

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:

Acolytes: Cate Hill and Sarah Moran
Communion Servers: Jim and Kathy Roberson
Lay Reader: Rett Davis

THE 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 area, or you may email the Prayer Ministry Team at prayer@frontstreetumc.org. We thank team members David and Nancy Hamby, 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.

CEREAL SUNDAY

Today 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.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY OFFERING, OCTOBER 5

World Communion Sunday offering provides scholarships and leadership development opportunities for international students and U.S. racial-ethnic students who are pursuing advanced degrees. Pew envelopes may be used for your donation. Please include on the check in the memo section, “World Communion Offering.”

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

The Morning Circle will meet **tomorrow at 10:00 a.m.** in the Heritage Center. Members will be completing preparation work for the upcoming Market for Missions.

Circle 5 will meet on **Tuesday, October 14 at 6:30 pm.** in the Heritage Center. The focus of this gathering will be the upcoming Market for Missions.

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.

C4C HELP NEEDED

Now that school is back in session, things are getting busy with our C4C partner, Eastlawn Elementary. The food bags deliveries have begun on Fridays, and we could use your help delivering. If you want more details or are available to help for about 45 minutes on Friday mornings, please contact Melissa Miller at 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.

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CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 5, 2025		
Sunday, October 5		
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
2:30	MYF/Bowling	Meet at Church
Monday, October 6		
10:00	UWF Morning Circle	Heritage Center
6:30	Generosity Team Meeting	Zoom
7:00	God's Attributes Small Group Study	Heritage Center
Tuesday, October 7		
8:00	Men's Breakfast Bible Study	Heritage Center
8:30	First Responders Appreciation Breakfast	Aldersgate Hall
9:30	Cynthia Powell Women's Bible Study	Room 401
6:15	Epworth Ringers	Bell Room
7:00	Building and Grounds Meeting	Ministry Center
Wednesday, October 8		
8:00	Youth Breakfast Club	Biscuitville, 669 Huffman Mill Rd
8:30	First Responders Appreciation Breakfast	Aldersgate Hall
8:45	Playschool Muffins and Mingle	Heritage Center
9:30	Women's Bible Study: The Way of Wisdom	Room 401
7:00	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
Thursday, October 9		
8:30	First Responders Appreciation Breakfast	Aldersgate Hall
10:00	Knitting & Crocheting Group	Bride's room
Saturday, October 11		
10:00	Knitting & Crocheting Group	Bride's Room
Sunday, October 12		
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

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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Knowing Christ • Growing in Christ • Sharing Christ



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THE WORSHIP OF GOD
OCTOBER 5, 2025
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
WORLD COMMUNION 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 **Liebster Jesu** Johann Sebastian Bach

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Around the world people gather to break bread and pour wine.
People: We gather with them in heart and mind.
Leader: Around the world the broken body is made whole.
People: As part of that body we join in its unity.
Leader: Around the world the Banquet of God is prepared for the table.
People: We, who share in the banquet, come eagerly to be fed.
All: Let us worship together, let us share God’s generous heart.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN UMH No. 548
In Christ There Is No East or West McKEE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of extravagant grace, may your Spirit refresh our hearts through the reading of the scriptures that we may perceive all the good we can do for Christ and grow in our faith toward our Lord Jesus and all your children. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING **Psalms 112:1-9** OT Page 563
(Please read the bold aloud with the lay speaker.)

Praise the Lord! Happy are those who fear the Lord, who greatly delight in his commandments. Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed. Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever. **They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious,**

merciful, and righteous. It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice. For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever. They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm, secure in the Lord. Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes. **They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor; their righteousness endures forever...**

SONGS FOR WORLD COMMUNION Children's Choir
Vengan Todos Adoremos Natalie Sleeth
Sung in Spanish and English

Siyahamba
South African Protest Song
First sung in Zulu by the Children's Choir,
then in English by all.

We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God.

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE **2 Corinthians 9:5-15** NT Page 183

SERMON “A Generous Heart” Rev. Ray Warren

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 **Non nobis Domine** William Byrd
Sung in Latin
Not to us, Lord , but to your name give the glory.

* 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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Wondrous, generous God of infinite love and boundless compassion, mark our hearts with the seal of your handiwork. Create within us the joy of being in your presence. Forgive us of our selfish attitudes and ways. Stitch into our souls the desire to serve, the power to heal, love deeply, genuinely, and the capacity to live as generously as you are to us. Transform our minds of

scarcity into reservoirs of hope, that we might pour out your endless blessings upon all of your people. Heal our human made divisions and may this time we partake of the body and blood of Jesus unite us in the community of saints who know your love and proclaim your Son with grace to a broken and hurting world. May your healing hands become ours hands for ending hurt and violence in this world, as we prepare for the next. In the holy name of Jesus. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
The Great Thanksgiving UMH No. 17
The Lord’s Prayer (Musical Setting A)
The Sharing of Bread and Cup

If you are unable to come forward for communion, please acknowledge an usher to be served where you are seated.

COMMUNION HYMN UMH No. 620 **One Bread, One Body**
ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
Eternal God, we give You thanks for this holy mystery in which You have given Yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of Your Spirit, to give ourselves for others. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* CLOSING HYMN **He’s Got the Whole World In His Hands** Spiritual
Verse 1 - sung by Children's Choir

Everybody sing verses 2 - 4

Verse 2 - **He’s got the little tiny baby in his hands**
Verse 3 - **He’s got you and me, brother... He’s got you and me, sister... He’s got everybody...**
Verse 4 - **He’s got the whole world in his hands....**

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE **Fugue in C Major** Dieterich Buxtehude
Matt Estes, organist

WELCOME! We're glad that you have chosen to worship with us today. Following this service, there is a reception in the Heritage Center to welcome our new Director of Music Ministry, Dr. Matt Estes. Please join us. Our host this week is the Staff-Parish Relations Committee.

YOUNG DISCIPLES ON COMMUNION SUNDAY: Today, we celebrate communion, and there is no formal children's church during this service. All children are invited to remain in the service to participate in communion (i.e. community). The nursery will remain open for children up to age 5.