

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

Acolyte: Sarah Moran
Lay Reader: Julia Huneycutt

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, or you may email the Prayer Ministry Team at prayer@frontstreetumc.org. We thank team members Mike and Margaret Mitchell, who will be in the Prayer Room on our behalf at noon to pray for requests given on the Prayer Request Cards.

APRIL FOOD COLLECTION FOR EASTLAWN BACKPACK MINISTRY

In **April**, we are collecting the following items: canned carrots, fruit bars, fruit cups, and peanut butter crackers. Please deposit donations on the bottom shelf of the Donation Center located in the Reading Area.

FAITHFUL FAMILIES

Parents and guardians of children and youth are invited to join Faithful Families, a Sunday School group focused on building Christian community and growing deeper in our relationships with God and one another. The group meets **Sunday mornings** from 9:45–10:45 a.m. in Room 301 to continue a study of "Unafraid" by Adam Hamilton. During this time, children may attend Children's Sunday School or Nursery on the 3rd floor, and youth (grades 6–12) will gather in Room 303 to build community together.

FRONT STREET SENIORS COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

Join us for a special gathering designed to celebrate the wisdom, faith, and fellowship of our senior church family. Coffee and Conversation will be held on **Thursday, April 30** at 10 a.m. in the Heritage Center. Please RSVP to Leslie (lesiebpeavy@gmail.com) by **Sunday, April 26** so we can prepare accordingly.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER – MAY 7, 2026

Join us for the National Day of Prayer on **Thursday, May 7**. This year's theme from 1 Chronicles 16:24 invites us to unite in prayer for our country. We encourage you to set aside 30 minutes to pray—either at church or wherever you are—and sign up to participate. Weekly prayer cards are available in the narthex to encourage you as we prepare in the weeks leading up to the National Day of Prayer. Learn more and sign up at frontstreetumc.org/events.

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

Our Front Street family would like to invite those of you who regularly take part in worship and ministry here, to become full members of our community of faith on **Pentecost Sunday - May 24**. As members, we journey alongside one another throughout our lives of faith and commit to participating in the life and ministries of Front Street UMC through our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. If you're interested, Daniel would be glad to meet with you—reach out at daniel@frontstreetumc.org.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The following dates are available to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one: **May 10, 17, and 24**. Please contact Linda Paul at 336-543-5081 or ldrose4717@gmail.com for details or to sign up.

UPPER ROOM

The **May-June** issue of the Upper Room is available. Copies are located in the Narthex and Welcome Center.

VBS REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Get ready for Vacation Bible School, **August 3-7**, for kids entering 4 year old preschool through 5th grade. Visit frontstreetumc.org/events to learn more and register.

SEE BACK OF BULLETIN FOR MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF
APRIL 19, 2026**

Sunday, April 19

9:00 Aldersgate Contemporary Worship	Aldersgate Hall
9:30 Children's Choir	Choir Room
9:45 Sunday School	Classrooms
11:00 Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
2:00 Growing Great Girls at Dinner Bell Farm	Dinner Bell Farm
3:00 Mission Team Meeting	John Wesley Room
5:00 Confirmation Class	Youth Suite
6:00 MYF	Aldersgate Hall

Monday, April 20

10:00 Worship Team Meeting	John Wesley Room
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Tuesday, April 21

8:00 Men's Breakfast Bible Study	Heritage Center
9:30 Cynthia Powell Women's Bible Study	Room 401
7:00 Epworth Ringers	Bell Room

Wednesday, April 22

8:00 Youth Breakfast Club	Biscuitville, 669 Huffman Mill Road
7:00 Chancel Choir	Choir Room

Thursday, April 23

10:00 Knitting and Crocheting Group	Room 405
7:00 Visioning Team Meeting	Room 402

Sunday, April 26

9:00 Aldersgate Contemporary Worship	Aldersgate Hall
9:30 Children's Choir	Choir Room
9:45 Sunday School	Classrooms
11:00 Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
5:00 Confirmation Class	Youth Suite
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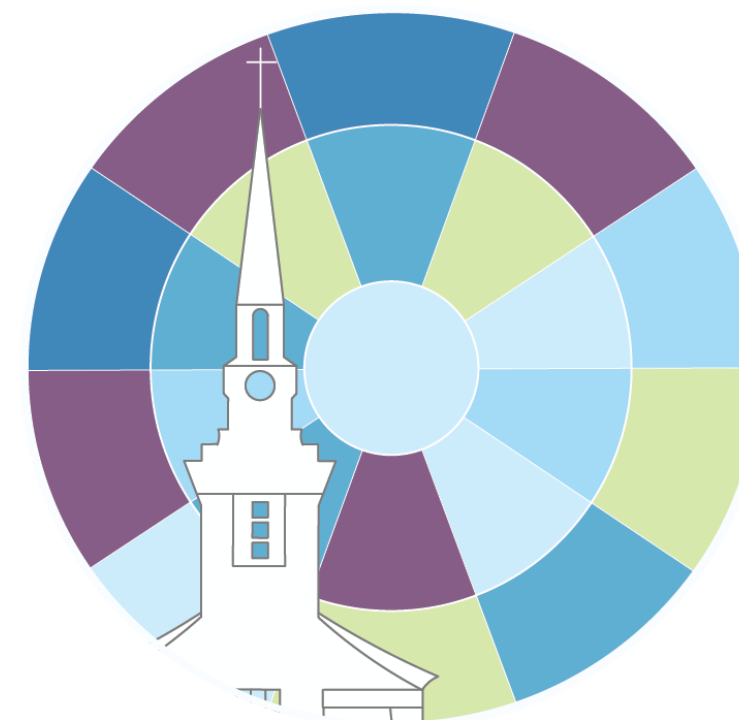
LIVE-STREAMING

