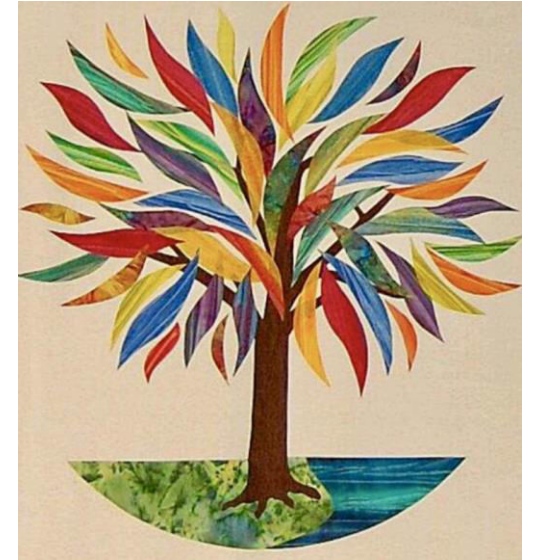


*First Reformed
United Church of Christ*



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

October 14, 2018
11:00AM

*We are an Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ.
No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.*



FIRST REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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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

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Youth Liturgist: Kalyssa Hutchens

Gathering

Prelude

*Chiming of the Hour

Welcome

Elizabeth Horton

Choral Call to Worship

Oak Grove High School Bella Voce

*Call to Worship

Kalyssa Hutchens

Leader: God has called us to lives of hope and service.

People: We want to serve God, but sometimes life gets to be too difficult for us.

Leader: Place your trust in God's love and grace.

People: God understands our needs, our sorrows, and our joys.

Leader: Come, let us worship God who is with us always.

People: Alleluia! Amen.

*Hymn

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

Insert

*Invocation

Elizabeth Horton

Centering

Scripture:

Mark 10: 17-22
(Page #920 of Pew Bible)

Kalyssa Hutchens

Litany of Forgiveness

Elizabeth Horton

When in our excesses we consume more than our share
while others go with basic needs unmet:

Forgive us, merciful God.

When we are blinded by our affluence
and fail to reach out in care and concern:

Forgive us, merciful God.

When we are overwhelmed by desires to acquire
and consume more than we need:

Forgive us, merciful God.

When possessions cloud our view of You
and Your gracious love:

Forgive us, merciful God.

As we let go of all which might hold us back,

give us the trust to follow Jesus Christ into that life which is offered to each of us.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Young Disciples

*All youth, pre-K - 5th grade, are invited to participate in
Children's Church with Keri and Casey Hartle.*

Connecting in Ministry

Elizabeth Horton

Stewardship Stories

Eddie Yates, Congregational Life

Prayers for the People

Elizabeth Horton

Anthem

"Swingin' with the Saints"
Oak Grove High School Bella Voce

arr. Mark Hayes

Proclaiming

Scripture Reading

Mark 10: 23-31
(Page #921 of Pew Bible)

Elizabeth Horton

Sermon

"One Thing Lacking"

Responding

Invitation to Give Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"May It Be"
Oak Grove High School Bella Voce

arr. Mark Brymer

*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.***

*Prayer of Dedication

Kalyssa Hutchens

Sending

*Hymn "I Surrender All" Insert
*Responsive Call to Dedication Kalyssa Hutchens

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
*Congregational Response "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

Lord, listen to Your children praying, Lord, send Your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to Your children praying, Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

*Postlude
You are invited to join in the Intercessory Prayer Circle at the front of the sanctuary.

* PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

Please join us for the Congregational Meal and Budget Meeting
in the Fellowship Hall following worship.
Donations are appreciated.

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Fairest Lord Jesus

D G A D G A D G

1 *Fair - est Lord Je - sus, rul - er of all na - ture, O thou of
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair - er still the wood - lands, robed in the
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the moon - light, and fair the
4 All fair - est beau - ty heav - en - ly and earth - ly, won - drous - ly,

A D G D Asus4 A D B Em

God to earth come down: thee will I cher - ish,
bloom - ing garb of spring; Je - sus is fair - er,
twink - ling, star - ry host; Je - sus shines bright - er,
Je - sus, is found in thee, none can be near - er,

Em A D Bm D Em D A7 D

thee will I hon - our, thou my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
Je - sus is pur - er, who makes the trou - bled heart to sing.
Je - sus shines pur - er than all the an - gels heaven can boast.
fair - er or dear - er than thou, my Sav - iour, art to me.

* Or "Beautiful Saviour"
Words: from the German 1677, trans. Church Chorals and Choir Studies 1850, alt. CRUSADERS' HYMN
Music: Silesian folk melody in Schlesische Volkslieder 1842, (SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU)
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I Surrender All

... "We have left everything to follow you!" Mk. 10:28

1. All to Je - sus I sur-ren-der, all to him I free - ly give;
 2. All to Je - sus I sur-ren-der, hum - bly at his feet I bow,
 3. All to Je - sus I sur-ren-der, make me, Sav - ior, whol - ly thine;
 4. All to Je - sus I sur-ren-der, Lord, I give my - self to thee;

I will ev - er love and trust him, in his pres-ence dai - ly live.
 world - ly pleas-ures all for - sak - en: take me, Je - sus, take me now.
 may thy Ho - ly Spir - it fill me, may I know thy power di - vine.
 fill me with thy love and pow - er, let thy bless - ing fall on me.

