

Thank You for Serving in Our Church

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR today are given to the glory of God and to celebrate the January birthdays of my daughter, Lauren Thompson Gould (1/17), my sister, Laura Lanning Perry (1/15), and what would have been my parents' 72nd wedding anniversary (1/12); given by Myra Lanning Thompson.

USHERS: Jeremy Peterson, Mark Smith, Denise Durham, Ben Hale, Susan Miller

PLATE ATTENDANT: Lynn Brown

YOUTH USHER: Ava Miller

SOUND TECHNICIAN: James Gray

ACOLYTE: Emory Smith

GREETERS: Jeff Hutchens & Tammy Rhodes

BIBLE STEWARD: Elliott Smith

NURSERY {INFANTS-KINDERGARTEN}: Alice Gray & Vicky Gray

- ❖ A wall unit changing table is located in our handicapped restroom {through left door at chancel.}
- ❖ A comfort area with rocking chair, monitor and speaker is available if you need to leave the sanctuary to calm or soothe a baby or young child {through left or right door at chancel.}

Our Church at Prayer

PRAYER CONCERNS: Remember those in the Armed Forces. To add a name to the prayer list please contact Sylvia Walser at 336-225-2964 or the church office.

CHURCH MEMBERS: Amy Hedrick, Ruth Fritts (Alston Brook, Rm. 115), Margot Everhart, Margie & Vogen Everhart, Mary Berrier, Ruth Essick, Carolyn Spivey, J.W. Bates (at home), Betty Bates (Abbotts Creek, Rm. 109), Peggy Bates

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS: Jo Hudson, Valerie Price, Joyce Price, Rita Tussey, Adena Wall, Marzell Crotts, Hoyle Potts, Doris Flynt, James Everhart, Lib & Jimbo Hinkle

OUR FRIENDS: Zane Winters (Michell Winters' dad), Sharon Ward (Friend of Alisa Johnson), Delores Martin (Sylvia Walser's sister), Martha Moore (Frank Leonard's friend), Eric Vernadore (Carol Vernadore's son), Ashley Anderson (Lee Ann Peele's cousin), Nancy Barr (mother-in-law of Betty Barr), Judy Stanley (family of Alane Holste), Nell and Ken Holmes (Neighbors of Jerry and Patti Lovell), Jeffery Saunders (Amy Hedrick's Son), Sandra Isaacs (Mike Hooper's sister), Geraldine Westmoreland (Frank Westmoreland's mother), Randy Carter (son-in-law of the late Wanda Daye)

FIRST REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

Pastor, Rev. Elizabeth Horton (elizabeth@frucc.org, cell/text #336-972-8895)

Minister of Pastoral Care, Rev. June Grubb (jgrubb3@triad.rr.com)

Director of Christian Education, Cathy Waitman (cathy@frucc.org)

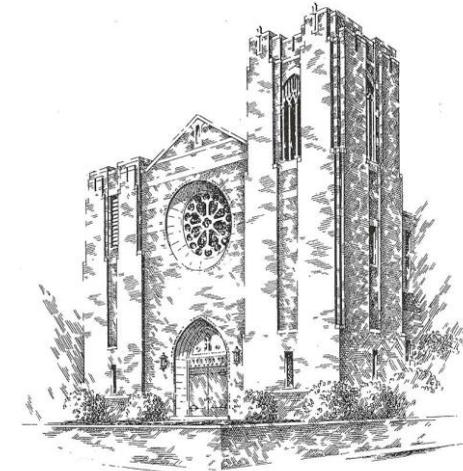
Choir Director, Ellen Peterson

Organist, Lee Ann Peele

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*Where People Discover...
The Love of God
The Power to Love Others
The Ability to Love Ourselves*

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No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

January 28, 2018
11:00am

The Worship of God

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Youth Liturgist: Jonathan Kepley

Welcome to First Reformed United Church of Christ. We are glad you are here. If you are visiting with us, please fill out a pew card with your information and place it in the offering plate when passed so that we may send you some information about the church. Childcare for infants through Kindergarten is offered in the Educational Building. Please let an usher know if you need assistance.

Gathering

Prelude

“For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.” Mark 8: 34-35

*Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Elizabeth Horton

Choral Call to Worship

*Responsive Call to Worship

Jonathan Kepley

Leader: You awaken the sun, O God, to guide us into the new day:

People: Your name, O God, like your praise, sings in every person.

