

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

Lay Reader: Betty Massey

MIDWEEK MESSAGE

Join us each week on our Facebook page and YouTube channel for the latest Midweek Message from Pastor Ray and Pastor Stephan. The video premieres on Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. This weekly video is also included in Friday's "Happenings" email.

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 members Lynn Collins and Becky Johnson, who will be in the Prayer Room on our behalf at noon to pray for requests given on the Prayer Request Cards.

JOIN THE CHANCEL CHOIR

Chancel choir resumes on **August 31** from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. This is a great opportunity to use your musical talent in service to God. If you can make a commitment to Wednesday rehearsals and Sunday worship, we encourage you to join our musical family. We look forward to singing with you. If you have any questions, please contact Brad Logan at 919-568-9928 or bradlogan56@gmail.com.

UPCOMING C4C OPPORTUNITIES:

Our Eastlawn elementary partnership will be starting back up in September. Here are some ways you can be involved:

- Greet the kids on the first day of school. Meet at Eastlawn Elementary at 7:15 a.m. on August 29 and wave, smile, and give high fives to the kids as they walk into school on their first day.
- Help with the backpack ministry by picking up food in Greensboro or by delivering the food to the classrooms on Friday mornings (This will start later in September).
- Be a C4C buddy. We can finally go back in the schools and help in the classrooms this year! There will be opportunities to be a math buddy, reading buddy, or lunch buddy.

If you are interested in serving in any of these areas, or want more information, please contact Ms. Melissa at melissa@frontstreetumc.org.

CEREAL SUNDAY

Cereal Sunday at FSUMC is **September 4!** 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.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The following dates are available to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one: **September 4, 11, 18, and 25.** For more information, please contact Linda Paul at 336-543-5081(cell) or kpaul5@triad.rr.com (email).

BLOOD DRIVE

Front Street will have a blood drive on **Saturday, September 10** from **8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.** in Aldersgate Hall. Note: donors can go ahead and sign up now online at www.redcrossblood.org, sponsor code: Front Street. Also, donors may text or call Gene Fonville at 336-260-8114 (cell) for more information or to schedule your appointment.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE			
Date	Aldersgate	11:00	Total
7/31	50	124	174
8/7	40	167	207
8/14	52	134	186
8/21	35	137	172

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CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 28, 2022		
Sunday, August 28		
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
Wednesday, August 31		
7:00	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
Thursday, September 1		
9:30	Prayer Ministry	Room 402/Zoom
12:00	Anti-Racism Book Study	Room 401
6:00	Playschool Parent Orientation	Aldersgate Hall
Sunday, September 4		
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

COVERED DISH LUNCHEON

Everyone is invited to enjoy a covered dish lunch in Aldersgate Hall following our 11:00 a.m. service on **Sunday, September 11.** Please bring enough food for your family plus one other. Drinks will be provided. We hope you'll join us for good food and fellowship!

Volunteers are needed to help set up, serve, and clean up. If you'd like to help, please contact Elizabeth Fonville at efonville9@gmail.com.

MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY

The Men's Breakfast Bible Study will resume weekly meetings on **September 13, 2022** at 8 a.m. in the Heritage Center. Arrive a little early and ham biscuits will be available along with coffee and orange juice. Dr. Jim Pace leads the study using the Methodist church lectionary readings for the upcoming week as a guide. Come and enjoy great Christian fellowship and engage in active discussion of the meaning of biblical passages. We would love to see you.

TUESDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study will resume on **Tuesday, September 13** at 9:30 a.m. in Room 401. If any woman is interested in joining us, or would like more information, contact Patty Diming at 336-570-9739 or Salley Bradford at salleybradford@yahoo.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.

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD
AUGUST 28, 2022
TWELFTH 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.*

* Please stand as you are able.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK

GATHERING AND COMMUNITY CONCERNS

PRELUDE **Sonata in A Major** Georg P. Telemann
 I. Cantabile (1681-1767)
 II. Alla breve
 Linda Cykert, flute
 Anna Lampidis, oboe

CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVELY)

Leader: In the face of a culture of death, a world of killing
fields, Christ is at the head of the resurrection
parade, transforming our tears of betrayal into
tears of joy, giving us dancing shoes for
resurrection, a dance that is full of nothing less than
the fullness of God.

**People: This is the dance of the new creation. This is the
dance of life out of death.**

Leader: And in this dance, all that was broken, all that was
estranged, all that was alienated, all that was
dislocated and disconnected, is reconciled,
comes home, is healed, and is made whole!

All: Let us worship our resurrected Lord!

* **OPENING HYMN No. 139 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**
 Stanza 1 - All in unison **LOBE DEN HERREN**
 Stanza 2 - Women in unison
 Stanza 3 - Men in unison
 Stanza 4 - All in unison
 Stanza 5 - All in unison

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)

Leader: God looks at us, to see if we are wise enough to
offer confession, to receive forgiveness, to seek to
know the healing love of Christ.

**People: Savior Lord Jesus, deep within, we know how we
have failed to be your people. Our hearts are so
often closed to the love of Christ; our lust for more
and more blocks the fullness of your grace from**

**transforming our lives; our trust in the powers of the
world reveals our foolish nature.
Have mercy on us, Lord Jesus. Pour out the rich
blessing of forgiveness on our parched souls.
Shape us as your people, and restore us to faithful
living, as we seek to follow you, our Lord and
Savior, in service to everyone we meet.**

Leader: The wideness of God's mercy, the range of God's
forgiveness, the infinite love of God, the Heart of
hope which is never empty: all these gifts are ours, as
God restores us to the fullness of life meant for us.

**All: Grounded in love, rooted in discipleship, we offer
ourselves in service to others, recognizing the
limitless grace which is ours to share in Christ.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS Insert

Children ages 4 – first grade may depart for Children's Church
in Room 309.

SPECIAL MUSIC **Pachelbel Canon** Johann Pachelbel
 Linda Cykert, flute (1653-1706)
 Anna Lampidis, oboe

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (IN UNISON)
**Lord Jesus, teach us how to dance to the rhythm of your
wisdom; show us how to laugh with the insights of your
truth, so that we can live the life you call us in your word.
Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Psalms 43** OT Page 515
 Genesis 45:1-9 OT Page 42

SERMON **"Threshold Living"** Rev. Ray Warren

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 **Sonata in A Major** G. P. Telemann
 III. Lento
 Linda Cykert, flute
 Anna Lampidis, oboe

* **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** UMH No. 881

* **HYMN No. 557** **Blest Be the Tie That Binds** **DENNIS**

* **BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE **Sonata in A Major** G. P. Telemann
 IV. Allegro
 Linda Cykert, flute
 Anna Lampidis, oboe

The congregation is invited to be seated for the postlude.

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 Sam and Ruth Ann Stubblefield.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in honor of
Jane Lee, in memory of Ben Lee, and to celebrate their 62nd
wedding anniversary, given by their children, grandchildren,
and great-grandchildren.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS this morning is for all children, youth,
teachers, and school administrators as a new academic year
begins. Following the blessing, students will be given a gift
bag of back-to-school resources for families, which include
lunchbox notes and a backpack tag.

THIS MORNING WE WELCOME flutist Linda Cykert and oboist Anna
Lampidis. Both are members of the Greensboro Symphony
Orchestra and serve on the music faculties of local universities.