

# Service of Divine Worship

Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

January 30, 2011

## Preparation for Worship

Prelude Variations on "Warrenton" Broughton

\*Chimes Sounding the Hour

\*Time of Greeting

Announcements

Choral Call to Worship

Solemn Declaration - - Amen Sung

## Praise to God

\*Hymn "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind" No. 226

\*Responsive Call to Worship

Liturgist: We are the people of God.

**People: Use us mightily, O God.**

Liturgist: May we reflect the glory of the Christ who has blessed us.

**People: Make our lives a beacon that attracts others to a life in Jesus, our Lord and Savior.**

\*Gloria Patri

Invocation

## Confession of Sin

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer for the Confession of Sin

**O holy redeemer, you have brought us to our knees by your unblemished presence among us. In Jesus, you show us what absolute holiness and love looks like. When we gaze at Jesus we see all the ways in which we have failed to be your people. For the most part, we are not bad or evil. However, we are often too timid to do the right thing. Sometimes our fear overcomes our gospel judgment, and we fail to act for the good. Forgive us and give us the heart to do what your will intends for us. Through your grace given to us in Christ Jesus. Amen.**

The Kyrie and Assurance of Pardon - - Amen Sung

# Witness of Faith

The Old Testament Reading

Psalms 15 (Page #485 of Pew Bible)

The Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer *{we pray debts}*

The Children's Moment

Anthem

"Lord, Lead Me, Lord"

Martin

## Proclamation of the Word

The New Testament Reading

Matthew 5:1-12 (Page #880 of Pew Bible)

Sermon

THE BLAME GAME

Reverend Mike Hooper

Prayer

## Response Through Dedication

Invitation to Give

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory

\*The Doxology

\*Offertory Prayer

## Preparation for Obedience in the World

\*Hymn

"Count Your Many Blessings"

SLS No. 39

\*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

"Marion"

Messiter

**\*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. **If visitors are interested in learning more about First Reformed UCC, please contact the church office at 248-2617 or [church@frucc.org](mailto:church@frucc.org).**

**THE FLOWERS** on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in honor of First Reformed UCC members as we move together into another chapter of our church life, by the Danze Family.

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

**PLATE ATTENDANT:** Buddy Lohr

**ACOLYTE:** Holt Biesecker

**GREETERS:** Lee and Mary Jo Jessup

**NURSERY:** Nina and Ted Smith

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** John Rollins, 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.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

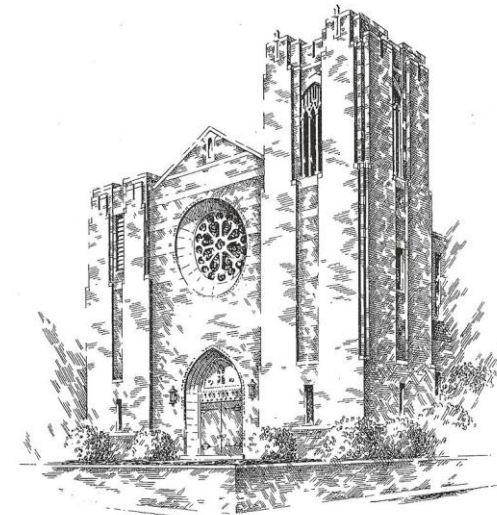
Sunday, January 30	9:45 a.m. ----- SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR EVERYONE
	11:00 a.m. ----- <b>WORSHIP SERVICE AND CHILDREN'S CHURCH</b> ( <b>REVEREND MIKE HOOPER</b> )
	2:00 p.m. ----- Children Make Soup Mix for Shut-ins {Fellowship Hall}
Monday, January 31	6:30 p.m. ----- Stephen Ministry Training {Downstairs}
Tuesday, February 1	7:00 p.m. ----- Board of Worship and Sacrament Chairperson Mtg {Parlor}
Wednesday, February 2	11:00 a.m. ----- Morning Glory Circle {Parlor}
	7:00 p.m. ----- Adult Choir Practice {Chapel Annex}
Thursday, February 3	5:30 p.m. ----- Yoga Class {Parlor}
Saturday, February 5	8:00 a.m. ----- Stephen Ministry Training {Downstairs}
Sunday, February 6	9:45 a.m. ----- SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR EVERYONE
	11:00 a.m. ----- <b>WORSHIP SERVICE (REVEREND LARRY WALSER)</b>
	NOON ----- Congregational Lunch and Annual Meeting {FH}
	1:30 p.m. ----- CONSISTORY MEETING {WW Classroom}

1/23/11 Attendance & Income	Needed Weekly	YTD Received	YTD Budget	Difference
188	\$2,813	\$5,414	\$14,357	(\$7,299)

#### CHURCH STAFF

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

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# Soup and Sandwich Lunch and Congregational Meeting

## Soup and Sandwich Lunch



**Next Sunday, February 6<sup>th</sup>** Women's Life Fellowship will provide their delicious vegetable soup along with sandwiches for lunch immediately following the worship service. Meal donations will assist with ongoing support of mission projects. **NOTE: EXTRA SOUP WILL BE SOLD FOR \$6.00 A QUART.**

Following lunch, the annual business meeting of First Reformed United Church of Christ will be held. Board chairpersons and treasurers will give annual reports. All members are encouraged to be a part of this important process in the life of our church.



As an added bonus, Ava Miller will be selling Girl Scout cookies in the fellowship hall before and after the congregational meeting. Be sure to get your order in...you only get one chance a year to purchase these delicious goodies.

## 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 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 1<sup>st</sup>. 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Boys and Girls! Moms and Dads!



You are invited to a soup mix making event for the shut-ins of our church. We will meet in the fellowship hall **TODAY**, to measure all of the ingredients and pour them in the jars. Then you and your parents are asked to choose two shut-ins to visit and deliver the soup mix. Please plan to attend and participate in this first Community Service Project of 2011.

Sunday, February 6<sup>th</sup> will be **"Souper" Bowl Sunday**. More than 20 years ago "Souper" Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group:

Next Sunday, after the church service, the children will be stationed at the church exits with pots to receive your donations. There are so many homeless and hungry people right here in Davidson County that need our help. Your donations will be given to the Pastor's Pantry. Please give generously.



The **Church Directory** Committee, a sub-committee of the Board of Evangelism is in the process of gathering pictures for a new church directory. Your picture doesn't have to be in a certain setting. It can be at the beach, at the mountains, or at home. We ask that you submit



pictures in the usual format of you and your spouse, you alone, or you and your family still living at the same address. Thank you to



Clifton and Harriette Murphy and Mark, Nicole, Elliott and Emory Smith for sharing their photos as examples. Please pick out a favorite photo and email it to Nicole Smith at [Nicole\\_Kathleen@hotmail.com](mailto:Nicole_Kathleen@hotmail.com). **If you do not have a photo to submit, arrangements can be made to have a picture taken at church.** If you have questions, contact Committee Chairman, Clifton Murphy at [amurphy@lexcominc.net](mailto:amurphy@lexcominc.net) or 731-4256.

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!