The Rosebud is given to the glory of God and in honor of Daniel Spencer Thomas, son of Daniel and Monica Thomas, born on October 12, 2026. Proud grandparents are Lisa Thomas and Dan Thomas.

We Thank Avyn Miller for serving as lay reader during our worship service.

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 David and Judy Harrington, who will be in the Prayer Room on our behalf at noon to pray for requests given on the Prayer Request Cards.

Food Collection for Eastlawn Backpack Ministry
In November we are collecting canned corn, canned soup, fruit cups, peanut butter crackers, and rice (1 or 2 lb. bags). Prefer to order online? Visit frontstreetumc.org/C4C for our Amazon wish list. Thank you for your continued support.

Youth Group Friendsgiving
All youth are invited to join us for our Friendsgiving **today** from 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.! Friendsgiving will be held at Mary Margaret Harris' home (1058 Crestwell Drive, Burlington, NC 27215) and is potluck style.

Order a Poinsettia
You are invited to purchase a beautiful poinsettia in honor or in memory of a loved one ($20). Poinsettias will be placed in Aldersgate Hall (9 a.m. service) and the Sanctuary (11 a.m. service) on Sunday, December 6. Please indicate your preference on the order form. **The deadline to purchase is tomorrow.**

Church Office Closed
The church office will be closed **Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27** for the Thanksgiving holiday. From all of the staff here at Front Street, we wish you and your family a very Happy Thanksgiving!

Pies & Praise – Sunday, November 29
Join us from 9:45–10:45 a.m. on the Children's Sunday School hallway for a fun morning of pie-themed activities, games, a service opportunity, and praise as we wrap up Thanksgiving and prepare for Advent. All ages are welcome! Volunteers are also needed to help with decorating and activities. Contact Melissa at melissa@frontstreetumc.org to volunteer. Learn more at frontstreetumc.org/events.

United Methodist Student Day - Sunday, November 29
United Methodists have been investing in our students for more than 100 years. United Methodist Student Day invites the church to support United Methodist students in achieving their educational goals. The funds received award United Methodist scholarships to undergraduate and graduate students. Your gifts help young people achieve their educational calling with more financial freedom. Pew envelopes may be used for your donation. Please include on the check in the memo section, "United Methodist Student Day."

Advent Study
All are invited to a four-week Advent Study as we celebrate and anticipate the earth-shaking, life transforming good news that God is coming to us! Starting on **November 30**, we will gather on Monday evenings from 7 p.m.-8 p.m. in Room 401 to engage *Heaven and Earth: Advent and the Incarnation* by Will Willimon. Find the schedule for the Advent Study at frontstreetumc.org/events.

Advent and Christmas
December 6 - Festival of Lessons & Carols at 11 a.m., Sanctuary
December 9 - Blue Christmas Service at noon, Holy Comforter Episcopal Church
December 24 - Family Christmas Eve Service at 2 p.m., Aldersgate Hall
December 24 - Traditional Christmas Eve Service at 7 p.m., Sanctuary
December 27 - Worship and Carols at 10 a.m., combined worship in the Sanctuary

See back of bulletin for more announcements

Church Calendar for the Week of November 22, 2026

Sunday, November 22

9:00	Aldersgate Contemporary Worship	Aldersgate Hall
9:45	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Chapel
10:00	Adult & Children's Sunday School	Aldersgate Hall
11:00	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
5:30	Youth Group Friendsgiving	1058 Crestwell Dr.

Tuesday, November 24

8:00	Men's Breakfast Bible Study Group	Heritage Center
9:30	Cynthia Powell Women's Bible Study	Room 401

Thursday, November 26-27 Church Office Closed

Sunday, November 29

9:00	Aldersgate Contemporary Worship	Aldersgate Hall
9:45	Pies and Praise	3rd Floor
10:00	Adult & Children's Sunday School	Classrooms
11:00	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary

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
NOVEMBER 22, 2026
CHRIST THE KING 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 **Watchman, Tell Us of the Night**
Thomas Keesecker

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Come, all who are tired of carrying the heavy weight of your own security.
People: We come to lay down our checklists, our worries, and our need to be in control.
Leader: The world tells us that the good life is something we build, store up, and protect on our own.
People: Yet our possessions often possess us, and our self-sufficiency leaves us isolated and alone.
Leader: Hear the gentle invitation of Jesus: "Come, travel light, and follow me." For the Kingdom of God is the only truly safe place to be.
People: We open our clenched hands to receive the generous, space-making love of God.
All: Let us worship our Lord who sets us free!

*** PROCESSIONAL HYMN UMH NO. 327**
Crown Him with Many Crowns DIADAMATA

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious and loving God, we confess that we often treat faith like a checklist to manage rather than a relationship to live. Like the ruler who came to Jesus, we work hard to check the right boxes, build our safety nets, and secure our own futures. We admit that we frequently use our wealth, our routines, and our independence to insulate ourselves from needing You and from stepping into the messy, beautiful lives of our neighbors. Forgive us for clinging so tightly to dead things that we miss out on real life. Look upon us with the same love You showed the ruler, and gently pry open our hands. Free us from the anxious burden of managing our own goodness, and teach us the effortless joy of walking with You. 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.

*** PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Living God, as we turn to Your Word today, quiet the noise of our inner anxieties and the constant questions of whether we have done enough. By the power of Your Holy Spirit, shine Your light into the places where we are holding on too tightly. Give us the courage to hear Jesus' radical invitation—not as a threat to our comfort, but as a rescue into Your Kingdom. Open our eyes to see You, open our hearts to trust You, and open our hands to love our neighbors as ourselves. Through Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING **Psalm 100:1-5** CEB

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

Shout triumphantly to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with celebration! Come before him with shouts of joy! **Know that the Lord is God—he made us; we belong to him. We are his people, the sheep of his own pasture.** Enter his gates with thanks; enter his courtyards with praise! Thank him! Bless his name! **Because the Lord is good, his loyal love lasts forever; his faithfulness lasts generation after generation.**

*** SCRIPTURE READING** **Luke 18:18-30** NT Page 81

SERMON **"Living Like Christ"** Rev. Ray Warren

HYMN OF RESPONSE UMH No. 131 We Gather Together KREMSER

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 **Comfort, Comfort** arr. John Ferguson
Chancel Choir
David Moran, percussionist

*** 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 UMH NO. 213**
Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates TRURO

*** BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE **Prelude and Fugue in G** J. S. Bach

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 David Hedgecock and Marty Crank.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in memory of Betty Davison by her family.

THE CORNUCOPIA on the altar is given in honor and appreciation for Dr. and Mrs. Bill Simpson by Mr. and Mrs. Gary Harris.