

Thank You for Serving Our Church

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR today are given to the glory of God and in loving honor of Rev. Elizabeth Horton and Rev. June Grubb.

USHERS: John Gray, John Maze, Bonita Hooper, Bill Robbins, Linda Sink

PLATE ATTENDANT: Dave Fulton

YOUTH USHER: Patrick Horton

SOUND TECHNICIAN: Calvin Odom

ACOLYTE: Parker Horton

GREETERS: Jeremy & Lucas Peterson

BIBLE STEWARD: Lucas Peterson

NURSERY (INFANTS-KINDERGARTEN): Patti Lovell & Rita Lohr

- ❖ A wall unit changing table is located in our handicapped restroom (through left door at the 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 fill out a prayer request card located in the backs of the pews, contact Sylvia Walser at 336-225-2964 or call the church office at 336-248-2617.

CHURCH MEMBERS: Carolyn Spivey, Peggy Bates, Ruth Fritts, Margot Everhart

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

OUR FRIENDS: Ashley Hutcheson (Heidi & Ron Hutcheson's daughter), Morgan Cecil (daughter of Charm & Steve Ketner), Virginia Hill (Cathy Waitman's mother), Coney Leonard (Sylvia Walser's brother), Virginia Byars (friend of Alisa Johnson), Derrick Wong (friend of Joni Walser), Ashley Anderson (Lee Ann Peele's cousin), Judy Stanley (family of Alane Holste), Danny Lloyd (Frank Callicutt's father), Lynn Mack (friend of Mary Berrier), Kiana Sinz (friend of Patti Lovell), Louis Honeycutt, Eliza Paris (friend of Sylvia Walser's granddaughter), Ronald Yates (Eddie Yates' dad), Nell and Ken Holmes (neighbors of Jerry and Patti Lovell), Jeffery Saunders (Amy Hedrick's son)

FIRST REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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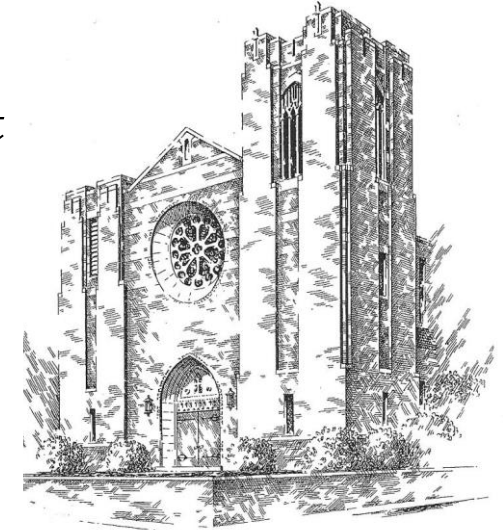
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First Reformed United Church of Christ



Where People Discover...

The Love of God

The Power to Love Others

The Ability to Love Ourselves

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



UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST
God is still speaking.

April 22, 2018

11:00am

Welcome! If you are visiting with us, please fill out a pew card and place it in the offering plate when passed. Prayer Request Cards can be found on the backs of the pews if you would like to request prayer for yourself or someone else. Please place these in the offering plate when passed.

Childcare for infants through Kindergarten is offered and hearing devices are available. Please let an usher know if you need assistance.

The Worship of God

Third Sunday of Easter

Liturgist: Eulene Shepherd

Gathering

Prelude

*Chiming of the Hour

*Choral Call to Worship *"Open Our Eyes, Lord"*

*Invocation Elizabeth Horton

*Opening Hymn: *"For the Beauty of the Earth"* Insert

Welcome Elizabeth Horton

Centering

Psalm 23 Eulene Shepherd

Litany of Confession for Earth Day Elizabeth Horton & Eulene Shepherd

Leader: O God, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen:

People: You place us in Your creation, and You command us to care for it.

Leader: You created us in Your own image to take charge and take care of the earth, the plants, and the animals.

People: From the smallest seed to the largest tree, from the smallest atom to the largest continent,

Leader: You call upon us to care for Your good world.

