

Service of Divine Worship

Second Sunday After Epiphany

January 16, 2011

We must work unceasing to uplift this nation that we love to a higher destiny, to a higher plateau of compassion, to a more noble expression of humanness.” Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Preparation for Worship

Prelude “Prelude and Fugue in F Major” Bach
*Chimes Sounding the Hour
*Time of Greeting
Announcements
Choral Call to Worship
Solemn Declaration - - Amen Sung

Praise to God

*Hymn “O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee” No. 205
*Responsive Call to Worship

Liturgist: We have come O God to this service of worship that we might remember who and whose we are.

People: We have come that we might be still and listen; we have come to reconnect ourselves with You, the Source of all that is.

Liturgist: And when we hear Your voice, You call us to respond.

People: You call us to get up off our knees and go into the world as followers of Your Way; You call us to be and live the good news; You call us to be the light.

Liturgist: So hear now our prayers and praise as we begin to listen to Your still-speaking voice. And then send us from here with a deep understanding that we are the Body of Christ, set aside and ordained by our baptisms to be Your hands and voice in Your world.

*Gloria Patri

Invocation

Almighty and eternal God, you rule over everything in heaven and on earth. In mercy listen to the prayers of your people, and give us your peace in our times. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Call to Confession

Prayer for the Confession of Sin

Liturgist: Let us confess to God and before one another our sins, and especially the ways in which we allow the differences among us to divide our community and spoil our witness to your steadfast love and faithfulness.

People: We confess to you, O God, and before one another that we have sinned. You have called us to be in community with you and with one another so that your love and salvation may spread throughout creation. Yet we have allowed so many things to divide us. We have forgotten that your love and being your children trumps all that is different among us. Forgive us and draw us closer to you so that we may draw closer to one another. Amen.

The Kyrie and Assurance of Pardon - - Amen Sung

Liturgist: God calls us back together and welcomes us into the family of all God’s children. Live in the unity of God’s Spirit and know that nothing can separate us from God’s love and only we can prevent ourselves from experiencing God’s forgiveness.

Witness of Faith

The Psalter Reading Psalm 40:1-11 (Page #502 of Pew Bible)
The Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer {*we pray debts*}
The Children’s Moment
Anthem “Sing For Joy” Purcell

Proclamation of the Word

The Gospel Reading John 1:29-42 (Page #966 of Pew Bible)
Sermon PERSEVERANCE Reverend Jim Luck
Prayer

Response Through Dedication

Invitation to Give

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory

*The Doxology

*Unison Offertory Prayer

As sages from the East offered You their best, so may we honor You. So receive now O God, not simply these monetary gifts, but our very selves. We have heard You calling and we offer now our gifts and lives that we may be part of Your answer to the cries of the world. Amen.

Preparation for Obedience in the World

- *Hymn "Jesus Shall Reign" No. 371
- *Responsive Call to Dedication
 Liturgist: And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"
People: Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."
- *The Benediction
- *Postlude "Now Let All the Heavens Adore Thee" Nicolai
***Those who are able please stand**

WE WELCOME VISITORS who are attending our service of worship today. **EVERYONE** is requested to sign the attendance pad found at the end of each pew. We request visitors also to note their addresses and telephone numbers.

THE FLOWERS on the altar are in honor of the Pastoral Search Committee and the Congregation as we eagerly move forward to continue to do great work for our church and community.

USHERS: J.W. Bates, Brian McKerlie, Denise Durham, Sylvia Walser

PLATE ATTENDANT: Buddy Lohr

ACOLYTES: Laura and Katarina Strenk

GREETERS: Roy and Anne Bevan

NURSERY: Heidi and Ron Hutcheson

PRAYER CONCERNS: Seth Klopp, Ronnie Durham, Callie Kepley, Betty Potts, Ernie Bonner, Sadie Bailey, Elmer Morgan, Willie Ruth Leonard, Arlene Swing, Frances Leonard, Juanita and Henry Beck, Ernestine and Henry Kennedy, Randy Carter (Wanda Daye's Son-in-law), Paul Stevens (Lisa Nelson's Cousin), Van "Buster" Conrad (Gray Family), and Terri Evans (Paul Freeman's Cousin). Please remember our men and women serving in the Armed Forces. To add a name for prayer, contact Adena Wall at 249-1904 or the church office.

