

# Z-Day is here!

(ZOOM Bags, that is!)

## Ziploc Outdoor Outreach Ministry

- Directions:
- \*Take a ZOOM Bag
  - \*Put in your vehicle
  - \*Give it to a person wanting food
  - \*Show Christ's love in the world
  - \*Repeat as often as needed

**Please share you experiences with this ministry.**

### FIRST REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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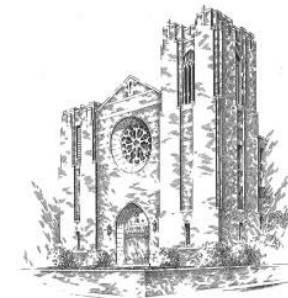
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## First Reformed United Church of Christ



## The Worship of God

August 25, 2019

10:30AM

Holy Communion

Z-Day

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

*Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.*

- 1 John 3:18 (NRSV)

Prelude

\*Chiming of the Trinity

\*Call to Worship

Bonita Hooper

Before we got up this morning and decided to come to church,

**God was waiting for us, to welcome us with grace.**

When we are unsure of what to do; when we falter before the next step,

**We come to listen to God's voice, to learn from the One who teaches us all we ever need to know.**

When we are surrounded by cruelty and injustice; when our fears cripple our souls,

**God delivers us with steadfast love; we are set free to be God's sons and daughters.**

\*Hymn

"Praise to the Living God"

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\*Invocation

Elizabeth Horton

Welcome & Announcements

### Centering

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 58: 9-14  
(page #675 in pew bible)

Bonita Hooper

Prayer of Confession

Elizabeth Horton

**Holy One, forgive us, every time your heart is saddened by our selfishness, every time we have no thought for others, no cares but ours. Enable us to see this world as a gift from you that can be shared, and those who live on it as our neighbors. We ask this... that your name may be glorified, through the beauty of this world and the service of our lives. Amen**

Assurance of Pardon

\*Passing the Peace

\*Hymn

"This Is a Day of New Beginnings"

p. 4

Young Disciples

"Z-DAY!"

(All children & youth are invited to join in this worship at the front.)

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

"You Say"  
[by Lauren Daigle, Jason Ingram & Paul Mabury]

Keri Hartle

Scripture

**Proclaiming**  
Luke 13: 10-17  
(page #950 in pew bible)

Elizabeth Horton

Sermon

"Have Faith: In the Face of Opposition"

**Responding**

Holy Communion  
Invitation

All are welcome at Christ's Table

Elizabeth Horton

The Holy One be with you. **And also with you**  
Open your hearts to the One who is Love. **Our hearts are open to God.**  
Let us give thanks and praise to God Most High. **We give God thanks and praise.**

Communion Prayer

...We proclaim the mystery of our faith:  
**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

**Make this a meal that nourishes us on this long journey we share together. By your Spirit, may we seize every opportunity to advance love and compassion in the face of evil in all its forms. For the sake of all that aches in this world, our church, and within every creature and creation, we come to Your Table, hungry for a taste of your kingdom. Amen.**

Sharing the Gifts

Please come forward by row to receive the bread and the cup.  
Let an usher know if you need the elements brought to your seat.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Invitation to Receive Offerings  
Offertory

Elizabeth Horton

\*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

Bonita Hooper

**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."**

Bonita Hooper

\*Benediction

Elizabeth Horton

\*Choral Benediction

"Carry the Light"

\*Postlude

**As you exit, remember to get TWO Z-Bags.**

After the service, Rev. Horton will offer individual prayer and anointing with oil.  
Please use the side aisle to enter the front pew, and kneel as you are able.

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

**Praise to the Living God**

Ps. 84:1-2

Curtis Beach, 1966; alt.

1 Praise to the liv - ing God, the God of love and light, - Whose  
2 Praise to the liv - ing God, from whom all things de - rive, Whose  
3 Praise to the liv - ing God, who knows our joy and pain, Who  
4 Praise to the liv - ing God, a - round, with - in, a - bove, Be -

word brought forth the myr - iad suns and set the worlds in flight;  
Spir - it formed up - on this sphere the first faint seeds of life;  
shares with us our com - mon life, the sa - cred and pro - fane.  
yond the grasp of hu - man mind, but whom we know as love.

Whose in - fi - nite de - sign, which we but dim - ly see, Per -  
Who caused them to e - volve, un - wit - ting, toward God's goal, Till  
God toils wher - e'er we toil, in home and mart and mill; And  
In these tu - mul-tuous days, so full of hope and strife, May

vades all na - ture, mak - ing all a cos - mic u - ni - ty.  
hu - man-kind stood on the earth, as liv - ing, think - ing souls.  
deep with - in the hu - man heart God leads us for - ward still.  
we bear wit - ness to the Way, O Source and Goal of life.

