

# Service of Divine Worship

Transfiguration Sunday

March 6, 2011

## Preparation for Worship

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

## Praise to God

\*Hymn "For the Beauty of the Earth" No. 12  
\*Responsive Call to Worship  
Liturgist: Let our souls bless the Lord;  
**People: Let all that is within us bless God's holy name.**  
Liturgist: Let our souls bless the Lord;  
**People: Let us remember all God's benefits to us.**  
Liturgist: Let our souls bless the Lord;  
**People: Whose steadfast love is from everlasting to everlasting.**  
\*Gloria Patri  
Invocation

## Confession of Sin

Call to Confession  
Unison Prayer for the Confession of Sin  
**O God, we are towered over by wrongdoing; hemmed in by the world's evils, and lost in the tangle of our own sins. We have trampled holy things, and lifted up worldly non-essentials. We have been insensitive to the great wounds of others, while crying loudly over our own small nicks. We applaud the importance of the church, but give it less and less of our time. Love us anyway, O Lord, and by forgiving us beyond our deserving, establish us on the pathway of selfless compassion, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

The Kyrie and Assurance of Pardon - - Amen Sung

# Witness of Faith

The Old Testament Lesson Exodus 24:12-18 (Page #69 of Pew Bible)  
The Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer *{we pray debts}*  
The Children's Moment  
Anthem "If I Go Not Away" arr. McCormick

## Proclamation of the Word

The New Testament Lesson Matthew 17:1-9 (Page #894 of Pew Bible)  
Sermon **UP ON THE MOUNTAIN** Dr. Lee Jessup  
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 "More Love To Thee, O Christ" No. 471  
\*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 "Toccata in E Minor" Pachelbel

**\*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 loving memory of Ruby Bouchard by her husband Butch and their children.

**USHERS:** Steve Smith, Deanna Michael, Amy McNeill, Vicky Gray and Ted Smith

**PLATE ATTENDANT:** Roy Bevan

**ACOLYTES:** Holt Biesecker, Kalyssa Hutchens, Griff Smith

**GREETERS:** J.W. and Betty Bates

**NURSERY:** Belinda and Eddie Yates

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Mary Crouse, Callie Kepley, Holton Davis, 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), 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 Jim Swing, Denise and Ronnie Durham, Linda and Chip Burkhart and Courtney and Wesley Grimsley upon the death of their loved one and our friend, Arlene Swing.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, March 6 **Joint Sunday School and Social will be March 13<sup>th</sup>**  
 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**

Monday, March 7  
 6:30 p.m. ----- Board of Christian Education Meeting {Parlor}  
 6:30 p.m. ----- Board of Community Outreach Mtg {Willing Workers Class}

Tuesday, March 8  
 10:00 a.m. ----- Prayer Shawl Ministry {Parlor}  
 6:30 p.m. ----- Board of Evangelism Meeting {Parlor}

Wednesday, March 9  
 Noon ----- Community Lenten Service and Lunch {First UMC}  
 7:00 p.m. ----- Imposition of Ashes Service {Chapel}

Thursday, March 10  
 5:30 p.m. ----- Yoga Class {Parlor}

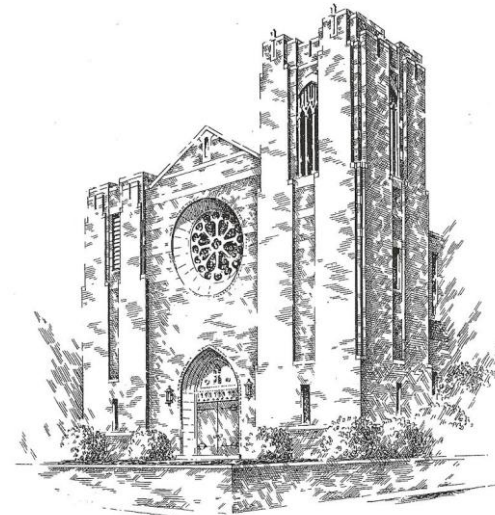
Sunday, March 13  
 9:45 a.m. ----- JT ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS {LESSON: WILLING WORKERS}  
 10:20 a.m. ----- SS Social {Hosts: Myra Thompson and Betty & Larry Link}  
 11:00 a.m. ----- **WORSHIP SERVICE (REV MIKE HOOPER) AND KIDS' CLUB**  
 6:00 p.m. ----- CONSISTORY MEETING {Willing Workers Class}

