

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

Lay Reader: Betty Massey

THE PRAYER REQUEST CARDS are located on a table at the entrance of Aldersgate Hall and may be placed in the offering plate or in the prayer request box on this same table, 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.

DEVOTIONAL WRITING WORKSHOP

Writing a devotional is something any Christian can do, because every Christian has been taught by God how to live life through the scriptures in one way or another. A devotional is simply one form of telling that story. Join Pastor Stephan and experience the joy of creation through writing a devotion to God to be shared with others.

The workshops will take place on **Thursday, October 14** at **9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.** in Room 401. Sign up for the time that is most convenient for you. Spaces are limited to 10 participants per class. Register at www.frontstreetumc.org.

YOUTH FUNDRAISER – CHARLESTON WRAP

Our youth are selling Charleston Wrap products as a fundraiser for youth missions. Go ahead and get your Christmas shopping done early! To order, stop by our table in the Welcome Center **today** or visit our website. All the funds we raise go to our Missions Fund for summer 2022. The fundraiser will run through **Sunday, October 17**.

ADVENT DEVOTIONS

Every year we put together an Advent Devotional for daily use as we walk through the season of Advent toward Christmas. Would you like to be a part of this venture? We are seeking contributors to compose a short devotion around specific scriptures to be included in the 2021 Advent Devotional. What is involved? 1) Choose and sign up for a specific scripture (visit www.frontstreetumc.org/features for the list); 2) Compose a 300 word or less devotion based on your selected scripture with a title and brief prayer at the end; 3) Email a draft of your prayerful work no later than **October 24, 2021** to Joanna@frontstreetumc.org and Stephan@frontstreetumc.org. For more information, visit the features page of our website. Questions? Contact Joanna Strelow.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Date	Aldersgate	11:00	Total
9/12	20	93	113
9/19	30	90	120
9/26	30	114	144
10/3	28	100	128

SEE BACK OF BULLETIN FOR MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 10, 2021

Sunday, October 10

8:45 Aldersgate Contemporary Worship	Aldersgate Hall
9:45 Sunday School	Classrooms
9:45 Aldersgate Praise Band Rehearsal	Chapel
11:00 Traditional Worship Service	Aldersgate Hall
4:00 Youth at Feed the Hunger Packathon	Holly Hill Mall
6:00 Confirmation	Ministry Center

Monday, October 11

7:00 Stewardship Team Meeting	Zoom
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Tuesday, October 12

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

Wednesday, October 13

7:30 Youth Breakfast Club	Biscuitville on S. Church Street
7:00 Chancel Choir	Choir Room
7:00 Reckless Love Study	Room 301
7:00 Wednesday Night Women's Bible Study	Room 401

Thursday, October 14

9:00 Devotional Writing Workshop	Room 401
6:00 Devotional Writing Workshop	Room 401

Sunday, October 17

8:45 Aldersgate Contemporary Worship	Aldersgate Hall
9:45 Sunday School	Classrooms
9:45 Aldersgate Praise Band Rehearsal	Chapel
11:00 Traditional Worship Service	Aldersgate Hall
6:00 Confirmation Class	AH/Ministry Center
6:00 UMYF	Aldersgate Hall

FRONT STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Our Mission:

Knowing Christ • Growing in Christ • Sharing Christ



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Rev. Ross Carter
Rev. Stephan Margeson

Youth Minister

Chris Huneycutt

Minister of Visitation

Leslie B. Peavy

Organist/Director of Music

Dr. Matt Brittain

Choir Director

Dr. Brad Logan

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
OCTOBER 10, 2021
TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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 **Jerusalem, My Happy Home** Howard Helvey
(b. 1968)

OPENING PRAYER (IN UNISON)

Lord, you have called us here this day for healing, hope, and transformation. As we listen to the Scripture, pray our prayers, and sing our hymns, open our hearts to hear your claim on our lives; that we may fully and joyfully serve you. Amen.

*** OPENING HYMN No. 61 Come, Thou Almighty King ITALIAN HYMN**

CALL TO CONFESSION

The gospel calls us to turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ. As we offer ourselves to him in penitence and faith, we renew our confidence and trust in his mercy.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

PERSONAL CONFESSION AND MEDITATION (IN SILENCE)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (IN RESPONSE TO CONFESSION)

Leader: Jesus understands our weaknesses; and He forgives and heals our souls. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and saved!

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

All: Glory to God. Amen.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

All children are invited to come forward.
Children ages 4 – first grade may then depart for Children's Church in Room 309.

ANTHEM **Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness**

Chancel Choir George Frideric Handel
(1685-1759)

Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness,
Dwell no more in gloom and sadness;
Jesu, Bread of Life, most holy,
Bows to dwell with thee, most lowly.

Hasten now, my soul, to meet him;
Here with loving reverence greet him,
Who with words of life immortal,
Stands before thy spirit's portal.

Jesu, joy beyond all measure,
Truest friend, thou priceless treasure;
Gentle One, who here invites me,
Who as God with God unites me.

Here I humbly kneel before thee,
My Salvation, I adore thee.
Worthy, let me now receive thee,
Steadfast, let me never leave thee.

*-Johann Franck (1618-1677),
tr., Catherine Winkworth (1829-1878)*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (IN UNISON)

Gracious God, as we turn to your Word for us, may your Holy Spirit rest upon us. Help us to be faithful in our hearing, in our believing, and in our living. Amen

SCRIPTURE LESSON Hebrews 13:11-14; John 3:1-17

SERMON **“Your True 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

**For the Beauty of the Earth
O God, Our Help in Ages Past**

Epworth Ringers arr. Philip L. Roberts
(b. 1953)

*** 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

*** THE APOSTLES' CREED (IN UNISON)**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*** HYMN No. 663 Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name ELLERS**

*** BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE **The Lord Bless You and Keep You**

arr. Jan Sanborn
(b. 1937)

MEMBERS OF THE ALTAR GUILD serving in October are Teresa Chandler, Trisha Craig, Marianna Harris, Betty Huneycutt, and Marie Ray.