

## *Thank You for Serving in Our Church*

**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Carlton K. "Tommy" Williams and his February 8<sup>th</sup> birthday; given by Carolyn & Bill Robbins.

**USHERS:** James Gray, John Smith, Raeann Allred, Michell Winters

**PLATE ATTENDANT:**

**YOUTH USHER:** Jonathan Kepley

**SOUND TECHNICIAN:** Jeremy Peterson

**ACOLYTE:** Parker Horton

**GREETERS:** Lynn & Johnny McCarn

**BIBLE STEWARD:** Patrick Horton

**NURSERY {INFANTS-KINDERGARTEN}:** Aurelia Smith & Sylvia Walser

- ❖ 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*

Please give a prayer of thanks in celebration of Cliff Lopp's **ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY** of his bone marrow transplant on **February 2, 2018!**

**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:** J.W. Bates (at home), Betty Bates (Brookdale, Rm 407), Mary Berrier, Ruth Essick, Carolyn Spivey, Peggy Bates, Amy Hedrick, Ruth Fritts, Margot Everhart, Margie & Vogen Everhart

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

**OUR FRIENDS:** Doris Brown (Mike & Lynn Brown's sister-in-law), Ronald Yates, (Eddie Yates' dad), Debra Craver (friend of Alisa Johnson), Zane Winters (Michell Winters' dad), Sharon Ward (friend of Alisa Johnson), Delores Martin (Sylvia Walser's sister), Martha Moore (friend of Frank Leonard), Eric Varnadore (Carol Varnadore's son), Ashley Anderson (Lee Ann Peele's cousin), Nancy Barr (Betty Barr's mother-in-law), Judy Stanley (family of Alane Holste), Nell and Ken Holmes (neighbors of Jerry and Patti Lovell), Jeffery Saunders (Amy Hedrick's son), Geraldine Westmoreland (Frank Westmoreland's mother), Randy Carter (son-in-law of the late Wanda Daye)

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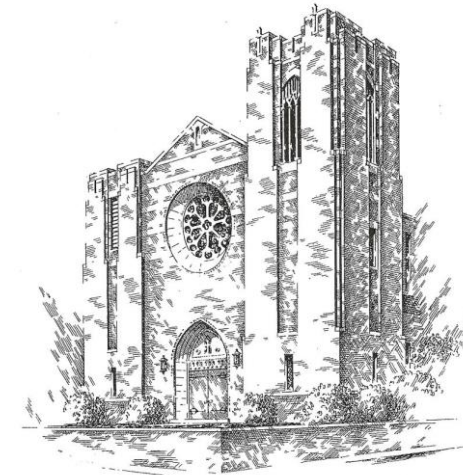
Choir Director, Ellen Peterson

Organist, Lee Ann Peele

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# *First Reformed United Church of Christ*



*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.*

February 4, 2018  
11:00am

# The Worship of God

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Liturgist: Rich Johnson

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:

Rich Johnson

Leader: We are called by Jesus to be in ministry and mission to this world.

People: **But we wonder if we are going to be able to do this mighty work.**

Leader: As we have listened to Jesus' words of teaching, seen the healing ministry, so we must place our trust in the call to go and serve.

People: **Lord, prepare us this day to truly be the disciples You would have us be.**

## Centering

\*Hymn:

*"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"*

Insert

\*Invocation

Elizabeth Horton

Young Disciples

Elizabeth Horton

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

## I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

*"Whoever serves me must follow me" — John 12:26 NIV*

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: 1. I have de-cid-ed to fol-low Je-sus; I have de- 2. Tho' none go with me, I still will fol-low; Tho' none go 3. My cross I'll car-ry, till I see Je-sus; My cross I'll 4. The world be-hind me, the cross be-fore me; The world be- cid-ed to fol-low Je-sus; I have de-cid-ed to fol-low with me, I still will fol-low; Tho' none go with me, I still will car-ry, till I see Je-sus; My cross I'll car-ry, till I see hind me, the cross be-fore me; The world be-hind me, the cross be- Je-sus; No turn-ing back, no turn-ing back. fol-low; No turn-ing back, no turn-ing back. Je-sus; No turn-ing back, no turn-ing back. fore me; No turn-ing back, no turn-ing back.

WORDS: St. 1,2, Garo Christians; st. 3, John Clark

MUSIC: Indian Folk Song; arr. William J. Reynolds, 1920-

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*Proclaiming*

**The Lord of the Dance Hymn and Responsive Litany:**

Elizabeth Horton

Verse 1 *"The Lord of the Dance"* Insert

In the beginning.....