2/27/11 Attendance & Income	Needed Weekly	YTD Received	YTD Budget	Difference
113	\$4,069	\$5,414	\$35,663	\$48,726 (\$13,063)

#### 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 Paul Freeman, Choir Director  
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## Baked Potato and Salad Lunch



First Reformed UCC will pay ½ of the cost for each child in our church who wants to attend Johns River Valley Camp this summer. To help raise funds we are having a baked potato and tossed salad luncheon today. Also, if you would like to make a donation for 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.

On Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> 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.



## TOUCHING DAVIDSON COUNTY WITH LOVE



On Saturday, **April 9**, caring folks from around the county will come together for a day of service and love. We hope that you will consider sharing your time and talent to help others in need in our community by participating in **Touching Davidson County with Love** (TDCWL). There are a wide variety of projects lined up: construction, yard work, painting, visiting residents and singing at nursing homes--just to name a few of them.

Project sign-up sheets and t-shirt order forms are posted in the Narthex. T-shirt orders are due by March 22. Checks should be made out to First Presbyterian Church. The shirts are red this year and the cost is \$6 (add \$2 for XXL and XXXL sizes).

Please plan to attend the TDCWL **Prayer Service** in preparation for this day of service and love on Thursday, **April 7**, at **7:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church**. Refreshments will be served after the service.

If you are unable to participate in this day of service, we ask that you pray for the leaders and workers, that they will be a blessing as they serve as God's hands, feet and heart through these projects; and pray that those who are served on this day will be able to see God at work through these volunteers.

If you have any questions about TDCWL, please contact Lynn Klopp at 243-2602.

**Signup sheets will be in the narthex and in the fellowship hall at the Baked Potato and Salad Luncheon.**

**PICTORIAL DIRECTORY PICTURES WILL BE MADE IN THE PARLOR FOLLOWING LUNCH TODAY.**



*Welcome* Women's Life Fellowship members are serving the evening meal **OUR GUEST SPEAKER** at the Homeless Shelter on Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup> and will return to the church for our meeting. **Special guest speaker, Donna Smith** will give a program on Prayer Journaling. Donna is a member of Bethel United Methodist Church in Thomasville. Since 1996 she has written a monthly religion column for The Dispatch. Donna is also a teacher in the Davidson County school system. A wife and mother of three grown sons, she has written a book titled Muddy Feet on the Narrow Path.

**We want to extend a special invitation to ALL women of the church to join us on Monday night, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.**

**The following was taken from the daily devotions offered on the UCC website.**

**Excerpt from [Isaiah 31:1-9](#)** "Like birds hovering overhead, so the Lord of hosts will protect Jerusalem; God will protect and deliver it, God will spare and rescue it."

### **Reflection by Quinn G. Caldwell**

2010 was one of the three warmest years on record, ever. Arctic sea ice covers less area — by far — than it ever has. Carbon levels in the atmosphere are rising. Global climate change and all that comes with it — wild temperature fluctuations, terrible droughts in some place and floods in others, bigger and more frequent storms — are real. Almost no one who has made a serious assay of the available scientific data doubts this. Finding ways to live faithfully in the context of this reality will be the single most urgent theological (and scientific, and technological, and ecological, and medical, and political...) issue of the next several decades. For if the planet becomes uninhabitable, all other theological questions will be moot.

Lent, the great season of spiritual housecleaning, is just around the corner, and our house certainly could use some cleaning. So this year, instead of giving up chocolate or swearing, give up something whose absence will actually matter in the world: carbon. Each day during Lent, those who sign up to help save the world by participating in the first-ever Ecumenical Carbon Fast will receive an email with one carbon-limiting activity they can do that day. Together, Christians from around the country will tend to the Creation God gave us and do our best to change our ways. It might not be the saving of the world — that's God's job — but we sure will be a part of it.

To learn more and sign up, go to [macucc.org](http://macucc.org) and click on **2011 Ecumenical Lenten Carbon Fast**.