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. If you have any questions about this service, please feel free to speak with Pastor Ray.

FRONT STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Our Mission:

Knowing Christ • Growing in Christ • Sharing Christ



Pastor
Rev. Ray Warren

Discipleship Minister
Daniel Polito

Children's Minister
Melissa Miller

Worship and Family Minister
Josh Abraham

Youth Minister
Chris Huneycutt

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD
APRIL 19, 2026
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Welcome to worship at Front Street! Please fill out the attendance pad found at the end of each pew. You can receive a digital worship kit by texting "Worship" to 833-337-8517. During the worship service we invite you to stand as you are able (indicated by *) and join your voice in reading, singing, or praying the **bold** text.

All children are invited to remain in the service to participate in worship. The nursery in Room 308 remains open for children up to age 5.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK

GATHERING AND COMMUNITY MATTERS

PRELUDE Cathedral Windows Robert Powell

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Christ is risen.

People: Christ is risen, indeed.

Leader: God is alive...New birth is given.

People: Hope is alive...A new age is dawning.

Leader: Joy is alive...Redemption is here.

People: Love is alive...Death cannot harm us.

Leader: We are alive...New life is within us.

All: The church is alive...God's spirit is within us. God of life, we worship you. God of creation, we praise you. God of revelation, we learn from you. God of resurrection, we come to celebrate you.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN UMH NO. 318 Christ Is Alive TRURO

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we confess that at times we do not share in the joy of the resurrection but are caught in the worries of the world. We confess that we do not always live in the spirit of new life but remain discontent, grumbling and anxious. Forgive us for not sharing in the Good News. Forgive us when we find it more comfortable to worry and complain than to risk the joy and encouragement of new life in Christ. Call us back to your ways, O God, to seek hope and reconciliation, restoration and peace. In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

* THE APOSTLES' CREED UMH No. 881

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

* GLORIA PATRI UMH No. 70 MEINEKE
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen. Amen.**

PLAYSCHOOL SUNDAY CELEBRATION

* PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Children up to first grade may depart for Children's Church in Room 309.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, through your only Son, you overcame death and opened to us the light of eternity. Enlighten our minds and kindle our hearts with the presence of your Spirit, that we may hear your words of comfort and challenge in the reading of the scriptures, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 16:1-11 MSG

(Please read the bold aloud with the lay speaker.)

Keep me safe, O God, I've run for dear life to you. I say to God, 'Be my Lord!' Without you, nothing makes sense. And these God-chosen lives all around—what splendid friends they make! Don't just go shopping for a god. Gods are not for sale. I swear I'll never treat god-names like brand-names. **My choice is you, O God, first and only. AND NOW I find I am YOUR CHOICE!** You set me up with a house and a yard. **And then you made me YOUR heir!** The wise counsel God gives when I'm awake is confirmed by my sleeping heart. Day and night I will stick with you God. I've got a good thing going, and I'm not letting go! **I'm happy from the inside, out and from the outside in, I'm fully formed.** You canceled my ticket to hell—that's not my destination! Now you've got my feet on the life path, all radiant from the shining of your face. **Ever since I took your hand, I'm on the right way.**

ANTHEM All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name arr. Hart Morris
Epworth Ringers

SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 2:2-10 NT Page 192

SERMON "Why Am I Here?" Rev. Ray Warren

HYMN OF RESPONSE TFWS No. 2040 Awesome God (sing 3 times)
AWESOME GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Please feel comfortable praying the words of your tradition.)

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us
our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against
us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from
evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the
glory, forever. Amen.**

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 O Sons and Daughters, Let us Sing! Larry Shackley
Chancel Choir

* 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

* CLOSING HYMN UMH No. 322 Up from the Grave He Arose
CHRIST AROSE

* BENECTION

POSTLUDE Toccata Widor

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 Pat Pelt and Susan Taylor.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Tom Sykes on his birthday by his family.

MEMBERS OF THE ALTAR GUILD serving in April are Marianna Harris, Teresa Chandler, Lee Ann Michel, Carol Old, and Meredith Self.