

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

Lay Reader: Tim Laverty

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

We invite all women to join us on **Monday, November 1** at 10:00 a.m. Circles 1, 2, and 4 will meet in Aldersgate in order to socially distance. Please wear a mask. Our guest speaker will be Daniel Talley, author of the book, *Note 2 Self: Faithful Inspiration and Aspiration*. Circle 5 will meet on **Tuesday, November 9** at 7:00 p.m. in the Heritage Center. Circle chairs are still accepting teacher gratitude letters to be passed on to schools for their teachers during November.

ALL SAINT'S SUNDAY

We will celebrate All Saints' Sunday on **November 7** at the 11:00 a.m. service. There will be reserved seating for families of those we remember.

CEREAL SUNDAY

Cereal Sunday is **November 7**. Please deposit cereal or other canned/dry goods in the tubs in the cabinet in the Welcome Center. Thank you for helping stock the food pantry at the Salvation Army.

DECEMBER BIBLE STUDY INTEREST SURVEY

Pastor Stephan will be leading a 4 week Bible study (topic TBD) in December. This will be an original study as he works toward ordination in the UMC. If you are interested in participating in this study, complete a short survey indicating which days of the week and times of day are convenient for you. Please respond by **November 10**. The survey can be found on our website or in Friday's "Happenings" email.

HELP FEED A FAMILY THIS THANKSGIVING

Eastlawn Elementary (our C4C partner school) provides Thanksgiving meals for some of the most food insecure families in their school. Front Street has agreed to purchase the turkeys and sides for these meals (approximately 100 families). We are asking for donations of \$35 to cover the cost of the turkey meal. Please make checks payable to Front Street UMC with "turkey" in the memo-line and turn into the church office by **November 14**. Also, volunteers are needed to assist with delivering the turkeys to Eastlawn on Monday, November 22 at 9:00 a.m. Please contact Betty Huneycutt at missbetty11@gmail.com to volunteer.

POINSETTIAS

Poinsettias will be placed in the Sanctuary on Sunday, November 28. The cost is \$25 per poinsettia and they may be purchased in honor or in memory of a loved one. Order online or pick up an order form from the Welcome Center. Deadline to order is **November 14**.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Date	Aldersgate	11:00	Total
10/3	28	100	128
10/10	30	128	158
10/17	34	121	155
10/24	42	98	140

SEE BACK OF BULLETIN FOR MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 31, 2021

Sunday, October 31

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

Monday, November 1

10:00 United Methodist Women	Aldersgate Hall
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Tuesday, November 2

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 Discipleship Team Meeting	Room 305

Wednesday, November 3

7:30 Youth Breakfast Club	Biscuitville on S. Church Street
7:00 Chancel Choir	Choir Room

Thursday, November 4

9:30 Prayer Ministry	Room 402/Zoom
7:00 Missions Team Meeting	John Wesley Room

Sunday, November 7

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

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.

FRONT STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Our Mission:

Knowing Christ • Growing in Christ • Sharing Christ



**"...choose you this day whom ye will serve ...
but as for me and my house,
we will serve the LORD."**

Joshua 24:15 (KJV)

Pastors

Rev. Ross Carter
Rev. Stephan Margeson

Youth Minister

Chris Huneycutt

Minister of Visitation

Leslie B. Peavy

Organist/Director of Music

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD
OCTOBER 31, 2021
TWENTY-THIRD 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 **The Solid Rock/'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus**
arr. Howard Helvey
(b. 1968)

CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVELY)

Leader: Come, let us praise the Lord!

People: Let us shout our songs of thanksgiving to Almighty God!

Leader: For God has done wonderful things for us.

People: God's love and blessings have been showered upon us.

All: Come, let us praise the Lord!

*** OPENING HYMN No. 57 (Stanzas 1-5 and 7)**

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing **AZMON**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Dear friends, the Scriptures urge us to acknowledge our sins, and not to conceal them in the presence of God our heavenly Father, but to confess them with a penitent and obedient heart. Therefore, let us pray before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)

Lord, we have a tendency to wander in wildernesses of our own creating. When opportunities to serve you and to make commitments to your service are given, we consult our calendars to see if there is anything else we have to do. We place our needs and our schedules before our service to you. Help us to reorder our priorities, and to love you with our whole lives. Amen.

PERSONAL CONFESSION AND MEDITATION (IN SILENCE)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (IN RESPONSE TO CONFESSION)

Leader: In the midst of our darkness and ignorance, the bright light of God's love shines through, healing our anguished souls. Rejoice, beloved, for God's love and forgiveness are given to you this day. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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

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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (IN UNISON)

Since we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth, make us hunger for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Joshua 24:1-5**

SERMON **"You Are Witnesses"** 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 **Here I Am, Lord** arr. Jack Schrader
Margaret Hample, soprano (b. 1942)

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them—they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame;
I will set a feast for them; my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide, fill their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

-Daniel L. Schutte (b. 1947)

*** DOXOLOGY**

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

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*** 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. 368** **My Hope Is Built** **THE SOLID ROCK**

*** BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE **Father, We Thank You**
setting, Anne Krentz Organ
(b. 1960)

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 hostess this week is Ruth Ann Stubblefield.

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

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.