

Service of Divine Worship

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgist: Carolyn Spivey

We Gather To Serve God In Worship

Prelude "Patriotic Medley" Peterson

*Chimes Sounding the Hour

*Time of Greeting

Announcements

Choral Call to Worship

Solemn Declaration - - Amen Sung

*Responsive Call to Worship

Liturgist: With our eyes we choose to see God.

People: For your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in faithfulness to you.

Liturgist: With our ears we choose to hear God.

People: Hear the word of the Lord. Listen to the teaching of our God.

Liturgist: With our lips we choose to praise God.

People: Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

Liturgist: With our hands we choose to serve God.

People: Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us and prosper for us the work of our hands.

Liturgist: Choose this day whom you will serve.

People: We will serve the Lord.

*Hymn "Praise Ye the Lord, The Almighty" No. 8

Confession of Sin

*Call to Confession

*Unison Prayer for the Confession of Sin

Covenant God, we do not always serve you in faithfulness. Our parents in faith told us of your loving kindness, but we tend to act in ways that do not honor you. You are faithful while we stray from your graciousness. Show us, once again, your steadfast love that we may again choose to be your servant. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

*Gloria Patri

We Proclaim The Word of God

The Epistle Reading 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (Page #1077 of Pew Bible)

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

Let the Children Come

Anthem "Song for the Unsung Hero" Martin

The Old Testament Reading Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 (Page #213 of Pew Bible)

Sermon "A Day of Remembrance"

We Respond To The Word of God

A Prayer for the Saints and Lighting of the Memorial Candles

Invitation to Give

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory "I Must Tell Jesus *with* Blessed Assurance" McDonald

*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

We hear, but do not listen to your call, O God. As we dedicate these gifts and our lives we pray that you will send your Holy Spirit to renew us, to give us courage, to bind us together as the Body of Christ. Remind us to proclaim only you as we worship this day and as we live each day. Amen.

We Go Forth to Serve God

*Hymn "Sing With All the [Saints] of Glory" No. 177

*Responsive Call to Dedication

*The Benediction

(Members please be seated as we hear a brief report from our Nominating Committee.)

Nominating Committee Chairperson Sylvia Walser

*Postlude "Festival" Callendar

*THOSE WHO ARE ABLE, PLEASE STAND

FLOWERS: The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Norman F. Essick by his wife, Ruth Essick.

USHERS: Mike Perry, Mike Brown, David Strenk and John Barber

PLATE ATTENDANT: Lynn Brown

ACOLYTES: Griff and Claire Smith

GREETERS: Marguerite Leonard and Mary Berrier

NURSERY {BIRTH TO KINDERGARTEN}: Sauni and Thomas Johnson

PRAYER CONCERNS: Ronnie Durham, Margaret Trexler, Sadie Bailey, Ernie Bonner, Mary Crouse, Holton Davis, Willie Ruth Leonard, Juanita 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

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| 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 3:00 p.m. --- CROP Walk {First Baptist Church} |
| Monday, November 7 | 6:00 p.m. --- Men's Brotherhood Dinner Meeting {Fellowship Hall} 6:30 p.m. --- Board of Christian Education Meeting {Parlor} |
| Tuesday, November 8 | 10:00 a.m. --- Prayer Shawl Ministry {Parlor} 6:30 p.m. --- Board of Evangelism Meeting {Parlor} |
| Wednesday, November 9 | 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 10 | 5:30 p.m. --- Yoga Class {Parlor} 7:00 p.m. --- Spiritual Practices {FH} |
| Sunday, November 13 | 9:45 a.m. --- JOINT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS FOR EVERYONE {FH} 10:20 a.m. --- SUNDAY SCHOOL SOCIAL {HOSTS: MARY JO JESSUP AND BETH CALLICUTT} 11:00 a.m. --- WORSHIP SERVICE, DEDICATION OF PLEDGES, AND KIDS CLUB 6:00 p.m. --- CONSISTORY MEETING |
| Monday, November 14 | Men's Bible Class Serves Meal at Shelter |