**The dance began to swirl and ponder.**

In the beginning, all was dark.

**And the dance cast forth bright light.**

In the beginning, the earth burst forth with wondrous things, creatures of all sorts, mountains and hills, vast seas and rivers, valleys and desert areas.

**And the Lord of the Dance saw that it was good and blessed it all.**

Verse 2 *"The Lord of the Dance"* Insert

In our beginning, God blessed us.

**And the dance went on, through our lives, into all that we have done.**

Sometimes the dance was slow and plodding; at other times it was sprightly and fast.

**Yet in the midst of it all, the Lord of the Dance is with us.**

This dance, called Life, is everywhere—in the light and in the dark. It is in places of hope and in places of deepest sorrow and tragedy.

Verse 3 *"The Lord of the Dance"* Insert

**How shall we dance our dance for God?**

We shall live lives of hope and peace, bringing the good news of Jesus Christ and all that he taught to us, so that others may join the dance.

**Praise be to the Lord of the Dance, the Lord of Creation, the Lord of Life!**

**Amen.**

Verses 4 & 5 *"The Lord of the Dance"* Insert

**Lord of the Dance**

The musical score is written for guitar and voice. It features a melody line in the treble clef and a bass line in the bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 2/2. The score is divided into several systems, each corresponding to a line of lyrics. Chords are indicated above the treble clef and below the bass clef. The lyrics are: 1. I danced in the morn-ing when the world was be-gun, and I 2. I danced for the scribe and the Phar-i-see, but they 3. I danced on the sab-bath when I cured the lame, the 4. I danced on a Fri-day and the sky turned black; it's 5. They cut me down and I leapt up high, danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, and I would not dance and they would not fol-low me; I ho-ly peo-ple said it was a shame; they hard to dance with the dev-il on your back; they I am the life that -'ll nev-er, nev-er die; I'll came down from heav-en and I danced on the earth. At danced for the fish-er-men, for James and John; they whipped and they stripped and they hung me high; and they bur-ied my bod-y and they thought I'd gone, but live in you if you'll live in me; Beth-le-hem I had my birth. came to me and the dance went on. left me there on a cross to die. Dance, then, wher-I am the dance and I still go on. I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

WORDS: Sydney Carter, 1963  
MUSIC: 19th cent. Shaker tune; adapt. by Sydney Carter, 1963;  
harm. by Gary Alan Smith, 1988

LORD OF THE DANCE  
Irr. with Refrain

ev - er you may be; I am the Lord of the  
Dance, said he. And I'll lead you all wher - ev - er you may  
be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

Pastoral Prayer

Elizabeth Horton

Anthem: "The Perfect Wisdom of Our God" arr. Larry Shackley

*The perfect wisdom of our God revealed in all the universe;  
All things created by His hand and held together at His command.*

*He knows the mysteries of the seas; the secrets of the stars are His.  
He guides the planets on their way and turns the earth through another day.*

*The matchless wisdom of His way that marks the path of righteousness;  
His words a lamp unto my feet, His Spirit teaching and guiding me.*

*And O, the mystery of the cross, that God should suffer for the lost  
So that the fool might shame the wise and all the glory might go to Christ.*

*O grant me wisdom from above to pray for peace and cling to love.  
And teach me humbly to receive the sun and rain of Your sovereignty.*

*Each strand of sorrow has a place within this tapestry of grace.  
So through the trials I choose to say, "Your perfect will in Your perfect way."  
Each strand of sorrow has a place within this tapestry of grace.  
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Gospel Reading:

Mark 6:14-29  
(Pew Bible page 916)

Elizabeth Horton

Sermon:

"Risky Business: Have You Lost Your Mind?"

Elizabeth Horton

### *Responding*

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

Offertory

\*Prayer of Dedication

Rich Johnson

\*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:

Rich Johnson

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

\*Choral Benediction

Postlude

**\*THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND**

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## *Upcoming Events*

### **TODAY IS THE ORDER DEADLINE FOR THE LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS**

Sign-ups are in Sunday School Classrooms and in the Narthex

**Cost: \$1.50 each**

*Finding Peace in Lent: Reflections on the St. Francis Peace Prayer*

*Practicing Love: Family Devotions*

*Draw me Unto Thee: Daily Prayers for Lent*

**TODAY IS THE ORDER DEADLINE FOR THE LENTEN “LUNCH & LEARN” SERIES** 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 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.

#### **Lenten “Lunch & Learn” Series**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

### **“SOUPER” BOWL SUNDAY IS TODAY!**

The youth of our church will be at each exit following worship 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!