We extend SYMPATHY to and share Christian hope with Betty Bates upon the death of her brother, Billy Smith.

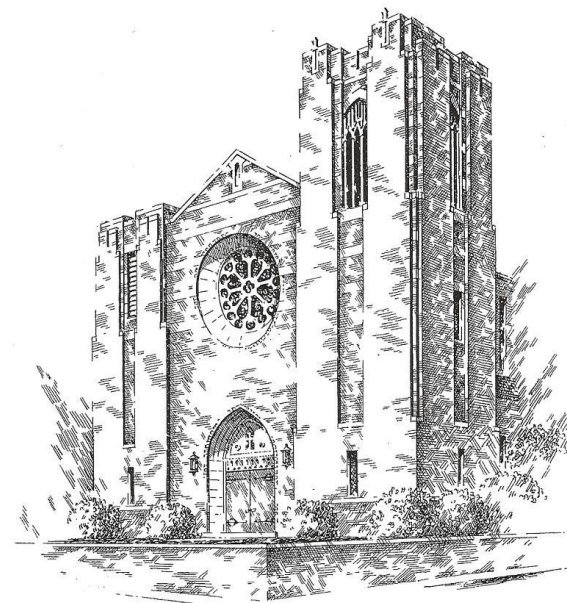


| 1/9/11 Attendance & Income | Needed Weekly | YTD Received | YTD Budget | Difference |
|----------------------------|---------------|--------------|------------|------------|
| 133 | \$2,669 | \$5,414 | \$10,828 | (\$4,137) |

CHURCH STAFF

Reverend June Grubb, Minister-On-Call (jgrubb3@triad.rr.com; Home #248-5668; Cell #240-2503)
 Cathy Waitman, Interim Director of Christian Ed Paul Freeman, Choir Director
 Lee Ann Peele, Organist Paula Lopp, Administrative Asst

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| Sunday, January 16 | 9:45 a.m. ----- SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR EVERYONE 11:00 a.m. ----- WORSHIP SERVICE & KIDS' CLUB (REVEREND JIM LUCK) |
| Monday, January 17 | 6:30 p.m. ----- Board of Christian Education {Parlor} 6:30 p.m. ----- Stephen Ministry Training {Downstairs} 7:00 p.m. ----- Genealogical Society Meeting {Fellowship Hall} |
| Tuesday, January 18 | 2:00 p.m. ----- Meals on Wheels Board Meeting {Parlor} 7:00 p.m. ----- WOMEN'S LIFE FELLOWSHIP MEETING {Parlor} |
| Wednesday, January 19 | 7:00 p.m. ----- Adult Choir Practice {Chapel Annex} |
| Thursday, January 20 | 5:30 p.m. ----- Yoga Class {Parlor} 6:00 p.m. ----- MEN'S BROTHERHOOD DINNER MEETING {FH} |
| Saturday, January 22 | 10:00 a.m. ----- Consistory meets with Ministerial Candidate {FH} 2:30 p.m. ----- Children meet with Ministerial Candidate {Downstairs} 3-5 p.m. ----- Reception for Congregation to meet the Ministerial Candidate and his wife |
| Sunday, January 23 | 110 th Anniversary of First Reformed UCC 9:45 a.m. ----- SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR EVERYONE 11:00 a.m. ----- WORSHIP SERVICE LEAD BY MINISTERIAL CANDIDATE NOON ----- CATERED LUNCHEON FOR EVERYONE {FELLOWSHIP HALL} |
| Monday, January 24 | 5:00 p.m. ----- Trustee Meeting {Parlor} 6:30 p.m. ----- Stephen Ministry Training {Downstairs} |
| Tuesday, January 25 | 7:00 p.m. ----- Prayer Shawl Ministry Gathering {Parlor} |
| Wednesday, January 26 | Noon ----- United Friendship Club Covered Dish Luncheon {FH} 7:00 p.m. ----- Adult Choir Practice {Chapel Annex} |

Stephen Ministry Training

As a result of the snow, we had to delay the beginning of our Stephen Ministry training until Monday, January 17th, 6:30 until 9 p.m.

The topic is "The Person of the Caregiver". Instructors are John Barber and Cyndi Burns.

Please continue to keep this new ministry and the willing volunteers in your thoughts and prayers.



