

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
MAY 31, 2026
TRINITY SUNDAY

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 **Nun Bitten Wir** Dietrich Buxtehude

* CALL TO WORSHIP *Lia Hamlett*

Leader: On this Trinity Sunday, we come to praise the Triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

People: We praise God who creates, redeems, and sustains all creation!

Leader: We come to wade into the depths of the divine mystery of God, the One-in-Three and Three-in-One.

People: We seek an ever-deepening faith in God who creates, redeems, and sustains all creation!

Leader: We come to witness the interconnectedness of the Triune God, to marvel at the divine dance of partnership and cooperation.

People: We receive the invitation to join the divine dance of God who creates, redeems, and sustains all creation!

Leader: Come, let us worship the Triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

All: Come, let us worship the Triune God who creates, redeems, and sustains all creation!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN UMH NO. 64
Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty NICAIA

SENIOR REFLECTION *Graham Huneycutt*

NAMING OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

**Lydia Mae Andress
Porter Holt Faucette
Lia Michelle Hamlett
Timothy Brayden Harris
Meredith Day Henry
Graham Scott Huneycutt
Abiyah K'ree Hunt
Bryan Alexander Isley, II**

**Ethan Jay Johnson
Timothy Bert Klein
Dorothy Gail McKinney
William Whitaker Overby
Layne Allen Pittard
Sidney Lee Robinson
Samuel McGuire Wolff**

CONGREGATIONAL BLESSING OVER THE GRADUATES

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION *Bryan Isley*

Holy One, we acknowledge that too often we try to live not acknowledging the mystery of your Being. Even though you have shown us your truth, we allow ourselves to rest in our own uncertainties. We find ourselves unable or unwilling to embrace the love through which you sent Christ to live among us. We take for granted the grandeur of you as Creator, Redeemer, and ever-present Sustainer. We do not live out the beloved community you desire for all. Forgive us, we pray, and help us give testimony to your love. Amen.

* THE APOSTLES' CREED UMH NO. 881 *Sidney Lee Robinson*

**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 *Dorothy Gail McKinney*

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING **Psalm 8 (CEB)** *Timmy Klein*

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

Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name throughout the earth! **You made your glory higher than heaven!** From the mouths of nursing babies you have laid a strong foundation because of your foes, in order to stop vengeful enemies. When I look up at your skies, at what your fingers made—the moon and the stars that you set firmly in place—**what are human beings that you think about them; what are human beings that you pay attention to them?** You've made them only slightly less than divine, crowning them with glory and

grandeur. You've let them rule over your handiwork, putting everything under their feet—all sheep and all cattle, the wild animals too, the birds in the sky, the fish of the ocean, everything that travels the pathways of the sea. **Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name throughout the earth!**

SCRIPTURE READING **Ezekiel 37:1-14** *William Overby*
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SERMON **"Valley of Dry Bones"** Rev. Ray Warren

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 **Go Down, Moses** Spiritual
Katie Kinkade, soloist

* 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. 61 **Come, Thou Almighty King** ITALIAN HYMN

* BENECTION

POSTLUDE **Improvisation** Tim Baker

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 the Staff-Parish Relations Team and Carol Sineath.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in memory of Mattie Miller, wife of Jack Miller, for their 71st wedding anniversary, by Jack Miller.

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

WE THANK our seniors for their service during our worship service.

Acolytes: Meredith Henry and Layne Pittard
Collecting: Porter Faucette, Tim Harris, Abiyah Hunt, E. J. Johnson, Sam Wolff
Crucifer: Lydia Andress

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 members Sammy and Ruth Ann Stubblefield, who will be in the Prayer Room on our behalf at noon to pray for requests given on the Prayer Request Cards.

BACKPACK MINISTRY UPDATE

As we wrap up the school year, we want to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who generously donated items for our Backpack Ministry. Your support has made such a difference for local students and families throughout the year.

We will not be collecting food items during the month of June, but be sure to watch for the updated donation list returning in July as we begin stocking the shelves for the start of the new school year in August. Thank you again for your continued generosity and support!

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 Hall. 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.