Leader: You speak your Word, O God, to guide us into your kingdom.

People: Your hope, O God, like your joy, echoes in every soul.

Leader: You guide us to those who are looking for you:

People: Your love, O God, like your name, fills the emptiness of every heart.

Centering

*Hymn:

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

Insert

*Invocation

Elizabeth Horton

Young Disciples

Elizabeth Horton

(All youth are invited to join in this worship at the front.)

Gospel Reading:

Mark 6: 1-6
(Pew Bible page 915)

Jonathan Kepley

Proclaiming

*Hymn:

“Here I Am, Lord”

Insert

Pastoral Prayer

Elizabeth Horton

Ministry through Dance:

Sheets Dance Academy

“Listening”

Vicky Beeching

*More than just another song, more than one more melody,
Maybe what we need is silence, maybe what we need is to be still
And listen for the still small voice 'cause we don't want to miss a whisper.
Jesus now we lean in closer and we wait.*

Speak Lord, your servants are listening, your servants are listening.

*Lord I want to know Your heart, Lord I want to know what moves You,
To understand what makes You weep, to understand what makes You sing and smile.
This will be my life's one quest, to seek the One whose love has sought me
Gazing on Your shining beauty all my days.*

*Just one word from You and everything changes
Just one word from You will bring me life.
How I need Your life.*

Gospel Reading

Mark 6:7-13
(Pew Bible page 915)

Elizabeth Horton

Sermon:

“Risky Business: “Packing Light”

Elizabeth Horton

Responding

*Affirmation of Faith:

Apostles Creed:

[4th Century]

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;

He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again;

He ascended into heaven,

He is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Responding to God's Grace by Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory:

*Prayer of Dedication

Jonathan Kepley

*Congregational Response: "Make Me a Servant"

Make me a servant, humble and meek,
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak;
And may the prayer of my heart always be:
Make me a servant, make me a servant, make me a servant today.

Sending

*Responsive Call to Dedication:

Jonathan Kepley

Leader: 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."

*Benediction

Elizabeth Horton

*Congregational Response: "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

*The world behind me, the cross before me; The world behind me, the cross before me;
The world behind me, the cross before me; No turning back, no turning back.*

Postlude

*THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND

A Special Thank You to Sheets Academy Dancers
under the direction of Kelly Greathouse

Tabitha Baker
Jessica Grubb

Kasey Ferguson
Emma West

Ally Turner

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Fairest Lord Jesus

CRUSADERS' HYMN 5.6.8.5.5.8

Münster Gesangbuch, 1677

Trans. Church Chorals and Choir Studies, 1850; alt.

Silesian folk melody

In Schlesische Volkslieder, 1842

1. Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Rul - er of all na - ture,
2. Fair are the mead - ows, Fair - er still the wood - lands,
3. Fair is the sun - shine, Fair - er still the moon - light,

O Thou of God to earth come down, Thee will I cher - ish,
Robed in the bloom - ing garb of spring: Je - sus is fair - er,
And all the twin - kling, star - ry host: Je - sus shines bright - er,

Thee will I hon - or, Thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
Je - sus is pur - er, Who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
Je - sus shines pur - er, Than all the an - gels heaven can boast.

Here I Am, Lord

HERE I AM, LORD 7.7.4 D with refrain

Daniel L. Schutte, 1981

Daniel L. Schutte, 1981; alt.

Harm. Michael Pope, Daniel L. Schutte, and John Weissrock, 1983



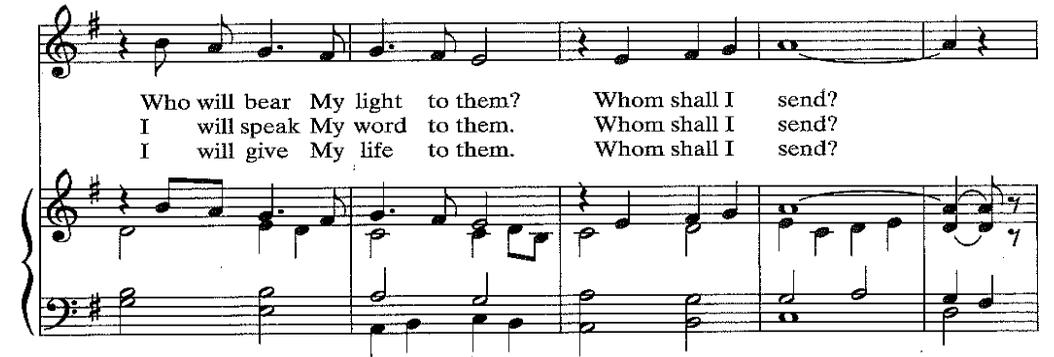
1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My peo-ple cry.
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My peo-ple's pain.
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in deep-est sin My hand will save.
I have wept for love of them, They turn a - way.
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save.



