

Service of Divine Worship

First Sunday of Advent

November 28, 2010

Preparation for Worship

Prelude

*Chimes Sounding the Hour

*Time of Greeting

Announcements

Choral Call to Worship

Solemn Declaration - - Amen Sung

Praise to God

*Hymn "Wake, Awake, For Night Is Flying" No. 96

*Responsive Call to Worship

Pastor: How shall we prepare for the coming of the Prince of Peace?

People: With colors of purple and the beauty and truth of God's Word.

Pastor: How shall we prepare for the coming of the Savior?

People: With garlands of pine and fir, with holly and ivy whose leaves are ever living, ever green.

Pastor: How shall we prepare for the coming of the Light of the World?

People: With trees of light which shine in the darkness, calling us to hope.

Pastor: How shall we prepare for the coming of the Son of God?

People: With a wreath of green and candles of celebration which lead us through this season of waiting.

Pastor: How shall we prepare our hearts for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ?

People: By hearing the words of the prophets, by opening our spirits to the songs of the season, by receiving the Word of God in our lives.

*Gloria Patri

Invocation

Witness of Faith

The Lighting of the Advent Candle Birke, Amy, Kaitlyn, and Lucy McNeill

Reader 1: It's a start. Lighting the first candle is a start in this Advent journey toward receiving God's great gift.

Reader 2: It's a start just like a baby's first step, or the first word on the page, or the first "I love you" uttered in anticipation of a "yes."

(Light the first Advent Candle)

Reader 1: Let us begin by awakening our senses.

People: We hear both the cries of victims of violence and the songs of those singing for peace.

Reader 2: We see both the tears on the faces of those orphaned by storms and disease and the smiles of children who have not yet known loss.

People: We smell both sour rivers and mountain fresh air; we taste sorrow and savor joy.

Reader 1: Wake us, God, to the fullness of your world.

People: Wake us, God, to our own yearnings.

Reader 2: Keep us from falling asleep when you would have us look for new possibilities stirring among us.

Reader 1: Keep us alert to those openings in walls of violence where we can plant the seeds of peace and justice.

People: Start with us, O God. Wake us, stay with us, and keep us from dozing off as we live your way into Advent holiness. Amen.

**Refrain: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" No. 88
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!**

The Old Testament Reading Isaiah 2:2-5 (Page #618 of Pew Bible)

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

Children's Moment

Anthem "An Advent Prayer" Pote

Proclamation of the Word

The Gospel Reading Matthew 24:36-44 (Page #903 of Pew Bible)

Sermon "WALKING IN THE LIGHT"

Response Through Dedication

Invitation to Give

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory

*The Doxology and Offertory Prayer (Unison)

Thank you, God of love, for the promise of this season. We are grateful for the generosity aroused in us by Christ's coming into the world. May these gifts represent a new spirit of joyous sharing among us, for the sake of all your children everywhere. Amen

Preparation for Obedience in the World

- *Hymn "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" No. 89
 *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

USHERS: Mike Perry, Mike Brown, David Strenk, John Barber

PLATE ATTENDANT: Lynn Brown

ACOLYTES: Holt Biesecker, Kalyssa Hutchens and Griff Smith

GREETERS: Clifford and Paula Lopp

NURSERY (to 6 years-old): Keri Hartle and Ashlee Lopp

PRAYER CONCERNS: Ronnie Durham, Callie Kopley, 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, 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, November 28	9:45 a.m. ----- Sunday School Classes for Everyone 11:00 a.m. ----- WORSHIP SERVICE {Reverend June Grubb} CHILDREN'S CHURCH 6:00 p.m. ----- MADRIGAL SINGERS
Monday, November 29	6:00 p.m. ----- CHILI COOK-OFF AND ADVENT WORKSHOP
Tuesday, November 30	7:00 p.m. ----- Prayer Shawl Ministry (Parlor)
Wednesday, December 1	6:00 p.m. ----- Children's Play Practice (Fellowship Hall) 6:30 p.m. ----- Bell Choir Practice (Bell Room) 7:15 p.m. ----- Adult Choir Practice (Chapel Annex)
Thursday, December 2	5:30 p.m. ----- Yoga Class (Parlor)
Fri, Sat, Sun – Dec 3, 4, 5	Prayer Labyrinth (Fellowship Hall)
Sunday, December 5	9:45 a.m. ----- Joint Sunday School Class {Lesson: New Way Class} 10:20 a.m. ----- SS Social {Hosts: Alice & James Gray and Nina & Ted Smith} 11:00 a.m. ----- WORSHIP SERVICE {Reverend Mike Hooper} BLESSING OF THE PRAYER SHAWLS {REV. JUNE GRUBB}

11/21/10 Attendance & Income	Needed Weekly	YTD Received	YTD Budget	Difference
153	\$3,242.00	\$5,581.00	\$224,747.00	(\$39,433.00)

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

First Reformed United Church of Christ



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A Stephen Ministry Congregation

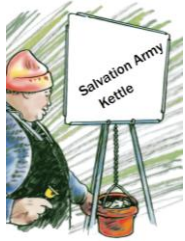
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WE WELCOME VISITORS who are attending our service of worship today. **EVERYONE** is requested to sign the attendance pad found at the end of each pew. We request visitors also to note their addresses and telephone numbers.



Friday, December 3rd and Saturday, December 4th First Reformed UCC will be ringing bells for the Salvation Army Christmas Kettle Fund at Lanier's Hardware.