Curtis Beach, born into a family of several generations of ministers, was educated at Harvard University, the Boston University School of Theology, and the University of Southern California. A minister in the United Church of Christ, Beach authored The Gospel of Mark: Its Making and Meaning.

Tune: DIADEMATA S.M.D.  
George J. Elvey, 1868

# This Is a Day of New Beginnings

2 Cor. 5:16-17

Brian Wren, 1978; rev. 1983

Unison

1 This is a day of new be - gin - nings, time to re -  
 2 For by the life and death of Je - sus, God's might - y  
 3 Then let us, with the Spir - it's dar - ing, step from the  
 4 Christ is a - live, and goes be - fore us to show and  
 \* In faith we'll gath - er 'round the ta - ble to taste and

mem - ber and move on, time to be - lieve what love is  
 Spir - it, now as then, can make for us a world of  
 past and leave be - hind our dis - ap - point - ment, guilt, and  
 share what love can do. This is a day of new be -  
 share what love can do. This is a day of new be -

bring - ing, lay - ing to rest the pain that's gone.  
 dif - ference, as faith and hope are born a - gain.  
 griev - ing, seek - ing new paths, and sure to find.  
 gin - nings— our God is mak - ing all things new.  
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\*Alternate fourth stanza for Holy Communion

Brian Wren wrote this hymn in 1978 for a New Year's Day service in Oxford, England. The music is by the editor of two hymnals of the United Methodist Church and was composed for the original Wren text.

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Tune: BEGINNINGS 9.8.9.8.  
 Carlton R. Young, 1987

## 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.

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 Susan Swing Kleckley & Cindy Swing Koontz to the Glory of God and in loving memory of their parents, Robert & Edith Swing.

## CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY

On **Wednesday, August 28 at 7:00PM** parents of children and youth meet in the parlor to discuss future needs of our Children and Youth Ministry. Come share your ideas for the ministry of our children and youth.

## FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Friendship Club will meet on **Wednesday, August 28, 2019**. The meeting will be at noon at Yarborough's Restaurant. The program will be provided by author Rev. Galen Hahn. Rev. Hahn is a retired United Church of Christ minister who became inspired to write a book in his retirement. He will share some of his migrant ministry experiences from his book, "Finding My Field." Mark your calendars and invite someone to come with you; maybe, even pick someone up to join us!

## "A CONVERSATION ON RACE AND FAITH" Part II

Collaborative Ministries' series on Race & Faith will begin on **September 10 and continue EACH TUESDAY through October 15 from 12:00-1:00pm** in our church Parlor. You may bring your own bag lunch. This is open to anyone who would like to attend. No special preparation is required.

## FALL & WINTER CLOTHES CLOSET

We are still in need of fall and winter clothing of all sizes for our closet. Donations may be brought to the table across from the office. For larger deliveries, please contact Jerry Lovell at 336-746-6493 or Patti Lovell at 336-309-6493.

## THANK YOU FOR SERVING

**LITURGIST:** Bonita Hooper  
**USHER CHAIRPERSON:** Jeff Hutchens  
**ACOLYTE:** Lucas Peterson  
**USHERS:** James Gray (Captain), Cheryl Walsler, Denise Durham, John Maze, Jerry Lovell  
**PLATE ATTENDANT:** Eddie Yates  
**SOUND TECHNICIAN:** Jeremy Peterson  
**BIBLE STEWARD:** Ethan Lovell

## CHOIR PRACTICE

Regular choir practice resumes next month. We welcome anyone interested in joining us. You don't need to know how to read music. All you need is a passion for sharing Christ's love through music. **Come join us on Wednesday, September 4 at 7:15 in the Chapel Annex.**

## MEALS ON WHEELS DRIVER NEEDED

If you are able to help deliver meals, please contact Alisa Johnson. (336-250-6589)

## NEW BOOK STUDY TO BEGIN

During Sunday School time on **September 15**, the adults will begin a 6-week book study on "A Bigger Table: Building Messy, Authentic, and Hopeful Spiritual Community" by John Pavlovitz. Bonita Hooper and Lisa Nelson will lead discussions.

The office has a few copies to borrow, or you may purchase one for \$10.00 each on a first-come basis. You may also order on your own. The first session will discuss the Introduction through the second chapter.

## OPEN FLOWER DATE

**September 29** is an open date for flowers for the church. If you would like place flowers in the church for that Sunday, please contact Betty Link (jll3@ptmc.net) or call the church office.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Allyson and Michelle Kennedy and big sister Maddie welcomed Avery Jane Kennedy to the family on August 20<sup>th</sup>. Proud grandparents are Belinda & Eddie Yates.

