



Church Homecoming and Memorial Sunday

Sunday, November 3rd, 2019

FIRST REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

~Special Guest~

Ken Davis

**Local Singer & Songwriter
will perform during the 11:00 worship**

Covered Dish Meal

Following Worship in the Fellowship Hall
*Bring your favorite foods, casseroles, desserts or
other food items to share and join us!*

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**First Reformed
United Church of Christ**



The Worship of God

October 27, 2019
Stewardship Sunday
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 the Choral Ensemble from Lexington Senior High School,
under the direction of Melonie Rector, as our musical guests this morning.*

Prelude

*Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Announcements

Choral Call to Worship

"We Walk in the Light"

Elizabeth Horton
arr. Hoogenhout/ed. Potter

Gathering Words

Follow the way of God.

Live into the ways of justice and mercy.

Follow the way of Christ.

Love and forgive your neighbors as you are loved and forgiven.

Follow the way of the Spirit.

Use your gifts to bless others in the world and be blessed.

Come, worship our God,

Who leads us into the paths of righteousness.

Doris Sink

*Hymn

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

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*Invocation

Doris Sink

Centering

Scripture Reading

Psalms 65: 3-7

Doris Sink

(Page #516 in Pew Bible)

Prayer of Confession

Elizabeth Horton

O God, too often we wander into paths of self-righteousness, celebrating that we are not like those whose sins are made public. Rescue us from such smugness. May we confess the harsh words we have spoken, the hurt we have inflicted, and the lack of compassion we have failed to offer. We humble ourselves before you. Forgive us and deal gently with us, 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

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

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Young Disciples

Elizabeth Horton

(All children Pre-K through 5th Grade 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	“Gloria from the Heiligmesse”	Hayden/ed. Woodman
	“Oy Es Dia de Placer” (“Today Is the day to rejoice and sing.”)	Pascual/ed. Noblett
	“Hine Ma Tov” (“Behold how good and how pleasing for brethren to gather together in unity.”)	arr. Nei Ginsberg

Proclaiming

Scripture	Luke 18: 9-14 (Page #955 in Pew Bible)	Elizabeth Horton
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Sermon	“What Disciples Do: Don't Judge”
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Responding

Invitation to Receive Offerings, Time & Talent Sheets and Pledge Cards	Elizabeth Horton
Offertory	
*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	Doris Sink

Sending

*Call to Dedication	Doris Sink
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	“Sisi Ni Moja” (“We are one.”) Jacob Narverud
*Postlude	
You are invited to join the Intercessory Prayer Circle at the front of the sanctuary after worship.	

THE FLOWERS IN THE NARTHEX are given by Jo Dee Hudson and Jan Hudson Raper to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Sarah Josephine Gargis Hudson.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given by Ellen Briggs & Betty Burns to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Jake & Corky Briggs.

