

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

Lay Reader: Elizabeth Olivier

SUMMIT RECORDING ARTISTS, Carolina Brass is North Carolina's premier national touring brass ensemble. This morning we welcome the following ensemble members: Tim Hudson, trumpet; Ed Gunther, trumpet; Bob Campbell, horn; Dave Wulfeck, trombone; Justin Worley, tuba; and John Beck, percussion. For more information regarding Carolina Brass, please visit www.carolinabrass.com.

YOUNG DISCIPLES ON COMMUNION SUNDAY: Today we celebrate communion, and there is no formal children's church during this service. All children are invited to remain in the service to participate in communion (i.e. community). The nursery will remain open for children up to age 5.

MEMBERS OF THE BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE serving in April are Barbara Long, Salley Bradford, Ruth Colville, Judy Harrington, Becky Johnson, Paula Readon, and Lisa Smith. If you are interested in serving on the Bereavement Committee, please contact Marie Crissman at 336-260-2512 or marie.crissman@gmail.com.

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.

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 Sammy and Ruth Ann Stubblefield, who will be in the Prayer Room on our behalf at noon to pray for requests given on the Prayer Request Cards.

APRIL FOOD LIST FOR BACKPACK MINISTRY
Our Backpack Ministry at Eastlawn Elementary (a C4C mission) provides meals for food-insecure children who would otherwise go hungry over the weekend. 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.

CEREAL SUNDAY
Today 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 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.

HOLY WEEK AT FRONT STREET
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

FLOWER CROSS
On **Easter Sunday, April 9**, you are invited to bring fresh flowers to place on the cross. This reminds us that through the cross and Christ's resurrection, we can have new life. The flower cross will be located in the Welcome Center.

EASTER EGG HUNT POSTPONED
Due to rain in the forecast yesterday, our Easter Egg Hunt has been postponed to **Easter Sunday** at 10:00 a.m. at Front Street UMC. More details to follow.

SEE BACK OF BULLETIN FOR MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 2, 2023		
<u>Sunday, April 2</u>		
8:45	Aldersgate Contemporary Worship	Aldersgate Hall
9:45	Sunday School	Classrooms
11:00	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
5:30	Movie Night	Aldersgate Hall
6:00	Missions Meeting	John Wesley Room
<u>Monday, April 3</u>		
10:00	United Women in Faith	Heritage Center
<u>Tuesday, April 4</u>		
8:00	Men's Breakfast Bible Study	Heritage Center
9:30	Tuesday Bible Women's Bible Study	Room 401
<u>Wednesday, April 5</u>		
7:30	Youth Breakfast Club	Biscuitville, 669 Huffman Mill Road
7:00	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
<u>Thursday, April 6</u>		
9:30	Prayer Team Ministry	Room 402/Zoom
7:00	Maundy Thursday Service	Sanctuary
<u>Friday, April 7</u>		
7:00	Good Friday Service	Aldersgate Hall
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CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
The church office will be closed on Easter **Monday, April 10**.

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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THE WORSHIP OF GOD
APRIL 2, 2023
PALM SUNDAY
HOLY COMMUNION

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	Suite of Dances I. Marche II. Premier Passepied III. Air des Musettes IV. Air des Espagnolles V. Air pour les Arlequins Carolina Brass	André Campra (1660-1744)
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CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: When you leave this gathering, sing hosannas.
Carry their glad cry into this new week.

People: However popular or unpopular the cause, we wish to follow Jesus Christ.

Leader: God overlooks our past and sends us into the world as representatives of the good news.

People: God in Christ is bringing wholeness to our lives and giving us opportunities to minister to others.

Leader: We have been commissioned and empowered to make a difference in the quality of life around us.

People: Hosanna! Blessed are all who go forth to serve. Glory to God in the highest!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN UMH No. 154
All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name

CORONATION

ANTHEM	Sing Hosanna! Children’s Choir	Charles McCartha (b. 1958)
Sing Hosanna! Sing Hosanna! Shout the news King Jesus comes! Sing Hosanna! Sing Hosanna! Worship him with joyful song! Sing Hosanna! Sing Hosanna! Wave your palms and shout his praise. Sing Hosanna! Sing Hosanna! Sing with hearts and voices raised!		

Now to our city Christ comes to bring peace and love.
Sing Hosanna!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Sing Hosanna!

Sing Hosanna! Sing Hosanna!
Let your songs and praises ring.
Sing Hosanna! Sing Hosanna!
Jesus reigns as King of kings!

-Charles McCartha

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

All children are invited to come forward to the chancel steps.
After the *children’s message*, children will return to their parents.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, open the gates of our hearts that we would hear your Word. We welcome you! Enter in through the narrow gate of our lives and we will cry out Hosanna as we see you come near. Come not as we expect you to, but as we need you to. Let our shouts of praise really change us. In the name of Jesus Christ our King. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS	Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29 *Luke 19:28-40	OT Page 565 NT Page 83
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SERMON	Victory!	Rev. Stephan Margeson
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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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	Hosanna in the Highest Chancel Choir Carolina Brass	Craig Courtney (b. 1948)
Holy, holy, holy,Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!		

* 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

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING

Lord of Lords, King of Kings, your Son Jesus left your throne and emptied himself of all but love. Hear our prayer that we may have courage to go with Jesus and stand with Him for the cause of peace, justice, compassion, and unity. Grant us healing that wars may cease, that violence and hate may be driven from the earth, that swords be made plowshares. Lord, hear our prayer.

Hosanna! Praise God for Jesus' reign of peace.

Grant us wisdom to choose just leaders, create loving laws, and help those who wait or fight for justice. Lord, hear our prayer.

Hosanna! Praise God for Jesus' reign of justice.

Grant us compassion to visit the lonely, comfort the sick and sorrowing, and listen to the voice of the marginalized. Lord, hear our prayer.

Hosanna! Praise God for Jesus' reign of compassion.

Grant us grace to live in your community of love today: where children are cared for, elders are valued, minorities are not belittled, and no one is left out. Lord, hear our prayer.

Hosanna! Praise God for Jesus' reign of unity.

Lift our hearts to the exalted One, Jesus Christ, who knows our fears and confusion in all these things, and will lift us all to you. We join your people everywhere in His song of praise:

"Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord." Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION	UMH No. 24
The Great Thanksgiving	(Musical Setting E)
The Lord’s Prayer	
The Sharing of Bread and Cup	

If you are unable to come forward for communion, please acknowledge an usher to be served where you are seated.

COMMUNION MUSIC	Christe Redemptor	Claudio Monteverdi
	Carolina Brass	(1567-1643)
	Pastorale on ‘Rockingham’	Norman Gilbert
		(1912-1975)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (IN UNISON)

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* CLOSING HYMN UMH No. 280 All Glory, Laud, and Honor
ST. THEODULPH
Setting by Richard Proulx
(1937-2010)

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE	Suite of Dances VI. Marche Carolina Brass	André Campra
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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 Jason and Emily Forgey.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in memory of our sister, Denise West-Smith, by Don and June West.