WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7:

9:30AM	Bible Study: In-Person & via Zoom "From Worship to Discipleship: Everything She Had" Mark 12: 38-44 (Facilitator: June Grubb	
10:30AM	Worship Service In-Person and Livestreamed Online (YOUTUBE)	
Following \	Norship:	
-	Prayer Circle Homecoming Lunch & Holy Communion at Yarborough's Restaurant	
6:00PM	Youth Group	

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8:

6:00PM Crisis Ministry Shelter Meal (Bonita Hooper's team)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9:

12:00PM 2CFAR Crucial Conversations of Faith and Race via	Zoom
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7:00PM Book Study Group via Zoom: "Strangers No More"

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10:

5:30PM Confirmation

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11:

4-6:00PM Clothes Closet Workday

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13:

12:30PM Carry-Out Lunch Ministry

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14: STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

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

Following Worship:

Prayer Circle

6:00PM Youth Group (West's home)



First Reformed United Church of Christ

Where People Discover... The Love of God... The Power to Love Others... The Ability to Love Ourselves. November 7, 2021 The Worship of God Homecoming All Saints Sunday

Prelude	"It Is Well With My Soul" arr. Lloyd Larson	Christopher Kiser & Mike Price
*Ringing of the Chimes		
Welcome & Invitation to Worship		Rev. Elizabeth Horton
Children's Sermon		Rev. Evan Sieges

Scripture Reading

Revelation 7:9-17

Rev. Horton

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.

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

Remembering the Saints

Doris Smith Flynt [March 29, 1927 - November 26, 2020]

Margot Schwarz Everhart [July 31, 1927 - December 16, 2020]

Mary Beck Berrier [April 6, 1926 - January 13, 2021]

Betty Marzell Bates Crotts [September 29, 1928 - May 1, 2021] Janelle Smith Bunn

[December 15, 1938 - May 21, 2021]

Katherine Flake Skipper [April 29, 1929 - June 16, 2021]

Robert Ray "Bob" Shaak [December 14, 1942 - September 17, 2021]

Pastoral Prayer

Special Music "Heaven" Christopher Kiser (arr. Joel Raney...A Medley of "Promised Land," "When We All Get to Heaven," Unclouded Day," and "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder")

Our Church Home

Jeremy and Keri Lovell Jay and Cathy Whitley

Special Music "What a Savior"

Keri Hartle

Gospel Reading

[Jeremiah Jones] Mark 12: 38-44

Rev. Horton

Jesus was teaching, he said, "Watch out for the legal experts. They like to walk around in long robes. They want to be greeted with honor in the markets. They long for places of honor in the synagogues and at banquets. They are the ones who cheat widows out of their homes, and to show off they say long prayers. They will be judged most harshly."

Jesus sat across from the collection box for the temple treasury and observed how the crowd gave their money. Many rich people were throwing in lots of money. One poor widow came forward and put in two small copper coins worth a penny. Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "I assure you that this poor widow has put in more than everyone who's been putting money in the treasury. All of them are giving out of their spare change. But she from her hopeless poverty has given everything she had, even what she needed to live on."

Sermon

"A Life that Matters: Finding Our Home"

Invitation to Give and Serve in the Life of the Church

*Benediction

Postlude

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" [arr. Marianne Kim] Christopher Kiser

~ 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.

Our Boxed Lunch Homecoming Meal and Holy Communion will be held at Yarborough's Restaurant. We'll begin with some fun and games before lunch at 12:30.

Anyone not attending lunch who wishes to share in Holy Communion, please remain seated and the bread and cup will be served.

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.

THE FLOWERS AT THE FRONT OF THE SANCTUARY....

are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Dawn Shaak by Raeann & Chris Allred and Holt Biesecker.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

DIGITAL MEDIA TECHNICIAN: Kivi & Jia Miller ACOLYTE: Parker Horton USHERS: Jerry Lovell, Doris Sink, Mark Smith SOUND TECH: John Gray BIBLE STEWARD: Patrick Horton

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

OUR MEMBERS: 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: Glenda Kiser (Christopher Kiser's mother), Nicole Holste (Alane Holste's sisterin-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 Hutcheson's daughter-in-law)

NOVEMBER CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS:

9th... Robert Danze...Harrison Danze...Coreen Freeman...Everly Robertson

12th...Mike Hooper

13th...Will Hooper

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