

THE WORSHIP OF GOD  
JULY 12, 2026  
SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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 is open for children up to age 5.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK

GATHERING AND COMMUNITY MATTERS

PRELUDE **I Am Thine, O Lord** arr. Monte Thomas

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Strength is commanding the wind and sea to obey,

**People: Strength is wielding a slingshot in the face of a raging giant.**

Leader: Strength is accepting vulnerability from inside the boat, on a raging sea.

**People: Strength is standing in solidarity with the powerless.**

Leader: Strength is turning a cheek,

**People: Strength is loving an enemy.**

**All: We come to worship our Lord who redefines our vision of strength.**

\* OPENING HYMN No. 580 **Lead On, O King Eternal** LANCASHIRE

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**So often we let fears control us, we let doubt become the way of life. Yet, we confess with our words that our world is cradled in God's loving hands. Forgive us of our contradicting words and heart. Perhaps Lord, these contradictory words of faith and action are because there can be such giants in our lives. Each day, our fears, our doubts, our worries wash over us, until we come to believe that you do not care for us. There seems to be so much wrong in the world, we are convinced that there is nothing good we can do. The storms of sin and temptation batter at us, and we cower, unable to find the faith to withstand them. Forgive us, God of Hope. Remind us that if we but open our hearts, you will heal us. If we but listen to your words, we will hear peace and joy. If we but open our**

**lives to you, we can go forth to serve our sisters and brothers, even as we have been served by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. 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.**

\* PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**We pray today, O Lord, as we read and hear Your word today, that the fears and insecurities we face will be healed. That we will receive your encouragement as your scripture fills our hearts and minds. Let your word give us the inspiration to trust you as we face the giant fears, temptations, and insecurities we may face. In the name of Your Word, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING **Psalm 119:105-112**

CEB

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

Your word is a lamp before my feet and a light for my journey. I have sworn, and I fully mean it: I will keep your righteous rules. I have been suffering so much—Lord, make me live again according to your promise. Please, Lord, **accept my spontaneous gifts of praise.** Teach me your rules! Though my life is constantly in danger, I won't forget your instruction. **Though the wicked have set a trap for me, I won't stray from your precepts.** Your laws are my possession forever because they are my heart's joy. I have decided to keep your statutes forever, every last one.

SCRIPTURE READING **I Samuel 17:40-50**

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SERMON

"David"

Rev. Ray Warren

HYMN OF RESPONSE UMH No. 494 **Kum Ba Yah** (vv. 1, 5, 6)

DESMOND

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

Music Box Dancer

Gates

\* 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 No. 400 **Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

NETTLETON

\* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccata

Brenda Portman

**WELCOME!** We're glad that you have chosen to worship with us today. We invite you to worship with us again.

**MEMBERS OF THE ALTAR GUILD** serving in July are Ruth Colville, Susan Black, Louise Cox, Margaret Ann Freeman, and Janice Whitlatch.

**WE THANK** Fred Glassford for serving as lay reader during our worship service.

**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](mailto:prayer@frontstreetumc.org). We thank team members Rett and Jan Davis, who will be in the Prayer Room on our behalf at noon to pray for requests given on the Prayer Request Cards.

**SUNDAY MORNING NURSERY WORKER**

Front Street UMC is seeking a caring and dependable Nursery Worker to provide a safe, welcoming environment for infants and toddlers on Sunday mornings (8:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.). If you enjoy working with young children, are friendly, patient, and dependable, and are willing to complete required background checks and child safety training, we'd love to hear from you. For pay information and to apply, contact Ms. Melissa.

**JULY FOOD COLLECTION FOR EASTLAWN BACKPACK MINISTRY**

In July, we're focusing on collecting green beans and mac & cheese to restock our shelves for the upcoming school year. Though bags won't go out (except for summer school students), our supplies are depleted. Help us get ready—more items will be added in August!

**CHILDREN'S SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL - JULY SCHEDULE**

On **July 12, 19, and 26**, children ages 4 through 5th grade are invited to gather in Room 302 for Sunday School. Nursery care will be available for younger children.

