

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 purchase a ticket.

The pork loins will be available on **Monday, December 23rd**. 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.

**There are a LIMITED number of tickets, so act quickly!
The deadline to purchase is Monday, December 16th!**

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 24th. These will be placed in the sanctuary the first Sunday of Advent, December 1st 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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TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

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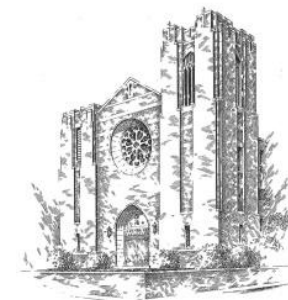
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**First Reformed
United Church of Christ**



The Worship of God

November 3, 2019
Homecoming & All Saints Sunday
Holy Communion

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

WE WELCOME KEN DAVIS TO OUR WORSHIP SERVICE THIS MORNING. He is a talented local singer and songwriter. He plays with fellow musicians for the praise and worship service at First Presbyterian Church in Lexington. He is also an Elder at Shadyside Presbyterian Church. He performs regularly at Weathervane Winery and Yarborough's Restaurant and participates in the Lexington Barbecue Festival and Arts of Davidson County. He is also a part of the East Lexington Collaborative Ministries Group.

Gathering Music Ken Davis

Prelude

*Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Announcements

Elizabeth Horton

Special Music

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Ken Davis

*Call to Worship

Jonathan Kepley

In every one of us there is a longing for home,

Where we are known, accepted, and loved just as we are;

Where we are nurtured, guided, and challenged to become more than we are.

Home is a refuge from fear with a table set for all.

Home is a place of rest and a sense of peace.

God says to us, "Come, find your home in my love."

Our hearts respond, "We are coming, Lord. We are coming home."

*Hymn

"The Church's One Foundation"

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*Invocation

Elizabeth Horton

Centering

Young Disciples

Elizabeth Horton

(All children Pre-K through 5th Grade are invited to join in this worship at the front.)

Remembering the Saints

Lighting of the Candles

Ruth Bailey Fritts {December 18, 1926-January 17, 2019}

Cynthia Crouse Martin {February 16, 1951- February 28, 2019}

James William Everhart {March 13, 1930-July 1, 2019}

Margie Elizabeth Loflin Everhart {March 23, 1928-August 19, 2019}

Sarah Josephine Gargis Hudson {November 22, 1934-October 17, 2019}

Valerie Elizabeth Price {January 9, 1957-October 26, 2019}

Prayer of Gratitude

Special Music

Ken Davis

*Affirmation of Faith

*The Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living 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.**

Anthem

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

Jack Schrader

*Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, help me stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light. Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.*

*When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near, when my life is almost gone;
Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall; Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.*

*Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, help me stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light. Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.*

Proclaiming

Scripture

Luke 19: 1-10
(Page #956 in Pew Bible)

Elizabeth Horton

Sermon

"What Disciples Do: Befriend the Friendless"

Responding

Liturgy for Holy Communion

We gather at this table, God's table.
The table has been set long before we were born.
There are places for all who have gone before us.
We take their hands as we approach to be received.
You are welcome at this table, Christ's table.
The faithful ones are gathered with us from all generations.
We lift up the memories of loved ones we no longer see.
We open our hearts to the presence of loved ones who are with God, for God is present with us.
This is the table of reconciliation, of forgiveness, of restoration.
This is the table for all the saints of God.
Come, for all things are ready.

Special Music

Ken Davis

Invitation to Receive Tithes and Offerings

Elizabeth Horton

Offertory

Ken Davis

*Doxology

Old Hundredth

**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

Jonathan Kepley

Sending

"The Bond of Love"

*Hymn

1. We are one in the bond of love; we are one in the bond of love. We have
2. Let us sing now, ev - ery-one; let us feel God's love be-gun. Let us

joined our spir - it with the Spir - it of God; we are one in the bond of love.
join our hands that the world will know we are one in the bond of love.

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BOND OF LOVE
Irregular

*Call to Dedication

Jonathan Kepley

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."

