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THANK YOU FOR SERVING

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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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For All the Saints

1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who to the
 2 You were their rock, their refuge, and their might: you, Christ, the
 3 Still may your people, faith - ful, true, and bold, live as the
 4 Ringed by this cloud of witness - es di - vine, we fee - bly
 5 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the

world their stead-fast faith con-fessed, your name, O Je - sus,
 hope that put their fears to flight; 'mid gloom and doubt, you
 saints who no - bly fought of old, and share with them a
 strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet in your love our
 ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, then hearts are brave a -

be for - ev - er blessed.
 were their one true light.
 glo - rious crown of gold. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 faith - ful lives en - twine.
 gain, and faith grows strong.



Join Us Commitment Sunday!
November 20th
Celebration Meal following
in Fellowship Hall!

Menu: Taco Bar, Desserts, & Beverages
Fun Planned for Everyone!!!!



November 6, 2022
The Worship of God
Homecoming
All Saints Sunday

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 Bicinum on "We Gather Together" (John Barr) Bruce Tippette

***Chiming of the Hour**

Call to Worship **This is the Day** Ken Davis

Welcome Rev. Horton

***Hymn** **For All the Saints** back pg.

Opening Prayer Rev. Horton

Remembering the Saints
Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.
 Hebrews 12:1

Elizabeth "Lib" Byrd Zimmerman Sink
 July 12, 1927 – March 10, 2022

Jeffery Allen Hutchens
 July 28, 1966 – October 19, 2022

Prayer of Gratitude Rev. Horton

Song **Remember Me** Ken Davis

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer Rev. Horton

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil,
for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.

Special Music **Over the Rainbow/Hallelujah** Ken Davis and Jeremy Lovell

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 24:7-10

Rev. Don Morgan

Lift up your heads, O gates!
and be lifted up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in!
Who is the King of glory?
The Lord, strong and mighty,
the Lord, mighty in battle.
Lift up your heads, O gates!
and be lifted up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in!
Who is this King of glory?
The Lord of hosts,
he is the King of glory. Selah

New Testament Reading

Luke 15: 11-24

Rev. Don Morgan

Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So, he divided his property between them.

"Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. So, he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

"When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.' So, he got up and went to his father.

"But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

"The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

"But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So, they began to celebrate.

Sermon

Come On and Let Us Celebrate

Rev. Don Morgan

***Hymn**

Blessed Assurance

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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**

***Benediction and Blessing**

Postlude

Improvisation on "For All the Saints" (Bruce Tippette)

Bruce Tippette

You are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall catered by Yarborough's Restaurant. Donations are welcome, but there is no set charge.
Please enter through the Memorial Garden

WE WELCOME REV. DON MORGAN who is ordained in the United Church of Christ. He began pastoring at the age of 20; served on staff of UCC Partner Back Bay Mission in Biloxi MS; served UCC churches in Haydenville and Red Oak Iowa. He most recently retired in 2021 and lives in Lexington NC.

WE WELCOME KEN DAVIS singer, songwriter, and musician. He plays in the First Presbyterian Church praise and worship band, performs at Weathervane Winery, Yarborough's Restaurant and participates in the Lexington Barbecue Festival and Arts of Davidson County. Ken is also an Elder at Shadyside Presbyterian Church, and a founding member of Crucial Conversations on Faith and Race.

Blessed Assurance

En Jesucristo, puerto de paz

Fanny Crosby

Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830-1908

Musical score for "Blessed Assurance" with lyrics: Verse, Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; O what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine! Heir of sal-va-tion, I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest, watch-ing and wait-ing, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood. look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love. Refrain, This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long; this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

Flowers at the front of the sanctuary are Placed in memory of "All the Clouds of Witnesses" that have passed.

WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, 11/6 - Homecoming

9:30amAdult Sunday School
10:30am..... Worship Service - meal following -Communion
3:30pm.....Jeff Hutchens Memorial Service
7:00pm.....Parent Meeting (Zoom)

Monday, 11/7

7:00pm.....NAMI

Tuesday, 11/8

12:00pm.....Crucial Conversations on Faith and Race (2CFAR)
6:30pm.....Table Talk hosted by Betty Barr at Yarboroughs Restaurant

Wednesday 11/9

6:30pmHandbell Practice
7:15pm.....Choir Practice

Thursday, 11/10

4-6:00pm.....Clothing Ministry Workday-Basement

Saturday, 11/12

12:00pm.....Saturday Lunch Ministry

Sunday, 11/13

9:30amAdult Sunday School
10:30am..... Worship Service
Pick up Soup orders in kitchen after service.
12:00pm.....Consistory
12:00pm.....Table Talk in Fellowship Hall hosted by Rev. Horton

PRAYER CONCERNS

Brian McKerlie, J.W. Bates, Jimbo Hinkle, Bonita Hooper, 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)



Jeff Hutchens
Today, November 6, 2022
Celebration of Life
Memorial Service at 3:30pm
First Reformed United Church of Christ