

ALL THE WAY: THE WAY OF RESURRECTION

The biblical community of faith is neither an arena for religious devotion nor a seminar on religious questions. It is rather a community called to be the "first fruits" of the resurrection.

Walter Brueggemann

In Jesus' day, there were four competing ways of being faithful in a time of domination: Torah alone, righteousness alone, God alone, and country alone. The question the Sadducees posed to Jesus cuts to the quick about these competing visions of the future as they are all variations of living determined by biology or as if there is no resurrection (Luke 20:27-38).

For whatever reason, you may be living as if there is no resurrection, Jesus is assuring you, let it die. Distraught, let it die. Angry, let it die. Anxious when you watch the news and wait on election results, let it die. Still trying to negotiate for pride, let it die. Protecting privilege or position, let it die. Exhausting yourself with security, let it die.

Trust that God is the God of the living. Trust that you are a child of resurrection. And trust that your enemy or your opponent or your adversary is a child of resurrection, as well. Privilege will not be carried over, neither will money, nor prestige, nor health, nor marriage status, not even biology. Resurrection is the promise that the relationship will continue that began when God first called this creation and you into being and declared it and you good. As children of God we are children of resurrection for our God is the God of the living.

In the human landscape webbed with paths, the way of resurrection, like the ways of mercy, humility and gratitude, promises a future with hope. Join us on the way.



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The Worship of God

October 20, 2019

Children's Sabbath

11:00AM

"Uniting Hearts and Voices to End Child Poverty"

Gathering

(*Please stand as you are able

"BOLD" indicates congregational response

Prelude

*Chiming of the Hour

Choral Call to Worship

"Yes, My Jesus Loves Me"

Mary McDonald

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.

Little ones to Him belong; they are weak, but He is strong. Yes, my Jesus loves me!

Jesus loves me! He who died; heaven's gates to open wide!

He will wash away my sin; let His little child come in. Yes, my Jesus loves me!

Jesus loves me! Loves me still, tho' I'm very weak and ill;

From His shining throne on high, comes to watch me where I lie.

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible, the Bible, the Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! He will stay close beside me all the way. If I love Him, when I die He will take me home on high.

Yes, my Jesus, yes, my Jesus, yes, my Jesus loves me! Yes, my Jesus loves me!

Welcome and Announcements

Ethan Lovell

Opening Song

"Sanctuary"

Children

*Gathering Words

Parker Horton

We gather with love, in the name of God

who loves each and every child.

We gather with hope, as the body of Christ

who is the hope of the world.

We gather with justice, called by the Spirit

whom Jesus called the Advocate.

Come, let us worship on this Children's Sabbath day.

with love, hope and justice.

*Congregational Hymn

"Kum Ba Yah"

2. Someone's praying, Lord.

3. Someone's crying, Lord.

4. Someone needs you, Lord.

5. Someone's singing, Lord.

*Invocation

Jordan Gray

Centering

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 31: 15-17
(Page #720 in Pew Bible)

Lucas Peterson

Song
Call to Confession
Prayer of Confession

"Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord"

Children
Rylee Grzech

God, we confess that our world does not fully reflect your love and justice. We know that you do not want any of your beloved children to suffer hunger or poverty. Yet there is much that keeps us from creating the change you desire...

We think about child poverty and want to place blame or feel shame. We get overwhelmed and discouraged. We feel helpless or hopeless. We seek distractions or distance ourselves from "other people's" problems. But we know we are all your people.

Forgive us, O God. Help us to turn in a new direction. Show us how to move forward working with faith, love and hope. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Emma Hartle

*Passing of the Peace

Emma Hartle

The Peace of Christ be with you,

And also with you.

Now may we turn and pass the peace to our neighbors.

Song

"I'll Do My Best"

Children

Young Disciples

Bryson Gentry & Sam West

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Patrick Horton & Jayvon Gray

...God of all,

Hear our 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

Congregational Response

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" (sing twice)

Lord, lis - ten to your chil - dren pray - ing, Lord, send your
Spir - it in this place; Lord, lis - ten to your chil - dren
pray - ing, send us love, send us power, send us grace.

Proclaiming

Scripture

Matthew 22: 15-22
(Page #900 in Pew Bible)

Jacob Hartle

Song

"Every Move I Make"

Children

Sermon

"Be the Change"

Jianna Miller & Bella Gentry

Responding

Invitation to Receive Offerings

Ava Miller

Offertory

*Doxology

Old Hundredth

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host, Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

Ava Miller

Sending

*Closing Statements

Children

*Call to Dedication

Elizabeth Horton

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."

