

## REV. AL STAGGS

After serving as a parish minister and hospital chaplain for more than twenty years, Al began a new career as a performing artist presenting his highly acclaimed, original one-person dramatization entitled ***A View From the Underside: The Legacy of Dietrich Bonhoeffer*** to churches, synagogues, colleges and organizations throughout the world. He has performed at Chautauqua Institution; the National Cathedral in Washington, DC; the International Arts Festival in Caux, Switzerland; Riverside Church, New York as well as more than one hundred colleges and seminaries and hundreds of churches.

During the mid-1990's, Al began expanding his repertoire to include original interpretations of the lives of Clarence Jordan, Oscar Romero, Martin Luther, Martin Luther King, Jr., Thomas Merton and William Sloane Coffin.

### Curriculum Vitae

Al Staggs holds a B.A. from Hardin-Simmons University, an M.R.E. from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, a Th.M. from Harvard Divinity School and a Doctor of Ministry degree from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. In the Spring of 1983, he was honored as a Charles E. Merrill Fellow at Harvard with major emphasis in Applied Theology under the direction of Harvey Cox.

His DVDs and Books, (***In Mammon We Trust...*** and ***A Pilgrim in Rome: Cries of Dissent***) will be available for purchase after worship in the Narthex.



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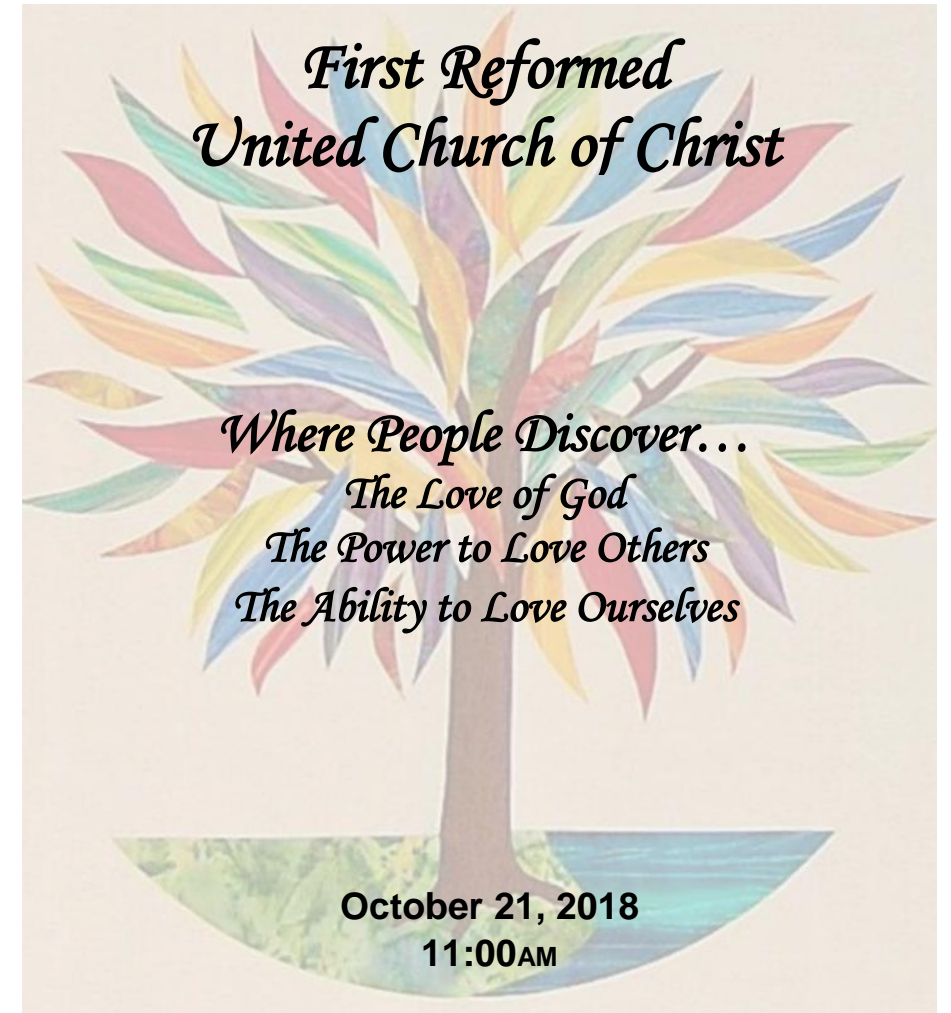
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No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.*

*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-second Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgist: Doris Sink

## Gathering

Prelude

\*Chiming of the Hour

Welcome

Elizabeth Horton

\*Call to Worship

Doris Sink

Leader: Friends, we know what God desires of us:

**People: That we do justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with God.**

Leader: We gather this morning to remind each other about that,

**People: To remember that now is always the right time to do these things.**

Leader: So with thanks in our hearts, let us worship God.

