

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14:

9:30AM **Bible Study: In-Person & via Zoom**
"From Worship to Discipleship: Not One Stone"
Mark 13:1-8 (Facilitator: Eulene Shepherd)

10:30AM **Worship Service** In-Person and Livestreamed Online ([YOUTUBE](#))

Following Worship:

Congregational Meeting to present nominees for 2022 Consistory
Prayer Circle
Consistory

6:00PM Youth Group ([Fellowship Hall](#))

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16:

12:00PM 2CFAR Crucial Conversations of Faith and Race via Zoom

7:00PM Book Study Group via Zoom: "Strangers No More"

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17:

5:30PM Confirmation

6:30PM Youth Group (Youth Room) Asst: Jeremy Lovell
Children's Fun & Activities (Fellowship Hall) Asst: Smithie Parrish & Renee White
Choir Practice (Chapel Annex)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18:

4-6:00PM Clothes Closet Workday

6:30PM PFLAG Meeting via Zoom

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20:

12:30PM Carry-Out Lunch Ministry

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21: STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

9:30AM **Bible Study: In-Person & via Zoom**
From Worship to Discipleship: **Everyone Who Belongs**
John 18:33-37 (Facilitator: Eddie Yates)

10:30AM **Worship Service** In-Person and Livestreamed Online ([YOUTUBE](#))

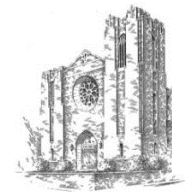
10:4AM **Children's Church** (Theater Room)

Following Worship:

Prayer Circle

3:00PM **DECORATING COMMITTEE: Decorating the Sanctuary for Christmas**

6:00PM Youth Group ([Fellowship Hall](#))



First Reformed United Church of Christ

Where People Discover...

The Love of God...

The Power to Love Others...

The Ability to Love Ourselves.

November 14, 2021

**The Worship of God
Stewardship Sunday**

Prelude

"More Love to Thee, O Christ"
[arr. Mark Hayes]

Christopher Kiser

***Ringing of the Chimes**

Welcome & Invitation to Worship

Rev. Elizabeth Horton

Anthem

"The Perfect Wisdom of Our God"

Arr. Shackley

The perfect wisdom of our God revealed in all the universe.
All things created by His hand and held together at His command.
He knows the mysteries of the seas; the secrets of the stars are His.
He guides the planets on their way and turns the earth through another day.

The matchless wisdom of His way that marks the path of righteousness.
His words a lamp unto my feet, His Spirit teaching and guiding me.
And O, the mystery of the cross, that God should suffer for the lost,
So that the fool might shame the wise and all the glory might go to Christ.

O, grant me wisdom from above to pray for peace and cling to love.
And teach me humbly to receive the sun and rain of Your sovereignty.
Each strand of sorrow has a place within this tapestry of grace.
So, through the trials I choose to say, "Your perfect will in Your perfect way."

Opening Prayer

Rev. Horton

Blessing of the Confirmands

Bella Gentry
Bryson Gentry
Jia Miller
Kai Plummer

Children's Church

Rev. Evan Sieges

Prayer of Confessions

Please Respond, "Lord have mercy."

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn

"Steal Away to Jesus"

Ellen Peterson

Gospel Reading

Mark 13: 1-8

Rev. Horton

As Jesus left the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Teacher, look! What awesome stones and buildings!"

Jesus responded, "Do you see these enormous buildings? Not even one stone will be left upon another. All will be demolished."

Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives across from the temple. Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will these things happen? What sign will show that all these things are about to come to an end?"

Jesus said, "Watch out that no one deceives you. Many people will come in my name, saying, 'I'm the one!' They will deceive many people. When you hear of wars and reports of wars, don't be alarmed. These things must happen, but this isn't the end yet. Nations and kingdoms will fight against each other, and there will be earthquakes and famines in all sorts of places. These things are just the beginning of the sufferings associated with the end."

Sermon

"A Life that Matters: Authenticity"

Invitation to Give and Serve in the Life of the Church

Presentation of Pledge Cards

*Benediction

Postlude

"For the Beauty of the Earth"
[arr. Mark Hayes]

Christopher Kiser

Please remain seated for the Congregational meeting following the service

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

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

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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.

THE FLOWERS ON THE PEDASTALS AT THE FRONT OF THE SANCTUARY

are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Ruth Huneycutt's November 14th birthday by Ed & Diane Huneycutt, Betty & Darren Barr, Bobbie & Jeff McCarn and grandchildren Cameron & Jackson, Peyton, Noah, Hallie.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

DIGITAL MEDIA TECHNICIAN: Jeremy Peterson **SOUND TECH:** John Gray

USHERS: Mark Smith, Eddie Yates

ACOLYTE: Parker Horton

BIBLE STEWARD: Patrick Horton

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

We extend Sympathy to and share Christian Hope with Betty and Darren Barr and family upon the death of Betty's mother, Ruth Howard Huneycutt on November 5, 2021.

OUR MEMBERS: *Lee Ann Peele (recovering from surgery), Janette Neal, Ellen Bouchard, Jeff Hutchens

AT HOME AND IN CARE FACILITIES: Peggy Bates, Sherry Bonner, Ruth Essick, Pattie Everhart, Vogen Everhart, Lib & Jimbo Hinkle, Marguerite Leonard, Deanna Michael, Lib Sink, Carolyn Spivey, Adena Wall

OUR FRIENDS: *Lacy Belcher (Cathy Waitman's aunt), Glenda Kiser (Christopher Kiser's mother), Nicole Holste (Alane Holste's sister-in-law), Joe Carpenter and Chuck Woodson (neighbors of Eugenia Holste), Mike Frick (friend of the church), Marc Frye (son of the late Doris Frye, Ashley Thomason (Ron & Heidi Hutcherson's daughter-in-law)

NOVEMBER CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS:

14th...Holt Biesecker

17th...Anne Bevan

18th...Dottie Walsler

19th...Maria Cruz...Gary Hahn

20th...Emory Smith

ANNIVERSARIES:

16th...Pat & Amy Golden