*Benediction

Elizabeth Horton

*Choral Benediction

"Go Now in Peace"

Children

*Postlude

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

Thank you **Stacy Sosebee-West** for your leadership and all those who helped our children and youth prepare for this special Children's Sabbath worship:
Keri & Casey Hartle, Keri & Jeremy Lovell, Susan Morris, Marge Doty, Camille Morgan, Brian McKerlie and Renee Walsh

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given to the Glory and in honor of Robert & Beverly Green Sandifer's 47th Wedding Anniversary, by their daughters and grandchildren.

THANK YOU FOR SERVING

LITURGISTS: Children & Youth
USHER CHAIRPERSON: Jeff Hutchens
ACOLYTE: Jacob Hartle
USHERS: Children & Youth

PLATE ATTENDANT: J. W. Bates
SOUND TECHNICIAN: Calvin Odom
BIBLE STEWARD: Lucas Peterson

NURSERY: Anne Bevan & Sylvia Walser
GREETERS: John & Vicky Gray
YOUTH USHER: Claire Smith

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Volunteers are still needed for Children and Youth Sunday School classes. **We need a teacher for each group and a rover... 3 volunteers each Sunday.** We have lessons prepared for you to use. If you can volunteer for **JUST ONE SUNDAY**, this would help a lot!

If you can help, please contact the church office. (336-248-2617)

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

GRACE EPISCOPAL SUNDAY LUNCH MINISTRY

The Sunday Lunch Ministry will begin again in October. **Our church needs volunteers to serve November 10, 17 and 24.** Please contact Jerry Lovell if you are willing to serve on any of these Sundays. (336-746-6493)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR GRACE EPISCOPAL LUNCH MINISTRY

For the coming year, a new format is planned for the meals that will also provide more opportunities for participation. Grace is looking for **team leaders, cooks, servers, and clean-up crews.** For more information, contact John Maze (704-524-6462), Susie Smith 336-596-6889, or Jerry Lovell (336-746-6493).

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Friendship Club will meet at **12:00 at Yarborough's Restaurant on Wednesday, October 23.** We will review our By-Laws and elect new officers for 2019-2020 season. Please plan to join us for good food and fellowship.

HOMECOMING 2019

Homecoming will be celebrated during the 11:00 worship service on **Sunday, November 3rd** with a time of remembrance for congregation members who have passed away during the past year and Holy Communion.

Also during worship, Ken Davis, a talented local singer and songwriter, will be our guest. He plays with fellow musicians for the praise and worship service at the 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.

Following worship, the Board of Congregational Life will sponsor a **covered dish luncheon.** Plan to bring your favorite food items and desserts to share with family and friends as we enjoy lunch together. Drinks will be provided.

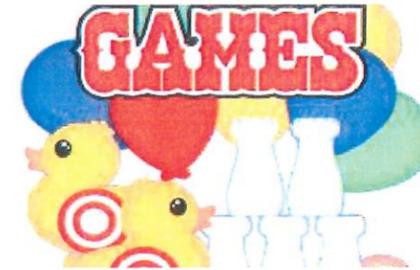
Invite family, friends, and former members to attend!

MEALS ON WHEELS DRIVERS NEEDED

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

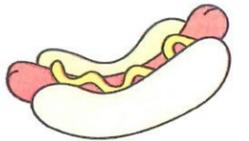
BLOCK PARTY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27 5pm-6pm



Games & Prizes

(3rd Avenue @ First Presbyterian)



Hotdogs for the kids!

(State St. @ First United Methodist)



(State Street Parking Lot @
First United Methodist)

Music



(corner of 3rd Avenue & State Street)

Wear a costume and **BRING** non-perishable canned food items (canned meats, canned pasta & canned beans, corn, or potatoes) for Pastor's Pantry



Sponsored by: First Baptist, First Presbyterian, Grace Episcopal,
First Reformed UCC & First United Methodist

**ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP,
PLEASE CONTACT REV. HORTON.**

PASTOR'S PANTRY FOOD DRIVE

Requested food items during October are listed below. Please bring items to the crates labeled **PASTOR'S PANTRY** in the Narthex throughout the month.

