

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

Lay Reader: David Hedgecock

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God and in memory of LaJune and Wayne Vaught and Bill Vaught by Henry and Jenna Johnson.

**THE CORNUCOPIA** is given to the glory of God and in thankfulness for Front Street United Methodist Church by the Gary Harris family.

**MEMBERS OF THE ALTAR GUILD** serving in November are Martha Brannock, Margaret Mitchell, Chris Presley, Doris Simpson, Linda Weavil, and Nancy Wilson.

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

#### CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The Church Office will be closed **Thursday, November 25 and Friday, November 26** in observance of Thanksgiving. From all of us at Front Street UMC, we wish you and your family a very happy Thanksgiving.

#### ADVENT DEVOTIONS

Front Street's Advent Devotions 2021 will be available **Sunday, November 28**. Please pick up a copy in the Welcome Center, Narthex, or Heritage Center. We ask that you only take one copy per family. Beginning November 28, a daily devotion will be posted on Front Street's Facebook page. 'Like' us to receive notifications. Alternatively, sign up at our website, [www.frontstreetumc.org](http://www.frontstreetumc.org), to receive a daily Advent devotion straight to your inbox. We hope these devotions will be a source of renewal for you this Advent season.

#### BEL CANTO CONCERT

Bel Canto Company (Greensboro, NC) will present their Christmas Concert on **Monday, November 29 at 7:30 p.m.** in the Sanctuary. All are invited to attend. A love offering will be collected to defray costs.

#### SABBATH STUDY WITH PASTOR STEPAHN

Life is just too busy, which makes it harder and harder to "Remember the Sabbath," let alone keep it holy. It's past time we do something about that. Join me in a sweeping study of Sabbath. This study will focus on a deep understanding of the effectiveness of Sabbath in our lives, and together we will work towards the goal of creating Sabbath practices for our future. Can you think of a better time to learn about Sabbath than right before choosing your New Year's resolution? The study will be on the first four **Thursdays in December** at 9 a.m. in the chapel. Register at [frontstreetumc.org](http://frontstreetumc.org)

#### SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The following dates are available to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one: **December 5, 12, 19, 24, and 26**. For more information, please contact Linda Paul at 336-543-5081 (cell) or [kpaul5@triad.rr.com](mailto:kpaul5@triad.rr.com) (email).

#### WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Date	Aldersgate	11:00	Total
10/24	42	98	140
10/31	30	113	143
11/7	32	142	174
11/14	30	137	167

SEE BACK OF BULLETIN FOR MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 21, 2021

##### Sunday, November 21

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
12:00	Church-Wide Covered Dish Lunch	Aldersgate Hall
4:00	UMYF Turkey Bowl	City Park

##### Tuesday, November 22

9:00	Men's Breakfast Bible Study	Zoom
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##### Thursday, November 24-25 - Church Office Closed

##### Sunday, November 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

#### YOUTH MISSIONS FUNDRAISER EXTENDED

That's right! Now through the end of the season (**December 3, 2021**), you can continue shopping online with Charleston Wrap using our unique organization ID, and we will still reap the benefits! Not only is it incredibly easy to continue supporting our cause, but it also gives you a great opportunity to get more of the products you love or cross even more off your holiday shopping list. For more information, visit [www.frontstreetumc.org](http://www.frontstreetumc.org).

# FRONT STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

#### Our Mission:

*Knowing Christ • Growing in Christ • Sharing Christ*



#### Pastors

Rev. Ross Carter  
Rev. Stephan Margeson

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Chris Huneycutt

#### Children's Minister

Melissa Miller

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**THE WORSHIP OF GOD  
NOVEMBER 21, 2021  
CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY**

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**                    **All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name**  
arr. Melody Bober

**CALL TO PRAYER (RESPONSIVELY)**

Leader: The Lord continually watches all of his own sheep.

**People: They are led to green pastures and brought before stilled waters.**

Leader: Praise God for his tender and loving care of us.

**People: Thanks to God for all the mercies he shows to us.**

Leader: Let us enter God's house with hearts filled with joy.

