

Sermon Notes

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CHURCH CALENDAR


May	18	Sunday		Newsletter Articles Due
May	18	Sunday	9:45 AM	Sunday School
May	18	Sunday	10:45 AM	Worship
May	18	Sunday	2 PM	Pickleball
May	18	Sunday	6 PM	Men’s Brotherhood Meal & Meeting
May	19	Monday	6 PM	Cub Scout Meeting
May	19	Monday	7 PM	Boy Scout Meeting
May	21	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Grove Friends Meal & Meeting
May	21	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Youth Fellowship Meal & Meeting
May	21	Wednesday	7 PM	Chancel Choir Practice
May	18	Sunday	9:45 AM	Sunday School
May	18	Sunday	10:45 AM	Worship, The Reverend Ray Nance Howell IV

Altar Flowers

The flowers which grace the altar today are given to the glory of God.


May 25, **Needed**

June 1, Lisa Hilliard



A donation was received to the Scholarship Fund in honor of **Everly Younts** from Tony & Debbie Harrison.

June 8 will be the last Sunday of Pickleball for the Spring Season. Church members are encouraged to set up the nets during the summer months and have fun with family and friends. We will resume our scheduled Sunday games in September.

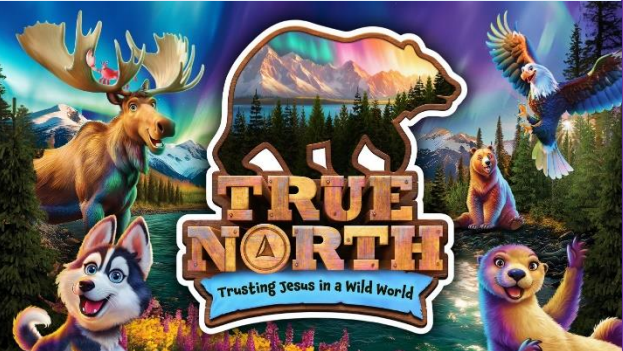


Vacation Bible School 2025

Sunday, July 6 – Thursday, July 10 from 6 – 8:20 PM
Closing Ceremony: Friday, July 11

A meal will be provided each night from 5:15 – 6 PM
Except on Sunday

Register at: <https://vbspro.events/p/74580e>



Hedrick’s Grove Reformed
United Church of Christ
3840 Allred Road
Lexington, NC 27292



The Reverend Chris Thore, Guest Pastor

Welcome!

May 18, 2025

Sunday School: 9:45 AM
Worship: 10:45 AM

Pastor Emeritus: The Reverend David L. Crook
Director of Music: Patty Hedrick
Organist & Handbell Director: Trudy Vossburg-Keating
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HEDRICK S GROVE REFORMED UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST		
Order of Worship		
Fifth Sunday of Easter	Welcome!	May 18, 2025
WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER LIST		Ted Myers
PRELUDE	(We quiet our minds and prepare our hearts for worship.)	
LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES		
*TRINITY CHIMES		
*SOLEMN DECLARATION		
*CONGREGATIONAL & CHORAL INTROIT		
<i>Jesus, stand among us in Thy mighty power; Let this time of worship be a hallowed hour.</i>		
*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP		
Leader:	Our words, like windows, can reveal the treasures and shadows within our hearts.	
People:	Our words can heal or they can wound.	
Leader:	Today, let us choose words of love, grace, and hope, words that reflect the boundless love of God.	
People:	Let us choose words that uplift and inspire, words that build up our faith and bring us closer to God.	
Leader:	Let our hearts be united in love, and let our words be a reflection of the beauty and grace that lies within us.	
All:	Blessed be the name of the Lord!	
*HYMN # 550	“Come, We that Love the Lord”	Red Hymnal
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (Debts and Debtors)		
CHILDREN’S SERMON	Pastor Chris Thore	
UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION		
Lord, we humbly confess that our words have the power to bless or wound, to build up or tear down. We acknowledge that we have spoken words that have caused pain, hurt, or offense, and for that we ask for your forgiveness. We pray for your guidance in our speech, that we may be a blessing and a source of peace through the power of our words. Help us to use our words to honor You and to bless one another. In Christ we pray. Amen.		
ASSURANCE OF PARDON		
*GLORIA PATRI		
THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS		
OFFERTORY		
*DOXOLOGY		

*OFFERTORY PRAYER		
ANTHEM	“The Gift of Love”	Chancel Choir
SCRIPTURE READINGS	Proverbs 18:21	p. 439
	Acts 5:33-42	p. 736
	Luke 6:45	p. 694
	Romans 7:4, 8:5-6,11	p. 761
	Galatians 5:19-21	p. 786
SERMON	“Words Talk”	Pastor Chris Thore
*CONFESSION OF FAITH	APOSTLES CREED	(UNISON)
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only begotten Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.		
*HYMN # 21	“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”	Red Hymnal
*EXTINGUISHING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES		
*BENEDICTION		
*CONGREGATIONAL & CHORAL BENEDICTION		
<i>May the grace of Christ our Savior, And the Father’s boundless love, With the Holy Spirit’s favor, Rest upon us from above. Amen.</i>		
POSTLUDE		
<i>*Please stand as you are able.</i>		
<i>We are glad you came to join with us in our time of worship today. We hope you feel God’s love in a new way.</i>		