

Service of Divine Worship

Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

Liturgist: Chris Keel

We Gather To Serve God In Worship

Prelude "Prelude in Classic Style" Young

*Chimes Sounding the Hour

*Time of Greeting

Announcements

Choral Call to Worship

Solemn Declaration - - Amen Sung

*Responsive Call to Worship

Liturgist: Hunting for God, we come to this holy place hoping to find God already at work here.

People: Some of us come out of curiosity, intrigued by the possibility of what new life might bring.

Liturgist: Some of us seek healing for our illnesses. Some of us need release from our demons.

People: We come to God, that in our meeting, we might again receive the Good News.

*Hymn "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" No. 181

Confession of Sin

*Call to Confession

*Unison Prayer for the Confession of Sin

Lord, some of us do more dabbling and inquiring than searching for you. Our own timidity affords us very little time and energy to pursue you. Then, when we do finally find you, we're too uncomfortable to say hello, or to even mention your name to a friend in need. After all, the demons know who you are and you command them to be silent. We know who you are and you command us to go and tell. Yet, we too, remain silent. Forgive us for our speechless faith. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

*Gloria Patri

We Proclaim The Word of God

The Old Testament Reading Isaiah 40:21-31 (Page #654 of Pew Bible)
Psalm 147 (Bulletin Insert)

Let the Children Come
Anthem "Hymn of Praise" Carter

The Gospel Reading Mark 1:29-39 (Page #911 of Pew Bible)

Sermon ***"Stillness in the Public Eye"***

We Respond To The Word of God

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

You have healed us time and time again, dear Lord. Take these gifts and bless them and us so that all might be used to proclaim your *good news*. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

We Go Forth to Serve God

*Hymn "Take Time to Be Holy" SLS No. 20

*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 "Festival" Abrams

***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 pedestals are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Anne's sister Nancy Beck Johnson, by Anne and Roy Bevan.

USHERS: James Gray, John Smith, Henry Crouse, Mark Smith

PLATE ATTENDANT: Carolyn Spivey

ACOLYTE: Holt Biesecker

GREETERS: Doug and Barbara Sink

NURSERY: Raeann Biesecker

PRAYER CONCERNS: Marguerite Leonard, 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, 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}

Wednesday, February 8
 10:00 am ----- Greater Lexington Area Ministerial Assoc. Meeting {Parlor}
 6:30 pm ----- Bell Choir Practice {Bell Room}
 7:15 pm ----- Choir Practice {Chapel Annex}

Thursday, February 9
 5:30 pm ----- Yoga Class {Parlor}
 7:00 pm ----- Spirituality Class {Parlor}

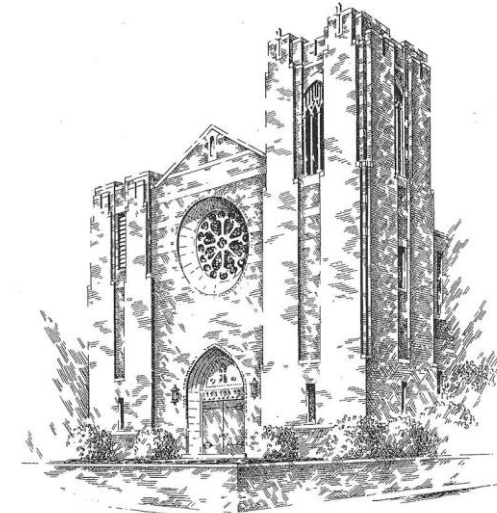
Sunday, February 12
 9:45 am ----- JOINT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS {WILLING WORKERS}
 10:40 am ----- SS Social {Hosts: Clifford & Paula; Keri & Casey; Ashlee & Grant}
 11:00 am ----- **WORSHIP SERVICE AND KIDS' CLUB**
 6:00 pm ----- Consistory Meeting (Willing Workers Classroom)

<i>1/29/12 Attendance & Income</i>	<i>Needed Weekly</i>	<i>YTD Received</i>
122	\$3,166	\$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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Soup and Sandwich Lunch and Congregational Meeting

Plan to stay after the church service for the **Send-A-Kid to Camp** luncheon. The New Way Class and Women's Life Fellowship are sponsoring a soup and sandwich luncheon to raise money for Johns River Camp this summer. The church helps make it possible for the children to go to camp by assisting with part of the cost. Last year we had eight campers to attend. They had such a great time that they all want to go again this year. Some of the other children want to go too! We hope to raise lots of money with this fund raiser, so open your hearts and your pockets to fill up the donation basket. **ANY SOUP THAT IS NOT SERVED FOR THE LUNCHEON WILL BE SOLD FOR \$5.00 A QUART.**

Soup and
Sandwich
Lunch



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**



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.



Don't forget the Grapplers Sunday school class participants will be standing at the church exits with soup pots for your donations. The money collected will go to Crisis Ministries to help feed people in our community who are unemployed or homeless.

The Men's Brotherhood will hold their monthly dinner meeting this coming **Monday, February 6th at 6 pm** in the fellowship hall. Clifton Murphy is preparing the First Reformed UCC traditional chicken stew.



Men's
Brotherhood

The guest speaker is Reverend Tim Martin, Chaplain of the North Carolina Department of Corrections.

Plan to be here and invite a friend!

TOUCHING DAVIDSON COUNTY WITH LOVE SPECIAL OFFERING



Touching DC
With Love

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. Also, monetary donations will be needed to assist with the purchase of supplies to complete potential projects.

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.