Sending Song

Ken Davis

*Benediction

Elizabeth Horton

*Postlude

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

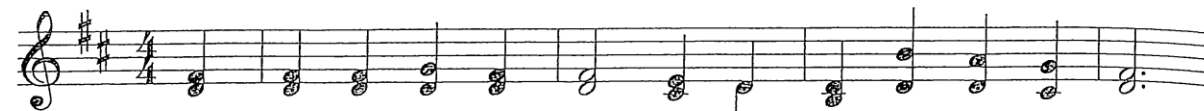
***THE APOSTLES' CREED evolved into its present form by the 7th Century,
although much of the text originated in the 1st Century.**

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given by Ruth Essick to the Glory of God and in loving memory of her husband,
Norman F. Essick.

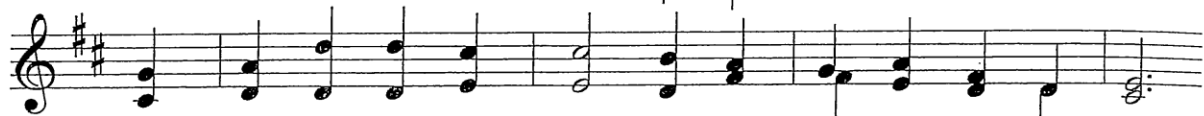
THANK YOU FOR SERVING

LITURGIST: Jonathan Kepley	PLATE ATTENDANT: Buddy Lohr	NURSERY: Jeremy Peterson & John Gray
USHER CHAIRPERSON: Jeff Hutchens	SOUND TECHNICIAN: Dave Fulton	GREETERS: Jerry & Patti Lovell
ACOLYTE: Elliott Smith	BIBLE STEWARD: Emory Smith	YOUTH USHER: Haylee Hutcheson
USHERS: Mike Brown (Captain), Mark Smith, Ramona Yarbrough, Heidi Hutcheson		

The Church's One Foundation



1 The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ our Lord,
 2 Called forth from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
 ♦ 3 Though with a scornful wonder the world sees us oppressed,
 4 Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of our war,
 5 We now on earth have union with God the Three in One,



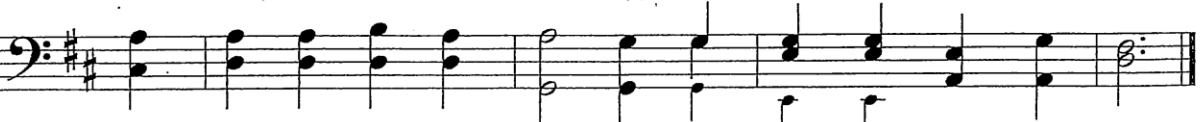
we are his new creation by water and the Word,
 one charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
 ♦ by sufferings rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
 we wait the consummation of peace forevermore,
 and share through faith communion with those whose rest is won.



from heaven he came and sought us that we might ever be
 One holy name professing and at one table fed,
 ♦ yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up, "How long?"
 till with the vision glorious our longing eyes are blest,
 Oh, happy ones, and holy! Lord, give us grace that we



his living servant people, by his own death set free.
 to one hope always pressing, by Christ's own Spirit led.
 ♦ But soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.
 like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.



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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. We welcome you to First Reformed United Church of Christ.



FALL SERMON SERIES What Disciples Do: Luke 14-20

- Take Faith Seriously
- Search for the Outcasts
- Resist Greed
- Practice Generosity
- Believe in the Impossible
- Say Thank You
- Never Give Up
- Don't Judge

Befriend the Friendless

- Ask Hard Questions
- Dream of What Can Be

SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

Volunteers are still needed for Children and Youth Sunday School classes. **We need 3 volunteers each Sunday. If you can help, please contact the church office. (336-248-2617)**

NEW ADULT BIBLE STUDY

The adults begin a Bible study on the Book of Ecclesiastes during Sunday School this morning. This continues through November. Leaders are Rev. June Grubb and Eulene Shepherd. All are welcome!

Matt Johnson is working with **America's Tooth Fairy SMILE DRIVE** program for his fall internship for school this semester. **America's Tooth Fairy** is a nonprofit organization that collects dental products and money to distribute to charities, schools, and other places to give to underprivileged children and their families. (Any monies collected are used to either purchase dental supplies or set up clinics or educational events.)

Would you be willing to donate to this worthy program? **Donations can be ANY TYPE OF DENTAL SUPPLIES OR MONEY!**

ALL DONATIONS COLLECTED AT FIRST REFORMED UCC WILL STAY IN LEXINGTON!

