

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.

GATHERING AND COMMUNITY CONCERNS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God, we come with hesitant steps and uncertain motives to sweep out the corners where sin has accumulated, and uncover the ways we have strayed from your truth.

People: Expose the empty and barren places where we don't allow you to enter. Reveal our half-hearted struggles where we have been indifferent to the suffering of others.

Leader: Nurture the faint stirrings of new life where your spirit has begun to grow. Let your healing light transform us into the image of your Son.

All: For you alone can bring new life and make us whole. We have gathered to worship you, healer, comforter, grief striker, and freedom giver. Amen.

*** PROCESSIONAL HYMN UMH No. 529 How Firm a Foundation
FOUNDATION**

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**

SPECIAL MUSIC

Dandelion Fluff
Ann Elizabeth Hurdle, piano

Hague/Fisher

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 **Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God**
 Chancel Choir Carl F. Mueller
 (1892-1982)

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.
Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

-Psalm 51:10-13

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, reveal your presence to us this day as we journey this path with your Son. Through all of life's trials and tribulations your Word sustains us for the journey ahead. Send your Spirit upon us that we might listen, discern, and take heart. Be near us this day, and may your Word stay and dwell with us forevermore. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Psalm 63:1-8** OT Page 527
 ***Luke 19:41-44** NT Page 83

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 **Kingsfold** arr. Anna Laura Page
Epworth Ringers (b. 1943)

* **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. 294**
Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed MARTYRDOM

*** BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Fugue in G Minor, BWV 578

J. S. Bach
(1685-1750)

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 John and Paula Reardon.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in memory of Virginia Beth Ellington by Jeff Ellington, Frances and Brandon Gutierrez, Rebecca and Yeirdon Ingle, and Jefferson and Elizabeth Ellington.

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 Beverly Thomas, 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.

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

Lay Reader: Tom Steele

APRIL FOOD LIST FOR BACKPACK MINISTRY

This academic year, our Backpack Ministry supplies food for 200 children at Eastlawn Elementary. In April, we are collecting the following items: canned corn and green beans, mac and cheese, pasta, and pasta sauce in plastic jars or cans. Please deposit donations outside the church office.

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. Don't forget your basket. 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. 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 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
We invite you to bring fresh flowers to decorate our Easter Cross

A nursery is provided for all services

CEREAL SUNDAY

Cereal Sunday - Cereal Sunday at FSUMC is **April 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. Thank you for your continued support of stocking the food pantry at the Salvation Army.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

All women of the church are invited to the **April 3, 2023** meeting of UMW/UWF. A time of fellowship will begin at 10:00 a.m. in the Heritage Center followed by a program at 10:30 a.m. by our own Clara Clayton. She will walk us through the mementos in the Heritage Center showcases, elaborating on the history of our church. Clara is one of the longest-serving members of our congregation.

SEE BACK OF BULLETIN FOR MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 26, 2023

Sunday, March 26

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

Tuesday, March 28

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

Wednesday, March 29

7:30	Youth Breakfast Club	Biscuitville, 669 Huffman Mill Road
7:00	Chancel Choir	Choir Room

Saturday, April 1

11:00	Easter Egg Hunt	Springwood Park
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Sunday, April 2

8:45	Aldersgate Contemporary Worship	Aldersgate Hall
9:45	Sunday School	Classrooms
11:00	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
5:30	UMYF/Movie Night	Aldersgate Hall
6:00	Missions Meeting	John Wesley Room

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.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The following dates are available to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one: **May 7, 14, and 21**. 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.

FRONT STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Our Mission:

Knowing Christ • Growing in Christ • Sharing Christ



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