

## Thank You for Serving Our Church

**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** today are given to the glory of God and in honor of God's blessings that He gives us every day; given by John & Vicky Gray

**USHERS:** Ron Hutcheson, Keri Hartle, Ashlee Snider, Rich Johnson, Edgar Miller

**YOUTH USHER:** Haylee Hutcheson

**PLATE ATTENDANT:** Walter Hoffman

**SOUND TECHNICIAN:** James Gray

**ACOLYTE:** Jacob Hartle

**GREETER:** Denise Durham

**BIBLE STEWARD:** Ava Miller

**NURSERY {INFANTS-KINDERGARTEN}:** Aurelia Smith & Sylvia Walser

### Our Church at Prayer

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Remember those in the Armed Forces. To add a name to the prayer list please fill out a prayer request card located in the backs of the pews, contact Sylvia Walser at 336-225-2964 or call the church office at 336-248-2617.

**CHURCH MEMBERS:** Vogen Everhart (Lexington Health Care), Deanna Michael, Lauren Thompson Gould, Ruth Fritts (Piedmont Crossing), Peggy Bates, Margot Everhart

**HOMEBOUND MEMBERS:** Lib & Jimbo Hinkle, Jo Hudson, Valerie Price, Rita Tussey, Adena Wall, Marzell Crofts, Hoyle Potts, Doris Flynt, James Everhart

**OUR FRIENDS:** Ed Leonard (Brother of Sylvia Walser), Karen Icenhour (Alisa Johnson's friend), Brian Arensman (friend of Keith Johnson), Annetta Everhart (friend of Lisa Nelson), Dan Smith (Brother of Steve and Jerry Smith), Shane Gordon (friend of Alane Holste), Lacy Belcher (friend of Vicky Gray), Jonelle Parker (friend of Frank Leonard); Family of Cindy S. Bowers...Sandra Johnson...Susan & Joe Calloway...and Kiana Sinz (friends of Patti & Jerry Lovell); Dennis Yocum (son of Carolyn Yocum), Ike Trexler (friend of Mike & Lynn Brown), Eddie Wray (friend of Lisa Nelson), Lynn Younts (friend of Susie Smith), Eliza Paris (friend of Sylvia Walser's granddaughter), Harold Peoples (friend of Cheryl Walser), Ashley Hutcheson (daughter-in-law of Heidi & Ron Hutcheson)

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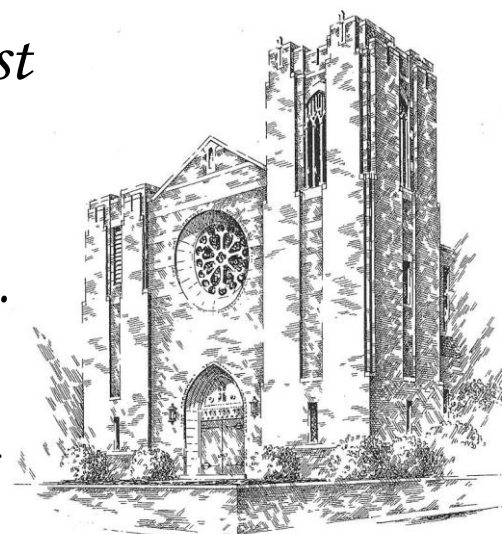
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## *First Reformed United Church of Christ*

*Where People Discover...  
The Love of God  
The Power to Love Others  
The Ability to Love Ourselves*



*No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.*



July 15, 2018

10:00am

*Welcome! If you are visiting with us, please fill out a pew card and place it in the offering plate when passed. Prayer Request Cards can be found on the backs of the pews if you would like to request prayer for yourself or someone else. Please place these in the offering plate when passed.*

*Childcare for infants through Kindergarten is offered and hearing devices are available. Please let an usher know if you need assistance.*

# The Worship of God

*Eighth Sunday after Pentecost*

*Liturgist: Jeremy Peterson*

## Gathering

Prelude

\*Chimes Sounding the Hour

Special Music

*"When the Saints Go Marching In"*

Mike Price

Welcome

\*The Lord of the Dance Hymn and Responsive Litany

Verse 1

*"I Danced in the Morning"*

Following Page

In the beginning...

Jeremy Peterson

**The dance began to swirl and ponder.**

In the beginning, all was dark...

**And the dance cast forth bright light.**

In the beginning, the earth burst forth with wondrous things, creatures of all sorts, mountains and hills, vast seas and rivers, valleys and desert areas...

**And the Lord of the Dance saw that it was good and blessed it all.**

Verse 2

*"I Danced in the Morning"*

Following Page

In our beginning, God blessed us...

