

Sunday Announcements – October 2026

THANK YOU FOR SERVING

Liturgist: Alane Holste Greeter: Donna Berrier
Sound/Streaming Team: Jeremy Lovell
Nursery: Doris Sink
Ushers: Eddie Yates, DJ Huffman

Serving Next Week:
Nursery – Rita Lohr, Patti Lovell
Greeters – Zach Hedrick, Seth Poe

WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, 10/4 Holy Communion
9:30am..... Adult Bible Study – Parlor
9:30am..... Choir Practice – Choir Room
10:30am..... Worship Service - Sanctuary/YouTube
11:00am..... Faith Forward Baptist Church – Fellowship Hall
5:30pm..... Youth Group
Monday, 10/5
4:00pm.....FRUCC Clothing Ministry
Tuesday, 10/6
6:30pm..... Men’s Brotherhood – Yarborough’s Restaurant
Saturday, 10/10
12-1:00pm..... Saturday Lunch Ministry
Sunday, 10/11 Pick-up Choir
9:30am..... Adult Bible Study – Parlor
9:30am..... Choir Practice – Choir Room
10:00am..... Pick-up Choir Practice
10:30am..... Worship Service - Sanctuary/YouTube
Consistory following Worship Service
11:00am..... Faith Forward Baptist Church – Chapel
4:00pm..... Intersections of Faith Bible Study – Parlor

Prayer Concerns
Lee Bouchard, Aurelia Smith, Christie Plummer,
Sylvia Walser, June Grubb, Susan Odom, MeLinda Mikaelson

AT HOME
Marge Doty, Carolyn Spivey, Deanna Michael, Pattie Everhart

IN CARE FACILITIES
Peggy Bates – Grayson Creek, Welcome
Gennie Lou Byerly – Abernethy Laurels, Newton
Myrtle Latimer – Countryside Village, Stokesdale
Eulene Shepherd – Piedmont Crossing, Thomasville

FRIENDS
Linda Flowers (Aunt of Elizabeth Horton), Gary Peterson
(Father of Jeremy Peterson), Our Saturday Lunch Guests,
Students, Faculty, and Staff at CEES

Thank you for giving to God through the ministries of the church! If you would like to give electronically, scan this QR code.



Would You Like to Help with Communion?

We are looking to expand our Communion Prep Team! Please scan the QR code to learn more about how you can get involved.



Up Coming

10/4 Youth Group at 5:30pm – Edu Building
10/5 NO Open Hands
10/6 Men’s Brotherhood, 6:30pm, Yarborough’s Restaurant
10/11 Pick-up Choir – “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”
10am Practice in the Sanctuary
Consistory Meeting following Worship
10/13 Board of Worship at 6:00pm – Parlor
10/14 Board of Evangelism at 5:30 – Parlor
10/18 Congregational Meal and Budget Meeting
Fellowship Hall Following Worship Service
Youth Group at 5:30pm
10/24 Lexington Barbeque Festival
10/25 Inquiry Class
10/25 Intersections of Faith Bible Study at 4pm – Parlor
10/28 Women’s Fellowship, 11:30am, Yarborough’s Restaurant
10/30 BooBash from 6-9pm

Events Each Week
Open Hands at 5:30 pm (except the first & fifth Monday)
FRUCC Clothing Ministry from 4-6pm each Monday
Saturday Lunch Ministry – Serves from 12-1pm

Inquiry Class
Visiting and want to learn more about the church? Come learn about life at First Reformed UCC. On Sunday, Oct 25, after worship join Rev. Horton in the Parlor. We’ll discuss ways to get involved in ministry and join the church. Please let Rev. Horton know if you are interested. (336-972-8895 or elizabeth@frucc.org)

Looking Toward 2027 and Beyond
Congregational Meal and Proposed 2027 Budget
Sunday, October 18, 2026

Join us as we gather to hear about the work God is doing through First Reformed and the vision our church leadership is shaping for the years ahead.
We’ll explore the proposed 2027 budget, new opportunities for our endowments, and exciting plans to strengthen our ministry, welcome our neighbors, and grow together in faith and service. As Lexington continues to grow and change, we’ll consider how First Reformed can faithfully respond to where God is leading us.
Come hear the vision, share in the conversation, and imagine with us what God has in store for First Reformed.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here. Please fill out a Communication Card if you are new, have a question or prayer request, and drop into the offering plate.

