

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

Lay Reader: John Lewis

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 Gene and Elizabeth Fonville, 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 at 7:00 p.m. This weekly video is also included in Friday's "Happenings" email.

FOOD FOR BACKPACK MINISTRY

Thanks to everyone who donated food for the food drive in August. We are in need of canned meat, mac and cheese, pasta sauce and peanut butter in **plastic jars**, and granola bars. In addition, if you find yourself with extra plastic bags from the grocery store, please drop those off as well. This food will be going to our C4C partner school Eastlawn Elementary, where we will be sending food home for 100 kids. If you are interested in ways to serve with this partnership, please contact Ms. Melissa.

AGAPE CHRISTMAS BOXES

Thank you to everyone who has filled a Christmas box for refugee children in Armenia. The boxes are due back **TODAY**. Thank you for sharing the love of Jesus with these children.

YOUTH FUNDRAISER - CHARLESTON WRAP

Our youth will again be selling Charleston Warp products as a fundraiser for youth missions. To order, visit their table in the Welcome Center **beginning today** or order online. The fundraiser will run through **Sunday, October 16**.

CAROLINA BRASS CONCERT

Carolina Brass will be giving a concert in the sanctuary of Front Street United Methodist Church **this afternoon** at 4:00 p.m. Carolina Brass is celebrating their 25th anniversary year in 2022. The concert is free and open to the public. Please invite your friends and neighbors to this wonderful event.

CROP WALK

CROP Walk is calling! Be at the Trinity Worship Center this **Saturday, October 1** at 8:30 a.m. to turn in money collected and receive a t-shirt. It is not too late to sign up. A huge THANK YOU for helping. Sign up at the CROP table in the Welcome Center. Contact Jenna Johnson at 336-584-1120 or haj30@bellsouth.net for more information.

CEREAL SUNDAY

Cereal Sunday at FSUMC is **October 2!** 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: **October 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30**. For more information, please contact Linda Paul at 336-543-5081(cell) or kpaul5@triad.rr.com (email).

SEE BACK OF BULLETIN FOR MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

| Date | Aldersgate | 11:00 | Total |
|------|------------|-------|-------|
| 8/28 | 37 | 177 | 214 |
| 9/4 | 44 | 112 | 156 |
| 9/11 | 47 | 143 | 190 |
| 9/18 | 45 | 156 | 201 |

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

Sunday, September 25

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| 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 |
| 4:00 | Carolina Brass 25th Anniversary Concert | Sanctuary |
| 6:00 | UMYF | Aldersgate Hall |

Tuesday, September 27

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| 8:00 | Men's Breakfast Bible Study | Heritage Center |
| 9:30 | Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study | Room 401 |
| 6:15 | Epworth Ringers | Bell Room |

Wednesday, September 28

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| 7:30 | Youth Breakfast Club | Biscuitville, 1700 S Church St. |
| 7:00 | Chancel Choir | Choir Room |

Thursday, September 29

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| 12:00 | Anti-Racism Book Study | Room 401 |
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Saturday, October 1

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| 8:30 | Crop Walk | Trinity Worship Center |
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Sunday, October 2

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| 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 |
| 4:00 | Children's Choir | Sanctuary |
| 6:00 | UMYF | Aldersgate Hall |

SENIOR SINGLES GATHERING

All senior singles are invited to a get together to form a small group. We all have something in common and can help each other. Friends can help you find things that you've lost like your smile, your faith, and your confidence. Pat Pelt invites you to her home: 916 Colonial Drive on **Sunday, October 2**, 3:00-5:00 p.m. If you have any questions, contact Pat at 336 693-4802 or Pipelt3@gmail.com.

