

**THE WORSHIP OF GOD
NOVEMBER 22, 2020
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.*

*Singing: We will not be singing the hymns. You are encouraged to
read the meaningful words as the hymn is played.*

* Please stand as you are able.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK

GATHERING AND COMMUNITY CONCERNS

PRELUDE	Sonata in G Minor, HWV 368	G. F. Handel (1685-1759)
	I. Andante	
	II. Allegro	
	Allison Willet, violin	

CALL TO WORSHIP (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 spirit to respond to your words of truth. Amen.

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

May we come before the King of kings and confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)

Heavenly Father, in a time when the world needs you most, we confess that we sometimes neglect opportunities to share your love. We find it uncomfortable to talk religion with other people. Yet, you mainly call us to feed the hungry, care for the sick, visit the imprisoned, and shelter the homeless. Help us each day to respond to your call to help increase the influence of the Kingdom, that all might know your grace. Amen.

PERSONAL CONFESSION AND MEDITATION (IN SILENCE)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Hear the good news! While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. That proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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

All: Glory to God. Amen.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Jacob Wilkinson

SPECIAL MUSIC	Sonata in G Minor, HWV 368	G. F. Handel
	III. Adagio	
	IV. (Allegro)	
	Allison Willet, violin	

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (IN UNISON)

Gracious God, as we turn to your Word for us, may the Spirit of God rest upon us. Help us to be steadfast in our hearing, in our speaking, in our believing, and in our living. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Ephesians 1:15-23

SERMON	"The Story Remains the Same"
	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

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. 102 Now Thank We All Our God NUN DANKET

BENEDICTION

The ushers will dismiss the congregation by rows.

POSTLUDE	La Marche	G. F. Handel
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GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Thank you for your support of the mission and ministry of the church. Offering plates are placed at the doors from the narthex into the sanctuary so that our gifts and tithes may be placed in them upon entering or leaving. 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).

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

WE THANK David Hedgecock for serving as lay reader during our worship service.

THE PRAYER REQUEST CARDS are located on the tables in the narthex and may be placed in the offering plate or in the prayer request box in 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.

TODAY IS COMMITMENT SUNDAY. Pledge cards are available in the bulletins and on the tables in the narthex. We have the opportunity to communicate our pledges for 2021, and this year you have a couple of options on how to do that:

You can place your pledge card in the offering plate, located at the doors from the narthex into the sanctuary.

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, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

This year there is a new option. You can enter your pledge online. Just go to Front Street's website (frontstreetumc.org) and click on the *For Such a Time as This* 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.

ADVENT DEVOTIONS

Front Street's Advent Devotions 2020 will be available **Sunday, November 29**. Please pick up a copy in the narthex or Welcome Center. We ask that you only take one copy per family. Beginning December 1, 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, 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.

UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Gifts to the United Methodist Student Day offering help deserving United Methodist students continue their education and their faith journeys as they strive to make a difference in the world and discern what God has called them to do. Offering envelopes will be provided for your gift. To learn more about this offering visit, www.umcgiving.org/umsd.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offering envelopes will be available for pick-up outside the church office beginning **Sunday, November 29**. If you give a stock gift to the church, please call the church office and inform Tammy Page, Finance Manager, of your gift. When the church receives a stock gift, the donor name is not always provided. We want to ensure the correct individual is credited with the donation.

FORGOTTEN ANGEL DRIVE

Each year, there are angels left on the tree—FORGOTTEN because they are reaching the top of the age limit. No one wants to provide Christmas gifts for them. The Salvation Army needs heroes that champion the cause for 9 to 12-year-old boys and girls. How can you help? Purchase an item or two for older boys and girls. Pick up a list of suggested items from the Welcome Center. Drop your unwrapped gift(s) in the Welcome Center by **Monday, November 30**.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The **2021** flower calendar is available in the Welcome Center. If you are interested in placing flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one, please write your name on the Sunday you wish to put flowers in the church. For more information, please contact Linda Paul at 336-543-5081 (cell) or kpaul5@triad.rr.com (email).

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

10/25	40
11/1	42
11/8	61
11/15	30

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 22, 2020

Sunday, November 22

11:00	Worship Service	Sanctuary
6:00	UMYF	Aldersgate

Tuesday, November 24

9:30	Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study	Room 402
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Thursday, November 26

Church Office Closed for Thanksgiving

Friday, November 27

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Sunday, November 29

11:00	Worship Service	Sanctuary
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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. The balcony is also available for non-video seating. If you have any questions about this service, please feel free to speak with Pastor Ross.

FRONT STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Our Mission:

Knowing Christ • Growing in Christ • Sharing Christ



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694 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

1. Come, ye thank - ful peo - ple, come, raise the song of
 2. All the world is God's own field, fruit as praise to
 3. For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the
 4. E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come, bring thy fi - nal

har - vest home; all is safe - ly gath - ered in, ere the
 God we yield; wheat and tares to - geth - er sown are to
 har - vest home; from the field shall in that day all of -
 har - vest home; gath - er thou thy peo - ple in, free from

win - ter storms be - gin. God our Mak - er doth pro - vide
 joy or sor - row grown; first the blade and then the ear,
 fens - es purge a - way, giv - ing an - gels charge at last
 sor - row, free from sin, there, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied,

for our wants to be sup - plied; come to God's own
 then the full corn shall ap - pear; Lord of har - vest,
 in the fire the tares to cast; but the fruit - ful
 in thy pres - ence to a - bide; come, with all thine

102 Now Thank We All Our God

1. Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voic - es,
 2. O may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us,
 3. All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en;

who won-drouthings has done, in whom this world re - joic - es;
 with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us;
 the Son, and him who reigns with them in high - est heav - en;

who from our moth - ers' arms has blessed us on our way
 and keep us still in grace, and guide us when per - plexed;
 the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heaven a - dore;

with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
 and free us from all ills, in this world and the next.
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

WORDS: Martin Rinkart, 1663; trans. by Catherine Winkworth, 1858
 (Sir. 50:22-24)
 MUSIC: Johann Crüger, 1647; harm. by Felix Mendelssohn, 1840

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