

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

MAY 24, 2026

DAY OF 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 **Sonata for Cello No. 1** J. S. Bach
David Moran, marimba solo

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, the one who sang a new melody as God's creation rose from chaos, who wept at the dark shadow of a cross, and who danced early in the morning, at the opening of an empty tomb,

People: Come, Holy Spirit, the one who could not be contained by wind, or flame, or breath, the one who blesses the Church with courage, peace, justice and love.

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, to us, who gather this day with trembling hands and uncertain hearts. Teach us to sing a new song and to dance with reckless abandon.

People: Here in this gathering of believers, as you did with those so long ago, breathe on us now. Breathe on us, blowing away our fears and our hesitations.

Leader: Breathe on us, as we worship, transforming our hard-heartedness into passion-filled lives.

All: Breathe on us, as we worship, for we need peace, and courage and Pentecostal power, that only you can give, to be all that you desire for us to be into the world. Ignite us Lord with Your power. Amen.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 605

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters **BEACH SPRING**

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy Spirit, you move around us and we wave you away as if you are a fly getting too close to our heads, or as if you were a threat to our lives and we avoid you totally. You move among us, but we all have different ideas... different ways of doing things...and so your perfectly chilling harmonics are drowned out by our chaotic dissonance of fear and arrogance. You desire to move

within us, but sometimes we just aren't willing to risk our own reputations to embrace your radical vision. But, deep down, we know that we need to move beyond ourselves...we know that the church needs to move beyond itself. So keep moving...keep moving around us, among us, and within us...keep moving us so that we can be movers of Your movement in the world...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 MEMBER

Liz Lohmann

* PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Children up to first grade may depart for Children's Church in Room 309.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord give us the courage to be open to the over-filling of Your Spirit as we read Your Word. Come Holy Spirit, the one who could not be contained by wind, or flame, or breath, the one who blesses the Church with courage, peace, and love. Come, Holy Spirit, to us, who gather this day with trembling hands and uncertain hearts. Teach us again to sing a new song and to dance with reckless abandon as we receive Your words today.

SCRIPTURE READING

Ezekiel 37:1-14

CEB (selected)

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

The Lord's power overcame me, and while I was in the Lord's spirit, he led me out and set me down in the middle of a certain valley. It was full of bones...there were a

great many of them on the valley floor...God's Spirit asked me, "Human one, can these bones live again?" I said, "**Lord God, only you know.**" He said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, **Dry bones, hear the Lord's word!**...I am about to put breath in you, and you will live again. I will put sinews on you, place flesh on you, and cover you with skin. When I put breath in you, and you come to life, you will know that I am the Lord."...**Then there was a great noise...then a great quaking, and the bones came together, bone by bone...and then they were covered over with skin.** But there was still no breath in them. God said to me,...Say to the breath...'Breathe into these dead bodies and let them live.'...When the breath entered them, they came to life and stood on their feet...The Lord God proclaims: **I'm opening your graves! I will raise you up from your graves...and I will put my breath in you, and you will live...and you will know that I am the Lord.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:1-6, 12-21

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SERMON

"Church on Fire"

Rev. Ray Warren

HYMN OF RESPONSE UMH No. 333

I'm Goin' Sing When the Spirit Says Sing I'M GOIN'A SING

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

The Light You Bring Nathan Daughtrey
David Moran, marimba solo

* 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. 334 Sweet, Sweet Spirit SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Holy Spirit Enter In

Johannes Matthias Michael

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 Tom and Vickie Sykes.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in honor of Betty Huneycutt and Beth Inabnit by the Wednesday Morning Bible Study Group.

MEMBERS OF THE ALTAR GUILD serving in May are Marianna Harris, Teresa Chandler, Pat Freiburger, Nancy Hamby, and Susan Taylor.

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

Acolyte: Sarah Moran
Lay Reader: John Lewis

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

CALLED CHARGE CONFERENCE

A called Charge Conference will be held during the **May 28** Visioning Team meeting to approve Pastor Daniel Polito's salary beginning July 1, 2026. In June, Daniel will be Commissioned as a Provisional Deacon in the North Georgia Annual Conference and appointed to Front Street United Methodist Church effective July 1. Please keep Daniel in your prayers as he begins this new season of ministry and continues on the path toward ordination in The United Methodist Church.

LITTLE LAMBS PLAYGROUP, SATURDAY, MAY 30, 10:00-11:30 A.M.

Little Lambs Toddler Playgroup is a relaxed Saturday morning gathering at church for children birth - 4 years old and their parents or caregivers. Little Lambs offers a welcoming environment for play, connection, and fellowship, where children can explore together while adults enjoy community. Please RSVP to Kelby at kelbywest@gmail.com.

