

Service of Divine Worship

First Sunday After Epiphany

January 9, 2011

Preparation for Worship

Prelude "Break Forth Into Joy" Bach

*Chimes Sounding the Hour

*Time of Greeting

Announcements

Choral Call to Worship

Solemn Declaration - - Amen Sung

Praise to God

*Hymn "Fairest Lord Jesus" No. 182

*Responsive Call to Worship

Liturgist: John the Baptist said: "After me comes one who is mightier than I am."

People: "We are not worthy to stoop down and untie the sandals of Jesus."

Liturgist: But Jesus is deserving of all prayer and praise, glory and adoration.

People: Let us worship Jesus Christ, the mighty One who is worthy of our worship!

*Gloria Patri

Invocation

Confession of Sin

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer for the Confession of Sin

Empowering God, your generosity fills us with your strength and light. Forgive us when we regard ourselves as ill-equipped or not quite ready to serve you. Help us discern the need and recognize the pain that resonates all around us. And relying on your abundance that knows no bounds, encourage us to share the hope and help you first give to us. We offer our hands, our hearts, and our efforts to you. Amen.

The Kyrie and Assurance of Pardon - - Amen Sung

Witness of Faith

The Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 42:1-9 (Page #657 of Pew Bible)

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

The Children's Moment

Anthem "Rejoice!" Martin

Proclamation of the Word

The New Testament Lesson

Matthew 3:13-17 (Page #879 of Pew Bible)

Sermon

HEAVEN CAME DOWN

Reverend Mike Hooper

Prayer

Response Through Dedication

Invitation to Give

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory

*The Doxology

*The Offertory Prayer

Preparation for Obedience in the World

*Hymn "Heaven Came Down" Insert

*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 "Ceremonial March" Wetherill

***Those who are able please stand**

HEAVEN CAME DOWN

O what a wonderful, wonderful day – Day I will never forget;
After I'd wandered in darkness away, Jesus my Savior I met.
O what a tender, compassionate friend – He met the need of my heart;
Shadows dispelling, with joy I am telling, He made all the darkness depart!

Born of the spirit with life from above into God's family divine,
Justified fully thro' Calvary's love, O what a standing is mine!
And the transaction so quickly was made when as a sinner I came,
Took of the offer of grace He did proffer – He saved me, O praise His dear name!

Now I've a hope that will surely endure after the passing of time;
I have a future in heaven for sure, there in those mansions sublime.
And it's because of that wonderful day when at the cross I believed;
Riches eternal and blessing supernal from His precious hand I received.

Refrain: Heaven came down and glory filled my soul,
When at the cross the Savior made me whole;
My sins were washed away and my night was turned to day –
Heaven came down and glory filled my soul!

Stephen Ministry Training

The first training session for our Stephen Minister trainees will begin Monday night, January 10, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. The topic is "The Person of the Caregiver". The instructors are John Barber and Cyndi Burns. The total training will consist of 50 hours and will end May 23, 2011.

This new ministry must have the support of our entire congregation. Once again, please keep this ministry and our excellent 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

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

First Reformed United Church of Christ Members,

I am in the process of filling in the flower chart for this year. Many of you have a standing date and we thank you for your faithfulness to the flower ministry. However, there are several open slots. If you would like to donate flowers for a Sunday service or have a special date that you would like to use (in honor or memory of a loved one), please contact Betty Link at 956-2507, jll3@ptmc.net or the church office at 248-2617, church@frucc.org.

Note: There are two open dates this month...January 16th and 30th.

Betty Link, Flower Chairperson

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: _____

Number: _____

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 Consistory members past and present, given by Reverend Banks and Eulene Shepherd.

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

PLATE ATTENDANT: Buddy Lohr

ACOLYTES: Laura and Katarina Strenk

GREETERS: Walter and Ann Hoffman

NURSERY: John Smith and Elizabeth Walser

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, Billy Smith (Betty Bates' Brother), 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 express **SYMPATHY** to and share Christian hope with the family of Barbara Schaeffer our member and friend. Also, sympathy is extended to John Hudson upon the death of his brother, James Hudson.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

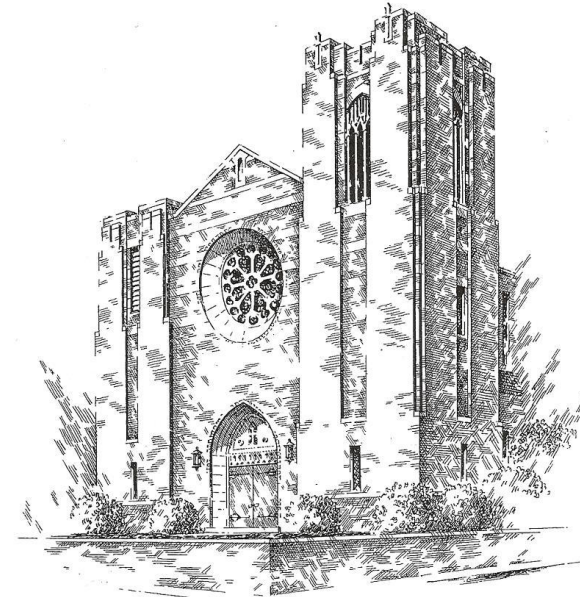
Sunday, January 9	9:45 a.m. ----- SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR EVERYONE 11:00 a.m. ----- WORSHIP SERVICE AND KIDS' CLUB (REV. MIKE HOOPER) 5:30 p.m. ----- NEW CONSISTORY MEMBERS MEET IN PARLOR 6:00 p.m. ----- CONSISTORY MEETING
Monday, January 10	Morning Glory Circle serves at the Shelter 6:30 p.m. ----- Board of Christian Education {Parlor} 6:30 p.m. ----- Stephen Ministry Training {Downstairs}
Tuesday, January 11	6:30 p.m. ----- Board of Evangelism {Parlor}
Wednesday, January 12	7:00 p.m. ----- Adult Choir Practice {Chapel Annex}
Thursday, January 13	5:30 p.m. ----- Yoga Class {Parlor}
Sunday, January 16	9:45 a.m. ----- SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR EVERYONE 11:00 a.m. ----- WORSHIP SERVICE & KIDS' CLUB (REVEREND JIM LUCK)

1/2/11 Attendance & Income	Needed Weekly	YTD Received	YTD Budget	Difference
111	\$4,022	\$5,414	\$4,022	(\$1,392)

CHURCH STAFF

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

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