

**MEN'S BROTHERHOOD TO SELL SMOKED PORK LOINS AGAIN THIS YEAR!**

If you'd like to order a smoked pork loin to pick up just in time for your Christmas meal, you may complete this form to place in the offering plate or contact the church office to reserve/purchase a ticket.

The pork loins will be available on **Monday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>**. You have a choice of either a **12:00 or 3:00 pick up time**. The cost is **\$40.00 each** and includes a quart of BBQ dip. **NUMBERS ARE LIMITED, so act quickly! The deadline to purchase is Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup>!**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ # of tickets \_\_\_\_\_  
 PICK UP TIME PREFERENCE: 12:00 3:00

**RESERVE YOUR POINSETTIAS NOW!**

Reserve a poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one. The cost is \$13.00 each and **deadline for orders is November 24<sup>th</sup>**. These will be placed in the sanctuary the first Sunday of Advent, December 1<sup>st</sup>, and can be picked up immediately following worship that day to enjoy at home during the Advent Season.

Please fill out the information form below and place it in the offering plate or call the church office.

In **Memory of:** \_\_\_\_\_ **By:** \_\_\_\_\_

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In **Honor of:** \_\_\_\_\_ **By:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED:** \_\_\_\_\_

The **"TREE OF ANGELS"** will be placed in the breezeway of the Education Building again this year. Make a donation (your discretion) to place an angel on the tree in honor or memory of someone. Donations will assist with year-end benevolences. Please fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate or contact the church office.

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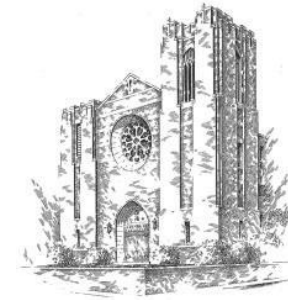
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**First Reformed  
 United Church of Christ**



**The Worship of God**

November 10, 2019

11:00AM

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

**Gathering**

(\*)Please stand as you are able  
 "BOLD" indicates congregational response

- Prelude
- \*Chiming of the Hour
- Welcome & Announcements Elizabeth Horton
- Recognizing Our Veterans
- Choral Call to Worship "There's a Spirit of Love in This Place"
- \*Gathering Words Keri Hartle
  - One: The Holy One is here in this community of faith.
  - Women: Great is our God and greatly to be praised!**
  - One: Let us bless the Holy Name forever and ever.
  - Men: Great is our God and greatly to be praised!**
  - One: Let us meditate on God's wondrous works.
  - Choir: Great is our God and greatly to be praised!**
  - One: Let us bless and praise God's name forever and ever.
  - All: Great is our God and greatly to be praised!**
- \*Hymn "Sing Praise to God, Who Has Shaped" p. 3
- \*Invocation Keri Hartle

**Centering**

- Scripture Reading Psalm 145: 1-5, 17-21 Keri Hartle  
 (Page #569 in Pew Bible)
- Prayer of Confession Elizabeth Horton

**We are so easily confused by what the world tells us, O God, that we forget the stories of faith we heard as children. We are so fearful of tomorrow, we are not aware of your Spirit with us today. We are so busy wondering "what if?" - we cannot hear the promises you whisper to us.**

**So once again, Gracious God, have mercy on us. You know our hearts so well - touch them with your grace. You see our deepest fears - heal them with your peace. You hear our secret longings - speak to them of your hope. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.**
- Assurance of Forgiveness

- \*Passing the Peace "Peace of Christ be with you. And also with you."
- \*Hymn "There's a Land That is Fairer Than Day" p. 4

- Young Disciples Elizabeth Horton  
 (All children Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade are invited to join Alice Gray and Vicky Gray for Kid's Club.)

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

**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 debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen**

Special Music

Mike Price & Lee Ann Peele

### Proclaiming

Scripture

Luke 20: 27-38  
(Page #958 in Pew Bible)

Elizabeth Horton

Sermon

"What Disciples Do: Ask Hard Questions"

### Responding

\*Hymn

"Standing on the Promises"

p. 5

Invitation to Receive Tithes and Offerings

Elizabeth Horton

Offertory

\*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.**

Old Hundredth

\*Prayer of Dedication

Keri Hartle

### Sending

\*Call to Dedication

And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send and who will go for us?"

**Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."**

Keri Hartle

\*Benediction

Elizabeth Horton

\*Choral Benediction

"Pass the Love"

\*Postlude

You are invited to join the Intercessory Prayer Circle at the front of the sanctuary after worship.

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

**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are given by the Bob Shaak Family to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Dawn Shaak.

### THANK YOU FOR SERVING

LITURGIST:

Keri Hartle

PLATE ATTENDANT:

Buddy Lohr

NURSERY:

Alice Gray & Vicky Gray

USHER CHAIRPERSON:

Jeff Hutchens

SOUND TECHNICIAN:

Dave Fulton

GREETER:

Susan Morris

ACOLYTE:

Elliott Smith

BIBLE STEWARD:

Emory Smith

YOUTH USHER:

Haylee Hutcheson

USHERS:

Mike Brown (Captain), Mark Smith, Ramona Yarbrough, Heidi Hutcheson

## Sing Praise to God, Who Has Shaped

Ps. 68:4, 32; Ps. 105

Joachim Neander, 1680

Transl. Madeleine Forell Marshall, 1993

1 Sing praise to God, who has shaped and sus - tains all cre -  
 2 Praise God, our guard - ian, who lov - ing - ly of - fers cor -  
 3 Sing praise to God, with sin - cere thanks for all your suc -  
 4 Sing praise, my soul, the great name of your high God com -

a - tion! Sing praise, my soul, in pro - found and com -  
 rec - tion, Who, as on ea - gle's wings, saves us from  
 cess - es. Mer - ci - ful God ev - er loves to en -  
 mend - ing. All that have life and breath join you, their

plete ad - o - ra - tion! Glad - some re - joice - or - gan and  
 sin - ful de - jec - tion. Have you ob - served, how we are  
 cour - age and bless - us. On - ly con - ceive, what god - ly  
 notes sweet - ly blend - ing. God is your light! Soul, ev - er

trum - pet and voice - join - ing God's great con - gre - ga - tion.  
 al - ways pre - served by God's pa - ren - tal af - fec - tion?  
 strength can a - chieve: strength that would touch and car - ess us.  
 keep this in sight: a - men, a - men nev - er end - ing.

Joachim Neander was a dedicated, caring pastor of the Reformed Church in Düsseldorf, Germany. This was the most familiar of his fifty-six hymn texts, which were published along with many of his original tunes in 1680, the year of his death.

Tune: LOBE DEN HERREN 14.14.4.7.8.  
Erneuerten Gesangbuch, Stralsund, 1665  
Adapt. and harm. William S. Bennett, 1863

# There's a Land that Is Fairer Than Day

The glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp — Revelation 21:23 NIV

1. There's a land that is fair - er than day, And by faith we can  
 2. We shall sing on that beau - ti - ful shore The me - lo - di - ous  
 3. To our boun - ti - ful Fa - ther a - bove, We will of - fer the

see it a - far; For the Fa - ther waits o - ver the way To pre -  
 songs of the blest, And our spir - its shall sor - row no more, Not a  
 trib - ute of praise For the glo - ri - ous gift of His love, And the

pare us a dwell - ing place there. In the sweet by and  
 sigh for the bless - ing of rest. In the sweet  
 bless - ings that hal - low our days. In the sweet

by, We shall meet on that beau - ti - ful shore; In the  
 by and by, by and by;

sweet by and by, We shall meet on that beau - ti - ful shore.  
 In the sweet by and by,

WORDS: Sanford F. Bennett, 1836-1889  
 MUSIC: Joseph P. Webster, 1819-1875

SWEET BY AND BY  
 9.9.9.9. with Refrain

# Standing on the Promises

He has given us his very great and precious promises — 2 Peter 1:4 NIV

1. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ my King, Thro' e - ter - nal a - ges  
 2. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es that can - not fail, When the howl - ing storms of  
 3. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ the Lord, Bound to Him e - ter - nal -  
 4. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es I can - not fall, Lis - t'ning ev - 'ry mo - ment

let His prais - es ring; Glo - ry in the high - est, I will shout and sing,  
 doubt and fear as - sail, By the liv - ing Word of God I shall pre - vail,  
 ly by love's strong cord, O - ver - com - ing dai - ly with the Spir - it's sword,  
 to the Spir - it's call, Rest - ing in my Sav - ior as my all in all,

Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God. Stand - ing, stand - ing,  
 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es, stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God my Sav - ior; Stand - ing,  
 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

stand - ing, I'm stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.  
 stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

WORDS: R. Kelso Carter, 1849-1928  
 MUSIC: R. Kelso Carter, 1849-1928

PROMISES  
 Irregular

## WELCOME TO FIRST REFORMED UCC

If you are visiting with us, please fill out a pew card and place it in the offering plate when passed.

