

**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.

**THANK YOU FOR SERVING**

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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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104 East Center Street, Lexington NC 27292  
Please visit our website: [www.frucc.org](http://www.frucc.org)

**In Christ there is no East or West**

1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no  
2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their high com -  
3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what - e'er your  
4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet

south or north, but one great fel - low -  
mu - nion find; his ser - vice is the  
race may be. All chil - dren of the  
south and north. All Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.  
gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.  
liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.  
one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

**CHARLES ENGLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Do you have some extra time during the week to Volunteer at Charles England School? If so, please contact: Jay Whitley  
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**October 16, 2022**  
**The Worship of God**  
**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Welcome to worship!

If you are new here or have a prayer request, please fill out a Communication Card found in the back of the pew. Drop it into the offering plate so we can connect with you.

**Prelude**

Bruce Tippette

**\*Chiming of the Hour**

**Introit**

Choir

**Welcome**

Rev. Horton

**\*Call to Worship**

Joe Browder

One: From the East and the West  
**All: From the North and the South**  
One: We will eat in the kingdom of God  
**All: Where the last will be first**  
One: And the first will be last  
**All: So that all can enter the gate no matter how narrow**  
One: And all will share equally from what they have

**\*Hymn**

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Back Pg.

**\*Invocation**

Joe Browder

**Scripture Reading**

**Luke 13: 22-30**

Joe Browder

<sup>22</sup>Jesus traveled through cities and villages, teaching and making his way to Jerusalem. <sup>23</sup>Someone said to him, "Lord, will only a few be saved?"

Jesus said to them, <sup>24</sup>"Make every effort to enter through the narrow gate. Many, I tell you, will try to enter and won't be able to. <sup>25</sup>Once the owner of the house gets up and shuts the door, then you will stand outside and knock on the door, saying, 'Lord, open the door for us.' He will reply, 'I don't know you or where you are from.' <sup>26</sup>Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.' <sup>27</sup>He will respond, 'I don't know you or where you are from.

*Go away from me, all you evildoers!*<sup>28</sup> There will be weeping and grinding of teeth when you see Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and all the prophets in God's kingdom, but you yourselves will be thrown out. <sup>29</sup>People will come from east and west, north and south, and sit down to eat in God's kingdom. <sup>30</sup>Look! Those who are last will be first and those who are first will be last.

**Prayer of Confession**

Rev. Horton

Merciful God we turn toward you, knowing that we have not fully committed to your path. We anxiously attempt to secure our own way, turning aside from the way you show us. We are quick to draw lines of who is welcome and who is not, who is in and who is out. We ignore that the gate you have made welcomes those from all over the globe. Forgive us. Call us to full stewardship of ourselves and our possessions. Show us what we need to do as part of your global family. Amen

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Sung Response** **These I Lay Down** Ellen Peterson

**Young Disciples** Rev. June Grubb & Cathy Browder

**Pastoral Prayer** Rev. Horton

**Anthem** **O Lord, I Pray** (arr. Brett Michaels) Choir

**Sermon** **From Scarcity to Abundance** Rev. Horton

**\*Hymn** **Fairest Lord Jesus** Pg. 3

**The Call to Give and to Serve** Rev. Horton

We are given the choice every day to use our time, our talents, and our tithes toward making the Kingdom of God more real, both for ourselves and the world. May we give in that spirit of equality and grace. You'll find offering plates in the narthex or you can give online at [www.frucc.org/give](http://www.frucc.org/give).

**Prayer of Dedication** Joe Browder

**\*Doxology** **OLD HUNDRETH**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below.  
Praise God above ye heavenly host. Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Sung Response**  
Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life;  
Send us forth to love and serve you, bring peace where there is strife.  
Give us Christ your great compassion to forgive as you forgave.  
May we still behold your image in the world you died to save.

**Postlude** Bruce Tippet

After worship we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for our Congregational Meeting on the 2023 budget. Afterwards we will remain for Big Board Sunday. Everyone is invited! We'll have snacks, and each of our Ministry Boards will separate into different places for their meetings. Those not serving on a Ministry Board, please stay in the Fellowship Hall for a time of conversation. Children and Teens will have their own activities!

**Fairest Lord Jesus**

Verse  
Fair - est Lord Je - sus, rul - er of all na - ture,  
Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the moon - light,  
Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior! Lord of the na - tions!

5  
O thou of God and man the Son,  
and all the twink - ling star - ry host:  
Son of God and Son of Man!

9  
thee will I cher - ish, thee will I hon - or,  
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er  
Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

3  
thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.  
than all the an - gels heaven can boast.  
now and for - ev - er - more be thine.



**Pumpkin Painting Oct.23<sup>rd</sup>**  
**Hosted by Women's Fellowship**  
**4pm - until**  
**Drop your pumpkin reservation card**  
**in the plate today!**

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY**  
**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16<sup>TH</sup> FOLLOWING WORSHIP**  
Discussing & approving the 2023 Budget

**USHERS NEEDED:**  
*Please consider being an Usher*  
All Sundays in Oct., Nov. and Dec. open.  
Contact Eddie Yates: [bbqman46@gmail.com](mailto:bbqman46@gmail.com)

**Homecoming - SAVE THE DATE**  
Sunday, November 6th

**WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR**

**Sunday, 10/16**  
9:30am Adult Sunday School  
10:30am Worship Service  
Congregational Meeting following Worship  
Big Board Sunday

**Monday, 10/17**  
**11:00am** Memorial Service for Noland Leonard  
Reception following in Fellowship Hall  
\*All Invited

**Tuesday, 10/18**  
12:00pm Crucial Conversations on Faith and Race (2CFAR)  
7:00pm Adult Book Study (online) Rooted & Rising: Voices of Courage in a Time of Climate Change

**Wednesday 10/19**  
6:30pm Handbell Practice  
7:15pm Choir Practice

**Thursday, 10/20**  
3:00pm Pre-game Meal for Lexington High School JV Football Team – Hosted by Women's Fellowship  
4-6:00pm Clothing Ministry Workday-Basement  
6:30pm PFLAG

**Saturday, 10/22** **Lexington BBQ Festival**  
*FRUCC Parking Cars 6am-3pm*  
**NO** Saturday Lunch Ministry & Clothing

**Sunday, 10/23**  
9:30am Adult Sunday School  
10:30am Worship Service  
4:00pm Intergenerational Pumpkin Painting Event  
*Hosted by Women's Fellowship*

**PRAYER CONCERNS**  
Brian McKerlie, John Smith, J.W. Bates, Jimbo Hinkle, Bonita Hooper, Jeff Hutchens, Steve & Charm Ketner, Thomas Phillips

**AT HOME:** Peggy Bates, Ruth Essick, Gerri Hill, Lib Hinkle, Myrtle Latimer, Deanna Michael, Carolyn Spivey

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

**OUR FRIENDS:** Sarah Lovell Biggers (Jerry & Patti Lovell's daughter), Laura Turlington (Cousin of Cliff Lopp), Jack Poetzinger (Susie Smith's Father), Larry Sink (Cousin of Paula Lopp), Earl Parker (Rev. Horton's Father), Rena Y. Curia (sister to Cheryl Walser), Charles Hines (Friend of Alane Holste)