NOTE: THERE ARE 2 TIME SLOTS STILL OPEN...PLEASE SIGN THE SHEET IN THE NARTHEX IF YOU CAN HELP!

Advent Workshop & Chili Cook-off Monday, November 29, 2010

The Advent workshop is tomorrow, Monday, November 29th starting at 6 p.m. We are going to have a chili cook-off. There are **12** pots of chili entered in the contest. Come and taste all of them to pick out the one you like the best. Vote for that one by placing money in the jar in front of the pot. Proceeds from the voting will be used to purchase costumes for the children's play.



Following the chili contest, we will be making a gingerbread village of Lexington using milk cartons, graham crackers, icing, and candy for decorations. We'll need the help of **EVERYONE** in constructing our town. **Young and not-so-young, individuals, families and groups of friends** will be making buildings in town, including our church and a stable for the front lawn. The "buildings" will be on display in the fellowship hall throughout December.

Need a Christmas Gift Idea?



The First Reformed UCC Board of Community Outreach can help! They are offering "Alternative Gift" ideas. Make a donation to one of our benevolences in honor of teachers, family members, friends, co-workers, etc. We will provide an acknowledgement card and envelope for you to mail. Please contact Walter Hoffman or the church office.

Labyrinth



The season of Advent is fast approaching and as always we are very busy. First Reformed UCC is offering our members the opportunity to participate in a Prayer Labyrinth experience. **Friday, December 3rd** (10 a.m. – 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. – 8 p.m.), **Saturday, December 4th** (10 a.m. – 4 p.m.), and **Sunday, December 5th** (9 – 10:30 a.m. and Noon – 4 p.m.) our Prayer Labyrinth will be laid out in the fellowship hall. Plan to take a moment from your busy schedule to enjoy a spiritual respite. Relax, reflect, and enjoy the inner peace found through prayer.

Sunday, December 12th
11 a.m. in the Sanctuary



The tree of "angels" is in the breezeway of the education building again this year. Make a donation (your discretion) to place an angel on the tree in honor or memory of someone. **ALL donations** will be given to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund for assistance to needy individuals/families. Please fill out the form and drop it in the offering plate or contact the church office at 248-2617.

IN MEMORY OF...

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IN HONOR OF...

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Poinsettia Remembrances

In Honor of - - -

Nancy Barr
Daniel and Nita Briggs
June Craver
Mary Crouse
George and Arnedra Horner
Ruth Huneycutt
Lynn Klopp
Henry and Rachael Koonts
Adam and Rebecca McKerlie
Our Children:
 Beth, Frank, Nathan and Andie
Our Grandchildren:
 Mary Lloyd, Annabell, Abbie and Vada
Our Grandchildren:
 Morgan, Grayson, and Jackson
Our Grandparents
Hoyle and Betty Potts and Elise Brown
Joyce Price
Mike Price
Cathy Waitman
Addie Walser

Given By

Peyton and Cameron Barr
Janette Neal and John Potts
John and Bettie Barber
Her Family
John, Vicky, John E. and Sam Gray
Peyton and Cameron Barr
Lauren and Seth Klopp
Bob and Dawn Shaak
Brian McKerlie
Mary Jo and Lee Jessup

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"Nanny" and "Pap Paw" Murphy
Kaitlyn and Lucy McNeill
Mike and Lynn Brown
Your Heart Sister
Brian McKerlie
Amy McNeill
John Smith



In Loving Memory of - - -

Edith C. and Harris H. Barber
Ruby Bouchard
Corky and Jake Briggs
Dedra Jo Clark
Norman Essick
Banks & Evelyn Evans and
 Clifton and Cathern Murphy
Homer and Voncile Evans and
 Charles McCarn
Hoy Lee and Ethel Hedrick Fisher
Lori Lopp Floyd
John and Dorothy Gray
William P. Grimes
Jim and Arline Grubb
Dwight Hinkle
Louise and Robert Hunter
Gordon Knowles
Foil Lohr
Robert Glenn Lohr
Ida and Garret Morris
Robert H. Morris
Jared Allen Perrell
Patricia Frye Potts
Vernon Price, Jr.
John Robbins
Ray and Dot Shaak
Howard D. and Pearl Sharp Shepherd
Reverend Frank Snider
Violet and E.J. Washburn
John "Dawg" Williams

Given By

John and Bettie Barber
Butch Bouchard and Family
Their Family
Eddie & Belinda Yates and Allyson Clark
Ruth Essick
Harriette and Clifton Murphy

Johnny, Lynn, Jordan McCarn
 and Brandi and Joe Gerew
Eulene F. and Banks Shepherd
The Clifford Lopp Family
John, Vicky, John E. and Sam Gray
His Family
June M. Grubb
Lib Hinkle
Nancy Robbins
Lee Ann and Tony Peele
Janie Lohr, Phyllis Ann, and Martha
Maxine Lohr
Ann and Lennie Cooper
Ann and Lennie Cooper
"Nanny" and "Pap Paw" Murphy
John Potts and Janette Neal
Joyce and Valerie Price
Nancy Robbins
Bob and Dawn Shaak
Banks and Eulene F. Shepherd
Gladys Snider
Bettie and John Barber
John Smith, Nathaniel Kepley,
 and Russ Craver

If you purchased a poinsettia it can be picked up today to enjoy at home during the Advent Season.