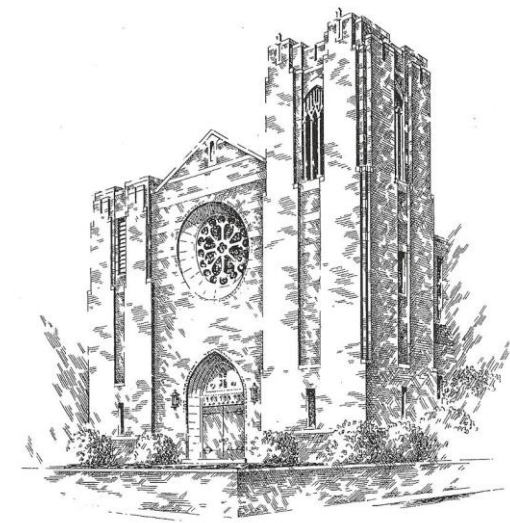
Joint Sunday School Class and Social will be the SECOND Sunday.

| 10/30/11 Attendance & Income | Needed Weekly | YTD Received |
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| 106 | \$2,404 | \$5,621 |
| | | \$200,876 |

CHURCH STAFF

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| 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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Homecoming Sunday, November 6, 2011

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.

CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING: There will be a brief business meeting immediately following the service today to announce nominees for the office of Elder and Deacon for 2012.



We welcome all members, former members, family and friends to our First Reformed UCC annual Homecoming.

During worship we will honor the oldest woman, oldest man and youngest child present with a small gift. Also, a candle will be lit for those of our congregation who have died since our last homecoming, November 7, 2010.

Please plan to stay for the **covered dish lunch** following the service.



Following lunch we will have the pleasure of enjoying the music of **The Grove Singers**.

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.

We remember today those of our church who have died since Memorial Sunday, November 7, 2010. A candle will be lit in memory of:

- Velna Beck Swing.....November 5, 2010*
- Barbara Gleim Schaeffer.....January 2, 2011*
- Elmer Abraham Morgan..... February 1, 2011*
- Arlene Lashmit Swing..... February 27, 2011*
- Callie Jarvis Kepley..... April 8, 2011*
- Ollie Kay Tolbert Frick..... April 25, 2011*
- Frances Coates Leonard..... May 22, 2011*
- Betty Jean Nichols Potts..... June 2, 2011*
- Giles Tilden Crowell..... October 9, 2011*
- Henry Junior Beck.....October 24, 2011*



Reserve a poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one. The cost is \$9.00. These will be placed in the sanctuary the first Sunday of Advent, November 27th. Poinsettias can be picked up immediately following the worship service to enjoy at home during the Advent Season. Please fill out the information form below and place it in the offering plate or call the church office. **Order deadline is FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11th.**



In Memory of: _____ By: _____

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Holiday Bake Sale

Women's Life Fellowship will hold a holiday bake sale **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20th** beginning at 9:15 a.m. Do you need help with your Thanksgiving holiday baking? If so, we can help with pound cakes, pies, cookies, and mixes. **Items will be sold before Sunday school, between Sunday school and worship, and immediately following the worship service.** All monies raised will help the mission work of our circle. Thank you for your support!



NEED A CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEA?



The First Reformed UCC Board of Community Outreach can help! They are offering an "Alternative Gift Fair". There will be a table setup in conjunction with the Women's Life Fellowship Bake Sale. Make a donation to one of our benevolences in honor of teachers, family members, friends, co-workers, etc. We will provide an acknowledgement card and envelope for you to mail.

Advent Workshop & Chili Cook-off Monday, November 28, 2011

The Chili Cook-off and Advent workshop will be held on Monday, November 28th at 6:00. If you are interested in entering a pot of chili, you need to check out the "We Need You" bulletin board. There are slips to take as reminders and a signup sheet, or you can contact the church office. Peanut butter, jelly, bread, drinks, and cookies will be furnished for the children.



For the Advent Workshop, we will be making "**Memory Wreaths**" to hang on doors. Bring your sentimental, no longer used ornaments or decorations to glue on wreaths. We will furnish the wreaths and ribbon along with "expert" helpers if you need some assistance. This is a multi-generational event.

CROP Walk

Today, November 6, 2011

Starting point, First Baptist Church at 3 p.m.

Walkers should check-in at 2:45 p.m.

WHAT IS THE CROP HUNGER WALK? 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 (Pastor's Pantry and Crisis Ministry).

WHAT DOES CROP MEAN?



Communities
Responding to
Overcome
Poverty

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

Mission: 1 Campaign

This Fall we are participating in the 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.