

Service of Divine Worship

Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

Liturgist: Walter Hoffman

We Gather To Serve God In Worship

Prelude "Rondo in G" Bull

*Chimes Sounding the Hour

*Time of Greeting

Announcements

Choral Call to Worship

Solemn Declaration - - Amen Sung

*Responsive Call to Worship

Liturgist: People of God, Jesus astonished the people of Galilee with the authority of his teaching.

People: He astounded them when he performed a miracle of healing grace.

Liturgist: So may he astonish and astound us in worship this day, surprising us with joy.

People: Let us worship God with one voice celebrating the graciousness of divine mercy.

*Hymn "O Word of God" No. 199

Confession of Sin

*Call to Confession

*Unison Prayer for the Confession of Sin

We are possessed by many things that lead us away from you, O God. Our spirits struggle to be in control rather than submit to your control. We are not always ready for you to heal and make us whole, because the demon we know becomes comfortable. We come to you confessing our sins and asking for healing this very day. Return us to your favor by your grace. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

*Gloria Patri

We Proclaim The Word of God

The Old Testament Reading Deuteronomy 18:15-20 (Page #174 of Pew Bible)

Psalms 111 (Bulletin Insert)

Let the Children Come

Anthem "Every Valley" Drennan

The Gospel Reading Mark 1:21-28 (Page #910 of Pew Bible)

Sermon "Miracle Worker or Teacher"

We Respond To The Word of God

Affirmation of Baptism: Reception of Members

Pastor: Let us ... affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.

People: We welcome you with joy in the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.

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

Invitation to Give

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory

*Our Response "We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise"

We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord,

We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord.

And we offer up to You the sacrifices of thanksgiving,

And we offer up to You the sacrifices of joy!

*The Offertory Prayer

Make us willing to risk our resources and ourselves in your behalf, O God. Send these offerings and us to places that are in need of some abundant life and good news. May these offerings be symbols of hope which we bring for people in need of it. Amen.

We Go Forth to Serve God

*Hymn "He Leadeth Me" No. 466

*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 "Fantasia" Telemann

***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.

THE FLOWERS on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jo Ann and Fred Miller by Edgar, Kivi, Ava and Jianna Miller.

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

PLATE ATTENDANT: Buddy Lohr

ACOLYTES: Laura and Katarina Strenk

GREETERS: Lynn Klopp and Ramona Yarbrough

NURSERY: Betty Bates

PRAYER CONCERNS: Steve Smith, Juanita Beck, Annabelle Studebaker, Ronnie Durham, Sadie Bailey, Ernie Bonner, Mary Crouse, Holton Davis, Willie Ruth Leonard, Henry Kennedy, Margot Everhart, Michael Bliss, Stephen & Glory Tussey, Susan Stier, Judy Guillot, Maria Kattengell, Jimmy Grubb, Evelyn Smith, Ted Williams, Sterling Hedrick, Jules Bliss, Bunny and Virginia Hill, 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

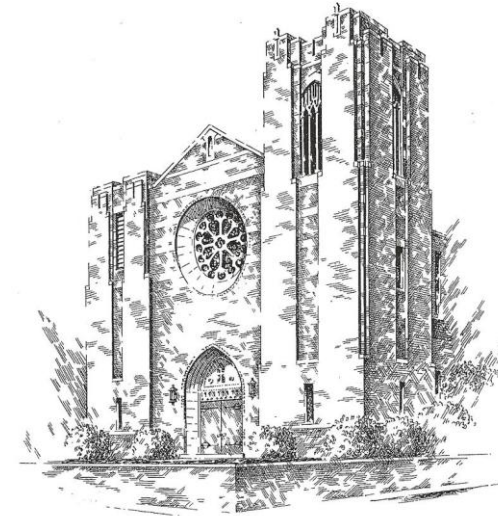
Sunday, January 29	9:45 am ----- SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR EVERYONE 11:00 am ----- WORSHIP SERVICE (NEW MEMBERS) AND KIDS' CLUB
Monday, January 30	9:00 am ----- Meals-On-Wheels Volunteer Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
Tuesday, January 31	10:00 am ----- Spirituality Class {Parlor} 6:30 pm ----- Board of Worship & Sacrament Committee Chairpersons {P}
Wednesday, February 1	11:00 am ----- Morning Glory Circle Meeting {Parlor} 7:00 pm ----- Choir Practice {Chapel Annex}
Thursday, February 2	5:30 pm ----- Yoga Class {Parlor} 7:00 pm ----- Spirituality Class {Parlor}
Sunday, February 5	9:45 am ----- SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR EVERYONE 11:00 am ----- WORSHIP SERVICE (SOUP-ER BOWL OF CARING) NOON ----- SOUP & SANDWICH LUNCH (SEND-A-KID TO CAMP FUNDRAISER) CONGREGATIONAL BUSINESS MEETING
Monday, February 6	6:00 pm ----- Men's Brotherhood Dinner Meeting (Fellowship Hall) 6:30 pm ----- Board of Christian Education Meeting {Parlor}

