

****Corn Donations for Pastors Pantry**

WE ARE ALMOST TO OUR GOAL. We need 150 more cans of corn by November 29th. Pastors Pantry will pick-up Wednesday the 30th. Our contribution will go to filling their Christmas Food boxes.

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

Liturgist: Camille Morgan

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS Monday – Friday
9-1 Walk-ins Welcome
1 – 2pm Closed for Lunch
2 – 5pm Please call ahead or make an appointment

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Please visit our website: www.frucc.org

We Gather Together

1 We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;
2 Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,
3 We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - um - phant,

he chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known;
or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing his king - dom di - vine;
and pray that thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.

the wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing.
so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning;
Let thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion;

Sing prais - es to his name; he for - gets not his own.
thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glo - ry be thine!
thy name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!

Alternative Gift Giving

The holiday season is at our doorsteps and this is the time that we begin thinking about what to give our families and friends. Have you thought about giving to a local charity in their honor? You may donate to any of the church benevolences and send a card to the person to whom you would like to honor with your gift.

Forms can be picked up in the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings along with a donation envelope. These may also be picked up from the church office Monday - Friday. Return the form to the church along with your donation and pick up the number of acknowledgment cards you need. *(If you give on-line, stop by the office and collect your cards)*

This is such a meaningful way to honor someone on your gift list, benefit those in need, and help our church meet its benevolences for the year.



November 20, 2022
The Worship of God
Commitment Sunday
Twenty-fourth 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

** Please stand as you are able*

Prelude **We Gather Together** (Bruce Tippette) Bruce Tippette

***Chiming of the Hour**

Handbell Choir **As with Gladness Men of Old** (Anna Laura Page)

Invitation to Worship Rev. Horton

***Enter into Commitment Sunday** Camille Morgan

We are delighted to be here together; to worship as a family and to be united in a common ministry.

We gather in worship to celebrate this community.

We celebrate the love that we have for one another, the support that we give to one another and the journey we are on to be united by God's grace.

We come together this day to delight in offering our gifts.

We delight in the gifts we are giving, the pledges we are making and the future we are creating.

We join our hearts and our spirits today and delight in giving.

We are here! We are delighted! We are united!

Let us worship the God who loves when we delight in giving.

Family of God, let us celebrate our commitment to discipleship!

Let us worship God!

***Hymn** **We Gather Together** back pg.

Opening Prayer Camille Morgan

Young Disciples Rev. Horton

***Hymn** **Give Thanks**

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks, because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.

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give thanks, because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.

And now let the weak say 'I am strong', let the poor say 'I am rich',
because of what the Lord has done for us;

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Give thanks...

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Horton

Anthem Look At the World (John Rutter) Choir

New Testament Reading Revelation 3:14-22 Rev. Horton

Listen, I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me...Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the spirit is saying to the churches.

Sermon Your Place at the Table Rev. Horton

Bringing Forth Our Offerings and Commitment Cards

***Hymn** Take My Life and Let It Be

Prayer of Dedication Camille Morgan

***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 and Blessing**

***Song of Dedication** I'm Gonna Sit at the Welcome Table

Postlude Rocktata (Michael Valenti) Bruce Tippet

You are invited to join us for the Commitment Celebration and Taco Bar in the Fellowship Hall following Worship today.

Place an Angel on our Angel Tree

Place an angel on our Angel Tree in memory or in honor of someone.

To place an angel on the Angel Tree: Fill out the form that will be available on Sundays along with the donation envelope, or pick up both from the church office. Place form and donation in the envelop. These may be placed in the offering plate or returned to the church office. All donations for the Angel Tree need to be in by December, 21, 2022.

Acknowledgements will be sent from the office. Names for the "angels", along with names of those who donated, will be listed in the January 2023 Newsletter.

WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, 11/20 – Commitment Sunday & Celebration Meal
9:30amAdult Sunday School
10:30am.....Worship Service – Taco Bar in Fellowship Hall
12-1:30pm.....Grace Episcopal Church – Servers from FRUCC (Glenyce and Dave Fulton, Cathy and Joe Browder)

Monday, 11/21
5-6:00pm.....Clothing Ministry open
5:00pm.....Open Hands Meal & Service in Fellowship Hall
7:00pm.....NAMI via Zoom

Tuesday, 11/22
6:30pm.....Decorate Sanctuary for Advent and Christmas

Thursday, 11/24 Thanksgiving Day (Church office Closed)

Friday, 11/25 (Church office Closed)

Saturday, 11/26
12:00pm.....Saturday Lunch Ministry

Sunday, 11/27 First Sunday in Advent
(Advent Devotionals will be available)
9:30amAdult Sunday School
10:30am.....Worship Service
12-1:30pm.....Grace Episcopal Church – Servers from FRUCC (Jay & Cathy Whitley, Belinda & Eddie Yates, Camille Morgan)
4:30pm.....All Ages Preparation: Come make Gingerbread Houses & Advent Wreaths. Food & Fellowship.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Mary Jo Jessup
AT HOME: Lib & Jimbo Hinkle, Peggy Bates, Ruth Essick, Gerri Hill, Lib Hinkle, Myrtle Latimer, Deanna Michael, Carolyn Spivey, John Potts & Janette Neal, Adena Wall

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

OUR FRIENDS: Sarah Lovell Biggers (Jerry & Patti Lovell's daughter), Jack Poetzinger (Susie Smith's Father), Ray White (Step-father to Travis White), Carter Dorley (request from Community)