

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
AUGUST 7, 2022
NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
HOLY COMMUNION

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 **Prelude in C Major, BWV 545/i** J. S. Bach
(1685-1750)

CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVELY)

Pastor: Grace unto you and peace from God, who was and who is, and who is to come.

People: And from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the first born of the dead, ruler above all rulers of the earth.

Pastor: In love, Jesus Christ suffered death to free us from our sins,

People: Making us a nation of priests set aside for God's service.

All: To Jesus Christ be the glory and power forever and ever! Amen.

*** OPENING HYMN TFWS No. 2126 All Who Hunger HOLY MANNA**

BAPTISM **Caroline Madelyn Lewis** Insert

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (IN UNISON)

As we gather at your table from all over the world, O God, we pray that all those who come to you in the name of Christ might be one in Spirit. With your living Word, knead us together in one loaf. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS **Psalm 81:1-10** OT Page 541
***Matthew 14:13-21** NT Page 16

SERMON **At the Table**
Rev. Stephan Margeson

CALL TO PRAYER
Minister: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Minister: Let us pray.

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 **Let Us Break Bread Together** Dale Wood
(1934-2003)

* **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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)

Ever flowing God, keep us faithful in little things. When the task is so small that no one will notice our work, may we still do your bidding. When a smile, a touch or a word could bring sunshine to someone's life, shine through us. Help us to be worthy of your trust in us. Forgive us, O God, if we have taken the gifts of life for granted, without giving thanks, without sharing. Forgive us, Holy One, if we have refused to hear your voice within our hearts or through the prophets of our day. Help us to put our lives in order, so that we will be worthy to share in the bounty of your realm. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: We serve the God of abundance. Abundant in love, mercy, grace, and forgiveness. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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

All: Glory to God. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving UMH No. 24
The Lord's Prayer (Musical Setting E)
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 **Communion Meditations** settings by
God Himself Is Present Brian Henkelmann
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (b. 1956)
Sent Forth by God's Blessing

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

For Everyone Born

Jack Wolverton, baritone

arr. Tom Trenney

(b. 1977)

*** BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Fugue in C Major, BWV 545/ii

J. S. Bach

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 Gary and Marianna Harris.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in memory of Neill P. Andrews and Malvin N. Artley, both of whom served in the music ministry of our church long ago, by Susan Abernethy.

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

MEMBERS OF THE BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE serving in August are Nancy Long, Beth Inabnit, Pat Pelt, JoAnn Barbour, and Carolyn Price. If you are interested in serving on the Bereavement Committee, please contact Marie Crissman at marie.crissman@gmail.com or 336-260-2512.

THE PRAYER REQUEST CARDS are located in the pews and on the tables in the narthex and 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. A member of the prayer team will collect requests and offer prayers for requests given on the prayer request cards.

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

Lay Reader:

Fred Glassford

MIDWEEK MESSAGE

Be sure to check out our Facebook page or YouTube channel for the latest Midweek Message from Pastor Ray and Pastor Stephan. The video premieres on Wednesdays and will also be included in Friday's "Happenings" email.

AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM HIRING

High school and college students needed! Our Afterschool Program is hiring for the upcoming school year. Please reach out to Katie Porter by email at afterschool@frontstreetumc.org.

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).

CEREAL SUNDAY

Cereal Sunday at FSUMC is **today!** 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.

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.

NEXT RAMP BUILD

Our next ramp is planned for **Saturday, August 13**. The ramp will have one turn and about 14 feet of run. If you are interested in helping with the ramp build, contact Tom Sineath at tom.sineath@gmail.com.

GOING BEYOND LIVE WITH PRISCILLA SHIRER: AN EVENT FOR WOMEN SEEKING JESUS

Front Street UMW/United Women of Faith invite all women of the church to Going Beyond Live with Priscilla Shirer on **Saturday, August 27, 2022**, 9:00 a.m. – 3:45 p.m. The event is hosted by Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Greensboro.

To reserve your ticket, make checks payable to Front Street UMC with "Priscilla Shirer" in the memo-line by **August 17**. Payment can be: 1) dropped by the church office, 2) mailed to Martha Brannock, Treasurer of UMW @ FSUMC: 214 Forestview Dr., Elon, NC 27244

At this time, tickets are only available to members of UMW/FSUMC.

After August 17, any remaining tickets will be available for members of the wider community to purchase. Your ticket is reserved once payment is received.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Date	Aldersgate	11:00	Total
7/10	42	141	183
7/17	52	119	171
7/24	38	125	163
7/31	50	124	174

SEE BACK OF BULLETIN FOR MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 7, 2022

Sunday, August 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	Sanctuary

Wednesday, August 10

7:00	Lay Leadership & Nominations Meeting	John Wesley Room
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Thursday, August 11

12:00	Anti-Racism Book Study	Room 401
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Saturday, August 13

Wheelchair Ramp Build

Sunday, August 14

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

CHILDREN'S CHOIR: REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Does your child or grandchild love to sing? 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.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The following dates are available to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one: **August 28 and September 4, 11, 18 and 25.** For more information, please contact Linda Paul at 336-543-5081(cell) or kpaul5@triad.rr.com (email).

THE UPPER ROOM

The September-October issue of The Upper Room is available. Copies are located in the Narthex and Welcome Center

ROOM RESERVATIONS AT FRONT STREET

The church requires a room reservation form to be completed and submitted to the office for all meetings or events. The form is available on the Home page of the church website under Quick Links, click on "Reserve a Room @ FSUMC." Also, a paper copy of the form is available in the church office. Once the reservation form has been submitted, a confirmation email will be sent regarding the room request.

If you have any questions, please call or email Pamela at 336-227-6263 or pamela@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.

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

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