

# Service of Divine Worship

Reformation Sunday

October 31, 2010

## Preparation for Worship

Prelude "Fight the Good Fight" Wilson  
\*Chimes Sounding the Hour  
\*Time of Greeting  
Announcements  
Choral Call to Worship  
Solemn Declaration - - Amen Sung

## Praise to God

\*Hymn "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" No. 281  
\*Responsive Call to Worship

Pastor: We cry out to God for the help we need. How will we know we have been heard?

**People: God stands with us through life's trials and temptations. God sends visions of new possibilities.**

Pastor: Here we stand watch for God's appearing. Together we seek a presence and aspire after truth.

**People: Surely God is in this place and will give us understanding.**

Pastor: God's righteousness is everlasting, and God's law is truth. Listen to all God would teach us. Come, let us worship God!

\*Gloria Patri

\*United Church of Christ Statement of Faith Inside Cover of Hymnal

## Confession of Sin

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer for the Confession of Sin

**God our friend, you listen to us and care for us in everything we do. Over and over again, you encourage us to turn towards your light. Free us from feeling powerless and help us to hear cries for justice. Free us from times when we imagine that things cannot change. Free us from times when we are afraid to risk finding new meaning for our lives. Forgive us, God, and write your law upon our hearts. Help us always to feel your love and care, your hope and encouragement. Amen.**

The Kyrie and Assurance of Pardon --- Amen Sung

## Witness of Faith

The Epistle Reading II Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12 (Page #1078 of Pew Bible)  
The Gospel Reading Luke 19:1-10 (Page #956 of Pew Bible)  
The Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer *{we pray debts}*  
Children's Moment  
Anthem "Jacob's Ladder" arr. Martin

## Proclamation of the Word

The Old Testament Reading Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 (Page #856 of Pew Bible)  
Sermon "REMEMBRANCE AND RENEWAL"

## Response through Dedication

Invitation to Give  
Giving of Tithes and Offerings  
The Offertory  
\*The Doxology and Offertory Prayer *{unison}*  
**Seeking God, all that we have is yours. All your children are our brothers and sisters. We are all inheritors of your grace. You have blessed us abundantly. Now bless what we have been moved to share, that our love for one another may increase. Amen.**

## Preparation for Obedience in the World

\*Hymn "Remembrance and Renewal" 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 "For All the Saints" Wilson

\*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 to the glory of God and in honor of Hense and Michelle Walser who were married in our sanctuary yesterday. Given by their families.

**USHERS:** Tom Danze, Susan Odom, Roy Bevan, and Jeff Hutchens

**PLATE ATTENDANT:** J.W. Bates

**ACOLYTES:** Mary Lloyd and Annabell Callicutt

**GREETERS:** Thomas, Sauni, Ashley, Sarah and Abigail Johnson

**NURSERY (to 6 years-old):** Alice and James Gray

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Ronnie Durham, Velna Swing, Callie Kepley, Betty Potts, Ernie and Sherry Bonner, Sadie Bailey, Elmer Morgan, Willie Ruth Leonard, Arlene Swing, Frances Leonard, Juanita and Henry Beck, Ernestine and Henry Kennedy, Nikki Slemph (Alisa Johnson's Mother), Paul Stevens (Lisa Nelson's Cousin), Patricia Green (Myrtle Latimer's Daughter), 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, October 31    | 9:45 a.m. ---Sunday School Classes for Everyone   |
|                       | 11:00 a.m. --- <b>Worship Service {Reverend June Grubb}</b>                                 |
|                       | 2 - 4 p.m. ---Youth and Adult Community Candlelight Practice                                |
| Monday, November 1    | 6:30 p.m. ---Board of Christian Education {Parlor}  |
|                       | 7:00 p.m. ---Stephen Ministry Leadership Team Meeting {Team Room}                           |
| Wednesday, November 3 | 11:00 a.m. ---Morning Glory Circle {Parlor}   |
|                       | 6:00 p.m. ---Children's Christmas Play Practice   |
|                       | 6:30 p.m. ---Board of Community Outreach {Parlor}   |
|                       | 7:00 p.m. ---Adult Choir Practice {Chapel Annex}  |
| Thursday, November 4  | 5:30 p.m. ---Yoga Class {Parlor}  |
| Sunday, November 7    | 9:45 a.m. ---Sunday School Classes for Everyone   |
|                       | 11:00 a.m. --- <b>HOMECOMING WORSHIP AND MEMORIAL SERVICE</b><br><b>{Doctor Lee Jessup}</b> |
|                       | Noon ----- <b>CATERED LUNCH</b>   |
|                       | 2:00 p.m. ---Consistory Meeting   |

