

Service of Divine Worship

Christmas Day

Liturgist: Tom Danze

We Gather To Serve God In Worship

Prelude "Tell the Good News" arr. Hughes

*Chimes Sounding the Hour

*Announcements and the Time of Greeting

*The Christmas Wreath Candle Lighting

Liturgist: God is light, and in him there is no darkness at all.

People: If we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

Liturgist: The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

People: He was in the world, the world that came into being through him, yet the world did not know him.

Liturgist: He came unto his own, and his own received him not. The word became flesh and lived among us.

People: We have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth.

Liturgist: From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

People: If we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

Liturgist: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

*Hymn "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" No. 107

Confession of Sin

*Call to Confession

*Unison Prayer for the Confession of Sin

O Lord, even in your presence we come with firm and deep beliefs about what we will find. We come expecting you to do everything as in the past. We are so sure of what we expect from you that we might easily miss a babe in a manger. We might go right past your work and will because of our limited expectations. Forgive us, O God, and help renew our minds and spirits to your ever new work in our midst. Help us to be open to the great gift of your Son whose birth we celebrate and in whose name we pray. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

*Our Response "Joy to the World" (v.3) No. 120

We Proclaim The Word of God

The First Reading Isaiah 9:2, 6-7
Luke 2:1-7

Hymn "O Little Town of Bethlehem" (v.1-2) No. 108

The Second Reading Hebrews 1:1-4
Luke 2:8-12

Hymn "O Come, All Ye Faithful" No. 112

The Third Reading Psalm 98
Luke 2:13-15

Special Music "O Holy Night" Paul Freeman

The Fourth Reading Titus 3:4-7
Luke 2:16

Hymn "Silent Night! Holy Night" No. 101

The Fifth Reading Luke 2:17-18
2 Corinthians 4:6

The Christmas Day Message

We Respond To The Word of God

Invitation to Give
Giving of Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory
*Our Response "In the Bleak Midwinter" (v.4)

**What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb.
If I were a wise one, I would do my part; but what I can I give him: give my heart.**

*The Offertory Prayer
Generous God, we give to declare what we believe. We believe you have come to us in the Christ child. We trust you have remained with us to advise us wonderfully and to rule in peace with and through us, even us. We share from our affluence that others might hear the good news of your Advent and Incarnation. We offer financial resources to provide others with data for faithfulness. We give to propagate the Gospel. Amen.

We Go Forth to Serve God

*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

*Hymn

“Let There Be Peace On Earth”

*Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.
 Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
 With God our creator, children all are we.
 Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.
 Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.
 With every step I take let this be my solemn vow.
 To take each moment and live each moment with peace eternally.
 Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.*

*Postlude

“He Is Born”

French Carol

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.

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, December 25 10:30 a.m. ---- **CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP SERVICE {CHAPEL}**
 Thursday, December 29 5:30 p.m. ---- Yoga Class (Parlor)
 Sunday, January 1 9:45 a.m. ---- Sunday School Classes for Everyone
*Joint Sunday School and the Sunday School Social
 will be on Sunday, January 8, 2012*
 11:00 a.m. ---- **WORSHIP SERVICE {SANCTUARY}**
 Monday, January 2 6:00 p.m. ---- Men’s Brotherhood Dinner Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

12/18/11 Attendance & Income	Needed Weekly	YTD Received
139	\$3,347	\$5,621
		\$243,091

CHURCH STAFF

Reverend Robin Keating (Office #336-248-2617, Cell #336-250-9554)
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