

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

Lay Reader: Jim Brannock

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

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 member Suzie Lambeth, who will be in the Prayer Room on our behalf at noon to pray for requests given on the Prayer Request Cards.

AT THE TABLE: be sure to watch and share the latest *At the Table* video premiering Friday mornings on YouTube and Facebook.

APRIL FOOD LIST FOR BACKPACK MINISTRY

Our Backpack Ministry at Eastlawn Elementary (a C4C mission) provides meals for food-insecure children who would otherwise go hungry over the weekend. In April, we are collecting the following items: mac and cheese, peanut butter (in plastic jars), 1 lb. bags of rice, snack-sized fruit cups (no applesauce please), and snack-sized packs of trail mix. Please deposit donations in the Donation Center located in the Reading Area.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Join us for the 2024 National Day of Prayer as we embrace this year's theme "Lift Up the World—Light Up the World" inspired by 2 Samuel 22:29-31. The Front Street Prayer Team invites you to unite with thousands nationwide in prayer for our nation on **May 2, 2024**. Whether at the church or from wherever you are, dedicate 30 minutes to prayer. A prayer guide and list of local, state, and national leaders will be available to guide your intercession. Sign up online or find a sign-up form at the Welcome Center. Let's come together and make a difference through the power of prayer.

EASTLAWN TEACHER APPRECIATION 2024

It's teacher appreciation time and we want to make sure we show the teachers at Eastlawn Elementary (Front Street's C4C partner school) much love from Front Street. We will be providing breakfast for them on **Wednesday, May 8**. If you'd like to participate by donating items for the breakfast, sign up at www.frontstreetumc.org/calendar. Please plan to drop off your food at FSUMC no later than **Tuesday, May 7**. Thank you! Questions? Contact Ms. Melissa at melissa@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 5 and June 2, 16, 23, and 30**. Please contact Linda Paul at 336-543-5081 or ldrose4717@gmail.com for details or to sign up.

SEE BACK OF BULLETIN FOR MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 21, 2024

Sunday, April 21

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| 9:00 | Aldersgate Contemporary Worship | Aldersgate Hall |
| 9:45 | Sunday School | Classrooms |
| 9:45 | Confirmation Class | Youth Floor |
| 11:00 | Traditional Worship Service | Sanctuary |
| 5:15 | God and Family Program | Room 307 |
| 6:00 | Youth | Aldersgate Hall |

Monday, April 22

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| 7:30 | Board of Trustees Meeting | John Wesley Room |
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Tuesday, April 23

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| 8:00 | Men's Breakfast Bible Study | Heritage Center |
| 10:00 | Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study | Heritage Center |
| 6:15 | Epworth Ringers | Sanctuary |

Wednesday, April 24

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| 8:00 | Youth Breakfast Club | Biscuitville, 669 Huffman Mill Rd. |
| 7:00 | Chancel Choir | Choir Room |

Thursday, April 25

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| 7:00 | Visioning Team Meeting | Room 402 |
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Sunday, April 28

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| 9:00 | Aldersgate Contemporary Worship | Aldersgate Hall |
| 9:45 | Sunday School | Classrooms |
| 11:00 | Traditional Worship Service | Sanctuary |
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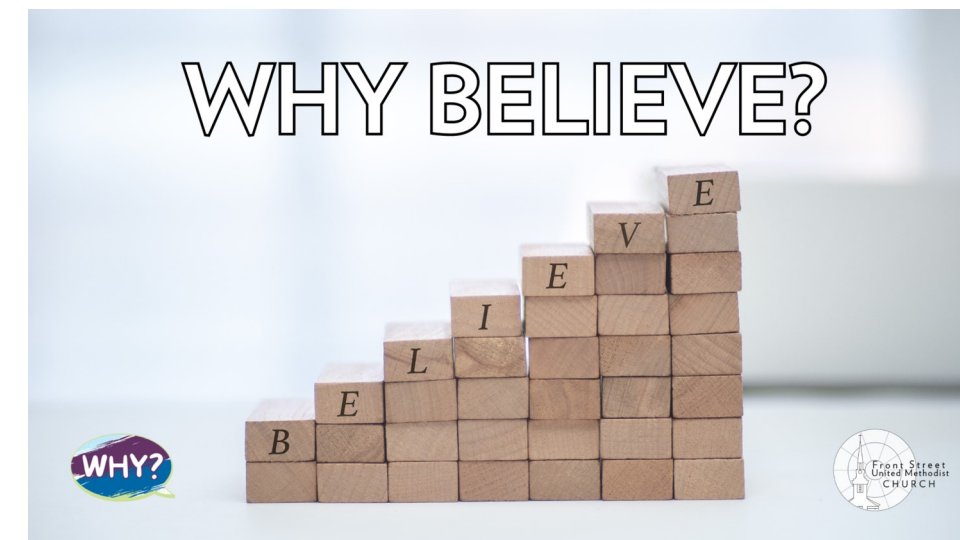
LIVE-STREAMING