**NURSERY:** Aurelia Smith & Sylvia Walsler  
**GREETERS:** Rich & Lena Johnson  
**YOUTH USHER:** Elliott Smith

## CHURCH CALENDAR

### Sunday, August 25

#### NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

**10:30AM** WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY  
Holy Communion  
Z-Day  
Children & Youth Service Project  
during worship

### Monday, August 26

First day of school for Davidson County  
Schools

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

### Wednesday, August 28

**12:00PM** Friendship Club {Yarborough's}

**7:00PM** Parent Meeting re: Children & Youth  
Ministry {Parlor}

### Thursday, August 29

**5:00PM** Yoga {Dance Studio}

**THROUGHOUT SEPTEMBER...Celebration of the Arts  
Display**

### Sunday, September 1

#### NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

**9:45-10:15AM** CHURCH-WIDE SOCIAL {FH}

**10:30AM** WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

### Monday, September 2

#### LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

Church Office Closed

### Tuesday, September 3

**6:30PM** Bd. of Evangelism {Parlor}

Bd. of Spiritual Growth & Renewal  
{Office}

### Wednesday, September 4

**2:30-7:00** Red Cross Blood Drive {FH}

**11:00AM** Morning Glory Circle {P}

**7:15PM** Choir Practice Resumes  
{Chapel Annex}

### Sunday, September 8

**9:45AM** Rally Day Activities

**11:00AM** WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY

#### Following Worship:

Baked Potato & Salad Luncheon {FH}

### Sunday, September 15 \*\*\*NOTICE TIME CHANGE\*\*\*

**10:00AM** Sunday School

**11:00AM** WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY

## OUR CHURCH AT PRAYER



We extend Sympathy to and share Christian  
Hope with Vogen Everhart and family upon  
the death of Margie Everhart.

#### OUR MEMBERS:

Katherine Skipper, Marguerite Leonard, Doug Sink,  
Lindsay Sink, Bill Walser, Lisa Price

#### AT HOME AND IN CARE FACILITIES:

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

Brookdale: Hoyle Potts

Lexington Health Care: Jo Hudson, Valerie Price

Piedmont Crossing: Mary Berrier, Doris Flynt, Rita Tussey

#### OUR FRIENDS:

\*Pat Celender (Jill Cole's mother),\* Bobbye & Jake  
Bradley (Friends of Patti Lovell), Bert & Virginia Davison  
(Friends of Frank Leonard, Randy Swicegood (Friend of  
Bill & Cheryl Walser), Family of Christine Huckleberry  
(Friends of Eulene Shepherd), Cindy Coble (Friend of  
Alane Holste), Family of Lydia Rose (Friends of Alane  
Holste), Robert Phelps (Friend of John Potts & Janette  
Neal), Frances Ashby (Lisa Price's mother), Rev. Bill  
Sosebee (Stacy Sosebee-West's father), Brinlee Michael  
(Deanna Michael's granddaughter), Sandra Everhart  
(Friend of Brian McKerlie)

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).

\*Indicates newly added. Names will remain on the prayer list for 4  
weeks, unless the church office is notified.

#### August Birthdays

24<sup>th</sup>

John Smith

26<sup>th</sup>

Albert Evans

Jeremy Lovell

30<sup>th</sup>

Jude Sink

31<sup>st</sup>

Kathleen Danze

#### August Anniversaries

27<sup>th</sup>

Buddy & Rita Lohr

# Blood Drive First Reformed United Church of Christ

Fellowship Hall  
104 East Center Street  
Lexington, NC 27292

**Wednesday, September 4, 2019**  
**2:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

To make an appointment, please contact the church office at 336-248-2617 or call  
Betty Barr at 336-239-5001, or go online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and search  
sponsor code: First Reformed.

## RALLY DAY 2019

Come kick off a new year of spiritual growth and renewal on **September 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:45** in the Education Building  
for activities for all ages. The children & youth will have fun activities on God's Creations. Billy West, Executive  
Director of Daymark Recovery Services, will lead the adults in a discussion about mental health issues.

Plan to stay after worship for the annual baked potato & salad bar luncheon. **TO HELP WITH PLANNING,**  
please contact the church office by **Wednesday, September 4** if you plan to attend the luncheon OR  
complete this sign-up slip and place it in the offering plate.

I plan to attend the baked potato and salad lunch on Rally Day, September 8<sup>th</sup>.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ # ADULTS \_\_\_\_\_ # CHILDREN \_\_\_\_\_