



## First Reformed United Church of Christ

*Where People Discover...  
The Love of God...  
The Power to Love Others...  
The Ability to Love Ourselves.*

## The Worship of God

November 1, 2020  
Homecoming, All Saints Day  
and Holy Communion  
Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

*Gather bread and cup that are meaningful to you and join us in Holy Communion.*

### Gathering

**"BOLD"** indicates congregational response

Prelude	<i>"For All the Saints"</i>	Robert Wilson
Welcome and Invitation to Worship		Rev. Elizabeth Horton
Hymn Medley		
Call to Worship		Joe Browder

Welcome Home!  
Home is not a building or a place we meet.  
Home is not just where we came from.  
Home is more than people and memories.  
Home is more than sentimentality or traditions.  
Home is a word of welcome at the door.  
Home is a safe haven of comfort and acceptance.  
Home is the laughter around the table, bread and cup.  
Home is remembering promises made in water and spirit.  
Home is seeing where God is leading us and going there together.  
Welcome home to First Reformed United Church of Christ where we welcome  
children, care for each other, and learn how to love.  
Welcome Home!  
Where even though we are separate, we are better together.  
Amen.

### Memories of our Church Home

*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."*

Merle Hodges  
Jerry Smith  
Cliff and Paula Lopp

Hymn Medley

### Centering

Scripture Reading	Revelation 7:9-17	Molly Robertson
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After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason, they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

Remembering the Saints

Rev. Horton

**Rosalind "Rita" Clark Tussey**  
{April 15, 1937-January 5, 2020}

**Lauren Amelia Thompson Gould**  
{January 17, 1981-January 21, 2020}

**Hoyle Clifton Potts**  
{January 12, 1931-March 5, 2020}

**Joel Franklin Byrd, Sr.**  
{March 2, 1935-May 29, 2020}

**William Henry "Bill" Walser"**  
{July 15, 1951-August 16, 2020}

Special Music

"Amazing Grace"

Jeremy Lovell

## Proclaiming

New Testament Reading

Matthew 5: 1-12

Rev. Horton

<sup>5</sup> When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup> Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:  
<sup>3</sup> "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
<sup>4</sup> "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.  
<sup>5</sup> "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.  
<sup>6</sup> "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.  
<sup>7</sup> "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.  
<sup>8</sup> "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.  
<sup>9</sup> "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.  
<sup>10</sup> "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup> "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Sermon

**"Pressing On with the Saints"**

## Responding

Service of Holy Communion

Rev. Horton

Invitation to the table  
Communion Prayer  
Words of Institution  
Sharing the Meal

## Sending

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Horton

Benediction

Postlude

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"  
[Hal Hopson]

Robert Wilson

Join our “Fellowship & Prayer Concerns” Zoom Chat [HERE](#)  
after worship from 12-12:30pm and catch up with your church friends!  
**(Meeting ID: 207 685 007 Password: 3n7IX8)**

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## OUR CHURCH AT PRAYER

### OUR MEMBERS:

\*Frankie Hedrick, on the loss of her husband, Harold “Buddy” Foil Hedrick, Jr., \*Smithie Parrish, on the loss of her mother, Emma Bass, Patti Lovell, Susan Odom, Ellen Bouchard, Kelly Greathouse, John Potts, Charm Ketner, Margot Everhart, Lisa Price, Jeff Hutchens, Deanna Michael

### OUR MEMBERS AT HOME AND IN CARE FACILITIES:

Peggy Bates, Janelle Bunn, Marzell Crofts, Ruth Essick, Pattie Everhart, Vogen Everhart, Lib & Jimbo Hinkle, Marguerite Leonard, Bob Shaak, Lib Sink, Katherine Skipper, Carolyn Spivey, Adena Wall

### Piedmont Crossing:

Mary Berrier, Doris Flynt

### OUR FRIENDS:

\*Martha Winters and Ken Jacobs (friends of Charm Ketner), \*The family of Susan Wilkerson (Carolyn Robbins' cousin), Barbara Miller (Eddie Yates' mother), Angie Bouchard (Lee and Ellen Bouchard's youngest daughter)

*\*Indicates newly added. Names will remain on the list for 4 weeks. To add a name to the prayer list please call the church office (336-248-2617).*

## NOVEMBER CELEBRATIONS

### BIRTHDAYS

1<sup>st</sup> ...Seth Klopp

2<sup>nd</sup> ...Samuel Gray

5<sup>th</sup> ... Linda Sink

6<sup>th</sup> ...Eli Gregg

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## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### **November 1: HOMECOMING AND HOLY COMMUNION**

