to linger in the warmth of the season. Forgive us when we don't seem to feel your warmth in our lives all the time. Forgive us when we assign warmth only to Christmas, and then to Easter and seem to dwell on the mundane the rest of the time. Give us courage to live as people of the Light, those who find your comforting, encouraging presence in our lives at all times. Strengthen us for joyful service in your name. Amen.

### PERSONAL CONFESSION AND MEDITATION (IN SILENCE)

### WORDS OF ASSURANCE (IN RESPONSE TO CONFESSION)

Leader: People of God, feel the presence of God right now, in this place, warming your hearts, forgiving your fears and strife; preparing you for joyful service. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are beloved and forgiven!

**People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are beloved and forgiven!**

**All: Glory to God. Amen.**

### 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.

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (IN UNISON)

As we turn to your Scripture, send your Holy Spirit to infuse your Word with truth and grace. May the good news of your love shine before our eyes and delight our senses, so that we cannot help but respond with wonder, faith, and trust. Amen.

\* **SCRIPTURE LESSON**

**I Samuel 2:18-20**

\***Luke 2:41-52**

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**SERMON**

**"Lost at Home"**

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 **While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks**

arr. Jay Rouse

\* **DOXOLOGY**

### **LASST UNS ERFREUEN**

**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

### \* AFFIRMATION FROM I TIMOTHY

#### **Leader:**

There is one God and there is one mediator, Christ Jesus, who came as a ransom for all, to whom we testify.

#### **People:**

This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: That Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners, and was manifested in the flesh, vindicated in the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed in throughout the world, taken up in glory.

Great indeed is the mystery of the gospel. Amen.

\* **HYMN No. 251**      **Go, Tell It on the Mountain**  
**GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN**

\* **BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**      **Angels We Have Heard on High**      Dale Wood  
(1934-2003)

**WELCOME!** We're glad that you have chosen to worship with us today.

**MEMBERS OF THE ALTAR GUILD** serving in December are Mary Ellen Cross, Trisha Craig, Marie Crissman, Helen Ellington, and Beth Kelley.

**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](mailto:prayer@frontstreetumc.org). A member of the prayer team will collect requests and offer prayers for requests given on the prayer request cards.