Jeremy Peterson

**And the dance went on, through our lives, into all that we have done.**

Sometimes the dance was slow and plodding; at other times it was sprightly and fast.

**Yet in the midst of it all, the Lord of the Dance is with us.**

This dance, called Life, is everywhere --- in the light and in the dark. It is in places of hope and in places of deepest sorrow and tragedy.

Verse 3

*"I Danced in the Morning"*

Following Page

How shall we dance our dance for God?

Jeremy Peterson

**We shall live lives of hope and peace, bringing the good news of Jesus Christ and all that He taught to us, so that others may join the dance.**

Praise be to the Lord of the Dance, the Lord of Creation, the Lord of Life!

Verse 4 and 5

*"I Danced in the Morning"*

Following Page

I Danced in the Morning

Optional Unison F Dm

1 I danced in the morn - ing when the  
 2 I danced for the scribe and the  
 ♦ 3 I danced on the Sab - bath and I  
 4 I danced on a Fri - day when the  
 5 They cut me down and I

world was be - gun, and I danced in the moon and the  
 phar - i - see, but they would not dance and they  
 ♦ cured the lame, the ho - ly peo - ple  
 sky turned black, it's hard to dance with the  
 leap up high; — I am the life that will

stars and the sun, and I came from heav - en and I  
 would not fol - low me, I danced for the fish - er - men, for  
 ♦ said it was a shame, they whipped and they stripped and they  
 dev - il on your back, they bur - ied my bo - dy and they  
 nev - er, nev - er die, I'll live in you if you'll

danced on the earth, at Beth - le - hem I  
 James and John, they came with me and the  
 ♦ hung me high, and left me there on a  
 thought I'd gone, but I am the dance and I  
 live in me; — I am the Lord of the

Bb F Am Dm Am Dm

had my birth.  
 dance went on.  
 ♦ cross to die. Dance, then, wher - ev - er you may be,  
 still go on.  
 dance, said he.

F Dm Gm C F Dm

I am the Lord of the dance, said he, and I'll lead you all, wher -

F C7 F Gm C7 F Bb F

ev - er you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

\*Invocation

Rev. Elizabeth Horton

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 1:3-10 (Page #1064 of Pew Bible)

Jeremy Peterson

Unison Prayer of Confession

The apostle Paul reminds us that we were chosen by You, God, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and blameless in love. Yet, our actions and thoughts this week have shown otherwise. We remember the harsh words we spoke and the kind words we left unsaid. We have missed opportunities to alleviate the suffering of your children. Forgive us, we pray. Open our hearts and fill us with your mercy. Open our ears that we may hear You in the cries of your children. Open our eyes that we may see You in the faces of all we meet. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

# We Are Marching (Siyahamba)

1 We are march - ing in the light of God, we are  
2 Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya -

march - ing in the light of God. We are march - ing in the  
hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -

light of God, we are march - ing in the light of  
nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen -

God. We are march - ing, \_\_\_\_\_  
khos'. Si - ya - ham - ba, \_\_\_\_\_

the light of God. We are march - ing, march - ing, we are  
kha - nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya -

oo, \_\_\_\_\_  
oo, \_\_\_\_\_

march - ing, march - ing, we are march - ing in the light of  
ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - hamb', e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen -

God. We are march - ing, \_\_\_\_\_  
khos'. Si - ya - ham - ba, \_\_\_\_\_

the light of God. We are march - ing, march - ing, we are  
kha nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya -

oo, \_\_\_\_\_  
oo, \_\_\_\_\_

march - ing, march - ing, we are march - ing in the light of God.  
ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - hamb', e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

Second Verse: We are living...

Third Verse: We are moving...

## Proclaiming

Announcements

Prayers for the People

Rev. Horton

Scripture Reading

2 Samuel 6:1-19 (Page #277 of Pew Bible)

Rev. Horton

Sermon

***“Dance With the One Who Brought You”***

## Responding

Invitation to Give Tithes and Offerings

\*Song

*“We Are Marching”*

Insert

\*Prayer of Dedication

Jeremy Peterson

\*Offering Response

*“The Doxology”*

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts: Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

## Sending

\*Responsive Call to Dedication

Liturgist: And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?”

**People: Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.”**

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

\* PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

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## Upcoming Events

Summer Activities for the Young and Young at Heart...