#### **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS TODAY**

- 9:30AM** Adult Bible Study on Exodus via Zoom. Join the meeting [HERE](#).  
(Meeting ID: 899 1141 8582 Passcode: 793724)
- 10:45AM** **HOMECOMING & HOLY COMMUNION**  
Worship online via YouTube [HERE](#) or Facebook [HERE](#).
- 12:00PM** Join us [HERE](#) for Fellowship & Prayer Concerns via Zoom  
(Meeting ID: 207 685 007 & Password: 3n7IX8)
- 2:00PM** **Service of Remembrance**  
for families of our members who passed away since last year's Homecoming (Sanctuary)

### **November 2:**

- 6:30PM** Children's Ministry Team Meeting via Zoom. You may join the meeting [HERE](#).  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81895465762?pwd=UDJhRU9PUm1Bd0FCNjlvL3hhZW9vUT09>  
(Meeting ID: 818 9546 5762 Passcode: 840364 Dial in: 1 929 205 6099)

### **November 3: ELECTION DAY**

- 12:00PM** **2CFAR: Crucial Conversations on Faith and Race** via Zoom. Join the meeting [HERE](#).  
(Meeting ID: 873 4191 8684 & Password: 222495)

### **November 4:**

- 5:30PM** Middle School Youth Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00PM** Worship Service (Sign up [HERE](#) to reserve your space.)

### **November 8: STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY**

- 9:30AM** Adult Bible Study on Exodus via Zoom. Join the meeting [HERE](#).  
(Meeting ID: 899 1141 8582 Passcode: 793724)
- 10:45AM** Worship online via YouTube [HERE](#) or Facebook [HERE](#).  
**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** to announce Consistory nominees for 2021 Consistory members
- 12:00PM** Join us [HERE](#) for Fellowship & Prayer Concerns via Zoom  
(Meeting ID: 207 685 007 & Password: 3n7IX8)
- 2-3:00PM** Receiving Time & Talent Sheets and Blessings

## **SPECIAL EVENTS**

**November 10:** Men's Brotherhood meets (Fellowship Hall)

**November 15:** Congregational Meeting to accept nominations from the floor for 2021 Consistory

**November 26:** Thanksgiving Holiday (Church Office is Closed)

**November 27:** Church Office is Closed

**November 29:** First Sunday in Advent

### **FIRST REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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**Ministers:** The Congregation

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# ITEMS OF NOTE from FIRST REFORMED UCC

OCTOBER 30, 2020

## NEW TIME FOR SUNDAY SERVICE: 10:45AM

on both our [YouTube Channel HERE](#) and [Facebook page HERE](#)

**SPECIAL NOTE: Closed Captioning is available on the YouTube channel.**

**Look for the  symbol to select options.**

Join us for a “**FELLOWSHIP & PRAYER CONCERNS**” ZOOM Chat  
after Worship at 12:00PM EST [HERE](#) (Meeting ID: 207 685 007 Password: 3n7IX8)

## LOOKING TOWARD SUNDAY: A MESSAGE FROM REV. HORTON

*God says to us, “Come, find your home in my love.”  
Home is a refuge from fear with a table set for all.  
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Although our Homecoming service will look and feel different this year, we will still celebrate with special music, personal reflections from our church family, and remembering the saints who have gone before us now in their heavenly home.

We will deeply miss the after-worship covered dish luncheon, with tables full of casseroles and cakes, but thankfully, one table is still open for us: Christ's table, and we will gather around it (virtually) for Holy Communion.

Rita Lohr and the Homecoming Committee have helped to create a meaningful service, where we can still celebrate the blessings and love that come from having First Reformed as our Church home.

Just as you would any other Homecoming Sunday, invite folks to come!

We are indeed blessed for the many ways this congregation is a safe and loving home for both those who dwell here and those who are just passing through!