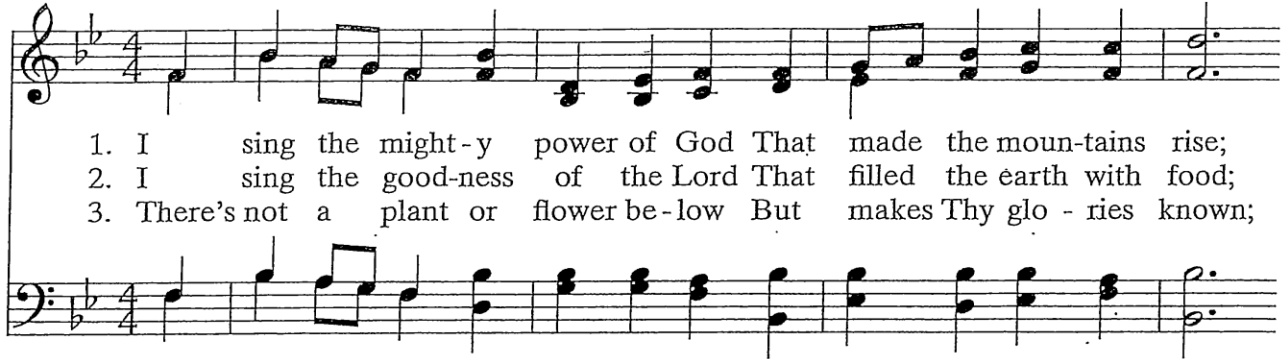
THANK YOU FOR SERVING

LITURGIST:	Doris Sink	PLATE ATTENDANT:	J. W. Bates	NURSERY:	Tammy Rhodes & Susie Smith
USHER CHAIRPERSON:	Jeff Hutchens	SOUND TECHNICIAN:	Calvin Odom	GREETER:	Brian McKerlie
ACOLYTE:	Jacob Hartle	BIBLE STEWARD:	Lucas Peterson	YOUTH USHER:	Claire Smith
USHERS:	Ted Smith (Captain), Susan Odom, Nicole Smith, Clifford Lopp				

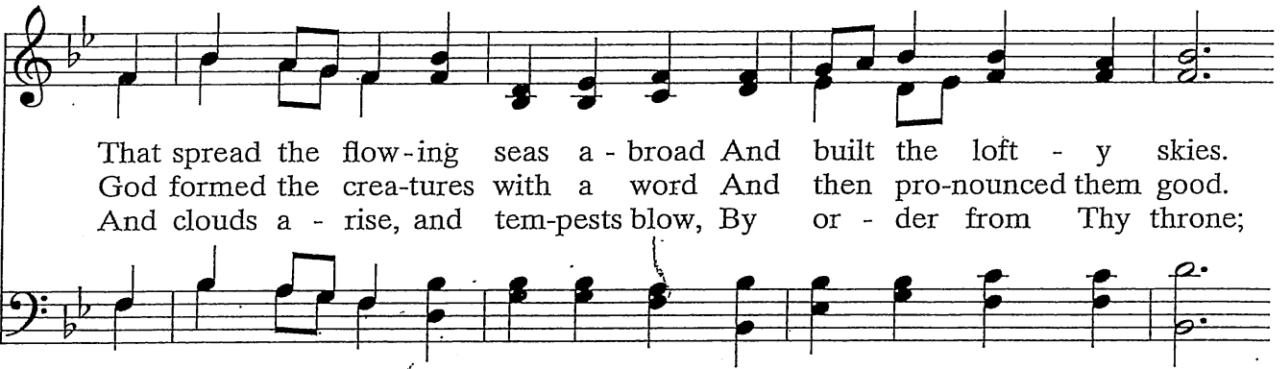
I Sing the Mighty Power of God

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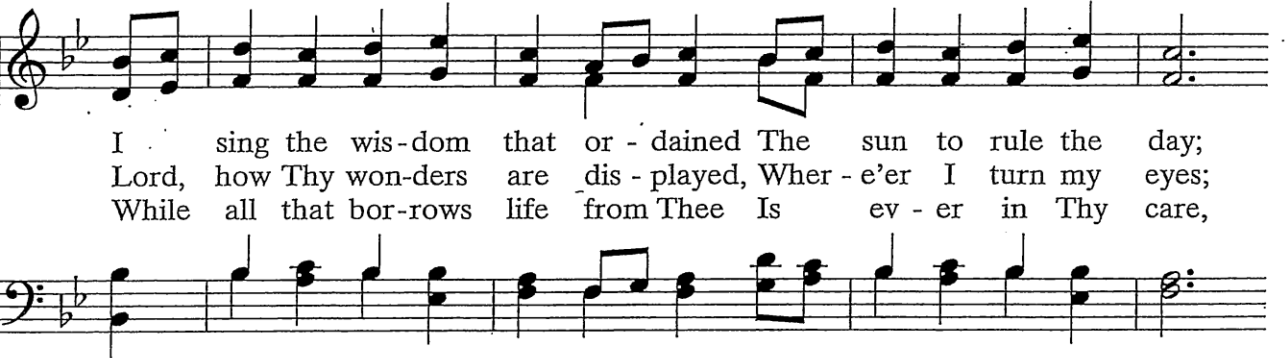
Isaac Watts, 1715; alt. *Gesangbuch der Herzogl. Wirtembergischen Katholischen Hofkapelle, 1784; alt. 1868*



1. I sing the might-y power of God That made the moun-tains rise;
2. I sing the good-ness of the Lord That filled the earth with food;
3. There's not a plant or flower be-low But makes Thy glo - ries known;



That spread the flow-ing seas a - broad And built the loft - y skies.
God formed the crea-tures with a word And then pro-nounced them good.
And clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, By or - der from Thy throne;



I sing the wis-dom that or - dained The sun to rule the day;
Lord, how Thy won-ders are dis - played, Wher - e'er I turn my eyes;
While all that bor-rows life from Thee Is ev - er in Thy care,



The moon shines full at God's com-mand, And all the stars o - bey.
If I sur - vey the ground I tread, Or gaze up - on the skies!
And ev - ery - where that we can be, Thou, God, art pres-ent there.