- OCTOBER 6** Canned Vegetables
Canned Fruits
- OCTOBER 13** Saltine Crackers
Cereal
- OCTOBER 20** Canned Meats
Canned Pasta
- OCTOBER 27** Peanut Butter

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

If you are able to help park vehicles for the **BBQ Festival on Saturday, October 26**, you can sign up on the sheets in the Narthex or the office. Several people are needed for each time slot: **1 for the Sanctuary lot, 2 for the Education Building lot and 2 for the grassy field next to the Education building (if the weather is dry.)** The earlier slots are the most important!

RACE AND FAITH TRIP TO THE CIVIL RIGHTS MUSEUM

East Lexington Collaborative Ministries Group has held a series of discussions in the last six weeks on "Race & Faith." We are excited that others from the community have participated and 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 this is something you might be interested in doing, please let the church office know by **Sunday, November 10, 2019**. The cost of this trip will depend on the number interested in going. We are planning on viewing the museum during the morning and then having lunch at a nearby restaurant.

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
- Breakfast Bars
- Ramen noodles
- Cheese Crackers
- Canned Vegetables
- Spaghetti-Os
- Chicken Noodle Soup

TIME & TALENT SHEETS AND PLEDGE CARDS

We will receive Time & Talent Sheets and Pledge Cards up to **October 27**. If you have completed the copies you received in the mail, you may place them in the offering plate or bring them by the church office.

You may also complete Time & Talent Sheets on line at the church website. Go to <https://frucc.org/> and look for the purple box that says, **"FILL IN YOUR TIME AND TALENT SHEET FOR 2020."** You will be linked to a page that will allow you to complete the form on line.

If you prefer, you may keep your Pledge Card and Time & Talent Sheet until Stewardship Sunday, October 27 when they will be collected during worship.

COMMUNITY FORUM ON RACIAL EQUITY TRAINING

The congregation is invited to a FREE workshop by The Racial Equity Institute on **Saturday, November 2 from 9-12:00** at DCCC. For more information, contact Rev. Horton or visit the website at www.racialequityinstitute.com

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, October 20

- 9:45AM** Faith Formation (Education Building)
Adults: "A Bigger Table" book study led by Lisa Nelson
- 9:00AM** **Children:**
Children's Sabbath Practice **in the Sanctuary**
- 9:45AM** **Teens:**
Children's Sabbath Practice **in the Sanctuary**
Roving Helpers: Brian McKerlie and Renee Walsh
- 11:00AM** **Worship in the Sanctuary**
Children's Sabbath

Monday, October 21

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

Tuesday, October 22

- 10:45AM** Willing Weavers {Rm 3}
- 12:00PM** Race & Faith {FH}

Wednesday, October 23

- 12:00PM** Friendship Club {Yarborough's}
- 6:30PM** Bell Choir
- 7:15PM** Choir

Thursday, October 24

- 5:15PM** Yoga {Dance Studio}
- 6:00PM** Red Hats Meal & Meeting {FH}

Friday, October 25

- 12:00PM** November Newsletter submissions due

Saturday, October 26

ALL DAY 2019 BBQ FESTIVAL
Please remember your time slot if you signed up to help park cars!

Sunday, October 27

- 9:45AM** Faith Formation (Education Building)
Adults: "A Bigger Table" book study led by Bonita Hooper / Lisa Nelson
- 10:00AM** **Teens & Children**
- 11:00AM** **Worship in the Sanctuary**
STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY
Receive Pledge Cards and Time & Talent Sheets
Welcome! Lexington Senior High School Chorus
- 5-6:00PM** **BLOCK PARTY** (see page 5)

Sunday, November 3 **HOMECOMING SUNDAY & HOLY COMMUNION**

- Following Worship:** Congregational
Covered Dish Meal

OUR CHURCH AT PRAYER



We extend Sympathy to and share Christian Hope with the family of Jo Hudson upon the death of their loved one.

OUR MEMBERS:

*Merle Hodges, 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

Lexington Health Care: Jo Hudson, Valerie Price

Piedmont Crossing: Mary Berrier, Doris Flynt, Rita Tussey

OUR FRIENDS:

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 Rhyme (friend of John Maze), Steve Comer (friend of the Holste's), Michael Cortina (friend of Patti Lovell), Carolyn Ward (John and James Gray's aunt)

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.*

October

Birthdays

- 20th**
Lee Ann Peele
- 21st**
Mark Loper

22nd
Molly Robertson

25th
Jamie Link

Anniversaries

23rd
Jeremy & Keri Lovell

25th
Henry & Kay Crouse