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. 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
APRIL 21, 2024
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Welcome: At Front Street, we follow a rhythm of prayer and worship found in *The United Methodist Hymnal*. *The United Methodist Hymnal* (UMH) is the red, hardbound book found in the pew racks. *The Faith We Sing* (TFWS) is the black, softbound book located behind the UMH in the pew racks. An asterisk (*) indicates to stand, where able.

The people's responses are printed in **bold**. Before the worship service, we invite you to prepare your hearts to receive God's love and to feel connected to the Body of Christ. Please take a moment to sign the pew pads. After the worship service, green recycling boxes can be found in the narthex for disposal of worship guides. Thank you for helping us with our creation care.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK

GATHERING AND COMMUNITY CONCERNS

PRELUDE **Pastorale** Percy Whitlock
 Psalm 23:1 (1903-1946)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: When I think of God's presence in the world, I am grateful:

People: Grateful for the presence of hope; grateful for the gift of life.

Leader: And when I think of God's presence in my life, I am humbled:

People: Humbled by the gift of grace; humbled by the invitation to begin again.

Leader: And when I think of God's presence in this community, I am glad:

People: Glad to be surrounded by broken, hurting, holy people worshipping our Holy God.

All: Thank you, Lord, for your people and your presence. Let us worship our Lord.

* **PROCESSIONAL HYMN UMH No. 529 How Firm a Foundation**
FOUNDATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

When our faith stands at the grave, grieving for a stone that's rolled away, forgive us. When our faith is short of understanding, though the truth is there to see, forgive us. When our faith, beset by doubt, sees no further than an empty tomb today, forgive us. Bring to mind the cry of Mary, 'I have seen the Lord!,' and grant us faith to believe!

* **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**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**

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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.

Children ages 4 – first grade may depart for Children's Church in Room 309.

ANTHEM

The Lord's My Shepherd
Chancel Choir

Carl F. Mueller
(1892-1982)

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; He leadeth me
The quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again;
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for His own Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear none ill;
For Thou art with me; and Thy rod
And staff me comfort still.

My table Thou hast furnished
In presence of my foes;
My head Thou dost with oil anoint;
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me:
And in God's house forevermore
My dwelling place shall be. Amen.
-Scottish Psalter, 1650 (Psalm 23)

UMH No. 881

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 death and resurrection, of comfort and challenge, in the reading of your Word, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS **Psalm 22:25-31** OT Page 501
 ***John 6:16-40** NT Page 97

SERMON **"Why Believe?"** Rev. Ray Warren

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

MISSION MOMENT Positive Attitude Youth Center
 Kerry Richmond and Suzie Lambeth

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 **Psalm 23** Gwyneth Walker
 Margaret Dalton, soprano (b.1947)

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures,
He leadeth me, beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul, beside the still waters.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil,
For thou art with me, and thy rod and staff they comfort me.
Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life,
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.
-Psalm 23; Gwyneth Walker, alt.

* **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. 128 He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought**
HE LEADETH ME

* **BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE **Foundation** Wilbur Held
 (1914-2015)

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 Don and Glenda Milligan.