

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

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

Lay Reader: Fred Glassford

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

MARCH FOOD COLLECTION FOR EASTLAWN BACKPACK MINISTRY

In **March**, we are collecting the following items: canned green beans, canned meat, granola bars, and macaroni and cheese. 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.

UMCOR SUNDAY OFFERING, TODAY

This offering provides major support for immediate assistance in the wake of natural and human-caused disasters and helps support ongoing ministries of food, shelter, health, and peace. Pew offering envelopes may be used for your contribution. Please note "UMCOR" on the envelope.

FIFTH SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP—VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Join us on **Sunday, March 29 (Palm Sunday)**, at 9:45 a.m. in Aldersgate Hall for our 5th Sunday Fellowship. This is a great opportunity for children and adults from our Sunday School classes to connect with friends who may worship at a different service. Kids: Come build your own Palm Sundae! Volunteers are needed to provide items and help during the event. Thank you for helping make this a sweet time of fellowship! Sign up at frontstreetumc.org/events.

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday, March 29 - Contemporary Service at 9:00 a.m. in Aldersgate Hall and Traditional Service at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Maundy Thursday, April 2 - service at 7 p.m. in Sanctuary including Holy Communion and the stripping of the altar.

Good Friday, April 3 - service at 7:00 p.m. in Aldersgate Hall. Experience Jesus' seven last words and the stripping of the altar.

Easter Sunday, April 5 - Contemporary Service at 9:00 a.m. in Aldersgate Hall and Traditional Service at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

EASTER EGG HUNT

Front Street's Children's Ministry is excited for the 2026 Easter Egg Hunt on **Sunday, April 5**, at 10 a.m. sharp at Front Street UMC! Bring your basket, invite a friend, and join the fun!

Want to help? Volunteer or donate supplies to make this event a success! Visit frontstreetumc.org/events to sign up or learn more.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The following dates are available to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one: **March 22 and 29 and April 5, 12, 19, and 26**. Please contact Linda Paul at 336-543-5081 or kpaul5@triad.rr.com for details or to sign up.

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.

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CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 15, 2026

Sunday, March 15

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
3:00	Mission Team Meeting	John Wesley Room
4:50	MYF at First Presbyterian Church	Meet @ FSUMC

Tuesday, March 17

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, March 18

8:00	Youth Breakfast Club	Biscuitville, 669 Huffman Mill Road
9:30	Ladies Bible Study - <i>Tame Your Thoughts</i>	Room 404
2:00	Fresh Mobile Market	Northside Presbyterian Church
4:30	Playschool St. Patrick's Day Fundraiser	Aldersgate Hall
7:00	<i>An Unlikely Lent</i> Bible Study	Room 402
7:00	Chancel Choir	Choir Room

Thursday, March 19

9:30	Prayer Ministry Team Meeting	John Wesley Room
10:00	Knitting and Crocheting Group	Bride's Room
1:30	Genealogy Workshop	Room 402

Sunday, March 22

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
6:00	MYF	Aldersgate Hall

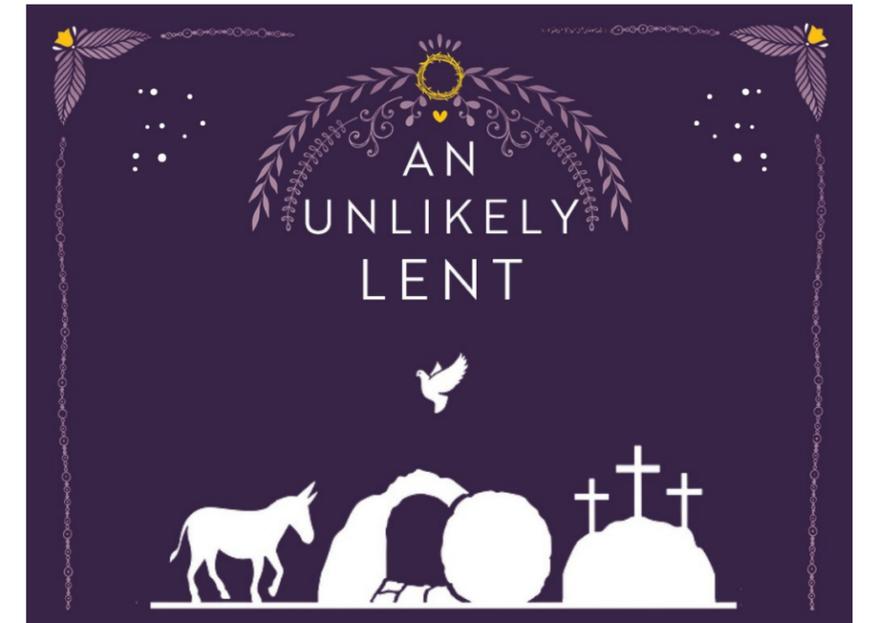
LIVE-STREAMING

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



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THE WORSHIP OF GOD
MARCH 15, 2026
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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 **Beneath the Cross of Jesus** Mark Hayes

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us worship God, who has done great things.

People: We rejoice in our God, who made a way through the desert of this world.

Leader: Let us worship God, who has caused streams of mercy to flow in the wasteland.

People: We are the people God has formed through Christ; we worship him, and we rejoice!

Leader: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

All: We have gathered to praise God for the grace that has saved us.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN UMH No. 297

Beneath the Cross of Jesus ST. CHRISTOPHER

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We come before our God, who is full of compassion, to ask forgiveness and mercy. When in our excesses we consume more than our share while others go with basic needs unmet: Forgive us, merciful God. When we are blinded by our affluence and fail to reach out in care and concern: Forgive us, merciful God. When we are overwhelmed by desires to acquire and consume more than we need: Forgive us, merciful God. When possessions cloud our view of you and your gracious love: Forgive us, merciful God. 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.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Larry and Wendy Wallace

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God who is with us, guide us by your Word. Help us to again receive you in the flesh. May the Promised One lead us in wisdom and truth and may we be sustained by Christ who is the Bread of Life. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 43:16-21

RSV

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

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings forth chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: "Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. **Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.** The wild beasts will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise."

ANTHEM

It is Well with My Soul

Epworth Ringers arr. Martha Thompson

* SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 23:22-27

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SERMON

"An Unlikely Lent: Unlikely Companionship"

Rev. Ray Warren

HYMN OF RESPONSE UMH No. 301 vv. 1-2

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross NEAR THE CROSS

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

We Shall Walk Through the Valley arr. Tim Sharp
Chancel Choir

* 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 UMH No. 298 **When I Survey the Wondrous Cross HAMBURG**

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Improvisation of an Irish Air

Norman Coke-Jephcott

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 John and Susan Black.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in honor of Judy Pratt in celebration of her birthday today by John Pratt.