

Service of Divine Worship

First Sunday After Christmas

Liturgist: Walter Hoffman

We Gather To Serve God In Worship

Prelude Prelude on "Morning Star" Balcombe

*Chimes Sounding the Hour

*Time of Greeting

Announcements

Choral Call to Worship

Solemn Declaration - - Amen Sung

*Responsive Call to Worship

Liturgist: Simeon saw Mary and Joseph bringing Jesus to the temple, and he prayed to God saying, "My eyes have seen your salvation."

People: We, too, see with our eyes, hear with our ears, and know with our hearts and minds that Jesus Christ is the Messiah, our salvation from death.

Liturgist: Anna saw Mary and Joseph's child, and she began praising God, knowing that Jesus brought the redemption she awaited.

People: Merciful God, you kept your promises and sent Jesus to pay the debts of our sin. Blessed by your name, O lord, and welcome is the Messiah you sent to us.

*Hymn "Joy to the World" No. 120

Confession of Sin

*Call to Confession

*Unison Prayer for the Confession of Sin

Deliver us, we pray, for our lack of energy, our lack of anticipation, our lack of imagination. You come to us and we refuse to see. You bring long awaited treasures and we are slow to respond. Grant us eyes to see clearly and a vitality to plunge in with creative vision. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

*Gloria Patri

We Proclaim The Word of God

The Epistle Reading

Galatians 4:4-7 (Page #1061 of Pew Bible)

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

Let the Children Come

Special Music

"Go Tell It on the Mountain"

arr. Hayes

The Gospel Reading

Luke 2:22-40 (Page #933 of Pew Bible)

Sermon

"Go in Peace"

We Respond To The Word of God

Invitation to Give

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory

*Our Response

"We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise"

*The Offertory Prayer

In thanksgiving, O God, for all that you give to us, we offer these gifts. May they be used to further your kingdom on earth, a well-spring to the people and a symbol of our heart's desire that your will be done. Amen.

We Go Forth to Serve God

*Hymn

"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"

No. 107

*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

"Joy, Joyful Joy"

Thygerson

***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.

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

PLATE ATTENDANT: Buddy Lohr

ACOLYTES: Laura and Katarina Strenk

GREETERS: Tom and Kathleen Danze, Robert, Harrison, and Hannah

NURSERY: Nicole and Mark Smith

PRAYER CONCERNS: Annabelle Studebaker, Ronnie Durham, Sadie Bailey, Ernie Bonner, Mary Crouse, Holton Davis, Willie Ruth Leonard, Juanita Beck, Henry Kennedy, Margot Everhart, Stephen & Glory Tussey, Susan Stier, Judy Guillot, Maria Kattengell, Jimmy Grubb, Evelyn Smith, Ted Williams, Sterling Hedrick, Jules Bliss, Bunny and Virginia Hill, Ann Spivey, Connie Weichert, Sandra Fern, Randy Carter, and Paul Stevens. To add a name for prayer, contact Adena Wall at 249-1904 or the church office.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, January 1 9:45 am ----- Sunday School Classes for Everyone
 11:00 am ----- **WORSHIP SERVICE {SANCTUARY}**
 Noon ----- **DECORATING COMMITTEE (AND ANYONE WHO CAN HELP)**
 REMOVE DECORATIONS FROM CHURCH BUILDINGS

Monday, January 2 Office Holiday

 6:00 pm ----- Men's Brotherhood Dinner Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, January 4 11:00 am ----- Morning Glory Circle (Parlor)

Thursday, January 5 5:30 pm ----- Yoga Class (Parlor)

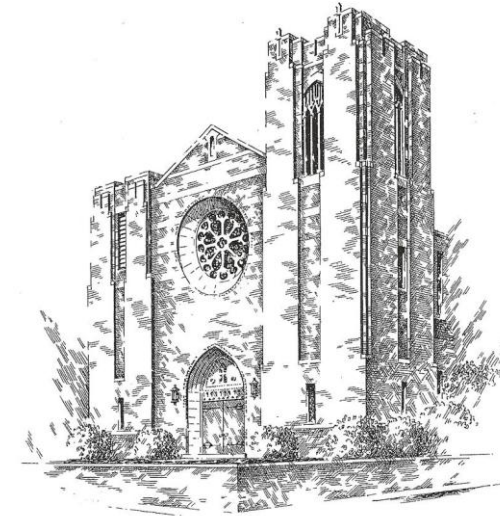
Sunday, January 8 9:45 am ----- JOINT ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL (Men's Bible Class)
 10:20 am ----- SUNDAY SCHOOL SOCIAL
 {Host: Cheryl and Bill Walser, Janette Neal and John Potts}
 11:00 am ----- **WORSHIP SERVICE AND HOLY COMMUNION**
 ORDINATION/INSTALLATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS
 5:30 pm ----- **NEW CONSISTORY MEMBERS MEET IN PARLOR**
 6:00 pm ----- CONSISTORY MEETING

| 12/25/11 Attendance & Income | Needed Weekly | YTD Received |
|------------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| 56 | \$3,613 | \$5,621 |
| | | \$246,704 |

CHURCH STAFF

Reverend Robin Keating (Office #336-248-2617, Cell #336-250-9554)
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 Lee Ann Peele, Organist Paula Lopp, Administrative Asst

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The Love of God
The Power to Love Others
The Ability to Love Ourselves*

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