Donations may be made until **Sunday, November 17**. Please place them in the box in the Narthex. Money donations can be labeled "Tooth Fairy" to place in the offering plate or brought to the church office. **THANK YOU!**

MEALS ON WHEELS DRIVERS

If you can help deliver meals for this outreach ministry, please contact Alisa Johnson at 336-250-6589.

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.

BELL RINGERS NEEDED!

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

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

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, November 3

HOME COMING & ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

9:45AM Faith Formation (Education Building)
Adults: Bible Study: Ecclesiastes 1-2

10:00AM Children & Teens

**11:00AM Worship in the Sanctuary
 Holy Communion**

"What Disciples Do: Befriend the Friendless"

Following Worship: Covered Dish Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall

Monday, November 4

CONSISTORY BOARD REPORTS DUE BY NOON

5:30PM Clothes Closet Open {Basement}
6:30PM Open Hands Ministry {FH}

Tuesday, November 5

10:45AM Willing Weavers {Rm 3}
12:00PM Race & Faith {FH}
6:30PM Bd. of Evangelism {P}
 Bd. of Spiritual Growth **and Parents** {office}

Wednesday, November 6

11:00AM Morning Glory Circle
6:00PM Youth Ministry {FH}
6:30PM Bell Choir
7:15PM Choir

Thursday, November 7

5:15PM Yoga {Dance Studio}
7:00PM Square Dancing {FH}

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**
"What Disciples Do: Ask Hard Questions"

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

Consistory Meeting

OUR CHURCH AT PRAYER



We extend sympathy to and share Christian Hope with the family of Valerie Price, who passed away October 26.

We extend sympathy to and share in Christian Hope with Sylvia Walser on family on the passing of her brother, Coney Leonard.

OUR MEMBERS:

Lib Sink, Peggy Bates, Vogen Everhart, Katherine Skipper, Marguerite Leonard, Lindsay Sink, Bill Walser

AT HOME AND IN CARE FACILITIES:

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

Brookdale: Hoyle Potts

Piedmont Crossing: Mary Berrier, Doris Flynt, Rita Tussey

OUR FRIENDS:

*Coney & Ed Leonard and Dolores L. Martin (Sylvia Walser's brothers and sister), *Mason Monk (friend of Johnny & Lynn McCann), *Sara MacMillan (friend of Frankie Hedrick), *Boyd Perry (friend of Frankie Hedrick), Landon Yocum (Carolyn Yocum's granddaughter), Michelle Kilgorf (friend of Brian McKerlie), Carolyn Ward (John & James Gray's aunt), Bert Davison (friend of Frank Leonard), Chase Saunders (Lee & Ellen Bouchard's grandson), Robert Phelps (friend of Janette Neal & John Potts), Pastor Marion Rhyme (friend of John Maze), Steve Comer (friend of the Holste's), Michael Cortina (friend of Patti Lovell)

**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

1st

Seth Klopp

2nd

Samuel Gray

5th

Linda Sink

6th

Eli Gregg

9th

Robert Danze
 Harrison Danze
 Coreen Freeman



WOMEN'S LIFE FELLOWSHIP HOLIDAY BAKE SALE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

If you need help with your baking for the Thanksgiving holiday, we'll have an assortment of pies, cakes, cookies and other treats you can share with your family. Come by to visit in 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, so you can enjoy one for breakfast that morning! Coffee will also be available.

MORNING GLORY CIRCLE TO SPONSOR RADA CUTLERY SALE

In past years, the ladies in the Morning Glory Circle have sold lots of Rada Cutlery. They are bringing back this fundraiser this year! **If you are interested in looking at a catalog or making a purchase, please contact Rita Lohr at 336-346-7607.**

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RACE AND FAITH TRIP TO THE CIVIL RIGHTS MUSEUM

East Lexington Collaborative Ministries Group has held a series of discussions on "Race & Faith." We are excited that others from the community have participated. We are extending services through November 12. Also, we are planning a trip to the Civil Rights Museum in Greensboro on **Saturday, February 8, 2020.** If interested, please let the church office know by **Sunday, November 10, 2019.** The cost will depend on the number going. Plans will include lunch after visiting the museum.

SAVE THE DATE

ROWAN BIG BAND

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23 at 4:00PM

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 SANCTUARY
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