

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

Lay Reader: Linda Weavil

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you are looking for a way to connect to Front Street in a meaningful way, please consider volunteering in one of our children's Sunday school rooms. Ms. Melissa is looking for Sunday school teaching assistants and for occasional substitutes when the regular teachers are out. If you want more information, or are interested in serving on Sunday mornings, please contact Ms. Melissa (melissa@frontstreetumc.org).

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

All children and youth are invited to bring their backpacks to church with them on **Sunday, August 28**. We will be having a "Blessing of the Backpacks" at the Aldersgate and 11 a.m. services to bless all learners and teachers in our church and in our community.

AUGUST FOOD DRIVE

Front Street's Backpack Ministry supplies food for children at Eastlawn Elementary who would otherwise go hungry over the weekend. In the month of August, we are asking for the following specific food items which will be used to support our Backpack Ministry.

- canned beans (black, kidney, chickpeas)
- cans of corn or mixed vegetables
- canned meat
- cans of fruit

Please deposit your donations in the Welcome Center. This collection will continue **through August 31**. If you have any questions, or would like to help with food distribution, please contact Ms. Melissa at melissa@frontstreetumc.org.

JOIN THE CHANCEL CHOIR

Chancel choir resumes on **August 31** at 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.

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.

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.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Date	Aldersgate	11:00	Total
7/24	38	125	163
7/31	50	124	174
8/7	40	167	207
8/14	52	134	186

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CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 21, 2022

Sunday, August 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	Sanctuary

Wednesday, August 24

6:00	BMMT Meeting	John Wesley Room
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Thursday, August 25

12:00	Anti-Racism Book Study	Room 401
4:00	Afterschool Program Welcome Night	Third Floor
7:00	Visioning Team	Room 402

Sunday, August 28

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CHILDREN'S CHOIR: REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

As we look forward to a new school year, make plans to join the Front Street Children's Choir! Rehearsals will take place on Sunday afternoons from 4:00-5:00 p.m. in the sanctuary **beginning September 11**. Registration is now open! Visit www.frontstreetumc.org for more information or to register your child. **Please register by August 31.**

Dr. Matt will need one adult helper a week for choir rehearsals. Our Safe Sanctuary guidelines require that when working with children, two adults be present in the room. If you are interested in assisting in this way on a weekly or monthly basis, contact Dr. Matt at matt@frontstreetumc.org.

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. 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.

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).

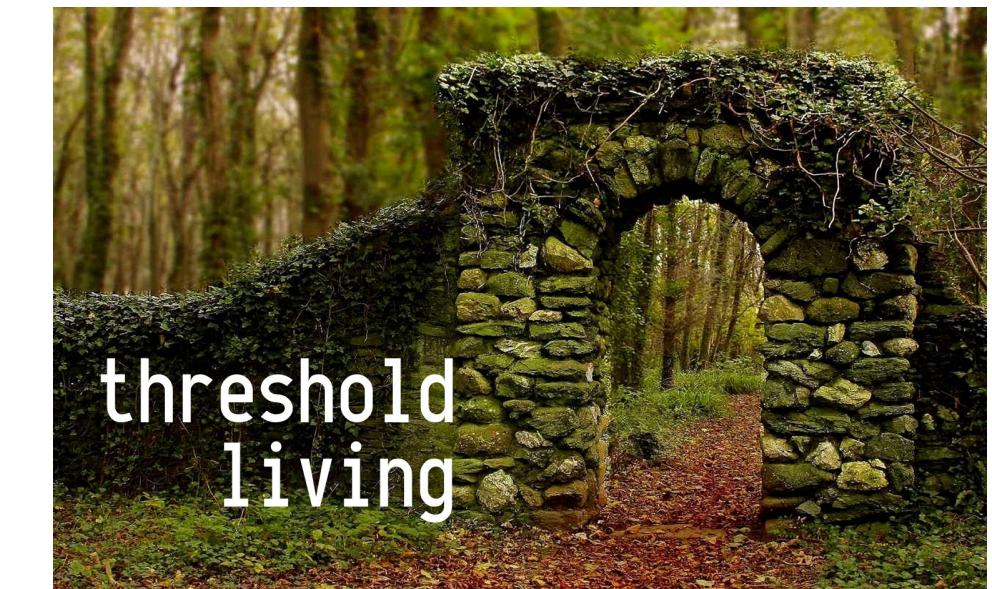
LIVE-STREAMING

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



Pastors

Rev. Ray Warren
Rev. Stephan Margeson

Children's Minister
Melissa Miller

Youth Minister
Chris Huneycutt

Minister of Visitation
Leslie B. Peavy

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

AUGUST 21, 2022

ELEVENTH 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 **Andantino** Louis Vierne
Dr. Andy Lang, organ (1870-1937)

CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVELY)

Leader: Here, in this place, God welcomes all the dreamers, as well as the doubters:

People: here, the worriers and wanderers can call on God by name.

Leader: Here, we may feel forgotten, yet we can remember all the ways God has graced us:

People: here, in these moments, we are reminded that God is with us, always!

Leader: Here are gathered those daring enough to step out of comfort into the unknown:

All: here, in this time, we will find the courage to cry out, 'God, save us!' in every situation.

* **OPENING HYMN No. 731 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken**
AUSTRIA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (RESPONSIVELY)

Leader: God did not say, "You shall not be tempted; you shall not be troubled; you shall not be distressed."

People: God did say, "You shall not be overcome."

Leader: Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, was led into the wilderness, where he was tempted.

People: **Loving, Sheltering, Guiding God, as you were present with Jesus in his wilderness experience, so you are present with us: you have urged us to trust you: "Love me and call upon me, and I will answer you, I will be with you in trouble, and will honor you."**

We have felt discouraged, and at times even abandoned and betrayed by you, O God, when all manner of things have not gone well with us.

Instead of following where you lead, O God, at times we follow a tempter who shows us a vision of the world that is a mere counterfeit of what you desire for us. At times, O God, we are deceived and enticed by imitations of love, abundance, and joy.

All: O God, when you have not answered in the ways or in the time we desire, we have been tempted to lean on our own understanding and not acknowledge you in all ways. We so often have sought to control our lives and order our own steps, often ignoring your wisdom and pushing your guidance aside.

Help us to trust you to journey with us and to guide us. Help us to rest in your promise to never leave us or forsake us. Amen

BAPTISM **James Walker McDonald** Insert

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (IN UNISON)

Un-stop our ears, O God, that we may hear your Word proclaimed this day. Open our minds and hearts to be changed. Free us from the unclean spirits of worry, fear, destruction, and pride. Teach us, Lord, that we may follow you more faithfully. Amen

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Psalm 36:1-9** OT Page 616
Genesis 40:9-15, 20-23 NT Page 37

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

Fantaisie en ut majeur

Dr. Andy Lang, organ

Cesar Franck

(1822-1890)

* 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

* THE APOSTLES' CREED

UMH No. 881

* HYMN NO. 593

Here I Am, Lord

HERE I AM, LORD

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Preludium in C

Andy Lang, organ

J. S. Bach

(1685-1750)

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 Curtis and Sharon Beal.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the church music program and the birthday of chancel choir member, Jan Peach, wife, mother, and grandmother by Dex Peach and her children and grandchildren.

MEMBERS OF THE ALTAR GUILD serving in August are Doris Jefferson, Linda Paul, Ellen Ritter, Nancy Sain, and Susan Taylor.

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 member LaDonna Boyd, who will be in the Prayer Room on our behalf at noon to pray for requests given on the Prayer Request Cards.

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. This video will also be included in Friday's "Happenings" email.