Refrain

I sur-ren-der all, I sur-ren-der all, I sur-ren-der all,
 I sur-ren-der all, I sur-ren-der all, I sur-ren-der all,

all to thee, my bless - ed Sav - ior, I sur-ren - der all.

WORDS: Judson W. VanDeVenter, 1896
 MUSIC: Winfield S. Weedon, 1896

SURRENDER
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Welcome to Oak Grove High School Bella Voce

Ellen Peterson, Director

Ashton Beck
 Madison Culler
 Katie Hutcherson
 Katie Johnston
 Elle Lyons
 Zoe Myers
 Tabitha Reid
 Ana Rios
 Caton Shore
 Mariah Tate

Hailey Culbreth
 Maddison Hollingsworth
 Kaylee Jackson
 Ashlyn Lewis
 Gabrielle Lovell
 Emileigh Price
 Lauren Riggins
 Mayrani Sanchez
 Meri Staples
 Keeley Vaughn



FRIENDSHIP

CLUB

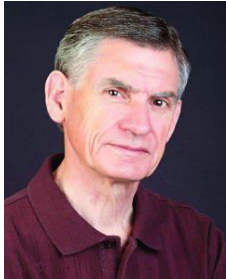
CHANGE IN MEETING DATE!

The date for the Friendship Club outing to the Salem Tavern **has been changed to TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23.** We need to have a count of those who can attend **by noon on Monday, October 15.** **PLEASE CALL Rita Lohr if you will be able to attend.** (Home: (336) 249-9783 Mobile: (336) 346-7607)

THANK YOU EVERYONE who contributed to the **Hurricane Florence Bucket Relief.** We received **\$2325** and were able to purchase **supplies for 27 buckets!** We also sent an additional **\$647** to the relief effort. Thank you to everyone who helped pack the buckets on Tuesday evening. **A very special THANK YOU** goes to **Rich Johnson** for delivering the buckets to the depot in Charlotte and **Cliff and Paula Lopp** for their efforts in ordering and locating additional items for the buckets from all around town!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

If you are interested in helping park cars during the Barbecue Festival on Saturday, October 27th, please see Jeff Hutchens following worship to sign up. At other times during the week, you may contact the church office.



**REV. AL STAGGS
MINISTER and PERFORMING ARTIST**

October 20-21, 2018

THREE PRESENTATIONS

Saturday Evening, October 20th at 6:30PM

First Reformed UCC Fellowship Hall

Catered Reception and Performance

“Laughter for Life”

ADMISSION WITH TICKETS ONLY...COST \$10.00 each

Contact the church office to reserve your ticket (336-248-2617)

Sunday Morning, October 21st at 9:45AM

**First Reformed UCC Fellowship Hall
*“Clarence Jordan and the God
Movement”***

Sunday Morning, October 21st at 11:00AM

**First Reformed UCC Sanctuary
*“A View from the Underside:
The Legacy of Dietrich
Bonhoeffer”***



HOMECOMING 2018

This year's Homecoming will be celebrated on **Sunday, November 4th**. Guest baritone Leonard Rowe will join us during the 11:00 worship to share his talents with several sacred songs. Mr. Rowe is a graduate of the North Carolina School of the Arts and also attended Elon College. He has performed with many symphonies and opera companies in the United States. Following worship there will be a Congregational Meal in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to attend!



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN A CPR CLASS?

The East Lexington Collaborative Ministry Group (First Reformed UCC, Second Reformed UCC, Shady Side Presbyterian Church and St. Stephens UMC) will host a CPR & Basic First Aid Class in early 2019. If you are interested in taking this class, please contact the church office by Sunday, November 11, 2018. The cost of the class will be determined by class size. If you would like to be certified, the cost will be an additional \$10.00 You do not need to be certified to take the class.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

First Reformed UCC is responsible for arranging 5-6 people to help serve lunch to the needy each Sunday in November at Grace Episcopal Church. Volunteers will need to arrive at approximately 12:15 p.m. in order to prepare for serving the meal at 12:45 p.m. Serving the meal and clean up usually lasts approximately one hour. If you are willing to serve please contact Mark Smith at msmith@gwsmithlbr.com

Women's Life Fellowship Family Fun Night

TODAY is the last day to sign up for pumpkins and the meal for FAMILY FUN NIGHT!!! Don't miss out on a fun evening **Tuesday, October 23rd at 6:00pm**. Reserve your pumpkins to decorate (\$5 each) and come enjoy a hot dog with all the fixin's, chips, drinks and dessert! **There is no charge for the meal, but to help with planning, please sign up below and drop the slip in the collection plate to reserve your pumpkin now or call the church office!** If you prefer not to decorate a pumpkin but would like to come enjoy a hot dog and fellowship, you are welcome!