**DISCIPLESHIP BOOK CLUB**

All are invited to join the new Discipleship Book Club this summer as we explore what it means to live more deeply as disciples of Jesus Christ. Together, we will read and discuss two beloved Christian classics: *Life of the Beloved* by Henri Nouwen and *Life Together* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Our summer gathers will take place in Room 401 from 3:00-4:30 p.m.:

- **July 19** - Discussion of *Life of the Beloved*
- **August 23** - Discussion of *Life Together*.

If you have any questions or need assistance purchasing the books, please contact Daniel at [daniel@frontstreetumc.org](mailto:daniel@frontstreetumc.org).

**FAMILY FUN NIGHT**

Join us on **Sunday, July 26**, for a fun-filled Front Street Family Night Out at the Burlington Sock Puppets game—completely free for all attendees. The game begins at 5:30 p.m. at the Burlington Athletic Stadium. Your free ticket includes admission to the game plus an all-you-can-eat meal featuring burgers, hot dogs, grilled chicken sandwiches, chips, soda, and water. **A RSVP is required by July 19** to attend. Please register at <https://www.frontstreetumc.org/events>.

**VBS MOUNTAIN GUIDES NEEDED**

Help make Vacation Bible School a success by serving as a Mountain Guide! Mountain Guides lead small groups of children from station to station, encourage participation, and help create a fun and welcoming environment throughout the week.

VBS will be held **August 3–7** from 9:00 a.m.–12:00 noon. No experience is necessary—just a caring heart and a willingness to serve. Contact Melissa for more information or to volunteer.

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

The following dates are available to place **August 2 and 9 and September 6, 13, 20, and 27**. Please contact Linda Paul at 336-543-5081 or [ldrose4717@gmail.com](mailto:ldrose4717@gmail.com) for details or to sign up.

SEE BACK OF BULLETIN FOR MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF  
JULY 12, 2026**

**Sunday, July 12**

9:00	Aldersgate Contemporary Worship	Aldersgate Hall
9:45	Sunday School	Classrooms
11:00	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary

**Wednesday, July 15**

2:00	Fresh Mobile Market	Northside Presbyterian Church
6:00	Bird and The Word	Chick-fil-A, 3102 Garden Road

**Thursday, July 16**

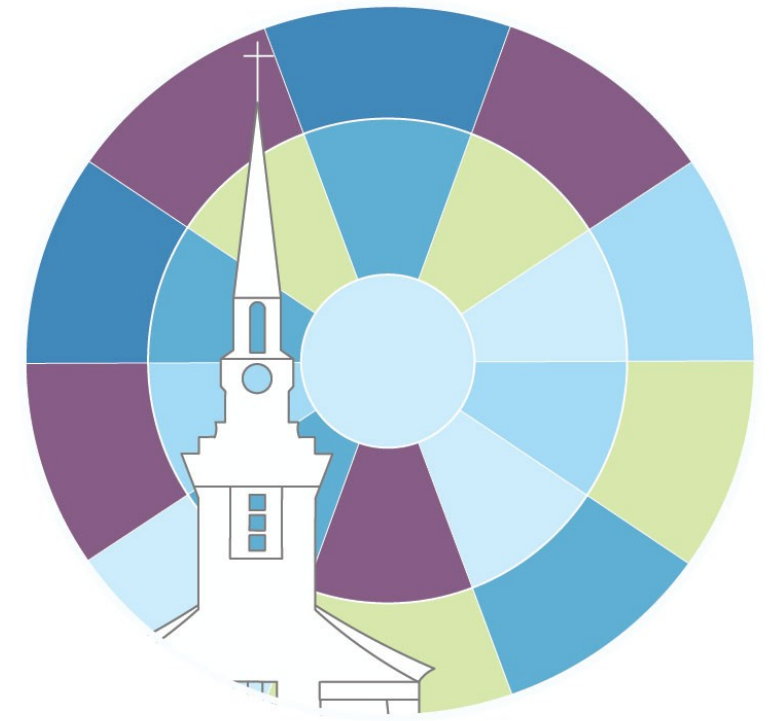
9:30	Prayer Team Meeting	John Wesley Room
10:00	Creating for Christ Group	Room 405

**Sunday, July 5**

9:00	Aldersgate Contemporary Worship	Aldersgate Hall
9:45	Sunday School	Classrooms
11:00	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
3:00	Discipleship Book Club	Room 401

**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

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*Knowing Christ • Growing in Christ • Sharing Christ*

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