WRITERS BOOK STUDY: INCARNATION

Pastor Stephan will be leading a study on the book "Incarnation" by Bishop William Willimon to prepare you to write for this year's Advent booklet. This class will be in person or via Zoom on Mondays, **October 10 and 17** during the lunch hour (12-12:45 p.m.). Following this study, participants can also schedule a writing consultation with Pastor Stephan for guidance and direction in their work. **Register** for this class at frontstreetumc.org **by September 30**. Space is limited to 20 participants. Please purchase a copy of this book before the first session. Questions? Contact Stephan at stephan@frontstreetumc.org.

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
SEPTEMBER 25, 2022
SIXTEENTH 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 Andante with Five Variations in G Major, KV 501
Andante W. A. Mozart
Variations I - IV (1756-1791)
Janet Van Sant, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVELY)

Leader: No one is an island, we are all joined in Christ
Jesus.

People: **Who else is like you, loving God? Who is like you:
beautiful in holiness, awesome in all the things you
do for us.**

Leader: No one lives by themselves, no one dies by
themselves. Whether we live or die, we are the
Lord's.

All: **The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has
become my salvation.**

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 116 The God of Abraham Praise
LEONI

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)

**We hear the call to trust in God always. But honestly, some
days our stresses and doubts are even more real to us than
God, and trust is elusive.**

**We remember how Abram dared to believe in God's
promises, but belief like that is hard to come by. We are
often inclined to think, "God helps those who help
themselves," instead of daring to rely solely on our Lord,
the word of our Creator.**

**With God's help, we confront our struggles, and we call
upon a power greater than our own to resist their pull. Hear
us, Holy One, as we confess our frailty and failings.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Though troubles come and lead us away from
the ways of grace; only one thing is necessary:
turn back to God's promise of grace.
Remember that God is reaching out with loving
arms, and let yourself be held. Only ask for
forgiveness, and it is ours: know that in this
moment we have asked and in Christ Jesus, we
are forgiven.

All: **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

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.

ANTHEM Dear Lord and Father of Mankind C. H. H. Parry
Chancel Choir (1848-1918)

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
Forgive our foolish ways;
Reclothe us in our rightful mind;
In purer lives, Thy service find,
In deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,
Beside the Syrian sea,
The gracious calling of the Lord,
Let us, like them, without a word,
Rise up and follow Thee.

Drop Thy still dew of quietness,
Till all our strivings cease:
Take from our souls the strain and stress,
And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of Thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
Thy coolness and Thy balm;
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still small voice of calm!
-John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (IN UNISON)

**Lord God, teach us how to dance and worship to the
rhythm of your wisdom; show us how to laugh with the
insights of your truth, so that we can live for the praise of
your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON Exodus 15:1-2, 11-13 OT Page 61

SERMON "Resident Aliens" Rev. Ray Warren

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 Danza Tielman Susato
Epworth Ringers (1500-1570)
Janet Van Sant, piano arr. Kevin McChesney
(b. 1963)

* 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. 575 Onward, Christian Soldiers ST. GERTRUDE

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Andante with Five Variations in G Major, KV 501
Variation V (Finale) W. A. Mozart
Janet Van Sant, piano

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 David and Nancy Hamby.

MEMBERS OF THE ALTAR GUILD serving in September are
Marianna Harris, Susanne Conlon, Nancy Hamby, and
Suzanne Troxler.

Worship Note: This morning's anthem was composed by
Charles Hubert Hastings Parry, who was pivotal in the
revitalization of nineteenth-century English musical life. He
attended Eton College, where he studied with Sir George
Elvey (1816-1893), and earned a degree in music in 1866.
After working as an insurance writer, he ultimately became
a professor and then director of the Royal College of Music.
He died from the Spanish flu in the fall of 1918 during a
global epidemic that infected nearly 500 million people.
"Dear Lord and Father of Mankind" is a hymn-anthem that
was arranged by Herbert Arthur Chambers (1880-1967). The
music is from Parry's oratorio Judith, which was composed
in 1888. The text is taken from a longer poem by American
Quaker poet John Greenleaf Whittier entitled "The Brewing
of Soma."