CHURCH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS BEGIN

The summer hours for the church office from **June 5 through September 4** will be:

Monday - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Closed on Fridays

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN

During the **month of June**, Children's Sunday School for kids ages 4 years old through 5th grade will meet together in Room 302 from 10-10:45. We look forward to a fun month of learning, growing in faith, and building friendships together! Nursery care will be available for children under 4 years old. **During July**, children of any age are welcome to join us in the nursery during the Sunday School hour.

CEREAL SUNDAY

Sunday, June 7 is Cereal Sunday 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.

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. Final chance to register for VBS is **June 15**. If you have any questions or need information about scholarships, please contact Ms. Melissa.

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.

SEE BACK OF BULLETIN FOR MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF
MAY 31, 2026**

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

Thursday, June 4

9:00	Eastlawn Elementary Promotion Ceremony and Reception	Sanctuary/ Aldersgate Hall
9:30	Prayer Ministry Meeting	John Wesley Room
10:00	Knitting and Crocheting Group	Room 405

Sunday, June 7

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

ANNUAL CONFERENCE OUTREACH PROJECT

This year's Annual Conference outreach project will focus on assembling school kits for students, helping ensure they have the essential supplies they need to learn, stay organized, and succeed in school.

You are invited to drop off the items listed below (individually or as completed kits) in our Donation Center (middle shelf) **by Tuesday, June 16**. Tom and Carol Sineath (Front Street's lay delegates) will deliver the items to Annual Conference on June 17. Your contribution helps support students and families in meaningful ways.

School Kit Materials Needed:

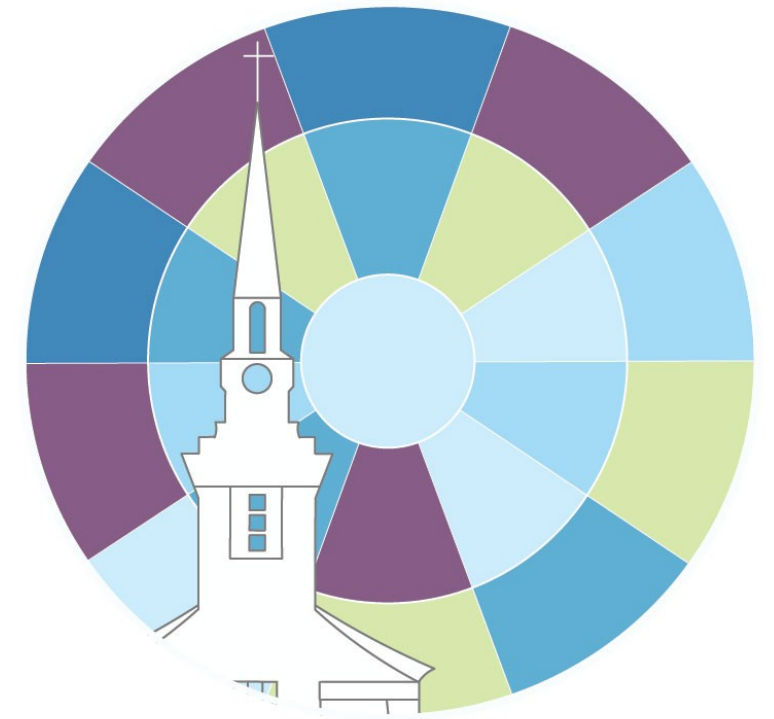
- **One pair blunt scissors** (Round tip only, no plastic scissors)
- **One box of 24 crayons**
- **Three one-subject notebooks** (No marble composition books; No 3 or 5-subject notebooks)
- **One pack of loose-leaf paper** (100-200 page packets, wide or college rule)
- **One hand-held pencil sharpener** (1-inch or longer)
- **One ruler** (12 inches or 30 centimeters long)
- **Six unsharpened pencils**
- **One eraser** (two inches or larger)
- **One two-gallon re-sealable plastic bag**

Important Notes

- *All items must be new.*
- *Contents of kits or the containers of kits should not be imprinted with cartoon characters, advertisements, religious, patriotic, military or camouflage symbols.*

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.



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Our Mission:

Knowing Christ • Growing in Christ • Sharing Christ

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