I who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love a - lone.
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide Till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?
I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send?
I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain
Unison



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have



heard You call-ing in the night I will



go, Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your



peo - ple in my heart.

Fine

Upcoming Events

GIRL SCOUT COOKIES

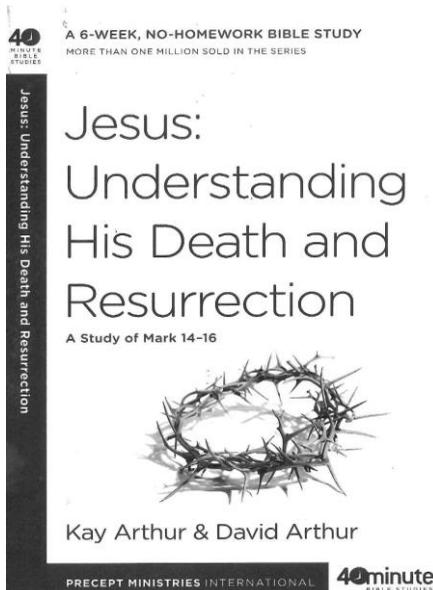
Jianna Miller will be selling Girl Scout Cookies in the Narthex this morning after worship Help support Troop #2160, First Reformed UCC's church-sponsored Girl Scout troop, by purchasing a box or two.

ORDER YOUR LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS TODAY!

Orders are due February 4th! Cost: \$1.50 each
Sign-ups are in Sunday School Classrooms and in the Narthex

Finding Peace in Lent: Reflections on the St. Francis Peace Prayer
Practicing Love: Family Devotions
Draw me Unto Thee: Daily Prayers for Lent

LENTEN "LUNCH & LEARN" SERIES



Order your book for the upcoming "LENTEN LUNCH AND LEARN" SERIES BY FEBRUARY 4TH!

This study begins Tuesday, February 20th in our church Fellowship Hall from 12:00-1:00pm. The meetings will continue each Tuesday through March 27th.

Each meeting will begin with lunch (**BRING YOUR OWN BAG LUNCH**) and will be led by Rev. Elizabeth Horton and Rev. Dr. Arnetta Beverly. The bible study will be based on the book *Jesus: Understanding His Death and Resurrection - A Study of Mark 14-16*.

Books may be purchased in advance by contacting the church office or completing the order form below to return to the office or place in the offering plate. The cost is \$5.00.

Please order by February 4th!

Lenten "Lunch & Learn" Series

Name _____

Number of copies _____ @ \$5.00 each Amount Paid _____

DANCING & MORE WITH THE POTENTIAL STARS

Project Potential is an organization in the Lexington City School System that helps students go to college. This event on January 28 at 4:00pm at the Edward C. Smith Civic Center is a fundraiser for Project Potential. Tickets are on sale at Lanier's Hardware and at the door on the day of the show. Adults - \$10...Students - \$5...Children under 5 are free!

CONGREGATIONAL PICTURE

There are a **COUPLE OF EXTRA COPIES** of the congregational picture taken before Christmas available to purchase. The cost is \$20. Please contact the office if you are interested. These will be sold on a first-come basis.

BUILDING AN INCLUSIVE CHURCH PROCESS

Forum #1: "Exploring What the Bible Says about Homosexuality"

On Sunday, January 28 from 4:00-5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall you are invited to attend a panel discussion featuring Rev. Dr. Lee Jessup, Rev. Mike Hooper and Rev. Elizabeth Horton. This is the first in a series of educational forums as we explore what it means to be an inclusive congregation.

"SOUPER" BOWL SUNDAY IS FEBRUARY 4th

The youth of our church will be at each exit next Sunday with their soup pots to collect money that will be donated to Open Hands Ministry. Be sure to bring your dollars and change to fill the soup pots for the youth!

MARK YOU CALENDAR TO PICK UP YOUR SOUP ORDER!

Women's Life Fellowship will have the pre-ordered soup ready for pick up on Sunday, February 4th. If you will be unable to pick up your order, please contact the church office so that your order can be frozen until you are able to pick it up.