Name: _____

Number Attending _____

of Pumpkins _____ (\$5.00 each)

of Hotdogs _____ (free)

CHRISMONS!

If you are interested in purchasing a Chrismon in honor or in memory of someone, please complete the form below and place in the offering plate **by November 25th** along with \$20 each to help cover the cost of the new Chrismons.

of Chrismons _____ purchased by _____ Total Amount _____

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our grandparents; given by Lena Johnson and Carolyn Spivey.

Thank You for Serving Our Church

USHERS: Susan Odom, Nicole Smith,
Clifford Lopp, June Grubb

USHER CAPTAIN: Ted Smith

YOUTH USHER: Claire Smith

GREETER: Frankie Hedrick

NURSERY {INFANTS-KINDERGARTEN}: Anne Bevan & Cheryl Walser

- ❖ A wall unit changing table is located in our handicapped restroom {through left door at the chancel.}
- ❖ A comfort area with rocking chair, monitor and speaker is available if you need to leave the sanctuary to calm or soothe a baby or young child {through left or right door at chancel.}

PLATE ATTENDANT: J. W. Bates

SOUND TECHNICIAN: Calvin Odom

ACOLYTE: Jacob Hartle

BIBLE STEWARD: Griff Smith

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 (336-225-2964), contact Ben Hale (benjaminhale08@comcast.net or 704-772-6908) or call the church office (336-248-2617).

CHURCH MEMBERS: Kelly Greathouse, Gennie Lou Byerly, Ruth Fritts, Melody Evans, Vogen Everhart, Deanna Michael, Lauren Thompson Gould, Peggy Bates, Margot Everhart

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

OUR FRIENDS: Chris Greene (Michell Winter's step-brother), Virginia Hill (Cathy Waitman's mother), Laura Williams (Carolyn Robbins' mother), Eugenia Holste (Alane Holste's Mother), David Combs (Friend of Open Hands), Noriko Shaw and the Family of Heather & Joe Surrent (Friends of Mike & Lynn Brown), Clifford Beane (Neighbor of Lee & Ellen Bouchard), Brian Arensman (Keith Johnson's friend and co-worker), John Hayden (Friend of Kivi Miller), Ed Leonard (Brother of Sylvia Walser), Dan Smith (Brother of Steve and Jerry Smith), Judy Stanley (Friend of Alane Holste), Lacy Belcher (Friend of Vicky Gray), Jonelle Parker (Friend of Frank Leonard); Family of Boyd Shirley (Friends of Patti & Jerry Lovell); 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)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, Oct. 14

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

9:45AM..... SUNDAY SCHOOL

Youth -- Children's Sabbath Practice
with Cathy Waitman and Ellen Peterson {Downstairs}
Adults – Romans Series with Doug Sink {FH}

11:00AM..... WORSHIP SERVICE IN SANCTUARY

NOISY OFFERING...CHILDREN'S CHURCH

12:15PM CONGREGATIONAL MEAL & BUDGET MEETING {FH}

Monday, Oct. 15

6:30PM Open Hands Ministry Meal {Fellowship Hall}

Wednesday, Oct. 17

6:30PM Bell Choir Practice {Bell Room}
7:15PM Choir Practice {Chapel Annex}

Thursday, Oct. 18

5:30PM YOGA Class {Parlor}
7:00PM Square Dance {Fellowship Hall}

Saturday, Oct. 20

7:30-10:30AM Open Hands Fundraiser Breakfast {FH}
6:30PM..... Rev. Al Staggs Reception and Performance {FH}
"Laughter for Life"

Sunday, Oct. 21

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

9:45AM..... SUNDAY SCHOOL

Youth & Adults – Rev. Al Staggs:
"Clarence Jordan and the God Movement" {FH}

11:00AM..... WORSHIP SERVICE IN SANCTUARY - Rev. Al Staggs:

"A View from the Underside: The Legacy of Dietrich Bonhoeffer"

Celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries {Oct. 14-20}

BIRTHDAYS..... October 20..... Lee Ann Peele



Donations Needed for Block Party October 28th

Bags of individually wrapped candy
for TRUNK or TREAT



Food
Collection

Canned pasta, meat &
mixed vegetables
for Pastor's Pantry

Bring all donations to the Narthex or to the
table outside the office
any Sunday in October

If you are interested in participating in the
TRUNK or TREAT please contact Cathy
Waitman



BLOCK PARTY

Sponsored by the following churches:
**First United Methodist,
First Presbyterian,
First Baptist, First Reformed UCC
and Grace Episcopal**



Games & Prizes

Hotdogs for the kids!



Trunk or Treat

Music



All activities will be held in the parking lot
behind the Methodist and Presbyterian churches

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28

5pm-6:30pm