The Church Directory Committee, a sub-committee of the Board of Evangelism is in the process of gathering pictures for a new church directory. During this season when everyone is snapping pictures, please pick out a family photo and email it to Nicole Smith at nicole_kathleen@hotmail.com. This picture doesn't have to be in a certain setting. It can be at home, the beach or the mountains. If you do not have a photo to submit, arrangements can be made to have a picture taken at church. If you have questions, please check with Committee Chairman, Clifton Murphy.

Also, if you have any candid shots of church functions, such as VBS, Blowing Rock, Christmas programs, etc. we would appreciate those as well.

You will continue to hear more about this project in the coming months. In the meantime... do your part and get your photos in! Also, if you have not already done so, please fill out the member information sheet below. This sheet can be dropped in the offering plate or brought to the church office.

MEMBER INFORMATION UPDATE

Address, Email Address, Birthdate, Anniversary

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ CELL PHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

BIRTHDAY (MONTH AND DAY) _____

ANNIVERSARY (MONTH AND DAY) _____

ADDITIONAL FAMILY MEMBERS' NAMES, BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES AND EMAIL ADDRESSES:

Members of First Reformed United Church of Christ,

The Consistory of First Reformed United Church of Christ extends a formal call to a congregational meeting to be held **Sunday, January 23, 2010**. Article VI, Election and Termination of Pastor, of the church bylaws states:

The call of the pastor shall take place at a meeting especially set for that purpose of which at least two weeks' written notice has been given to the membership. The election shall be upon the recommendation of a Search Committee selected by the Consistory. The committee shall bring only one name at a time for the consideration of the Consistory. Upon approval of the Consistory, the proposed name shall be submitted to the Congregation. Election shall be by ballot of the Congregation, with an affirmative vote of two-thirds of those present and voting necessary for an extension of a call. Should the minister recommended by the Committee fail to receive a two-thirds vote, the committee will be instructed to seek out another minister.

The Search Committee consisting of: Dawn Shaak, Walter Hoffman, Birke McNeill, Mark Smith, Eulene Shepherd, Clifford Lopp, Tony Peele, Sauni Johnson and Vicky Gray, presented a Candidate to the Consistory on Sunday, December 12, 2010. The Consistory unanimously accepted the recommendation of the Search Committee.

The Candidate and his wife have been invited to come to Lexington the fourth weekend of January. The schedule is as follows:

- January 22nd 10:00 a.m. The Candidate will meet with the Consistory
- 2:30 p.m. The Candidate will meet with the children in the Family room
- 3-5 p.m. Reception for the Congregation to meet the Candidate and his wife
(Child Care will be provided)
- 4:15 p.m. The Candidate will make remarks and entertain questions
- January 23rd 11:00 a.m. The Candidate is leading the Service of Worship
Vote of **active membership** for the call
(you must be present to vote)

A catered lunch will be provided in the fellowship hall following the service.

Please make every effort to attend these important events.

Sincerely,

Glenyce Fulton

Glenyce Fulton, Secretary of the Consistory
First Reformed United Church of Christ

Touching Davidson County With Love Saturday, April 9, 2011

Again this year the area churches will come together to reach out in providing acts of love and kindness to our community as a witness to Christ. Each participating church will enlist individuals to provide many varied skills needed.



Our coordinator this year is Lynn Klopp. The first item of importance is to secure project managers. These names will be turned in February 1st. If you are able to be a project manager or have questions please contact Lynn at 243-2602 or 250-2823.

MONETARY DONATIONS ARE APPRECIATED...on Sunday, February 13th we will take up a special offering for TDCWL. To donate please make your check payable to First Reformed UCC and write TDCWL on the memo line. You will be given credit on your giving statement for tax purposes.

Catered Lunch *Sunday, January 23, 2011*

Sunday, January 23rd there will be a catered lunch following the worship service. Yarborough's Restaurant will provide the meal. Reservations need to be made as soon as possible. Please fill out the reservation form below. DEADLINE for signup is Monday, January 17th.



CATERED LUNCH RESERVATION

Reservations need to be made by **Monday, January 17th**. Please fill out the registration form and drop it in the offering plate or call the church office at 248-2617. Donations for the meal will be accepted at the door.

Please register - - - Name: _____

Adults: _____

Children _____