

SUMMIT RECORDING ARTISTS, Carolina Brass is North Carolina's premier national touring brass ensemble. This morning we welcome the following ensemble members: David Dash, trumpet; Nico Mclaurin, trumpet; Bob Campbell, horn; David Wulfbeck, trombone; and Justin Worley, tuba. For more information regarding Carolina Brass, please visit www.carolinabrass.com.

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:

Acolyte: Cate Hill
Lay Reader: Julian Mims

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

FAITHFUL FAMILIES

Starting on **April 12th**, Faithful Families will include Bible Study on Sunday mornings! Parents/guardians of children and youth will continue to gather every Sunday in Room 301 from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. to share where we see God at work in our lives AND to grow deeper in our relationship with God through Bible Studies. Our first Bible Study will be 5 weeks long using *Unafraid: Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times* by Adam Hamilton. Children may attend children's Sunday School or nursery on the 3rd floor, and youth (grades 6-12) will gather in Room 303 to build Christian community together.

APRIL FOOD COLLECTION FOR EASTLAWN BACKPACK MINISTRY

In **April**, we are collecting the following items: canned carrots, fruit bars, fruit cups, and peanut butter crackers. Please deposit donations on the bottom shelf of the Donation Center located in the Reading Area.

HOLY WEEK

Maunder 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. Come journey through Jesus' seven last words and the stripping of the altar in a hands-on, experiential way.

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! Weather permitting, we will gather outside. If the weather is not favorable, we will gather in the Welcome Center.

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

CEREAL SUNDAY

Cereal Sunday is **Sunday, April 5** 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.

UMW APRIL MEETINGS

UMW Morning Circle meets **Monday, April 13** at 10:00 a.m. in the Heritage Center (program by Rett Davis; bring items for welcome baskets).

UMW Evening Circle meets **Tuesday, April 14** at 6:30 p.m. in the Heritage Center (program by Stephanie Campbell of Dinner Bell Farm). All women are invited.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The following dates are available to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one: **April 12 and 19 and May 10, 17, and 24**. Please contact Linda Paul at 336-543-5081 or ldrose4717@gmail.com for details or to sign up.

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 29, 2026

Sunday, March 29

9:00	Aldersgate Contemporary Worship	Aldersgate Hall
9:30	Children's Choir	Choir Room
9:45	Fifth Sunday Fellowship	Aldersgate Hall
11:00	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
5:00	Confirmation Class	Youth Suite
6:00	MYF	Aldersgate Hall

Tuesday, March 31

8:00	Men's Breakfast Bible Study	Heritage Center
7:00	Epworth Ringers	Bell Room

Wednesday, April 1

8:00	Youth Breakfast Club	Biscuitville, 669 Huffman Mill Road
9:30	Ladies Bible Study - <i>Tame Your Thoughts</i>	Room 404
6:00	Lenten Children's Bible Study	Room 302
7:00	<i>An Unlikely Lent</i> Bible Study	Room 402
7:00	Chancel Choir	Choir Room

Thursday, April 2

9:30	Prayer Ministry Team Meeting	John Wesley Room
10:00	Knitting and Crocheting Group	Bride's Room
2:00	Genealogy Workshop	Room 402
7:00	Maunder Thursday Service	Sanctuary

Friday, April 3

7:00	Good Friday Service	Aldersgate Hall
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Sunday, April 5

9:00	Aldersgate Contemporary Worship	Aldersgate Hall
9:30	Children's Choir	Choir Room
9:45	Sunday School	Classrooms
10:00	Easter Egg Hunt	FSUMC
11:00	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary

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.

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 29, 2026

PALM SUNDAY

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	Voluntary On Old 100th Canzona per Sonare No.4 My Spirit Be Joyful Carolina Brass	Purcell Gabrieli Bach
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* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus was beloved by the poor and the outcast
People: but He was a threat to people with power.

Leader: Jesus stood against the Temple,
People: so He was a threat to the Sadducees.

Leader: Jesus healed on the Sabbath and ate with sinners,

People: so He was a threat to the Pharisees.

Leader: Jesus took the titles of "Lord," "Son of God," and "King"

People: those were the Caesar's titles: He was a threat to the government.

Leader: Jesus came without violence

People: yet He disturbed the peace.

Leader: Jesus came proclaiming the Kingdom of God

People: and the kingdoms of this world were frightened.

Leader: Lord, help us to love your Kingdom more than the kingdoms of this world.

All: For thine is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Hosanna! Amen.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN UMH NO. 280

All Glory, Laud, and Honor ST. THEODULPH

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all times and places, we confess that we would rather join the crowds than stand alone. We prefer the popular point of view to a solitary witness for justice and truth. We like safety and security while shrinking from the risk of involvement. We'll sing "hosanna" when everyone else is doing so—but not when the hostile "Good Friday" forces may hear us. We do not like to admit our lukewarm response to you, but neither do we want to be

considered fanatics. We believe Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. We know that means us, not just other folk involved in obvious evils everyone knows about. We ask you to be patient with us, to help us understand our own guilt. Then pour out your forgiveness in such a way that we are forever transformed. In the name of 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;
and 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.**

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

* PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Lead me Lord in the way that I should go, and guide me
Father by your Word of Grace and Spirit of Truth into a
deeper understanding and knowledge of our Lord and
Saviour, Jesus Christ, who is the light of the world, and who
illuminates the path of all that trust in His saving power. Help
me Lord, to look to Jesus, who is the lamp to my feet and
the light to my path, and give me the strength, courage
and wisdom to act upon your Word in my life and into
your world. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 22-1-5, 30-31

CEB

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

My God! My God, why have you left me all alone? Why are you so far from saving me—so far from my anguished groans? My God, I cry out during the day, but you don't

answer; even at nighttime I don't stop. You are the holy one, enthroned. You are Israel's praise. **Our ancestors trusted you—they trusted you and you rescued them; they cried out to you and they were saved; they trusted you and they weren't ashamed. Future descendants will serve him; generations to come will be told about my Lord.** They will proclaim God's righteousness to those not yet born, telling them what God has done.

ANTHEM

Cantique de Jean Racine
Chancel Choir

Gabriel Faure

* SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 23:39-43

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SERMON

"Hanging on Hope"

Rev. Ray Warren

HYMN OF RESPONSE UMH NO. 288 Were You There vv. 1-2

WERE YOU THERE

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

Largo from Voluntary in Bb
Carolina Brass

Boyce

* 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. 448 vv. 1-5 **Go Down, Moses TUBMAN**

* BENECTION

POSTLUDE

March from Second Suite
Carolina Brass

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