

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24:

- 9:30AM** Bible Study: In-Person & via Zoom "Now My Eyes See"  
Job 42: 1-6, 10-17 Mark 10: 46-52 (Facilitator: Eddie Yates)
- 10:30AM** Worship Service In-Person and Livestreamed Online ([YOUTUBE](#))
- 10:45AM** Children's Church (Theater Room)
- Following Worship: Prayer Circle & NEXT STEPS
- 6:00PM** Youth Group (West's home)

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26

- 12:00PM** 2CFAR via Zoom
- 7:00PM** Book Study Group via Zoom: "Strangers No More"

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27

- 5:30PM** Confirmation Class (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grades) (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:30PM** Youth Group (Youth Room) Asst: Jeremy Lovell  
Children's Fun & Activities (Fellowship Hall)  
Asst: Jeremy Peterson & Renee White  
Choir Practice (Chapel Annex)

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28:

- 4-6:00PM** Clothes Closet Workday

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30:

- 12:30PM** Carry-Out Lunch Ministry
- 5:00PM** Spooky Service & followed by Lexington Boo Bash

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31:

- 9:30AM** Bible Study: In-Person & via Zoom  
"From Worship to Discipleship: A Life that Matters" Mark 12: 38-44
- 10:30AM** Worship Service In-Person and Livestreamed Online ([YOUTUBE](#))
- 10:45AM** Children's Church (Theater Room)
- Following Worship: Prayer Circle
- 6:00PM** Youth Group (West's home)

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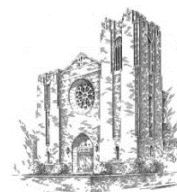
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Where People Discover...

The Love of God...

The Power to Love Others...

The Ability to Love Ourselves.

October 24, 2021

The Worship of God

22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**Prelude** "'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" arr. Joan Pinkston Christopher Kiser

### \*Ringing of the Chimes

**Words of Welcome** Rev. Elizabeth Horton

**Anthem** "Peace"

Peace Patricia Mock/arr. Richard Nichols

Oh, Lord, through the strife bring your peace. Where worry prevails, give release.  
As the shadows linger all around, to our troubled minds and broken land,  
Let there be peace. Let there be peace.

Oh, Lord, through the dark shine your light. Where truth seems unclear, help our sight.  
Lift the veil that covers blinded eyes; Give a vision of you, only wise,  
Let your light shine. Let your light shine.

Lord of all mercy and grace, rain down your love in this place.

In a world where hatred seems so strong, may your grace right the wrong.

Oh, Lord, through the strife bring your peace. Where worry prevails, give release.  
As the shadows linger all around, to our troubled minds and broken land,  
Let there be peace. Let there be peace. Let there be peace. Lord give your peace.

**Opening Prayer** John Gray

**Children's Church** Rev. Evan Sieges & Smithie Parrish

**Gospel Reading** Mark 10: 46-52 John Gray  
(Common English Bible)

Jesus and his followers came into Jericho. As Jesus was leaving Jericho, together with his disciples and a sizable crowd, a blind beggar named Bartimaeus, Timaeus' son, was sitting beside the road. When he heard that Jesus of Nazareth was there, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, show me mercy!" Many scolded him, telling him to be quiet, but he shouted even louder, "Son of David, show me mercy!"

Jesus stopped and said, "Call him forward."

They called the blind man, "Be encouraged! Get up! He's calling you."

Throwing his coat to the side, he jumped up and came to Jesus.

Jesus asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?"

The blind man said, "Teacher, I want to see."

Jesus said, "Go, your faith has healed you." At once he was able to see, and he began to follow Jesus on the way

The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

**Pastoral Prayer**

Rev. Horton

**Hymn**

*"He Leadeth Me"*

Ellen Peterson

**Scripture Reading**

Job 42: 1-6, 10-17  
(Common English Bible)

Rev. Horton

Job answered the LORD: "I know you can do anything; no plan of yours can be opposed successfully.

You said, "Who is this darkening counsel without knowledge?" I have indeed spoken about things I didn't understand, wonders beyond my comprehension.

You said, "Listen and I will speak; I will question you and you will inform me." My ears had heard about you, but now my eyes have seen you.

Therefore, I relent and find comfort on dust and ashes.

Then the LORD changed Job's fortune when he prayed for his friends, and the LORD doubled all Job's earlier possessions. All his brothers, sisters, and acquaintances came to him and ate food with him in his house. They comforted and consoled him concerning all the disaster the LORD had brought on him, and each one gave him a qesitah and a gold ring. Then the LORD blessed Job's latter days more than his former ones. He had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, one thousand yoke of oxen, and one thousand female donkeys. He also had seven sons and three daughters. He named one Jemimah, a second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch. No women in all the land were as beautiful as Job's daughters; and their father gave an inheritance to them along with their brothers. After this, Job lived 140 years and saw four generations of his children. Then Job died, old and satisfied.

**Sermon** "Keeping Faith in Troubled Times: Rethinking Happily Ever After"

**Invitation to Give and Serve in the Life of the Church**

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude** "How Majestic Is Your Name" arr. John Carter Christopher Kiser

*~ Please remain seated until the ushers direct you to exit. ~*

*After the meeting, you are invited to join in the Prayer Circle in the front of the sanctuary.*

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE**

**LITURGIST:** John Gray

**DIGITAL MEDIA TECHNICIANS:** Jeremy Peterson

**SOUND TECH:** James Gray

**USHERS:** June Grubb, Ted Smith, Eddie Yates

**ACOLYTE:** Emory Smith **BIBLE STEWARD:** Elliott Smith

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH:** Smithie Parrish

**FIRST REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST IS AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING CONGREGATION.** 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.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR...**

**OUR MEMBERS:** Janette Neal, Lee Bouchard, Jeff Hutchens

**AT HOME AND IN CARE FACILITIES:** Peggy Bates, Sherry Bonner, Ruth Essick, Pattie Everhart, Vogen Everhart, Lib & Jimbo Hinkle, Marguerite Leonard (New Address & phone number: 100 Hedrick Drive, Room 116, Thomasville, NC 27360, (336) 474-3821), Deanna Michael, Lib Sink, Carolyn Spivey, Adena Wall

**OUR FRIENDS:** Marc Frye (son of the late Doris Frye), Becky Poetzinger (Susie Smith's mother), Kiana Sinz (friend of Patti Lovell), Franklin Waters (Cathy Whitley's father), Earl Parker (Rev. Horton's father), Bob Saylor (friend of John Maze), Jonelle Parker (friend of Frank Leonard), Connie Leggette (friend of Renee White), Ashley Thomason (Ron & Heidi Hutcheson's daughter-in-law)

**OCTOBER CELEBRATIONS**

**BIRTHDAYS:**

25<sup>th</sup>...Jamie Link

28<sup>th</sup>...Nicole Smith

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

25<sup>th</sup>...Henry & Kay Crouse

30<sup>th</sup>...Albert & Melody Evans

**2021 HOMECOMING CELEBRATION at YARBOROUGH'S RESTAURANT OUTDOOR PATIO**

**November 7 after worship...Meal served at 12:30**

Come earlier for games and fellowship.

**BOXED LUNCH MENU:**

fried chicken (light or dark meat or chicken nuggets), 2 sides, bread & dessert, bottled/canned Drinks

**Church is covering cost.**

Rain Plan in place if needed.

**To RSVP by Thursday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, complete the form included with the bulletin and place in the offering plate, call the church office, email [carolyn@frucc.org](mailto:carolyn@frucc.org) or sign up through the Sign-up Genius link on the weekly email.**