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

"The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms." Deut. 33:27

1. What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean-ing on the ev - er -
2. O how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean-ing on the ev - er -
3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev - er -

last - ing arms; what a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine,
last - ing arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day,
last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near,

Refrain

lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms. Lean - ing,
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms. Lean - ing on Je - sus,
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms; lean -
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ing, lean - ing, lean-ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
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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

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. This is an on-going ministry for our church.

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

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)**

PASTOR'S PANTRY FOOD DRIVE

Requested food items will be collected until **Wednesday, October 30**. Please bring items to the crates labeled **PASTOR'S PANTRY** outside the church office after today.

OCTOBER 6 Canned vegetables
Canned fruits
OCTOBER 13 Saltine crackers
Cereal
OCTOBER 20 Canned meats
Canned pasta
OCTOBER 27 Peanut Butter

NEW ADULT BIBLE STUDY

The adults will begin a Bible study on the Book of Ecclesiastes during Sunday School. This begins November 3. Leaders are Rev. June Grubb and Eulene Shepherd. All are welcome!

MEALS ON WHEELS DRIVERS

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

COMMUNITY FORUM ON RACIAL EQUITY TRAINING

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

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.

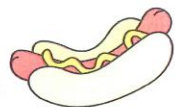
Childcare for infants through Kindergarten is offered. Hearing devices are available. Please let an usher know if you need assistance.

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

MEET THE CANDIDATES

A Lexington Community Candidate Forum will be held on **October 29 at 6:30PM at Union Baptist Church, 110 Lincoln Avenue**. This forum will feature candidates for Mayor, Lexington City Council (At-Large and Wards 5 & 6), and Lexington City School Board of Education (Wards 1, 2 & 3).

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 of each ticket is \$40.00, which includes the pork loin and 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

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, October 27 STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

9:45AM Faith Formation (Education Building)
Adults: "A Bigger Table" book study
led by Bonita Hooper/Lisa Nelson
Children & Teens

11:00AM Worship in the Sanctuary
"What Disciples Do: Don't Judge"
Receive Pledge Cards and Time & Talent Sheets
Lexington Senior High School Choral Ensemble

2:00PM Service for Jo Hudson

5-6:00PM TRUNK-OR-TREAT
Set up time for cars is 4-4:30

Monday, October 28

6:30PM Open Hands Ministry {FH}

Tuesday, October 29

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

Wednesday, October 30

6:30PM Bell Choir
7:15PM Choir

Thursday, October 31

5:15PM Yoga {Dance Studio}

Saturday, November 2

9-12:00 Community Forum on Racial Equity
Training {DCCC}

**TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK BEFORE GOING TO
BED...DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS TOMORROW!**

Sunday, November 3 HOMECOMING SUNDAY

9:45AM Faith Formation (Education Building)
Adults: Bible Study: Ecclesiastes 1-2
"Vapor of Vapors"
Children & Teens

11:00AM Worship in the Sanctuary
Homecoming & Holy Communion
"What Disciples Do: Befriend the Friendless"

Following Worship: Covered Dish Luncheon in the
Fellowship Hall

OUR CHURCH AT PRAYER



We extend sympathy to and share Christian Hope with
James & John Gray and their family on the passing of
their aunt, Carolyn Ward.

OUR MEMBERS:

*The Family of Jo Hudson, 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

Hinkle Hospice House: Valerie Price

Piedmont Crossing: Mary Berrier, Doris Flynt, Rita
Tussey

OUR FRIENDS:

*Landon Yocum (Carolyn Yocum's granddaughter),
Michelle Kilgorf (friend of Brian McKelvie), 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 Rhyne (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).*

October

Birthdays

28th

Nicole Smith

Anniversaries

30th

Albert & Melody Evans