Seeking to serve with you faithfully,  
Elizabeth

## JOIN US THIS EVENING FOR OUR DRIVE-THRU TRUNK OR TREAT

**WHEN: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30<sup>th</sup>  
6:00-7:00PM**

**WHERE: FIRST REFORMED UCC  
EDUCATION BUILDING PARKING LOT  
(PLEASE ENTER FROM EAST CENTER STREET DRIVE)**

**WHAT: Dress up in your Halloween costumes and if you are so inspired, “dress up” your car.  
We will have TRUNKS decorated for all to enjoy and give each of you a treat.**

**This is Rev. Susan's last activity with us as Associate Pastor of Faith Formation.**

**Please come through and give her a blessing!**

## 2021 TIME & TALENT SHEETS AND PLEDGE CARDS

In what ministries would you like to serve? Please complete your Time and Talent sheets and pledge for 2021. You may drop them off in the church office, mail them (104 East Center Street, Lexington, NC 27292) or call the office and let us know in which areas you'd like to volunteer.

## MEN'S BROTHERHOOD TO MEET NOVEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>

Men's Brotherhood is planning to have a meal, meeting and a guest speaker on November 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. Consistory has approved this one time change to our current guidelines for this meeting.

- You must sign up for the meal so we will have a count prior to the meeting. The limit will be 25 total in attendance. If you are planning to attend, **please contact Eddie Yates with the number attending (bbqman46@gmail.com) or call the church office no later than November 4th.**
- Anyone not feeling well, coughing or running a fever is advised to stay home.
- Social distancing and masks will be required except when eating.
- Temperatures will be taken and logged prior to entry. A temperature of over 99.5 will be retested.
- Tables will be distanced with 2 attendees per table.
- No more than 3 to 4 in the kitchen.
- No gathering in groups in the FH.
- Meal will be served / plated for individual (ex: soup or stew in individual bowls, cornbread on individual plates, desert in individual bowls, and canned drinks or bottled water.
- After the meal, tables will be sanitized and returned to storage and chairs sanitized.

### WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICES IN THE SANCTUARY

Wednesday Worship will continue in November at 7:00PM, 30-minute **WORSHIP SERVICES** will be held in the Sanctuary. Each session will be limited to 20 people. Please wear masks and practice social distancing. **You may reserve your space HERE or contact the church office if you are interested in attending. There is also a sign-up sheet outside the office.**

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you would like to **participate in the online worship services**, please let us know. Rev. Horton would love to have as many faces as possible present for our services. If you're interested, please contact Rev. Horton or the church office. **Please click Here for Sign-Up Sheet**

### SUPPORT FIRST REFORMED UCC'S GIRL SCOUT TROOP #2160

Our Girl Scout Troop 2160 is hosting the fall Nut, Candy, and Magazine Sale this month. If you would like to support Jianna Miller and the rest of the troop, please visit [www.gsnutsandmags.com/nut](http://www.gsnutsandmags.com/nut) or [www.gsnutsandmags.com/mag](http://www.gsnutsandmags.com/mag) and enter the code: 27UUVTNK. You can choose from a wide variety of delicious snack items or magazines for many interests. You can choose to have items shipped directly to you now, or Jianna can meet you at church to deliver your items in person in mid-November. **DEADLINE TO ORDER IS NOVEMBER 9TH.** Thanks for supporting our Girl Scouts!

### IN CASE YOU MISSED IT!

If you happen to miss a week of our worship services and other events that are shared on our Facebook and YouTube pages, they will remain on **Facebook** and **YouTube**'s history, so you may go back to watch any time.

### MEETINGS IN THE CHURCH BUILDING

Meetings in the church Fellowship Hall may be held, but the following guidelines **MUST** be followed:

- **The church office must be notified several days prior to using the building to avoid conflicts and to make sure air/heat are left on for you.**
- **Meetings must be limited to 10 or fewer people.**
- **You should use the tables set up as they are at the back of the Fellowship Hall.**
- **Face masks must be worn by all participants.**
- **Participants must practice social distancing.**
- **Tables must be wiped down with a Clorox solution and chairs must be sprayed with the solution and left to dry. All supplies will be available in the Fellowship Hall. Please return supplies to their original location in the Fellowship Hall.**
- **PLEASE ASSIGN SOMEONE TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR CLEANING TABLES AND CHAIRS**

### STAY CONNECTED WITH THE NEWS OF THE SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

**If you would like to receive the SOC weekly news, you may sign up by following the directions below.**

ALL persons are invited and welcome to receive the Southern Conference e-News. Churches may share this invitation with their members for individuals to self-subscribe.

**To add names, submit by e-mail to editor: [stumb@boone.net](mailto:stumb@boone.net)**

**Please include 1) name, 2) e-mail address, 3) church or other affiliation, and 4) role in church, agency, etc. (OPTIONAL).**