### **REMEMBER TO PICK UP YOUR SOUP ORDER AFTER WORSHIP TODAY!**

Women’s Life Fellowship will have the pre-ordered soup ready for pick up in the Fellowship Hall following worship today. 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.

### **CHANGE IN MEN’S BROTHERHOOD MEETING DATE**

Men’s Brotherhood will be meeting on Tuesday, February 6th instead of their regular second Tuesday of the month since that is Shrove Tuesday. Plan to attend the meeting this coming Tuesday at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Oyster stew and cornbread are on the menu.

### **CONGREGATIONAL MEAL AND MEETING**

February 11<sup>th</sup> is our Congregational Meal and Meeting following worship. “Brunswick Stew-style” soup prepared by Women’s Life Fellowship will be served for lunch and the congregational meeting will follow. Along with committee reports, there will be a vote to change the church by-laws to move the meeting date for presentation of nominations for Consistory to the second Sunday in November instead of the first since this regularly interferes with Homecoming Sunday.

### **BUILDING AN INCLUSIVE CHURCH PROCESS**

Today and next Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, in the worship bulletin, there will be a slip of paper on which to write any of your questions about the Open and Affirming process. The questions will be collected by the Welcoming Task Force with the mission of arranging small groups or other ways to accommodate the questions. Your voice is important.

The Welcoming Task Force includes: Ben Hale, Alisa Johnson, John Maze, Kivi Miller, Lisa Nelson, Doug Sink, Michell Winters, Eddie and Belinda Yates. The mission is to implement and help direct the process of the ONA conversation. The Welcoming Task Force meetings are open to anyone.

### **February 18th 3:00pm Forum #2 {Fellowship Hall}**

LGBT Families: Sharing their stories, including Belinda Yates & Betty Barr

### **February 25th 5:00pm Welcoming Task Force meeting at church {Parlor}**

Open to anyone. The purpose is to help assist with the process; suggest or plan small group discussions, gatherings, and/or educational forums.

### **COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES**

**When:** Beginning Wednesday, February 14 at noon and all the following Wednesdays throughout Lent

**Where:** First Lutheran Church, 320 State Street, Lexington

**What:** Bring your own bag lunch...Drinks and Desserts provided

**Hosting denominations vary each week, but all meetings will be held at First Lutheran**

February 14 Lutheran

February 21: Presbyterian

February 28: Hospice Chaplains/Community Action

March 7: UCC

March 14 Baptist

March 21: Methodist

### **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE ON FEBRUARY 14<sup>th</sup>**

Our Ash Wednesday service will be on Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in our sanctuary. The Rev. Dr. Arnetta Beverly will be preaching. We welcome members of St. Stephens, Second Reformed UCC and Memorial Church’s congregations who are invited to join with us during this worship service.

### 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](https://www.facebook.com/girlscouts2160) or [instagram.com/girlscouts2160](https://www.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, 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

#### FOLLOWING WORSHIP: Property Committee Meeting

**HELP FILL THE “SOUPER” BOWL POTS LOCATED AT EXITS  
PICK UP PRE-ORDERED SOUP {FH}**

#### Monday, February 5

- 5:00pm...Tutoring
- 6:30pm...Open Hands Meal {FH}

#### Tuesday, February 6

- 10:00am...Weaving Women {Willing Workers Classroom}
- Collaborative Ministries Meeting {P}
- 6:00pm...Men’s Brotherhood {FH}
- 6:30pm...Board of Evangelism {P}
- Board of Christian Education {Ch. Annex}

#### Wednesday, February 7

- 11:00am...Morning Glory Circle {P}
- 6:30pm...Bell Choir {Bell Room}
- 7:15pm...Adult Choir {Ch. Annex}

#### Thursday, February 8

- 5:30pm...YOGA Class {Parlor}
- 7:00pm...Square Dancing {FH}

#### Saturday, February 10

- 8:30am-3:30pm...Board of Directors
- Western NC Association of the Southern Conference of the UCC {FH}

#### Sunday, February 11

#### Sixth Sunday after Epiphany...Congregational Meal & Meeting

- 9:45am... 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 {Kid’s Club with Alice Gray}
- 12:15pm...Congregational Meal and Meeting {FH}

**CONSISTORY FOLLOWING MEAL & MEETING**

### **Celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries {February 4-10}**

Birthdays	February 7	Haylee Hutcheson
Anniversaries	February 9	Mike & Lynn Brown
	February 10	Mike & Bonita Hooper