

Service of Divine Worship

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgist: Dave Fulton

We Gather To Serve God In Worship

Prelude "Prelude and Fugue in D" Bach

*Chimes Sounding the Hour

*Time of Greeting

Announcements

Choral Call to Worship

Solemn Declaration - - Amen Sung

*Responsive Call to Worship

Liturgist: We have one master – Jesus the Messiah.

People: We humble ourselves before our Master.

Liturgist: We have one teacher – Jesus the Christ.

People: May God open our hearts that we may learn Jesus' love.

Liturgist: We have one instructor – Jesus the Lord.

People: Jesus was a humble servant to all yet was exalted above all.

Liturgist: Let us worship Jesus our Lord.

*Hymn "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" No. 281

Confession of Sin

*Call to Confession

*Unison Prayer for the Confession of Sin

O God, too often we seek our own glory rather than your glory. Too often we follow a religion of show rather than a religion of service. Too often we seek recognition and reward rather than hearts that are humble and pure. In seeking your own heart may we be freed of our need to have others notice us or submit to us. May we follow only the joys of genuine humility and service, living truly as one family with all your children. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

*Gloria Patri

We Proclaim The Word of God

The Epistle Reading 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 (Page #1075 of Pew Bible)

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

Let the Children Come

Anthem "He Keeps Me Singing" McDonald

The Gospel Reading Matthew 23:1-12 (Page #901 of Pew Bible)

Sermon **"Reformed and Reforming, United and Uniting"**

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"**

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

O Source and Sovereign, accept these gifts, not as signs of how important we are, but as symbols of the lives you give to us. Help us make you truly sovereign in our lives, rather than just show. Amen.

We Go Forth to Serve God

*Hymn "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee" No. 205

*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 "Trumpet Air" Purcell

***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.

FLOWERS: The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the wedding anniversary of Hense and Michelle Walser, by Bill and Cheryl Walser.

USHERS: Tom Danze, Susan Odom, Roy Bevan and Nicole Smith

PLATE ATTENDANT: J.W. Bates

ACOLYTES: Ashley and Sarah Johnson

GREETERS: June Grubb and Eulene Shepherd

NURSERY {BIRTH TO KINDERGARTEN}: Heidi and Ron Hutcheson

PRAYER CONCERNS: Ronnie Durham, Margaret Trexler, Sadie Bailey, Ernie Bonner, Mary Crouse, Holton Davis, Willie Ruth Leonard, Juanita & Henry Beck, Ernestine & Henry Kennedy, Sterling Hedrick, Bob Biesecker, Jules Bliss, Virginia Hill, Lossie Knowles, Mary John Allred, Ann Spivey, Connie Weichert, Sandra Fern, Randy Carter, and Paul Stevens. 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, October 30	9:45 a.m. --- SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR EVERYONE
	11:00 a.m. --- WORSHIP SERVICE AND KIDS CLUB
Tuesday, November 1	11 - 1 p.m.--- Christmas Card Sale {Fellowship Hall}
Wednesday, November 2	10 – Noon --- Christmas Card Sale {Fellowship Hall}
	11:00 a.m.--- Morning Glory Circle {Parlor}
	Noon ----- United Friendship Club Covered Dish Lunch {Fellowship Hall}
	5 – 6 p.m.--- Christmas Card Sale {Fellowship Hall}
	6:00 p.m.--- Children’s Christmas Play Practice {Fellowship Hall}
	6:30 p.m.--- Bell Choir Practice {Bell Room}
	7:15 p.m.--- Adult Choir Practice {Chapel Annex}
Thursday, November 3	5:30 p.m.--- Yoga Class {Parlor}
	6–6:45 p.m. - Christmas Card Sale {Fellowship Hall}
	7:00 p.m.--- Spiritual Practices {FH}
Sunday, November 6	9:45 a.m. --- SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR EVERYONE
	11:00 a.m. --- HOMECOMING WORSHIP AND MEMORIAL SERVICE
	NOON ----- HOMECOMING COVERED DISH FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

