

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

Acolyte: Porter Smith
Lay Reader: Willard Haggins

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 Jim and Kathy Roberson, who will be in the Prayer Room on our behalf at noon to pray for requests given on the Prayer Request Cards.

JANUARY FOOD COLLECTION FOR EASTLAWN BACKPACK MINISTRY

In **January**, we are collecting the following items: canned black beans, mac 'n' cheese, oatmeal packets, peanut butter (16 oz. plastic jars), peanut butter crackers, and rice (1 lb. bag). Please deposit donations on the bottom shelf of the Donation Center located in the Reading Area.

WHEELCHAIR RAMP BUILD

The next wheelchair ramp build has been rescheduled for **Saturday, January 31**. Youth and adults are welcome. No experience necessary. If you'd like to volunteer or need more details, contact Tom Sineath at tom.sineath@gmail.com.

CEREAL SUNDAY

Cereal Sunday is **Sunday, February 1** at FSUMC! Please deposit cereal or other canned/dry goods on the top shelf of the Donation Center in the Reading Area. Feel free to drop off these items any time during the month.

FAITHFUL FAMILIES

Parents/guardians of children and youth are invited to join Faithful Families, a Sunday School Group aiming to build Christian community that takes seriously going deeper in our relationships with God and one another. Starting **February 8**, Faithful Families will gather in Room 301 from 9:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Children are invited to join Children's Sunday School or Nursery on the 3rd floor, while youth (6th-12th grade) are invited to Room 303 as they build Christian community together. Contact Daniel Polito with any questions!

MARDI GRAS PANCAKE SUPPER – FEB. 15 | 5-7 P.M.

Join us in Aldersgate Hall for a fun Mardi Gras Pancake Supper sponsored by the Connections Sunday School Class! Tickets are \$10 individual/\$25 family. Proceeds support **Front Street Playschool and Children's Ministries**. Tickets available in the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings, church office, from Connections Class members, online, or at the door.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES, FEBRUARY 18, 2026

7 a.m. Ash Wednesday Service: Join us at 7 a.m. in the Chapel for an Ash Wednesday service before you start your workday! At this service we will sing together, hear God's word for us, and remember our mortality through the imposition of ashes as we step into the season of Lent.

8 a.m.-10a.m. Ash & Dash: Between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., stop by Salvation Coffee Co. for Ash & Dash - a moment to engage a brief guided liturgy that invites us to confess our sins, receive God's forgiveness, and be reminded of our mortality through the imposition of ashes as we step into the season of Lent. Be sure to grab some coffee or a treat and then find Daniel inside Salvation Coffee Co.!

7 p.m. Traditional Ash Wednesday Service: Join us at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary for our traditional Ash Wednesday Service! All are invited to join us to worship and remember our mortality through the imposition of ashes as we step into the season of Lent.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – TAME YOUR THOUGHTS

Join a new women's Bible study based on Max Lucado's *Tame Your Thoughts*, beginning **Wednesday, February 18 through April 1** in Room 401. Coffee and fellowship at 9:40 a.m.; study begins at 10:00 a.m. Books (\$20) will be distributed at the first meeting. To sign up or learn more, contact Beth Inabnit or Betty Huneycutt or visit frontstreetumc.org/events.

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CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 25, 2026

Sunday, January 25

9:00 Aldersgate Contemporary Worship
9:30 Children's Choir
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Traditional Worship Service

Aldersgate Hall
Choir Room
Classrooms
Sanctuary

Tuesday, January 27

8:00 Men's Breakfast Bible Study
9:30 Cynthia Powell Women's Bible Study
7:00 Epworth Ringers

Heritage Center
Room 401
Bell Room

Wednesday, January 28

8:00 Youth Breakfast Club

Biscuitville, 669 Huffman Mill Road

7:00 Chancel Choir

Choir Room

Thursday, January 29

10:00 Knitting and Crocheting Group

Bride's Room

Saturday, January 31

8:30 Wheelchair Ramp Build

Sunday, February 1

9:00 Aldersgate Contemporary Worship
9:30 Children's Choir
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Traditional Worship Service
5:00 Confirmation Class
6:00 MYF

Aldersgate Hall
Choir Room
Classrooms
Sanctuary
Youth Suite
Aldersgate Hall

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The following dates are available to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one: **February 15, and March 1, 15, 22 and 29**. Please contact Linda Paul at 336-543-5081 or kpaul5@triad.rr.com for details or to sign up.

IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER

In the event that worship services are canceled due to inclement weather, the cancellation will be announced on Instagram/Facebook, our website, and Fox 8.

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.

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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Knowing Christ • Growing in Christ • Sharing Christ



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THE WORSHIP OF GOD
JANUARY 25, 2026
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Welcome to the traditional worship service of Front Street! Please take a moment to 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. As you prepare for worship please feel encouraged to say hello to your neighbors, or spend a moment in solitude with God.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK

GATHERING AND COMMUNITY CONCERNS

PRELUDE **What Wondrous Love Is This** Paul Manz

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Mighty God, you welcome us into your kingdom as honored guests.

People: You give us water to wash our feet, you give us a kiss of greeting, and you anoint our heads with oil.

Leader: Merciful God, you welcome us even though we are sinners.

People: You forgive our debts and give us a seat at your table.

All: Wondrous God, we have come here to give you our worship and praise.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN UMH No. 598 **O Word of God Incarnate**
MUNICH

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess, Anointed One, that we excuse ourselves from reaching out to those who need your care. We take your words—that there will always be unmet needs—as a reason not to try to meet the needs we can. Forgive us, and help us to change. Renew our determination to live as faithful followers, faithful disciples, faithful Christians, free from judgement and measures of our standards, with arms outstretched in love and care as yours is for all. Fill us with gratitude, grace, care, support, acceptance of all people—even the greatest sinner among us. Help us to work with you for the well-being of your people, that the fortunes of all your people may be restored. Amen.

* THE APOSTLES' CREED
I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;

UMH No. 881

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

**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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Jesus our Lord and leader, you explained the scriptures and revealed yourself to the disciples, to the Pharisee, and the sinner, if only they allowed themselves to look, listen—and witness You, the Word Made Flesh. Now, by your Spirit, enlighten our minds to understand their witness and your word. Ignite our hearts to receive you as we hear again your word for us today. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 27:1-6

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

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? When evildoers assail me, uttering slanders against me, my adversaries and foes, **they shall stumble and fall.** Though a host encamp against me, **my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.** One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after; **that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,** to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple. For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent, he will set me high upon a rock. **And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies round about me; and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.**

* SCRIPTURE READING Luke 7:36-38, 44-48

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SERMON "The Misfits' Messiah: Coming Home"

Rev. Ray Warren

HYMN OF RESPONSE UMH No. 601 **Thy Word Is a Lamp** THY WORD

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

Amazing Grace

Chancel Choir

Arlen Clarke

* 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!**

UMH No. 94

* CLOSING HYMN TFWS No. 2129 **I Have Decided to Follow Jesus**
ASSAM

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE **Allegro Maestoso from 2nd Symphony**

Felix Mendelssohn

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 host this week is Betty Huneycutt.

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