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

Lay Reader: Mary Holden Burke

Acolytes: Sarah Moran 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 members Mark and Marie Crissman, who will be in the Prayer Room on our behalf at noon to pray for requests given on the Prayer Request Cards.

SEPTEMBER FOOD COLLECTION FOR EASTLAWN BACKPACK MINISTRY

In **September**, we are collecting the following items: canned corn, canned tuna, granola bars, and rice (1 lb. bags). Please deposit donations on the bottom shelf of the Donation Center located in the Reading Area.

DISCOVER GOD'S CHARACTER IN A 6-WEEK STUDY

Want to know God better and live more like Him? Join Tom and Carol Sineath for God's Attributes: How God Describes Himself, a small group study meeting on Mondays from 7:00–8:30 p.m. in the Heritage Center, starting **tomorrow**.

This study will help you gain a deeper understanding of who God is and offer practical ways to reflect His character in your daily life. Don't miss this opportunity to grow closer to God and connect with others. For questions or to participate, please contact Carol at cwsineath@gmail.com or 336.263.2495.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FRESH MOBILE MARKET | WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 | 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!

CENTENNIAL MURAL: STORIES ON THE WALL - A FRONT STREET SENIORS EVENT

Calling all Front Street Seniors—Join us on **Thursday**, **September 18 at 2:00 p.m.** in **Aldersgate Hall** for a special Front Street Seniors gathering as watch Centennial Mural Documentary: A History of Burlington's 100 Years.

Popcorn and drinks will be served, so come ready to enjoy a great film, good company, and meaningful conversation. Please let us know you're coming by emailing Leslie at lesliebpeavy@gmail.com by **Monday**, **September 15**.

REMINDER: SHARE YOUR FEEDBACK BY SEPTEMBER 20

Our church e-newsletter just turned 1 year old, and we want to hear from you! Please take a few minutes to complete our Newsletter Feedback Survey before it closes on September 20. Find the survey at frontstreetumc.org/events. Thank you for helping us grow and stay connected as a church family!

CELEBRATING JACKIE LONG'S RETIREMENT

Jackie Long retired from full-time service on July 31 after 24 years as our Building Superintendent. Join us to honor Jackie at the **11:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, September 21**, with a reception to follow in the Heritage Center.

We are also collecting a "Love Offering" to show our appreciation. Gifts can be mailed, dropped off at the church office, or placed in the offering plate. Please make checks payable to Front Street UMC with "Gift for Jackie Long" in the memo by end of day Wednesday, September 17.

THE WAY OF WISDOM - BIBLE STUDY

Discover the timeless wisdom of Proverbs in The Way of Wisdom, an 8-week Bible study with video teaching from Jen Wilkin, Ruth Chou Simons, Kelly Minter, Adrienne Camp, Elizabeth Woodson, and Courtney Doctor. Together we'll explore how God's wisdom applies to daily life—relationships, work, parenting, money, leadership, and more. We begin **Wednesday**, **October 1** at 9:30 a.m. in Room 401. Books are \$25. **RSVP by September 24** to Beth Inabnit (binabnit@gmail.com) or Betty Huneycutt (missbetty11@gmail.com) to reserve your copy. Learn more at frontstreetumc.org/events.

CROP WALK, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4 AT TRINITY WORSHIP CENTER

Come join Alamance County to walk for global hunger and disaster relief. Registration is at 8:30 a.m. and the walk kicks off at 9:30 a.m. Stop by the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings to learn more.

SEE BACK OF BULLETIN FOR MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

Sunday, September 14

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
4:00	MYF Breakout Games in Greensboro	Meet at the Church

Monday, September 15

7:00 God's Attributes Small Group Study Heritage Center

Tuesday, September 16

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

Wednesday, September 17

8:00 Youth Breakfast Club	Biscuitville, 669 Huffman Mill Rd
2:00 Fresh Mobile Market	Northside Presbyterian Church
7:00 Chancel Choir	Choir Room

Thursday, September 18

9:30	Prayer Team Meeting	John Wesley Room
10:00	Prayer Shawl Meeting	Room 405
10:00	Knitting and Crocheting Group	Bride's Room
2:00	Front Street Seniors Event	Aldersgate Hall

Saturday, September 20

8:30 Wheelchair Ramp Build

0.00	Wilderian Karrip Bana	
10:00	Knitting and Crocheting Group	Bride's Room

Sunday, September 21

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
12:00	Reception for Jackie Long	Heritage Center
6:00	MYF	Aldersgate Hall

MARKET FOR MISSIONS, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8 FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 3 P.M.

We're excited to welcome back many of our wonderful vendors from the past two years, along with some brand-new faces bringing fresh finds. There are plenty ways to volunteer. Visit www.frontstreetumc.org/M4m to learn more and sign up for volunteer opportunities.

LIVE-STREAMING

We are pleased to be able to live-stream our 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship services 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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> Youth Minister Chris Huneycutt

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD SEPTEMBER 14, 2025 FOURTEENTH 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 Pastorale Johann Sebastian Bach

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Here we are, ready or not, called by the One who lived and died and rose to live again among us.

People: We come to see for ourselves who this Jesus is.

Leader: Here we are, ready or not, bringing our everyday selves to praise and to pray, to know the Holy One in the midst of our lives.

People: We come with open hearts to know, experience, and follow Jesus.

All: Yes, Lord, we come to follow you! Let us worship the One who calls us.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN UMH No. 103
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise ST. DENIO

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, how many prophets of your ways have we ignored because they were not what we were looking for? How many times have we breathed a sigh of relief, and turned our backs on your messengers in your word because they did not speak the message we expected to hear? Forgive us when you turn from your call. Help us hear anew, the cry of those who would lead and call us to Christ. Tune our ears to you, that we might also testify to your love, grace, justice, mercy, and way. Amen.

* THE APOSTLES' CREED UMH No. 881
I believe in God the Father Almighty,

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

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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

Ruby Moffitt

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of extravagant grace, may your Spirit refresh our hearts through the reading of the scriptures that we may perceive your call on our lives and grow in our faith toward our Lord Jesus the Christ. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE Psalm 91:9-16 OT Page 548

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

Because you have made the Lord your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place, no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent. For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone. You will tread on the lion and the adder, the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot. Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them. With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

* New Testament Scripture John 1:29-39

NT Page 92

SERMON "What Are You Doing Here?" Rev. Ray Warren

HYMN OF RESPONSE TFWS No. 2130 The Summons KELVINGROVE Stanza 2, sung by choir Stanza 5, sung by congregation

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 Lone Wild Bird arr. David Johnson Selena Karungi, soloist Southern Folk Tune

* 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! UMH No. 94

* CLOSING HYMN UMH No. 140 Great Is Thy Faithfulness FAITHFULNESS

* BENEDICTION

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 Roger and Doris Jefferson.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Roy and Peggy Harris on what would be their 74th wedding anniversary, by their family.

THE ROSEBUD is given to the glory of God and in honor of Madison Olivia Wolff, daughter of Daniel and Christina Wolff, born on August 17, 2025. Proud grandparents are Michael and Martha Wolff.

MEMBERS OF THE ALTAR GUILD serving in September are Marianna Harris, Pat Freiberger, Nancy Hamby, Carol Pace, Pat Pelt, and Suzanne Troxler.