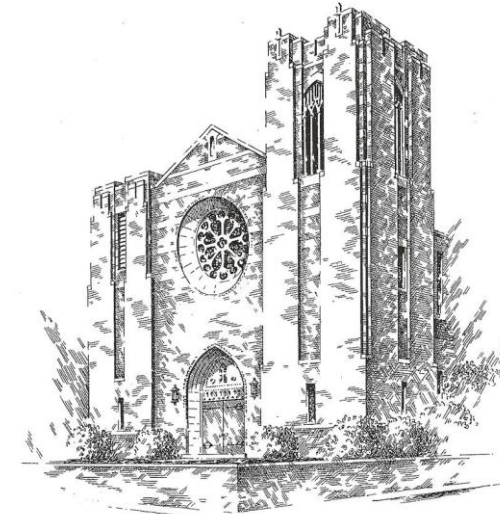
*Joint Sunday School Class and Social will be the **SECOND Sunday, November 13th.***

10/23/11 Attendance & Income	Needed Weekly	YTD Received
133	\$3,956	\$5,621
		\$198,472

CHURCH STAFF

Reverend Robin Keating (Office #336-248-2617, Cell #336-250-9554)	Paul Freeman, Choir Director
Cathy Waitman, Director of Christian Ed	Paula Lopp, Administrative Asst
Lee Ann Peele, Organist	

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Spiritual Practices Study Group



Reverend Keating is offering opportunities to explore the Spiritual Practices that have come down to us through the Church Fathers of the Early Christian Church. He will lead a group each Thursday evening from 7 to 8 p.m. through November 10th, and again on December 1st. We will encounter Scripture, through the old ways, that for many have fallen out of practice which, when resurrected, will add depth and meaning to our lives and our search for God. We will explore briefly the history and theology of each practice, but more importantly focus on how the particular practice is done.

WOMEN'S LIFE FELLOWSHIP with assistance from our newest member, Trudy Vossburg, will offer an opportunity to members of the church to purchase Christmas cards. Trudy is generously offering cards to the members with a 10% discount and any profit made will be donated to Women's Life Fellowship for mission projects.

Trudy will have a table setup in the fellowship hall for people to view several selections. You will be able to pick out a card and the greeting you want printed.

Tuesday, November 1st 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Wednesday, November 2nd 10 a.m. – Noon and 5–6 pm

Thursday, November 3rd 6 – 6:45 p.m.

If you are unable to get here any of these times, please contact the church office at 248-2617 and we will try to work out a time for you.



CROP Walk

WHAT IS THE CROP HUNGER WALK? Sunday, November 6, 2011, neighbors from different faiths, cultures, and ages, walking together to take a stand against hunger in our world. Together we raise awareness and funds for international relief and development, as well as local hunger-fighting agencies.

WHAT DOES CROP MEAN?



Communities
Responding to
Overcome
Poverty

WALKERS: CROP Forms are available in the narthex. See Adena Wall if you have questions.

CHURCH HOMECOMING

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2011



Mark your calendar and invite family, friends, and former members to come to First Reformed UCC for our annual Homecoming.

This year we will celebrate during the worship service by honoring the oldest woman, oldest man and youngest child present. Also, this is the Sunday we will have a Memorial Service for those of our congregation who have died in the past year.

The Board of Congregational Life is sponsoring a **covered dish lunch**. Plan to bring a favorite dish to share with family and friends as we enjoy lunch together immediately following the worship service. (**NOTE:** Members of Women's Life Fellowship will be in the kitchen before and after Sunday school to assist those who need to put food in the refrigerator.)



Covered Dish Luncheon

Mission: 1 Campaign

This Fall we are participating in the national UCC's Mission:1 Campaign, which will be conducted nationally from 11.1.11 through 11.11.11. First Reformed UCC will participate by contributing to the National UCC's goal of collecting more than 1 million items of healthy food for local food banks.



NOTE: Sunday, October 30th, November 6th, and November 13th, members are asked to bring non-perishable food items to the Narthex.

Board of Community Outreach members will count how many items have been donated and report those numbers on-line as part of the national effort.

On Stewardship Sunday, November 13th we will celebrate our Mission:1 effort with a Service of Blessing for the donated food items.