- **Adventure Landing, Winston-Salem** – Tuesday, July 31<sup>st</sup> beginning at 10am – 2 hours of miniature golf, boats, and 20 game tokens; 2 slices pizza and a medium drink. If you haven't contacted Cathy Waitman...**TODAY IS THE DEADLINE!**
- **Church-wide Bowling Night, Lexington YMCA** – Friday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> from 5:30 – 7:30pm First Reformed family and friends will enjoy pizza, drinks and bowling. Please let Cathy know by next Sunday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> if you are interested.
- **Back to School Bingo and Movie in church fellowship hall** – Tuesday, August 14<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 – 4pm; prizes, popcorn, snacks, drinks provided. Please let Cathy know by August 5<sup>th</sup> if you are interested.

Today begins our “Back to School” campaign for Communities in Schools. We are collecting supplies during the month of July and August. Each Sunday, please help by bringing the items to the Communities in Schools box located outside the office during the month of July or to the Narthex during August.



- July 15 – pencils and notebook paper
- July 22 – crayons (24) and glue sticks
- July 29 – composition books and erasers
- August 5 – colored pencils and markers
- August 12 - backpacks

Thank you in advance for your generous donations.

You and your spouse are invited to attend an **Usher Appreciation lunch** scheduled for **Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup>** immediately following the worship service. This free meal is

a chance for the church to thank you for your dedicated service along with an opportunity to explain the new sanctuary security system and refresh the operation of the life-saving AED system located in the narthex and fellowship hall. You are the front line for our members and visitors and we want to thank you for your faithful service.

**USHERS**

**To assist with ordering catered food, please email or call the church office by Sunday, July 29<sup>th</sup> to confirm the number planning to attend.**

# Church-wide Brunch

## July 22<sup>nd</sup>

Everyone is invited to attend a church-wide brunch, hosted by the Welcoming Task Force, following worship on Sunday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>.



Mark your calendar for the weekend of **September 15-16** when Reverend Al Staggs, a minister and performance artist, will share three presentations. Saturday evening, September 15<sup>th</sup>, Rev. Staggs will present **“Laughter for Life”**. This program focuses on the spiritual, emotional and physical benefits of humor and features his numerous comedic impersonations.

Sunday morning, September 16<sup>th</sup>, at 9:45am in the education building, Rev. Staggs will perform **“Clarence Jordan and the God Movement.”**

Sunday morning at 11:00am in the sanctuary, Rev. Staggs will perform, **“A View from the Underside, The Legacy of Dietrich Bonhoeffer”**. The audience is brought into the prison cell where Bonhoeffer awaits execution and listens to his struggles with evil, injustice, and God. In the play, Bonhoeffer tells of the profound influence of fellow Union Theological student, Frank Fisher, an African-American friend who introduced Dietrich to the blight of racism in America. Prisoner Bonhoeffer expresses moral outrage against the Nazi treatment of Jews and explains how that outrage led him to become involved in the German resistance movement, a commitment that would result in his being executed by hanging on April 9, 1945.



As we begin preparation for Rev. Staggs visit, beginning Sunday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, during the Sunday school hour, Rev. Horton will lead a class on the Life of Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Our Director of Christian Education, Cathy Waitman has ordered several books

titled, [Bonhoeffer Study Guide](#) for those who would like to read and prepare for the Sunday school class. Books will be available, Sunday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, July 15

..... **Eighth Sunday After Pentecost**

**10:00AM .... WORSHIP SERVICE IN CHAPEL**

**CHILDREN’S CHURCH**

*Intercessory Prayer Circle at front of Chapel*

Rev. Horton will be serving as a co-director for the Junior Age Classic {grades 4-6} at Johns River Valley Camp July 15<sup>th</sup> through July 21<sup>st</sup>. Rev. June Grubb (336-248-5668 or 336-240-2503) will be on call in case of emergencies. You may also call the church office at 336-248-2617.

Monday, July 16

6:30pm .... Open Hands Ministry Meal {FH}

Wednesday, July 18

4:00pm .... Trustee Meeting {Parlor}

Thursday, July 19

5:30pm .... YOGA Class {Parlor}

7:00pm .... Square Dance {Fellowship Hall}

Sunday, July 22

..... **Ninth Sunday After Pentecost**

**10:00AM .... WORSHIP SERVICE IN CHAPEL**

*Intercessory Prayer Circle at front of Chapel*

**11:00AM .... CHURCHWIDE BRUNCH {FELLOWSHIP HALL}**

*Hosted by the Welcoming Task Force*

## **Celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries {July 15-21}**

**BIRTHDAYS**.....July 15 ..... Bill Walser

July 16 ..... Craig Coe

Johnny McCarn

July 21 ..... Jeremy Peterson

Michell Winters