Following the example of Jesus, we believe that God's love, Christ's church, and the power of the Holy Spirit are for all people. We believe our unity as one body in Christ transcends worldly differences. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

First Reformed United Church of Christ is an Open and Affirming congregation. This means we welcome into the full life and ministry of the church all people, regardless of ability, age, education, ethnicity, family or marital status, gender identity or expression, income, nationality, political affiliation, race, sexual orientation, or any other distinction. At the baptismal font and at the communion table, from the nursery cribs to the church leadership, whether you were raised in a church or have never before attended one, you are welcome here.

We affirm and celebrate the diversity of God's children as a blessing.

### FALL SERMON SERIES

**What Disciples Do: Luke 14-20**

**Ask Hard Questions**

Dream of What Can Be

### RACE AND FAITH TRIP TO THE CIVIL RIGHTS MUSEUM

**TODAY IS THE DEADLINE TO SIGN UP**, if you are interested in the East Lexington Collaborative Ministries Group trip to the Civil Rights Museum in Greensboro on **Saturday, February 8, 2020**. The cost will depend on the number going. Plans will include lunch after visiting the museum. Please let the office know if you are interested.

### WOMEN'S LIFE FELLOWSHIP HOLIDAY BAKE SALE

If you need help with your baking for the Thanksgiving holiday, Women's Life Fellowship will have an assortment of pies, cakes, cookies and other treats for purchase on **November 24**. Come by the Fellowship Hall before and after Sunday School and after worship. Mary Jo Jessup will also have her famous sausage biscuits for sale again this year!

### BELL RINGERS NEEDED!

First Reformed UCC needs volunteer bell ringers in December for the Salvation Army. Volunteers will fill 1 or 2-hour time slots. If you are interested in helping, please contact **Jerry Lovell** at 336-746-6493.

### SAVE YOUR PLASTIC BAGS!

The Willing Weavers are running very low on grocery bags for their sleeping mat construction. Please bring all you can to church and leave them on the table outside the office.

### AMERICA'S TOOTH FAIRY "SMILE DRIVE!"

Matt Johnson is working with **America's Tooth Fairy SMILE DRIVE** program for his fall internship to collect dental products and money to distribute to charities, schools, and other places to give to underprivileged children and their families. **Donations of ANY TYPE OF DENTAL SUPPLIES OR MONEY WILL STAY IN LEXINGTON!** Donations may be placed in the basket in the Narthex until **Sunday, November 17**. Money donations can be labeled "Tooth Fairy" to place in the offering plate or brought to the church office.

### MORNING GLORY CIRCLE'S RADA CUTLERY SALE

The ladies in the Morning Glory Circle are selling Rada Cutlery as a fundraiser again this year! **If you are interested in looking at a catalog or making a purchase, please contact Rita Lohr at 336-346-7607.**

### SAVE THE DATE ROWAN BIG BAND SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23 4:00PM

### "A NEW EARTH" 2019 ADVENT & EPIPHANY DEVOTIONALS

If you are interested in purchasing a devotional for the 2019 Advent/Epiphany season, we have **a limited number available that will be sold on a first-come basis**. You may call the church office to reserve a copy or come by to purchase one. The cost is \$1.00 each.

### CLOTHES CLOSET NOW OPEN!

The Clothes Closet is open now **every Monday evening at 5:30, before the Open Hands Ministry Meal**. Folks will be available to assist shoppers during this time. At other times, Jerry Lovell is available by appointment. (336-746-6493) If you'd like to volunteer to help out in the Clothes Closet, please contact Jerry.

**The inventory is dwindling quickly after only a couple weeks being open, so please continue to bring donations of all sizes of fall and winter clothing.**

### CHARLES ENGLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BACKPACK PROGRAM

Requested food items for student backpacks are listed below. Please bring items to the large box labeled **CEES** in the Narthex.

