

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

Lay Reader: Tim Laverty

REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT MINISTRY

The NCASC's Refugee Resettlement Program is in need of essential items to help refugee families coming to Greensboro. Visit www.frontstreetumc.org/refugee-resettlement for a list of items or pick up a copy from the Missions Table in the Reading Area.

MARCH 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 March, we are collecting the following items: canned chili, fruit, soup, and tuna. Please deposit donations in the cabinet located in the reading area.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Join us **tonight** from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. for a delightful evening of pancakes, toppings, and community cheer. Tickets are \$7 individual/\$20 family and can be purchased this morning at the Welcome Center. Tickets will also be available at the door, or you can reserve your tickets for pick up tonight at www.frontstreetumc.org/pancake-supper. This event is sponsored by the Connections Sunday School Class and supports our C4C partnership school, Eastlawn Elementary.

THE FRESH MOBILE MARKET

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2 P.M. AT NORTHSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Volunteers are needed to pack food, load cars, and direct traffic. Visit www.frontstreetumc.org/fresh-mobile-market to learn more.

EASTER EGG HUNT: SAVE THE DATE

Children's Ministry at Front Street is excited about the 2024 Easter Egg Hunt. It will be held at Springwood Park on **Saturday, March 23** at 11 a.m. (In case of rain, the hunt will be held at Front Street UMC.) This is a free event, but you are encouraged to bring a box of mac 'n' cheese or canned goods for our Backpack Ministry. Bring your basket and join us! (P.S. Don't be late—the hunt starts promptly at 11 a.m.!)

Interested in helping with the hunt? Volunteer opportunities include helping set up and clean up, or providing refreshments for after the hunt. Sign up under "Reservations and Sign Ups" at www.frontstreetumc.org/calendar.

NEW MEMBERS' CLASS

Are you interested in learning more about our church? What does membership at Front Street UMC look like? You are invited to attend a New Members' Class with Pastors Ray and Stephan on **Sunday, March 24** at 9:45 a.m. in the John Wesley Room to find out. There will be an invitation to join, but it is not a requirement to come and listen.

DEDICATION OF COURTYARD

Have you seen the new courtyard? Its beauty and presence reflects what we know about and strive for our people on the inside. On **Sunday, March 24**, following 11:00 a.m. worship, we will celebrate the great generosity of everyone involved. Come join us on Palm Sunday in our own way of laying down palms and coats for Jesus in every person to walk in our door.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The following dates are available to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one: **April 7, 14, 21, and 28 and May 5**. Please contact Linda Paul at 336-543-5081 or ldrose4717@gmail.com for details or to sign up.

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.

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 17, 2024

Sunday, March 17

9:00	Aldersgate Contemporary Worship	Aldersgate Hall
9:45	Sunday School	Classrooms
9:45	Confirmation Class	Youth Floor
11:00	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
4:00	Children's Choir	Sanctuary
5:00	Pancake Supper	Aldersgate Hall
5:15	God and Family Program	Room 307
6:00	Youth	Youth Floor

Monday, March 18

7:00	Worship Team Meeting	John Wesley Room
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Tuesday, March 19

8:00	Men's Breakfast Bible Study	Heritage Center
10:00	Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study	Heritage Center
6:00	Endowment Committee Meeting	John Wesley Room
6:15	Epworth Ringers	Bell Room

Wednesday, March 20

7:30	Youth Breakfast Club	Biscuitville, 669 Huffman Mill Road
2:00	Fresh Mobile Market	Northside Presbyterian Church
7:00	Chancel Choir	Choir Room

Thursday, March 21

9:30	Prayer Team Ministry	Room 402/Zoom
10:00	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Room 405
7:00	Visioning Team Meeting	Room 402

Saturday, March 23

11:00	Easter Egg Hunt	Springwood Park
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9:45	Sunday School	Classrooms
9:45	Confirmation Class	Youth Floor
9:45	New Members Class	John Wesley Room
11:00	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
12:00	Dedication of Courtyard	Courtyard
4:00	Children's Choir	Sanctuary
5:15	God and Family Program	Room 307
6:00	Youth	Youth Floor

FRONT STREET
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Our Mission:

Knowing Christ • Growing in Christ • Sharing Christ



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Melissa Miller

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Follow Us



THE WORSHIP OF GOD
MARCH 17, 2024
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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 **A Lenten Prelude, Op. 62, No. 4**
 Linda Cykert, flute Charles Callahan
 (1951-2023)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;
People: let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.
 Leader: Let us come before him with thanksgiving
People: and extol him with music and song.
 Leader: For the Lord is the great God,
People: the great King above all gods.
 Leader: Come, let us bow down in worship,
All: let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

*** PROCESSIONAL HYMN UMH No. 168 At the Name of Jesus**
KING'S WESTON

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgiving God, we bring to this sanctuary and place on your table our burdens and brokenness, our self-image bruised and hurting, our fears, shame, doubts, and anxieties, the raw materials we ask you to bless and change, that in our dark tunnels we may begin to see your light and in our desert experiences we may find you.

*** 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.

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 **Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us** William Roberts
Chancel Choir (b. 1947)
Linda Cykert, flute

Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need thy tender care;
In thy pleasant pastures feed us; for our use thy folds prepare.
Blessed Jesus! Blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.

Early let us seek thy favor, early let us learn thy will;
Do thou, Lord, our only Savior, with thy love our bosoms fill.
Blessed Jesus! Blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us: love us still.
-Dorothy Ann Thrupp (1779-1847)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Living God, help us to hear your holy Word that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe, and, believing, we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS	Psalms 130	OT Page 573
	Philippians 2:12-13	NT Page 197
	Matthew 5:13-16	NT Page 4

SERMON **“Why God... Don’t You Fix Everything?”**
Josh Abraham

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	Suite Antique	John Rutter
	III. Aria	(b. 1945)
	Linda Cykert, flute	

*** DOXOLOGY Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow OLD 100th**
All Singing: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye
 heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.
 UMH No. 95

* CLOSING HYMN TFWS No. 2083 **My Song Is Love Unknown**
RHOSYMEDRE

*** BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE **In paradisum** Charles Callahan
Linda Cykert, flute

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 Sam and Ruth Ann Stubblefield.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given in gratitude to God and in celebration of Taylor Wilson's 60th birthday by his wife, Nancy.

MEMBERS OF THE ALTAR GUILD serving in March are Nancy Long, Ruth Colville, Louise Cox, Beth Kelley, and Kathy Roberson.

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 area, or you may email the Prayer Ministry Team at 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.