\*Hymn

*"God of Grace and God of Glory"*

Insert

\*Invocation

Elizabeth Horton

## Proclaiming

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 25: 31-46  
(Page #904 of Pew Bible)

Elizabeth Horton

Presentation

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

Rev. Al Staggs

\*Hymn

*"By Gracious Powers"*

Insert

## Responding

Invitation to Give Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

\*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

Doris Sink

### Welcome to Rev. Al Staggs, Minister and Performance Artist!

Rev. Staggs shared his comedic performance, *"Laughter for Life"* last night in our fellowship hall. His performance focused on the spiritual, emotional and physical benefits of humor along with his many impersonations.

This morning Rev. Staggs entertained the adult Sunday School class with *"Clarence Jordan and the God Movement,"* about the Baptist minister and biblical scholar who founded the interracial community of Koinonia in Americus, Georgia.

During our 11:00 worship service, we will be brought into a Nazi prison cell in *"A View from the Underside: The Legacy of Dietrich Bonhoeffer."* Experience the outrage Bonhoeffer had against the Nazi treatment of Jews and how that led him to become involved in the German resistance movement during the 1930s and 1940s.

# Sending

STRUGGLE AND CONFLICT

\*Call to Discipleship

Doris Sink

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

Elizabeth Horton

\*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 share a word of welcome and thanks to Rev. Al Staggs after the service.*

*Intercessory Prayer Circle will be held at the front of the sanctuary following the postlude.*

\* PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

# God of Grace and God of Glory

Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930; alt.

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple  
 2 From the e - vils that sur - round us and as - sail the  
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to  
 4 Set our feet on loft - y plac - es; gird our lives that  
 5 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour your power; crown your an - cient church - 's sto - ry;  
 Sav - ior's ways, from the fears that long have bound us—  
 your con - trol. Shame our reck - less, self - ish glad - ness,  
 they may be ar - mored with all Christ - like grac - es,  
 we de - plore; let the search for your sal - va - tion

bring its bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 free our hearts for faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 in the fight to set us free. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
 make our bro - ken spir - its whole, make our bro - ken spir - its whole.  
 in the quest for lib - er - ty, in the quest for lib - er - ty.  
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Harry Emerson Fosdick, a prophetic preacher and writer, taught at Union Theological Seminary from 1915 to 1946. This hymn was written for the opening service and dedication of Riverside Church, New York City, which he served for twenty years.

Tune: CWM RHONDDA 8.7.8.7.8.7.7.  
John Hughes, c. 1907

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# By Gracious Powers

*Dietrich Bonhoeffer, 1944  
Transl. Fred Pratt Green, 1972*

Unison

1 By gra-cious powers so won-der - ful - ly shel-tered,  
 2 Yet is this heart by its old foe tor - ment-ed,  
 3 And when this cup you give is filled to brim-ming  
 4 Yet when a - gain in this same world you give us

and con - fi - dent - ly wait - ing, come what may,  
 still e - vil days bring bur - dens hard to bear;  
 with bit - ter sor - row, hard to un - der - stand,  
 the joy we had, the bright-ness of your sun,

We know that God is with us night and morn - ing,  
 O give our fright - ened souls the sure sal - va - tion  
 We take it thank - ful - ly and with-out trem - bling,  
 We shall re - mem - ber all the days we lived through,

and nev - er fails to greet us each new day.  
 for which, O God, you taught us to pre - pare.  
 out of so good and so be - loved a hand.  
 and our whole life shall then be yours a - lone.