Juice Boxes      Applesauce Cups  
Breakfast Bars      Ramen Noodles  
Cheese Crackers  
Spaghetti-Os  
Canned Vegetables  
Chicken Noodle Soup

## CHURCH CALENDAR

### Sunday, November 10

**Grace Episcopal Church Meal Ministry:**

**Cooking:** John Maze & Susie Smith

**Serving:** Mark, Nicole, Elliott & Emory Smith, John & Vicky Gray, Camille Morgan

**9:45AM** Faith Formation (Education Building)  
**Adults:** Bible Study: Ecclesiastes 3-4:8

**10:00AM** Children & Teens

**11:00AM** **Worship in the Sanctuary**  
Kid's Club with Alice Gray & Vicky Gray

**Following Worship: Congregational Meeting** to announce 2020 Consistory nominees for Deacon, Elder and Trustee

**Consistory Meeting**

### Monday, November 11

**5:30PM** Clothes Closet Open {Basement}

**6:00PM** Crisis Ministry Shelter Meal

**6:30PM** Open Hands Ministry {FH}

### Tuesday, November 12

**10:45AM** Willing Weavers {Rm 3}

**10:00AM** Collaborative Ministries {P}

**12:00PM** Race & Faith {FH}

**6:00PM** Men's Brotherhood & Women's Life Fellowship {FH}

### Wednesday, November 13

**6:30PM** Bell Choir

**7:15PM** Choir

### Thursday, November 14

**5:15PM** Yoga {Dance Studio}

**7:00PM** Square Dancing {FH}

### Sunday, November 17

**Grace Episcopal Church Meal Ministry:**

**Cooking:** John Maze & Susie Smith

**Serving:** Girl Scout Troop #2160 and Camille Morgan

**9:45AM** Faith Formation (Education Building)  
**Adults:** Bible Study: Ecclesiastes 4:9-6:12

**10:00AM** Children & Teens

**11:00AM** **Worship in the Sanctuary**  
**Baptism: Lucas Cruz**  
**Children's Church**

**Following Worship: Congregational Meeting** to accept nominations from the floor for 2020 Deacons, Elders and Trustees

**4:00PM** Bd. of Spiritual Growth & Renewal Search Committee Meeting

## OUR CHURCH AT PRAYER

### OUR MEMBERS:

\*Charyl Clark, Sylvia Walser (on the loss of her brother, Coney), Lib Sink, Peggy Bates, Vogen Everhart, Katherine Skipper, Marguerite Leonard, Lindsay Sink, Bill Walser

### AT HOME AND IN CARE FACILITIES:

Janelle Bunn, Marzell Crotts, Ruth Essick, Margot Everhart, Lib & Jimbo Hinkle, Carolyn Spivey, Adena Wall

Brookdale: Hoyle Potts

Piedmont Crossing: Mary Berrier, Doris Flynt, Rita Tussey

### OUR FRIENDS:

\*Keith Sink (Lisa Nelson's neighbor), Ed Leonard and Dolores L. Martin (Sylvia Walser's brother and sister), Mason Monk (friend of Johnny & Lynn McCarn), Sara MacMillan (friend of Frankie Hedrick), Boyd Perry (friend of Frankie Hedrick), Landon Yocum (Carolyn Yocum's granddaughter), Michelle Kilgorf (friend of Brian McKerlie, Bert Davison (friend of Frank Leonard), Chase Saunders (Lee & Ellen Bouchard's grandson), Robert Phelps (friend of Janette Neal & John Potts), Pastor Marion Rhyne (friend of John Maze)

*\*Indicates newly added. To add a name to the prayer list please fill out a prayer request card located on the backs of the pews or call the church office (336-248-2617).*

## November

### Birthdays

12<sup>th</sup>

Mike Hooper

13<sup>th</sup>

Will Hooper

14<sup>th</sup>

Holt Biesecker

### SECOND NIGHT AT THE MOVIES!

On **Saturday, November 16 at 6:00PM** there will be another "Race and Faith" movie showing at Second UCC. The 1967 Academy Award winning movie "In the Heat of the Night," starring Sidney Poitier and Rod Steiger will be viewed. All are welcome!