

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.



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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday,  
9-1 Walk-ins Welcome  
1 – 1:30 Closed for Lunch  
1:30 – 5 Please call ahead or make an appointment

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Edgardo De Guzman

June 5, 2022  
The Worship of God  
Pentecost Sunday

*\*Please stand as you are able*

Prelude Breathe on Me, Breath of God (arr. Faye Lopez)  
Christopher Kiser

\*Chiming of the Hour

Introit Spirit of the Living God Ellen Peterson

Welcome Rev. Horton

Call to Worship Marge Doty

Something strange was happening. Something new was happening.  
Tongues of fire touching people.  
Tongues speaking strange languages, yet understood.  
Something shifted. Something changed.  
Something new was happening,  
Today

**Something strange is happening. Something new is happening.  
Something has shifted. Something has changed.**

The church is not what it used to be, nor is it what it will become.

**The spirit is still moving.  
Let us worship, knowing that spirit is moving among us.**

\*HYMN They Gathered on Pentecost Insert

\*Invocation Marge Doty

Scripture Psalm 104:24-34 Marge Doty

<sup>24</sup> LORD, you have done so many things! You made them all so wisely! The earth is full of your creations! <sup>25</sup> And then there’s the sea, wide and deep, with its countless creatures—living things both small and large. <sup>26</sup> There go the ships on it, and Leviathan, which you made, plays in it! <sup>27</sup> All your creations wait for you to give them their food on time. <sup>28</sup> When you give it to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled completely full! <sup>29</sup> But when you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to dust. <sup>29</sup> But when you hide your face, they are terrified; when you

let loose your breath, they are created, and you make the surface of the ground brand-new again.<sup>31</sup> Let the LORD’s glory last forever! Let the LORD rejoice in all he has made!<sup>32</sup> He has only to look at the earth, and it shakes. God just touches the mountains, and they erupt in smoke.<sup>33</sup> I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I’m still alive.<sup>34</sup> Let my praise be pleasing to him; I’m rejoicing in the LORD!

**Prayer of Confession** Rev. Horton  
**Spirit of the living God, breath of Creation, wind of change; you pour out your spirit upon us, and we fail to see it. We are too preoccupied to feel it. We like to stay where we are. We like our comfortable, fixed positions.**

**Open our hearts and minds to new hopes and dreams, with the promise of new life in Christ. Forgive us for our inability to change. Give us a clear vision for tomorrow. Open our eyes to opportunities for service and love. Shake things up. Spin us around. Show us all that life can be.**

**Assurance of Pardon**  
**Hymn** Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness Insert

**Prayers of the People**  
**Anthem** A Mighty Rushing Wind  
A mighty rushing wind; revive us with Your Spirit, God, we pray.  
A mighty rushing wind; blow upon our lives again today.

**Scripture Reading** Acts 2:1 -21 Rev. Horton  
**Sermon** The Problem with Pentecost Rev. Horton

**Sharing in Holy Communion**  
**The Call to Give and to Serve** Rev. Horton  
Giving our time and resources is an important part of vibrant discipleship and robust worship. If you would like to support the ministries of First Reformed, you’ll find offering plates in the narthex or you can give online at [www.frucc.org/give](http://www.frucc.org/give). If you’d like to volunteer with our ministries, please contact [Jackie@frucc.org](mailto:Jackie@frucc.org).

**\*Prayer of Dedication** Marge Doty  
**Doxology** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.**  
**Praise God, all creatures high and low.**  
**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Praise God, in Jesus fully known;**  
**Creator, Word, and Spirit one.**  
**Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**  
**\*Benediction** Rev. Horton

**Dedication of the Church Parlor**  
Join us across the street for the dedication of the newly refurbished parlor.  
**Parlor Committee:** John Maze, John Smith, Mark Smith, Buddy Lohr, Lisa Nelson, Lena Johnson, Eddie Yates, Bonita Hooper, and Michael Price

**Postlude** Every Time I Feel The Spirit (arr. Marianne Kim) Christopher Kiser  
~You are invited to stay seated during the postlude~

**First Reformed Annual Church Picnic at Wildcat Mtn. Farm**  
**Sunday, June 12, 2022**

Gather at 10:30am, Service at 11am, lunch following  
**\*\* Ken Davis providing music**

Come enjoy great music, worship, good food and fellowship. Kick back, relax and take in the beautiful views and sounds of nature.

**What to bring:**

- Lawn chairs for your family and an extra to share.
- Donations of canned drinks in coolers with ice.

*If you would like to volunteer to help set up or serve food contact;*

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**NAMI NW Piedmont, NC**  
**Annual Meeting and Guest Speaker, Chris Aiken, MD**  
**What is good for the body is good for the brain.**

**Join us June 21, 2022 at 7PM** the NAMI NW Piedmont, will hold NC’s Annual Meeting featuring guest speaker Dr. Chris Aiken.

Learn about how **what we eat can affect our brain’s wellbeing**, just as it has effects on our other internal organs. Join Chris Aiken, MD, Psychiatrist and Director of the Mood Treatment Center to learn more about how our diet can help our brains.

This free event is being held Tuesday, June 21 at 7 pm, via Zoom, event is limited to 100 attendees. Registration required. Register at:  
[www.naminwpiedmontnc.org](http://www.naminwpiedmontnc.org)

Dr. Aiken serves as a Clinical Instructor at the Wake Forest School of Medicine, and has authored several self-help books, as well as periodical medical publications. Readers may learn more about Dr. Aiken at <https://www.moodtreatmentcenter.com/chris-aiken-md/>.

**WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR**

<b>Sunday 6/5</b> 9:30am 10:30am	<b>Pentecost-Communion Sunday</b> Adult Sunday School Worship Service Parlor Dedication Following Consistory Meeting Youth Group
6:00pm <b>Monday, 6/6</b> 6:00pm	Clothing Ministry open during Open Hands Ministry (St. Stephen) NAMI Family Support Group (online)
7:00pm <b>Tuesday, 6/7</b> 12:00pm	Crucial Conversations on Faith and Race 2CFAR (Parlor & online)
7:00pm	Adult Book Study (online) <u>His Truth is Marching On</u> by Jon Meacham
<b>Wednesday, 6/8</b> 10:00am	Church Promotion Committee (parlor)
<b>Thursday, 6/9</b> 4-6:00pm	Clothing Ministry Workday-Basement
<b>Saturday, 6/11</b> 12:00pm	Saturday Lunch Ministry
<b>Sunday, 6/12</b> 10:30am 11:00am 6:00pm	<b>FRUCC Church Picnic at Wildcat Mtn. Farm</b> <b>Gather</b> Worship Service Youth Group

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

Kyla and Evan Sieges, Lynn McCarn, Joe Browder, Bonita Hooper, & Jeff Hutchens

**AT HOME:** J.W. Bates, Peggy Bates, Lee & Ellen Bouchard, Ruth Essick, Gerri Hill, Lib & Jimbo Hinkle, Myrtle Latimer, Deanna Michael, Carolyn Spivey

**IN CARE FACILITIES:** Vogen Everheart, Sherry Bonner, Marguerite Leonard, Patti Everhart

**OUR FRIENDS:** Franklin Waters (Cathy Whitley’s father), Yvonne Dobey (Frankie Hedrick’s sister), Sarah Lovell Biggers (Jerry & Patti Lovell’s daughter), Janice Mullineaux (Cathy Browder’s mother), Marc Frye (friend of the congregation), Scott Mooney (cousin of Lee Ann Peele), Noland Leonard (brother of Sylvia Walser)