CONGREGATIONAL MEAL AND MEETING

Following worship on February 11th, plan stay to enjoy a bowl of delicious "Brunswick Stew-style" soup prepared by Women's Life Fellowship. Following lunch there will be a congregational meeting to hear committee reports. There will also be a vote to change the church by-laws (page 4, section 4) to move our meeting date for presentation of nominations for Consistory to the second Sunday in November instead of the first Sunday since this regularly interferes with Homecoming Sunday.

NOISY OFFERING!

On **February 18th and 25th** the youth of our church will collect a **NOISY OFFERING** to be used for their Youth Service Project on March 25th. Their goal is to collect **\$400** to pack 60 bags for the **Back Pack Program for Easter Break**. Start saving those coins to drop in the cans and make some noise. (Crinkly noises made with folding money are great, too!)

Opportunities for Service

“40 BAGS in 40 DAYS” DECLUTTER CHALLENGE

To raise additional funds for their summer trip, our Girl Scout Troop will be hosting a community-wide **“40 Bags in 40 Days” Declutter Challenge** to coincide with Lent. Every day of Lent (February 14 – March 29, with one day off per week), fill a bag of any size with stuff you want to get rid of. This is a great opportunity to clean out cabinets, drawers, closets or garages and donate things you no longer need or want to a good cause...the GIRL SCOUTS’ HUGE YARD SALE!

Donated items will be collected in the art room in the basement of the Educational Building. Church members can drop things off at any time, but there will also be specific drop-off days for the public.

The troop’s yard sale will be held on Saturday, April 7 in the grassy lot beside the church or in the Fellowship Hall in case of rain.

If you are a yard sale pro, let Kivi know! The Girl Scouts would love your help organizing and pricing as donations come in and during the sale on April 7.

You can sign-up to take the Declutter Challenge at facebook.com/girlscouts2160 or instagram.com/girlscouts2160 or by letting Kivi Miller know you plan to participate.

CAROLINA SENIOR CARE

The East Lexington Collaborative Ministry Group continues to support the Carolina Senior Care **“Bucks for the Boutique”** ministry. There is a desperate need for the following items. Many of the items can be purchased at stores like **Dollar Tree** and **Big Lots**. Donations can be placed on the table outside the church office.

Everything is tax deductible and tax forms can be provided by Carolina Senior Care.

Toilet Paper	Paper Towels	Laundry Detergent	Dish Detergent
Hand Soap	Body Wash	Room Deodorizer	Body Powder
Trash Bags	Denture Cleaner	Multipurpose Cleaner	Shampoo
Body Lotion	Mouthwash	Toilet Bowl Cleaner	Kleenex

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, January 28

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

9:45am... Youth Service Project with Cathy Waitman
New Way Sunday School with Dave Fulton
Willing Workers Sunday School with Doug Sink
Pastor’s Discussion Class with Elizabeth Horton

11:00am...Worship in the Sanctuary

GIRL SCOUT COOKIES FOR SALE IN THE NARTHEX FOLLOWING WORSHIP

4-5:30pm...Forum #1: Exploring What the Bible Says about Homosexuality {FH}

4:00pm...Dancing (and More!) with the Potential Stars Fundraiser at Edward C. Smith Civic Center

Monday, January 29

5:00pm...Tutoring

6:30pm...Open Hands Meal

Tuesday, January 30

10:00am...Weaving Women {*Willing Workers Classroom*}

Wednesday, January 31

6:30pm...Bell Choir {*Bell Room*}

7:15pm...Adult Choir {*Ch. Annex*}

Thursday, February 1

5:30pm...YOGA Class {*Parlor*}

7:00pm...Square Dancing {*FH*}

Sunday, February 4

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

9:45am... JAM with Ellen Peterson

New Way Sunday School with Dave Fulton

Willing Workers Sunday School with Doug Sink

Pastor’s Discussion Class with Elizabeth Horton

10:30am...First Sunday Social: John & Susie Smith

11:00am...Worship in the Sanctuary

HELP FILL THE “SOUPER” BOWL POTS AFTER WORSHIP!

DON’T FORGET TO PICK UP PRE-ORDERED SOUP FROM WLF

Celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries {January 28-February 4}

Birthdays	January 30	Lauren Gregg
	February 1	Bonita Hooper Cameron Sink
Anniversaries	February 1	Ted & Nina Smith