1/22/12 Attendance & Income	Needed Weekly	YTD Received
132	\$6,290	\$5,778

CHURCH STAFF

Reverend Robin Keating (#336-250-9554)	Cathy Waitman, 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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The Love of God
The Power to Love Others
The Ability to Love Ourselves*

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Sunday, January 29, 2012

Sunday, February 5th will be **“Souper” Bowl Sunday**. More than 20 years ago “Souper” Bowl of Caring began with this simple prayer from a single youth group:

“Lord, as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us to be mindful of those without even a bowl of soup to eat.”

Since that day, more than \$71 million has been raised for local charities across the country. After the church service, the children will be stationed at the church exits with pots to receive your donations. There are so many homeless and hungry people right here in Davidson County that needs our help. Your donations will be given to local food banks. Please give generously.



Touching Davidson County With Love Saturday, April 21, 2012



Again this year, the area churches will come together to reach out in providing acts of love and kindness to our community as a witness to Christ. Each participating church will enlist individuals to provide varied skills needed.

Our coordinator this year is Lynn Klopp. The first item of importance is to secure project managers. This can be anything from planning and overseeing a nursing home visit to painting or doing a construction project. These names will be turned in February 5th. If you are able to be a project manager or have questions please contact Lynn at 250-2823.

MONETARY DONATIONS ARE APPRECIATED...on **Sunday, February 19th** we will take up a special offering for TDCWL. 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.

NOTE: If anyone knows of a construction or non-construction project need in our community or church membership, a form is available to fill out (*see Lynn Klopp*). The project request will be assessed and may or may not be approved by the TDCWL Steering Committee (decisions are based on available funds and availability of a project manager to oversee the project, etc.). It needs to be a project that can be completed in one day or less and if it is a construction project the beneficiary must own the home on which the project is being done. **The deadline for forms is TODAY, January 29th.**

Soup and Sandwich Lunch and Congregational Meeting

Soup and
Sandwich
Lunch



On **Sunday, February 5th** we will be served delicious vegetable soup along with sandwiches for lunch immediately following the worship service. Meal donations will assist with support of our Johns River Campers.

NOTE: EXTRA SOUP WILL BE SOLD FOR \$5.00 A QUART.

Following lunch, a business meeting of First Reformed United Church of Christ will be held. Board chairpersons and treasurers will give annual reports. Also, a revision of the First Reformed UCC Vision Statement will be voted on. The revision consists of adding a few words for clarity. The Consistory has approved the following:



First Reformed UCC of Lexington's Vision is to build a vital and vibrant Christian Community where people discover:

- **The Love of God through Worship and Spirituality**
- **The Power to Love Others through Community Service and Compassion**
- **The Ability to Love Ourselves through Christian Learning and Fellowship**

All members are encouraged to be a part of this important process in the life of our church.



Ava and Jianna Miller will be taking Girl Scout Cookie orders at lunch. Cookies will be delivered in the narthex on February 19th. Orders are only taken once a year for these delicious goodies.

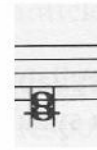
Psalm 111

Response

Antiphon: Marty Haugen, 1994

Unison

Great, great, great are the works of God.



Response

- 1) Praise God! I will give thanks to God with
- 2) Great are the
- 3) Full of honor and majesty
- 4) God has gained renown by won-

my whole heart,
works of God,
is God's work,
derful deeds;

in the company of the upright, in the
studied by all who de -
and God's righteousness en -
God is gra -

congregation.
light in them.
dures forever.
cious and merciful.

Response

- 5) God provides food for those
- 6) God has shown God's people the power
- 7) The works of God's hands are faith -
- 8) They are established for -

who fear God;
of God's works.
ful and just;
ever and ever,

God is ever mindful
In giving them the heritage
all God's pre -
to be performed with faithful -

of God's covenant.
of the nations.
cepts are trustworthy.
ness and uprightness.

Response

- 9) God sent redemption
- 10) The fear of God is the begin-

to God's people;
ning of wisdom;

God has commanded God's covenant forever. Holy and awesome
all those who practice it have a good understanding. God's praise en -

is God's name.
dures forever.

Response

