

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

Lay Reader: Betty Massey
Acolyte: Graham Huneycutt
Crucifer: Will Self

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.

UMYF MISSIONS TRIP INTEREST MEETING

Parents of youth and youth are invited to a missions trip interest meeting **today** following the 11:00 a.m. service. Discussion will include trip costs, plans as of this stage, some paperwork distributed, and explanation of requirements. This trip is for rising 10th graders and up. The trip dates are: departure on Sunday, June 19 and returning on Saturday, June 25.

CONFERENCE-WIDE LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Today from 3:00 - 4:30 p.m., the conference will offer leadership training by Zoom for Lay Leaders, Trustees, Finance, and S/PPRC Teams.

Whether you are starting a new leadership role, or have been serving in church leadership for years, this leadership training will prepare you for your much-needed ministry. Laity and clergy in partnership with one another is the key to a church's success in making disciples.

To register for this training, visit <https://nccumc.org/leadership/event/conference-wide-leadership-training/>.

UMW

Due to inclement weather on January 3, the UMW rescheduled their monthly meeting to **tomorrow** at 10 a.m. All women of the church and their guests are invited for fellowship in the Heritage Center and then a program in the Chapel with two important speakers who will inform us of the relationship between the members of Front Street UMC and Eastlawn Elementary School.

JANUARY FOOD DRIVE

It's time for our annual January Food Drive! This collection supports our Backpack Ministry at Eastlawn Elementary (a C4C mission), which provides meals for food-insecure children who would otherwise go hungry over the weekend. We are collecting the following items:

- canned beans, fruits, soup, and vegetables
- canned meat: chicken or tuna
- dry or canned pasta
- granola, fruit, or other healthy bars
- individual cereal, oatmeal, or grits (instant or regular)
- macaroni and cheese
- pasta sauce (no glass jars please)
- peanut butter and crackers

Please deposit your donations in the Welcome Center by **January 31**. As always, thank you for your support. To learn more about our C4C ministry with Eastlawn Elementary or to volunteer, please contact Ms. Melissa.

2022 LAY LEADERSHIP

The list of the **2022** lay leadership is available in the Welcome Center.

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WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Date	Aldersgate	11:00	Total
12/12	38	228	266
12/19	30	174	204
12/26	28	76	104
1/2	30	103	133

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 9, 2022

Sunday, January 9

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
12:00	Youth Missions Trip Interest Meeting	Aldersgate Hall
6:00	Confirmation	Ministry Center
6:00	UMYF	Aldersgate Hall

Monday, January 10

10:00	UMW	Heritage Center/Chapel
7:00	Staff-Parish Relations Team Meeting	John Wesley Room

Tuesday, January 11

9:00	Men's Breakfast Bible Study	Zoom
9:30	Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study	Room 401
6:00	Permanent Endowment Meeting	Zoom
6:15	Epworth Ringers	Bell Room
7:00	UMW Circle 5	Heritage Center

Wednesday, January 12

7:30	Youth Breakfast Club	Biscuitville at S Church St.
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Sunday, January 16

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
TBD	UMYF	Aldersgate Hall
6:00	Confirmation	Ministry Center

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 Ross. 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



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Rev. Ross Carter
Rev. Stephan Margeson

Children's Minister

Melissa Miller

Youth Minister

Chris Huneycutt

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD
JANUARY 9, 2022
BAPTISM OF THE LORD 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. 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 **Suite Antique V. Chanson** John Rutter (b. 1945)
Linda Cykert, flute

CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVELY)

Leader: We are marked as God's beloved ones.

People: What have we done to deserve God's love?

Leader: God's love is God's free gift to us, always and forever.

People: Even when we are difficult and turn away from God,

Leader: God's love never fails.

People: Thanks be to God who is ever faithful to us.

*** OPENING HYMN No. 610 We Know That Christ Is Raised**

ENGELBERG

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us draw near to God with sincerity of heart and full assurance of faith, our guilty hearts sprinkled clean, our bodies washed with pure water, as we confess our sins before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light, and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

PERSONAL CONFESSION AND MEDITATION (IN SILENCE)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: People of God, you are known and loved by the One who washes you clean. You are marked as God's chosen ones to bring hope and peace to others. Be at peace and live in hope, for 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 to the chancel steps. Children ages 4 – first grade may then depart for Children's Church in Room 309.

ANTHEM

Angels' Carol John Rutter

Julia Holoman, mezzo-soprano
Linda Cykert, flute

Have you heard the sound of the angel voices
Ringing out so sweetly, ringing out so clear?
Have you seen the star shining out so brightly
As a sign from God that Christ the Lord is here?

Have you heard the news that they bring from heaven
To the humble shepherds who have waited long?
Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Hear the angels sing their joyful song.

He is come in love as the child of Mary;
In a simple stable we have seen his birth:
Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Hear the angels singing 'Peace on earth.'

He will bring new light to a world in darkness,
Like a bright star shining in the skies above;
He will bring new hope to the waiting nations
When he comes to reign in purity and love.

Let the earth rejoice at the Savior's coming;
Let the heavens answer with the joyful morn:
Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Hear the angels singing 'Christ is born.'

-John Rutter

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (IN UNISON)

God of mercy, you promised never to break your covenant with us. Amid all the changing words of our generation, speak your eternal Word that does not change. Then may we respond to your gracious promises with faithful and obedient lives; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 29
***Luke 3:15-22**

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SERMON

"Newness by Water"

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

Shall We Gather at the River Donald Busarow
Julia Holoman, mezzo-soprano (1932-2011)
Linda Cykert, flute
UMH No. 723

*** 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!

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

UMH No. 94

*** THE APOSTLES' CREED**

UMH No. 881

*** HYMN No. 604 Praise and Thanksgiving Be to God**

CHRISTE SANCTORUM

*** BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE **Recessional on 'Christe sanctorum'**
David Blackwell (b. 1961)

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 Phil and Jean Minton.

WE WELCOME Julia Holoman as our guest soloist. Julia (mezzo-soprano) is a junior Kenan Music Scholar at UNC-Chapel Hill studying with Dr. Jeanne Fischer and pursuing her Bachelor of Music degree in classical voice performance. During the past semester, Julia studied and performed the role of Nerone in Monteverdi's *L'incoronazione di Poppea* under the direction of Dr. Marc Callahan with UNC's Opera Workshop. Julia will be attending Aspen Music Festival this summer to participate in productions of Mozart's *Don Giovanni* and Verdi's *Falstaff*.

MEMBERS OF THE ALTAR GUILD serving in January are Stacey Lahey, Janie Crouch, Mary Zeta Hornaday, and Robin Mann.