A TIME OF REMEMBRANCE

A Time of Remembrance for Barbara Pryce will be held on **Saturday, May 30**, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the Heritage Center. For 41 years, Barbara faithfully served as a teacher at Front Street Playschool, sharing her love, kindness, patience, and joyful spirit with generations of children and families. All those whose lives she touched—as children, parents, or staff members—are warmly invited to attend as we celebrate Barbara's extraordinary legacy, reconnect with one another, and share the many wonderful memories she leaves behind. We look forward to honoring together the life of someone who meant so much to so many.

SENIOR SUNDAY

Join us for worship at our 11:00 a.m. service **next Sunday, May 31** as we celebrate our high school graduates. The graduates will be participating in Sunday's service.

CHILDREN'S SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Summer is approaching, and our Sunday School teachers will be taking a well-deserved break. The last day of Sunday School will be **May 31**. We hope to continue children's Sunday School throughout the summer and are looking for volunteers to help teach or assist on select Sundays. No experience is needed—lessons and supplies will be provided. If you're interested, learn more at frontstreetumc.org/events or contact Ms. Melissa.

C4C OPPORTUNITY: EASTLAWN 5TH GRADE PROMOTION CEREMONY

The Eastlawn 5th Grade Promotion Ceremony will be held on **Thursday, June 4 at 9:00 a.m.** in the sanctuary, followed by a reception in Aldersgate. Volunteers are needed to greet guests, help with food, and provide reception items. If you can help, please sign up at frontstreetumc.org/events or contact Ms. Melissa.

SEE BACK OF BULLETIN FOR MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF
MAY 24, 2026**

Sunday, May 24

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

Monday, May 25 - Church Office Closed for Memorial Day

Wednesday, May 27

8:00 Youth Breakfast Club	Biscuitville, 669 Huffman Mill Road
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Thursday, May 28

10:00 Knitting and Crocheting Group	Room 405
7:00 Visioning Team Meeting & Called Charge Conference	Room 402

Saturday, May 30

10:00 Little Lambs	Room 304
2:00 Remembrance for Barbara Pryce	Heritage Center

Sunday, May 31

9:00 Aldersgate Contemporary Worship	Aldersgate Hall
9:45 Sunday School	Classrooms
10:00 Senior Breakfast Celebration	Aldersgate Hall
11:00 Traditional Worship Service/Senior Sunday	Sanctuary

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The following dates are available to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one: **June 21 and 28 and July 5, 12, and 26**. Please contact Linda Paul at 336-543-5081 or ldrose4717@gmail.com for details or to sign up.

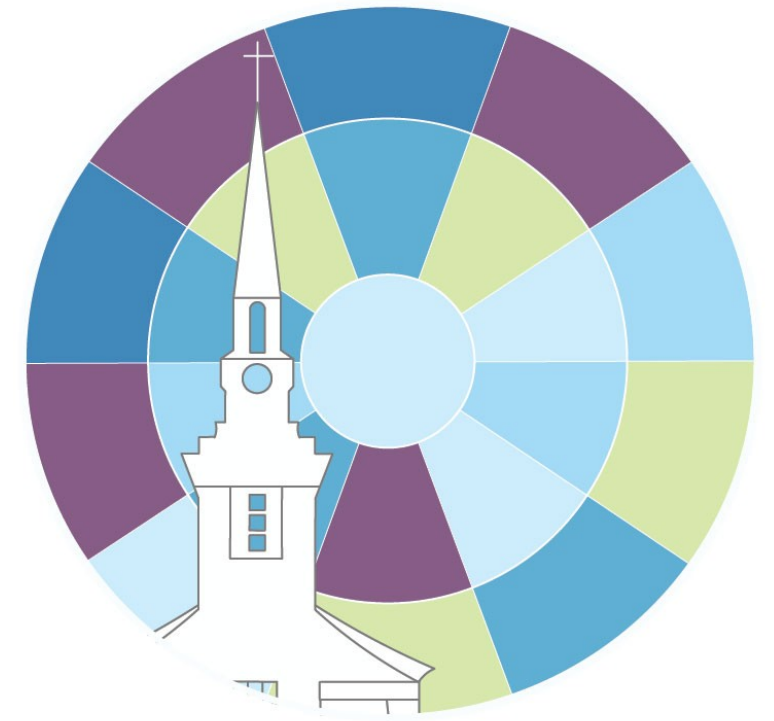
HAVE YOU REGISTERED YOUR CHILD FOR VBS?

The VBS team is actively preparing for Vacation Bible School this summer. At this time, we only have a few children registered, and we need an accurate count in order to plan supplies, recruit volunteers, and organize all the activities. If you are planning to send your child to VBS this year, please take a moment to register them as soon as possible at frontstreetumc.org/events.

Vacation Bible School will be held **August 3-7** from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Front Street UMC. The program is open to children ages 4 years old through current 5th graders. The cost is \$20 if registered by May 31, with a family maximum of \$40. If you have any questions or need information about scholarships, please contact Ms. Melissa.

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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