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.

JOINING THE CHURCH

If you feel led to become part of the mission and ministries of First Reformed UCC we hope you will consider joining this congregation. If you want to talk more about calling First Reformed your home, please fill out a Communication Card, or let one of the ushers or ministers know.

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First Reformed United Church of Christ

The love of God, the power to love others, and the ability to love ourselves.

The Worship of God October 4, 2026

World Communion Sunday
*Stand as you are able Congregation responds in (BOLD)

Please sign the attendance pad at end of your pew.
Prelude In Christ There is No East or West Bruce Tippette
*Chimes

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Elizabeth Horton
Mission Moment Camille Morgan

Introit God’s Love Is Wide Ellen Peterson and Bruce Tippette

*Call to Worship Alane Holste

Liturgist: Today we are invited to a joyful feast, hosted by Jesus Christ.
People: All who are hungry will find the bread of life here.
Liturgist: All who are thirsty will find a fountain of grace here.
People: All who are lost will find safety here.
Liturgist: All who are lonely will find a friend here.
People: All who are broken will find healing here.
Liturgist: All who have been wandering will find a home here.
ALL: For this is a heavenly banquet, and you are welcome here!

*Hymn #406 (Red Hymnal) In Christ There is No East or West ST. PETER

Invocation Alane Holste

Scripture Reading Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20 Pew Bible Pg.65 Alane Holste

Prayer of Confession
Holy One, we say the church is one body, but we confess we do not always live like it. We have drawn lines you did not draw and defended them longer than we should have. We have called our own preferences your commandments. We have looked at Christians who worship differently, vote differently, read differently, and quietly decided they were less. We have also stayed silent while borders hardened, and neighbors were turned away. Forgive us. Unclench us. Bring us back to the table not as owners but as guests. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness Rev. Elizabeth Horton

Invitation to Give Offerings and Pass the Peace of Christ Rev. Elizabeth Horton
Leader: The peace of Christ, be with you. People: And also with you.

*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

Alane Holste

*Hymn

I Come with Joy

TEXT: Brian Wren, 1993. DOVE OF PEACE, 1977

Musical notation for the hymn 'I Come with Joy' in 6/8 time, key of B-flat major. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes.

1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
2 I come with Chris-tians far and near to find, as all are
3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has

free, the life of Je - sus to re - call, in
fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the

love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

Rev. Elizabeth Horton

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is
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

Scripture Reading

Matthew 21: 33-46, Pew Bible page 899

Rev. Elizabeth Horton

Sermon

A Legacy Worth Living

Rev. Elizabeth Horton

Hymn

One Bread, One Body

TEXT and MUSIC: John B.Foley, SJ, 1978

Refrain

Musical notation for the hymn 'One Bread, One Body' in 4/4 time, key of D major. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The refrain is repeated at the end.

Fine

One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of
bless-ing which we bless. And we, though many,
throughout the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.

1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or
2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the
3 Grain for the fields, scat-tered and
to Refrain

free, wom - an or man, no more.
works, one in the Lord of all.
grown, gath-ered to one, for all.

Invitation to the Table

This is the table of Jesus Christ, and it is open. You do not have to be a member of this church. You do not have to be a member of any church. You do not have to have your doubts resolved, your life sorted out, or your theology finished. You do not have to be certain that any of this is true. If you are hungry for something you cannot name, this table is for you. If you came in angry, this table is for you. If you have been turned away from a table like this one somewhere else this table is for you, and it always was. Christ is the host. We are all guests here. Come.

Communion Prayer

Leader: God be with you. **People: And also with you.**
Leader: Lift up your hearts. **People: We lift them up to God.**
Leader: Let us give thanks to God our Maker. **People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Words of Institution

Sharing the Meal

All are invited to come forward and circle the Table.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Response in Song

Refrain from One Bread, One Body

*Benediction

Rev. Elizabeth Horton

Postlude

I Come With Joy

arr. Bruce Tippette

World Communion Sunday Mandala

