

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
OCTOBER 12, 2025
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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 Finlandia Jan Sibelius

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Hungering and thirsting, we come to the Lord.
People: Jesus is the living bread!
Leader: Feed us with your love and healing power, O Lord.
People: Give us bread of hope and compassion that we may also feed others.
Leader: Praise you, O Lord, for your compassion for us.
All: Praise you, O Lord, for your steadfast love. Let us worship our giving Lord.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN UMH NO. 181 Ye Servants of God HANOVER

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We come believing in our emptiness, believing that we will never have enough, believing that what we do is never worthy. We come fearful of sharing, fearful of losing our tenuous grip on security, fearful of touching and knowing the pain of others. We come overwhelmed by the hunger, overwhelmed by the suffering of children near and far, overwhelmed by the endless tales of senseless violence, greed, and death. We come aching from the weight of the responsibility, aching from the chilling challenge of knowing our abundance, aching from the gnawing awareness that we have much to share. We come clinging to our meager lunches; forgive us for limiting you Lord. May you take who and what we are and what we have; bless them, and us, break them, and us, share them, and us. 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.**

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord God, teach us how to dance to the rhythm of your wisdom found in your Word; show us how to laugh with the insights of your truth, so that we can live for the praise of your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE Psalm 103:1-12

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

Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits—**who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things** so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s. The Lord works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel: **The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.** He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. **For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him;** as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

* NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE John 6:5-14 NT Page 97

SERMON “Hearts of Generosity—Inexplicable Growth”
Rev. Ray Warren

HYMN OF RESPONSE UMH No. 128
He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought HE LEADETH ME

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 My Hope Is Built Tom Trenney
Soprano Soloist: Margaret Dalton

* 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. 580 Lead On, O King Eternal LANCASHIRE

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Simple Gifts Wilbur Held

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 Fred and Vicky Glassford.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in honor of Belinda Grady by her husband, Chuck.

MEMBERS OF THE ALTAR GUILD serving in October are Teresa Chandler, Marianna Harris, Betty Huneycutt, and Margaret Pardue.

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

Lay Reader: Willard Haggins
Acolytes: Katie Moser and Chase Ward

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.

OCTOBER FOOD COLLECTION FOR EASTLAWN BACKPACK MINISTRY
In **October**, we are collecting the following items: canned vegetables, fruit cups, peanut butter crackers, and rice (1 lb. bags). Please deposit donations on the bottom shelf of the Donation Center located in the Reading Area.

SUPPORT FRONT STREET PLAYSCHOOL BY PURCHASING AN ATTRACTIONS BOOK!
The cost of the book is \$25 and it contains coupons for local restaurants and businesses that value more than \$4000. If you use one or two coupons it will easily pay for the book! You can even order books for other states or regions. You can purchase them today in the Welcome Center or online using the following link: <https://www.sapaynow.com/289427/51529>. If you have any questions, reach out to Ms. Melissa at melissa@frontstreetumc.org

BLESSING BAGS
Our youth have assembled Blessing Bags packed full of hygiene items, snacks, and water. Next time you're at the church, please pick up a few to keep in your car and give out to those in our community who are homeless, hungry, or in need of basic necessities. The bags can be found outside the Church Office.

Note: The hand sanitizer shipment was delayed. When you pick up your bags, please take some hand sanitizer as well and add one to each bag you distribute.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FRESH MOBILE MARKET | WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15 | 2-3:30 P.M.
We need helping hands to pack food, load cars, and direct traffic at our Fresh Mobile Market. Your time and energy make a direct impact—thank you for helping get food into the hands of the hungry!

GENEALOGY GROUP
Interested in family history? On **October 16**, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 401, Dr. Bill Simpson, a long-time genealogist, historian, and family researcher will meet with those wanting to find out more about their family background. This is an ongoing sharing group. All levels of proficiency are welcome! For questions call Dr. Bill at 252-289-5000.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE
Front Street will host a blood drive on **Saturday, October 18**, 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. in Aldersgate Hall. Donors can sign up online at www.redcrossblood.org. Also, donors may text or call Gene Fonville at 336-260-8114 (cell) for more information or to schedule your appointment.

ANNUAL CHARGE CONFERENCE
Front Street's annual charge conference is on **Sunday, November 2** at 3:00 p.m. in Aldersgate Hall. Charge Conference is a time for us to celebrate the life of the church in preparation for a new year. The members of the Visioning Council are the voting members of the charge conference.

MARKET FOR MISSIONS, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 10 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M. AT FSUMC
Mark your calendar for another great day of fellowship, food & shopping. We will host unique vendors and offer creative silent auction items. Kids of all ages can whisper in Santa's ear, there will be craft activities for children, and a prayer station for all. Visit www.frontstreetumc.org/M4M to volunteer or for additional information.

FIFTH SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
Our first Fifth Sunday Fellowship will be **Sunday, November 30** during the Sunday School hour. This new gathering is a time for the whole church family to enjoy snacks and connect across services. We need volunteers to help plan and provide food—please contact Carol Sineath (cwsineath@gmail.com / 336-263-2495) to get involved!

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CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 12, 2025		
<u>Sunday, October 12</u>		
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
6:00	MYF	Aldersgate Hall
<u>Monday, October 13</u>		
7:00	God's Attributes Small Group Study	Heritage Center
<u>Tuesday, October 14</u>		
8:00	Men's Breakfast Bible Study	Heritage Center
9:30	Cynthia Powell Women's Bible Study	Room 401
6:15	Epworth Ringers	Bell Room
6:30	Circle 5	Heritage Center
<u>Wednesday, October 15</u>		
8:00	Youth Breakfast Club	Biscuitville, 669 Huffman Mill Rd
9:30	Women's Bible Study: The Way of Wisdom	Room 401
2:00	Fresh Mobile Market	Northside Presbyterian Church
7:00	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
<u>Thursday, October 16</u>		
9:30	Prayer Team Meeting	John Wesley Room
10:00	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Room 405
10:00	Knitting and Crocheting Group	Bride's Room
10:00	Genealogy Group	Room 401
<u>Saturday, October 18</u>		
8:30	Red Cross Blood Drive	Aldersgate Hall
8:30	Wheelchair Ramp Build	
10:00	Knitting and Crocheting Group	Bride's Room
<u>Sunday, October 19</u>		
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
6:00	MYF	Aldersgate Hall

UPPER ROOM
The November-December issue of the Upper Room is available. Copies are located in the Welcome Center and Narthex.

FRONT STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Our Mission:
Knowing Christ • Growing in Christ • Sharing Christ



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Rev. Ray Warren
Rev. Marshall Old, Interim

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Melissa Miller

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Josh Abraham

Youth Minister
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