**People: O Lord, open our spirits to respond to your words of compassion. Amen.**

\* **OPENING HYMN No. 131**    **We Gather Together**                    **KREMSER**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Christ our King, hear our prayers as we bow before your throne.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)**

**O Lord, you lavish your love and gifts upon us, that we might know your love and be equipped to strengthen your Kingdom. Forgive us when we treat you as an inconvenience, as just another consumer of our time and resources. We confess that we have elevated over you other activities and other people. Encourage us when we act with spiritual immaturity. Continue to love us and guide us with your Holy Spirit, that we may grow into the disciples you desire for us to be, for your sake, and for ours. Amen.**

**PERSONAL CONFESSION AND MEDITATION (IN SILENCE)**

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

Leader: In the name of our Shepherd Jesus Christ, who brings hope and peace, you are forgiven!

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

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

**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER**                    Ashley Cole

**STEWARDSHIP MOMENT**                    Amelia Pardue

**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**                    **For the Beauty of the Earth**                    John Rutter  
Chancel Choir                    (b. 1945)

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely given,  
Graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

-F. S. Pierpoint (1835-1917)

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (IN UNISON)**

**Calm us now, O Lord, into a quietness that heals and listens.  
Open wounded hearts to the balm of your Word. Amen.**

\* **SCRIPTURE LESSON**                    **John 18:33-37**

**SERMON**                    **"Everyone Who Belongs"**                    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**

**PLEDGE COMMITMENT AND OFFERING**

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**                    **Today We All Are Called**                    arr. Brenda Portman  
Tessa Larson, soprano                    (b. 1980)

Today we all are called to be disciples of the Lord,  
To help to set the captive free, make plowshare out of sword,  
To feed the hungry, quench their thirst, make love and peace our fast,  
To serve the poor and homeless first, our ease and comfort last.

Pray justice may come rolling down as in a mighty stream,  
With righteousness in field and town to cleanse us and redeem.  
For God is longing to restore an earth where conflicts cease,  
A world that was created for a harmony of peace.

May we in service to our God act out the living Word,  
And walk the road the saints have trod till all have seen and heard.  
As stewards of the earth may we give thanks in one accord  
To God who calls us all to be disciples of the Lord.

-H. Kenn Carmichael (1908-1996)

\* **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

\* **COMMITMENT CELEBRATION PRAYER (IN UNISON)**

**Gracious and loving God, giver of all that is good and true and beautiful and life-giving, these pledge cards represent our sweat, they represent our faith, they represent our dreams. The commitments which we make on them are our responses to the awesome gifts that have been given to us; and they are pledged in thanksgiving for all we have received, for all we have been inspired to be, for all we are challenged to become. May they represent the first fruits of all we have and not what we have left over, so that we may live out as closely as possible the spirit in which you give to us. May our pledges, tithes, and offerings be sacrificial, holy, and filled with possibilities. As we give and see our gifts placed on your altar, may we also offer ourselves as a holy and living sacrifice to you and the work of your Kingdom. In the precious name of Christ we pray. Amen and Amen.**

\* **HYMN No. 694**                    **Come, Ye Thankful People, Come**  
ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

\* **BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**                    **O Worship the King**                    arr. Melody Bober

**TODAY IS COMMITMENT SUNDAY.** Pledge cards are available on the tables at the entrance of Aldersgate Hall. We have the opportunity to communicate our pledges for 2022, and this year you have four options on how to do that:

**You can place your pledge card in the offering plate.  
You can mail your pledge card to our Financial Manager,**  
Tammy Page, in the church office (PO Box 2597, Burlington,  
NC 27216).

**You can deliver your pledge card to the Church Office**  
Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**You can enter your pledge online.** Just go to Front Street's website (frontstreetumc.org) and click on the *Stronger Together* logo. This online method has the same blanks to fill in as the paper pledge card. When you hit "Submit" after the final question, it will send the information directly to our Financial Manager, Tammy Page.

**WELCOME!** We're glad that you have chosen to worship with us today. Following the 11:00 a.m. service, please join us for a church-wide covered dish luncheon in Aldersgate Hall.