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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.

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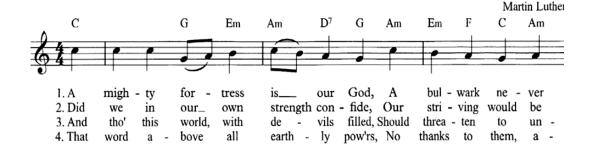
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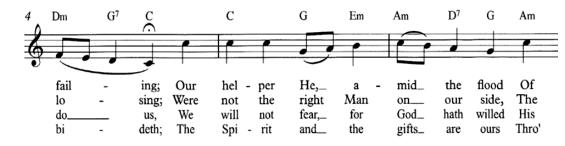
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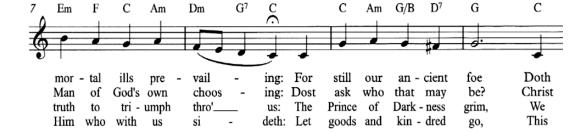
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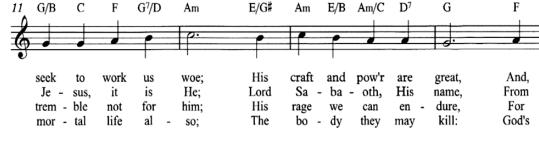
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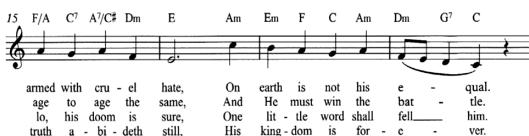
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Homecoming Sunday - Nov. 6th - 10:30 AM

Rev. Don Morgan guest Minister

Music by Ken Davis & Jeremy Lovell

Meal in Fellowship Hall following Worship



October 30, 2022 The Worship of God Twenty-first 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 Marge Doty

Be still!

We come to guiet ourselves in this haven of holiness.

Be still and know . . .

we come to discern the Word that can set us free.

Be still and know that God is . . .

our Hope, our Help, our Refuge, and our Redeemer.

*Hymn A Mighty Fortress back pg.

Invocation Marge Doty

Scripture Reading Psalm 112 Marge Doty

Praise the Lord!

Those who honor the Lord, who adore God's commandments, are truly happy!

Their descendants will be strong throughout the land.

The offspring of those who do right will be blessed;

wealth and riches will be in their houses.

Their righteousness stands forever.

They shine in the dark for others who do right.

They are merciful, compassionate, and righteous.

Those who lend generously are good people—

as are those who conduct their affairs with justice.

Yes, these sorts of people will never be shaken;

the righteous will be remembered forever!

They won't be frightened at bad news.

Their hearts are steady, trusting in the Lord.

In the end, they will witness their enemies' defeat.

They give freely to those in need.

Their righteousness stands forever.

Their strength increases gloriously.

The wicked see all this and fume;

they grind their teeth, but disappear to nothing.

What the wicked want to see happen comes to nothing.

Gracious God, we confess we are a selfish people. We fail to give to others, when you have so generously given to us. We tend to hoard what we have, looking for our maximum benefit and minimum sacrifice. Forgive us we pray, and help to open our hands to give, that others might see your generous grace through us.

Assurance of Pardon Rev. Horton



Young Disciples

Rev. Horton

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Horton

Anthem

Jesus Is My Song of Grace

Choir

Scripture

Acts 2: 43-47

Rev. Horton

⁴³ A sense of awe came over everyone. God performed many wonders and signs through the apostles. 44 All the believers were united and shared everything. 45 They would sell pieces of property and possessions and distribute the proceeds to everyone who needed them. 46 Every day, they met together in the temple and ate in their homes. They shared food with gladness and simplicity. 47 They praised God and demonstrated God's goodness to everyone. The Lord added daily to the community those who were being saved.

Sermon

Sharing Everything?

Rev. Horton

*Hymn

The Servant Song

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The Call to Give and to Serve

Rev. Horton

Offering is our chance to practice our faith in action, to share with others. You'll find offering plates in the narthex or you can give online at www.frucc.org/give.

*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

Prayer of Dedication

Marge Doty

*Benediction

Postlude

Bruce Tippette

The Servant Song



Women's Fellowship Famous Veggie Soup Sale

Pre-order today - pick up Sunday, Nov. 13th Contact Paula Lopp to place your order: 336-250-3343 or plsl55@yahoo.com

Pints- \$5 Quarts - \$10

WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, 10/30

9:30am **Adult Sunday School** 10:30am **Worship Service**

Tuesday, 11/1

12:00pm Crucial Conversations on Faith and Race (2CFAR) 6:00pm Men's Brotherhood – Yarboroughs Restaurant

7:00pm NAMI

Wednesday 11/2

6:30pm Handbell Practice 7:15pm **Choir Practice**

Thursday, 11/3

4:00pm Table Talk in Parlor – Host: Smithie Parrish 4-6:00pm Clothing Ministry Workday-Basement

Saturday, 11/5

12:00pm Saturday Lunch Ministry Visitation – Jeff Hutchens 6-8:00pm

Sunday, 10/30 Homecoming

9:30am **Adult Sunday School**

10:30am Worship Service (meal following in Fellowship Hall)

3:30pm Memorial for Jeff Hutchens

PRAYER CONCERNS

Brian McKerlie, J.W. Bates, Jimbo Hinkle, Bonita Hooper, 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 Everhart, 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), Ray White (Step-father to Travis White)



Jeffery Hutchens Visitation and Memorial Service

Saturday, November 5, 2022 -Visitation from 6pm to 8pm

at First Reformed **United Church of Christ**

Sunday, November 6, 2022 **Celebration of Life Memorial Service at 3:30pm** at First Reformed United Church of Christ

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