*Dietrich Bonhoeffer, theologian, professor, and leader of the German Opposition, composed the poem on which this hymn is based, "New Year 1945," while imprisoned by the Gestapo in Berlin. Four months later, Bonhoeffer was executed by special order of Himmler.*

Tune: BONHOEFFER 11.10.11.10.  
*Herbert G. Hobbs, 1976  
 Harm. Jan Helmut Wubbena, 1976*

## ATTENTION FRIENDSHIP CLUB MEMBERS!

On Tuesday October 23<sup>rd</sup>, please plan to meet in the church parking lot at 11:00 to travel together to Salem Tavern for lunch at 12:00.

## 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](mailto:msmith@gwsmithlbr.com)

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

There are still open slots for volunteers to help park cars during the Barbecue Festival on Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in helping, please see Jeff Hutchens following worship to sign up. At other times during the week, you may contact the church office. (336-248-2617)



## 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.

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

# BLOCK PARTY...OCTOBER 28<sup>TH</sup>

5:00-6:30pm

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



Games & Prizes



Trunk or Treat



Hotdogs for the kids



Music

## DONATIONS NEEDED!

Please bring bags of **INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED CANDY**  
to the Narthex or the table outside the church office  
**ANY SUNDAY IN OCTOBER!**

If you are interested in participating in the **TRUNK OR TREAT**,  
please contact **Cathy Waitman (cathy@frucc.org)**

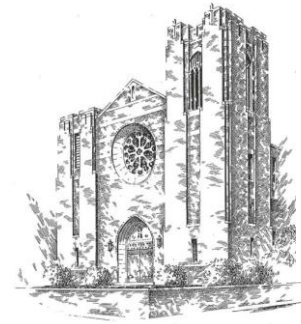


## DON'T FORGET WE ARE COLLECTING FOOD ITEMS FOR PASTOR'S PANTRY.

Please bring items to the Narthex or the tables outside the church office  
**ANY SUNDAY IN OCTOBER.**

### ITEMS NEEDED:

canned pastas.....cans of mixed vegetables.....canned meats



# Church Homecoming and Memorial Sunday

**Sunday, November 4, 2018**  
**FIRST REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

## Come Celebrate Our 117<sup>th</sup> Year

**Invite family and friends and former members  
to come and be a part of this special day!**

### ~Special Guest Baritone~

## Leonard Rowe

will share his talents  
during the 11:00 worship



### Covered Dish Meal

## Following Worship in the Fellowship Hall

Bring your favorite foods, casseroles, desserts or other  
delicious items to share and join us!

**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** today are given to the glory of God and in honor the 46<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Robert and Beverly Green Sandifer; given by their daughters and grandchildren.

### *Thank You for Serving Our Church*

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

**USHER CAPTAIN:** Ted Smith

**YOUTH USHER:** Claire Smith

**GREETER:** John & Susie Smith

**NURSERY (INFANTS-KINDERGARTEN):** Kivi Miller & Heidi Hutcheson

❖ 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:** Janell Bunn, 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 Surrett (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. 21**

**Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost**

**9:45AM..... SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Youth – Children's Sabbath Practice  
with Cathy Waitman and Ellen Peterson

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”**

Monday, Oct. 22

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

Tuesday, Oct. 23

12:00PM..... Friendship Club Lunch at Salem Tavern  
(meet at 11:00 in church parking lot to travel together)

2:00PM..... Meals on Wheels Board Meeting {Parlor}



**6:00PM.....Family Fun Night: Hotdogs & Pumpkins {Fellowship Hall}**

Wednesday, Oct. 24

6:30PM..... Bell Choir Practice {Bell Room}

7:15PM..... Choir Practice {Chapel Annex}

Thursday, Oct. 25

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

6:00PM..... Red Hats dinner meeting {Fellowship Hall}

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

Saturday, Oct. 27

7:00-3:30PM..... Lexington BBQ Festival - Volunteers to Direct Parking

**Sunday, Oct. 28**

**Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost**

**9:45AM..... SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Youth - Children's Sabbath Practice  
with Cathy Waitman and Ellen Peterson

Adults – Roman Series with Dave Fulton

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

**Children's Sabbath...Noisy Offering...New Member Sunday**

**5-6:30PM.... Block Party & Trunk or Treat**

### **Celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries {Oct. 21-27}**

**BIRTHDAYS**..... October 21 ..... Mark Loper  
October 22 ..... Molly Robertson  
October 25 ..... Jamie Link

**ANNIVERSARIES**..... October 23..... Jeremy & Keri Lovell  
October 25..... Henry & Kay Crouse