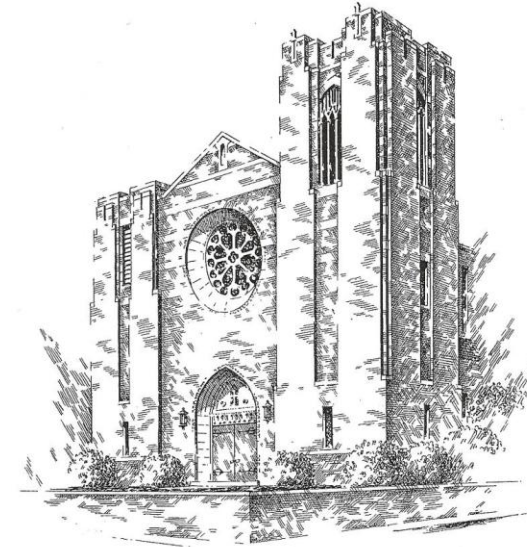
October 24, 2010 Attendance (Worship 85)  
October 25, 2009 Attendance (Worship 104)

Offering Received \$3,080.00  
Needed each Sunday to meet Budget \$5,581.00

#### Church Staff

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| Reverend June Grubb, Minister-On-Call ( <a href="mailto:jgrubb3@triad.rr.com">jgrubb3@triad.rr.com</a> ; 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  |                                 |

# *First Reformed United Church of Christ*



*Where People Discover - - -  
The Love of God*

*The Power to Love Others*

*The Ability to Love Ourselves*

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*Sunday, October 31, 2010*

First Reformed United Church of Christ is partnering with Uptown Lexington during the  
**Uptown Christmas Open House**

**Sunday, November 21, 2010, 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.**

Please drop off non-perishable foods for local food banks. Curbside service will be available. To assist First Reformed UCC members, **collection boxes will be in the narthex November 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 21<sup>st</sup>.** Items dropped off on those Sundays will be included with Open House collections. Thank you.



**“PENNIES FROM HEAVEN”**



Participate in the Fall **Pennies from Heaven – Spare Change Changing Lives Campaign!** It’s a fundraiser for Crisis Ministry of Davidson County to help meet operational costs. Collectively the change of many is helping to change the lives of those served by Crisis Ministry. What can you do to help? It’s simple...**collect pocket change!** Drop donations in coin bottles located in the narthex and outside the church office.

**CHURCH HOMECOMING**  
**Sunday, November 7, 2010**

Invite family, friends, and former members to come to First Reformed UCC for our annual Homecoming. Worship service will be led by Dr. Lee Jessup. During worship a candle will be lit for those members who have died since our last homecoming. Also, the oldest man and woman and youngest child present will be recognized. After worship we will enjoy a time of good food, friendship and fellowship as we share lunch together.



**CATERED LUNCH RESERVATION**

We are requesting that reservations be made by Tuesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please fill out the reservation form and drop in the offering plate or call the church office at 248-2617. Donations will be accepted at the door.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADULTS: \_\_\_\_\_

CHILDREN: \_\_\_\_\_

**Fellowship Hall Chairs**

How many times have you sat in the fellowship hall and thought how uncomfortable you were? How much would you enjoy sitting on a comfortable chair during the children’s Christmas pageant? *Have we got an offer for you!* Buy yourself a comfortable seat or two...or three. The Consistory has approved a project to raise funds to replace the fellowship hall folding chairs. The proposal is to NOT take funds from the budget but, raise enough funds to purchase chairs for the round tables. When enough is raised, the current chairs will be sold to another church, organization, or individuals with the money earned going to the general fund. This is a win, win proposition. The cost for a new chair is \$25.00. **We are seeking individual donations (no specific amount), and supplemental donations from organizations within the church.** This is a church-wide project that will benefit everyone. Please contact the church office with the amount you plan to give. To have the chairs for the Christmas program, the order will need to be placed by December 1<sup>st</sup>. *Call today.*



NOTE: If interested in the current chairs, they will be sold for \$5.00 each once other funds are raised.

**CROP Walk**

**Sunday, November 14, 2010**



**WHAT IS THE CROP HUNGER WALK?** Neighbors from different faiths, cultures, and ages, walking together to take a stand against hunger in our world. Together we raise awareness and funds for international relief and development, as well as local hunger-fighting agencies.

**WHAT DOES CROP MEAN?** **C**ommunities **R**esponding to **O**vercome **P**overty

**WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?** CROP Hunger Walks help fight hunger and poverty around the world, including the United States. Locally, 25% of what we raise stays in our community.

**WHAT CAN WE DO PERSONALLY?** Put our faith into action by walking. It will be an easy 5K (approximately 3 miles), beginning at 2:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church. (Walkers are requested to sign-in at 1:30 p.m.) **If you are not able to walk...SPONSOR a walker.**

**WALKERS:** Signup envelopes to record pledges and collect money are located in the narthex. Please sign beside the form # you take.