

Service of Divine Worship

Eighth Sunday After Epiphany

February 27, 2011

Preparation for Worship

Prelude "Largo" Handel
*Chimes Sounding the Hour
*Time of Greeting
Announcements
Choral Call to Worship
Solemn Declaration - - Amen Sung

Praise to God

*Hymn "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty" No. 23
*Responsive Call to Worship
Liturgist: Beautiful are the works of God!
People: Beautiful also are the skins of God's people!
Liturgist: Beautiful is the mind of God!
People: Beautiful also are the hopes of God's people!
Liturgist: Beautiful is the heart of God!
People: Beautiful also are the souls of God's people!
Liturgist: God made the heavens and the earth!
People: To God be the glory for the things God has done.

*Gloria Patri

Unison Invocation

O God of the morning and of the evening hours let your Spirit come on us here gathered. This is the holy place where we, your people, call on you in faith, joining heart and voice in thanksgiving and praise to your name. Amen.

Confession of Sin

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer for the Confession of Sin

Caring God, you see the broken portions of our lives, the sharp-edged memories and the jagged emotions that cause us pain. Comfort us, we pray.

Compassionate God, you recognize the frailties of our faith, the buckling-under to injustices and the adopting of beliefs more convenient than compelling. Forgive us, we pray.

Almighty God, you affirm the fragile elements of faith, the delicate beauty of self-giving and the valuable practice of worship. Preserve us, we pray.

In the strong name of Jesus Christ, Teacher and Savior, we seek your forgiveness and your guidance. Amen.

The Kyrie and Assurance of Pardon - - Amen Sung

Witness of Faith

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

The Children's Moment

Reverend June Grubb

Anthem

"O The Blessedness Is Great"

Bechler

Proclamation of the Word

The Scripture Reading

I Peter 2:1-10 (Page #1104 of Pew Bible)

Sermon

GOD'S PEOPLE

Reverend Bobby Bonds

Prayer

Response Through Dedication

Invitation to Give

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory

"If Thou Be Near"

Bach

*The Doxology and Unison Offertory Prayer

Loving God, as commitment to you provides a foundation for the living of our days, may these gifts we offer serve to support the mission of our church. By your grace let our faithfulness grow upon the grand work of joyful obedience and compassionate outreach. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Preparation for Obedience in the World

*Hymn

"The Church's One Foundation"

No. 322

*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

"Postlude"

Eslava

THE FLOWERS on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of my parents, Harris and Edith Barber, by Mrs. Bruce (June) Craver.

THE BUDVASE on the pedestal is given to the glory of God and in honor of Sadie Ann Bailey who is celebrating her 97th birthday today by her niece, Peggy B Bates. Sadie is the oldest member of our church.

USHERS: James Gray, John Smith, III, Henry Crouse and Jeff Hutchens

PLATE ATTENDANT: Carolyn Spivey

ACOLYTES: Laura and Katarina Strenk

GREETERS: Glenyce and Dave Fulton

NURSERY: Sauni and Thomas Johnson

PRAYER CONCERNS: Arlene Swing, Mary Crouse, Callie Kepley, Holton Davis, Buddy Lohr, Gladys Snider, John Rollins, Ronnie Durham, Betty Potts, Ernie Bonner, Sadie Bailey, Willie Ruth Leonard, 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

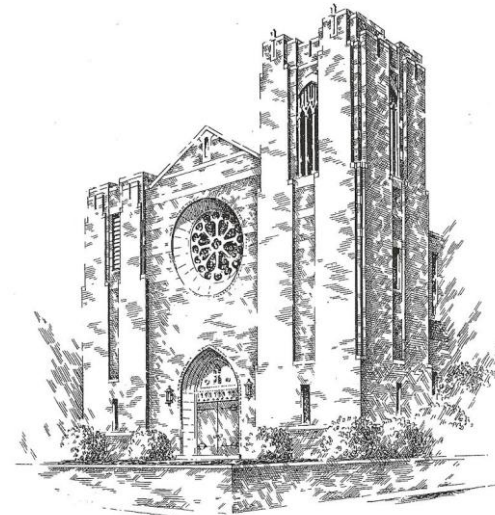
Sunday, February 27	9:45 a.m.----- New Member Class {Parlor}
	9:45 a.m.----- SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR EVERYONE
	11:00 a.m.----- WORSHIP SERVICE (REVEREND BOBBY BONDS) AND CHILDREN'S CHURCH
Monday, February 28	6:30 p.m.----- Stephen Ministry Training {Downstairs}
Wednesday, March 2	11:00 a.m.----- Morning Glory Circle {Parlor}
	6:30 p.m.----- Bell Choir Practice {Bell Room}
	7:15 p.m.----- Adult Choir Practice {Chapel Annex}
Thursday, March 3	5:30 p.m.----- Yoga Class {Parlor}
Sunday, March 6	Joint Sunday School and Social will be March 13th
	9:45 a.m.----- New Member Class {Parlor}
	9:45 a.m.----- SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR EVERYONE
	11:00 a.m.----- WORSHIP SERVICE (DOCTOR LEE JESSUP) AND KIDS' CLUB
	NOON ----- BAKED POTATO AND SALAD LUNCH

2/20/11 Attendance & Income	Needed Weekly	YTD Received	YTD Budget	Difference
104	\$1,949	\$5,414	\$31,594	(\$11,718)

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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JOINT SUNDAY SCHOOL AND SOCIAL

Because of the Baked Potato and Salad Lunch scheduled for next Sunday, March 6th, the monthly Joint Sunday school class and Sunday school social have been postponed to the following week, **Sunday, March 13th**. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend both events.



Baked Potato and Salad Lunch Sunday, March 6, 2011



First Reformed UCC will pay ½ of the cost for each child in our church who wants to attend Johns River Valley Camp. To help raise funds we will have a baked potato and tossed salad luncheon on Sunday, March 6th. Betty Barr is heading the committee for the luncheon. To assist us with planning for this event, please fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate. Also, if you would like to make a donation for the luncheon or the cost of the camp, please make your check payable to First Reformed UCC with "Johns River" written on the memo line and place it in the offering plate or bring it by the church office.

LUNCH RESERVATION

Reservations should be made by Tuesday, March 1st. Please fill out the reservation form and drop in the offering plate or call the church office at 248-2617. Donations for the meal will be accepted at the door.



Name _____

Adults _____

Children: _____

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.**

WOMEN'S LIFE FELLOWSHIP MEMBERS will meet briefly immediately following the worship service.



Touching DC
With Love

TODAY is the last scheduled Sunday First Reformed UCC will collect funds for **TOUCHING DAVIDSON COUNTY WITH LOVE**. Our gift is to be turned in on Tuesday, March 1st. Your contributions will be used to help purchase materials for the many projects planned for Saturday, April 9th. 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.

POTENTIAL NEW MEMBER CLASSES: Are you a visitor and wondering what the UCC is? Have you been visiting for a few weeks, like the service and the people of this church, but still are unclear about our theology? Are you unclear about the difference between the Reformed churches and the other denominations? If so, you might be interested in a new class that the Board of Evangelism began this morning. A Potential New Member class is being taught during Church School for a couple of Sundays. The first class was held this morning. There will be a second class on March 6th at 9:45 a.m. in the Parlor of the Education Building.



On Wednesday, March 9th at 7 p.m. there will be an **IMPOSITION OF ASHES SERVICE** held in the Chapel. Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent. The service will offer a time to lift up our hearts in confession and enter into the season of self-denial.