People: And yet we have gone astray.

Leader: We, whom You created, have plundered the earth;

People: Creation groans.

Leader: We have poisoned the waters;

People: Creation groans.

Leader: We have polluted the air;

People: Creation groans.

Leader: Have mercy upon us.

People: Remind us it is our responsibility and great joy to care for Your world.

Leader: Let us pledge our efforts to care for this world,

People: To protect endangered animals,

Leader: To secure safe drinking water for areas without it,

People: To reduce our energy use,

Leader: And to advocate for the protection of these resources and others.

People: With God's help we will care for God's creation. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness Elizabeth Horton

Proclaiming

Young Disciples Elizabeth Horton

All youth, pre-K - 5th grade, are invited to join in this worship at the front.

Gospel Reading John 10: 11-18 Elizabeth Horton

(Pew Bible page 978)

Special Music: *"All Night, All Day"* Bell Choir

(arr. Geschke)

Sermon "Life Resurrected: Raised from Insecurity" Elizabeth Horton

Responding

*Hymn: *"Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us"* Insert

Connecting in Ministry Elizabeth Horton

Prayers of the People Elizabeth Horton

Invitation to Receive Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Easter Doxology Tune: "Old Hundredth" Text: Ruth Duck

Praise God the Source of life and birth. Praise God the Word, who came to earth.

Praise God the Spirit, holy flame. All glory, honor, to God's name. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication Eulene Shepherd

Sending

*Responsive Call to Dedication

Eulene Shepherd

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

Peace I leave with you, my friends,

Shalom, my peace, in all you do.

Peace I leave with you, my friends.

I give to you so you can give to others, too.

Postlude

*THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND

For the Beauty of the Earth

Every good and perfect gift is from above . . . Jas. 1:17

1. For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
2. For the beau - ty of each hour of the day and of the night,
3. For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
4. For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,

for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies,
hill and vale, and tree, and flower, sun and moon and stars of light,
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight,
friends on earth and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild,

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

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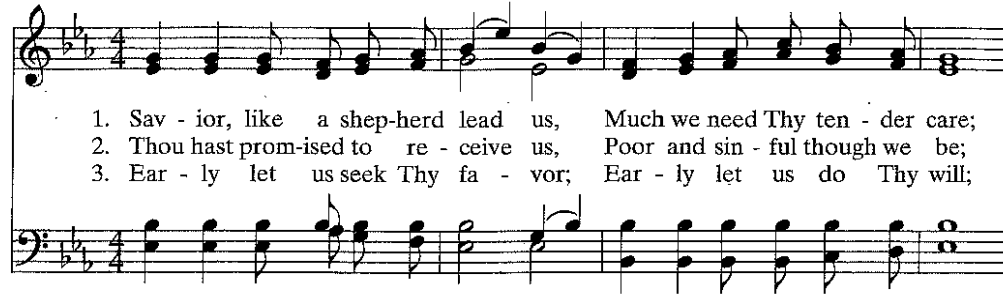
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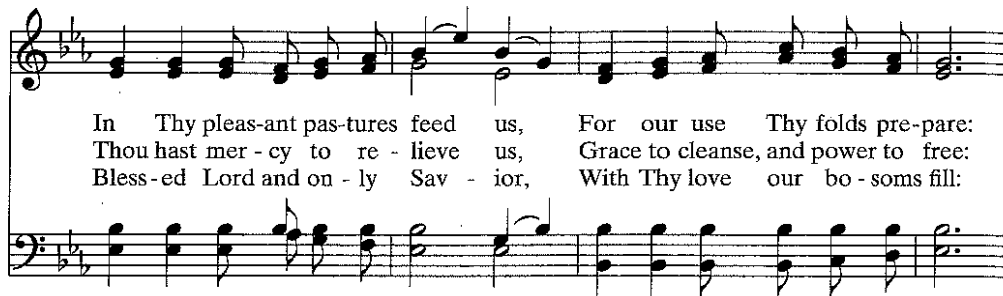
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Thrupp's Hymns for the Young, 1836

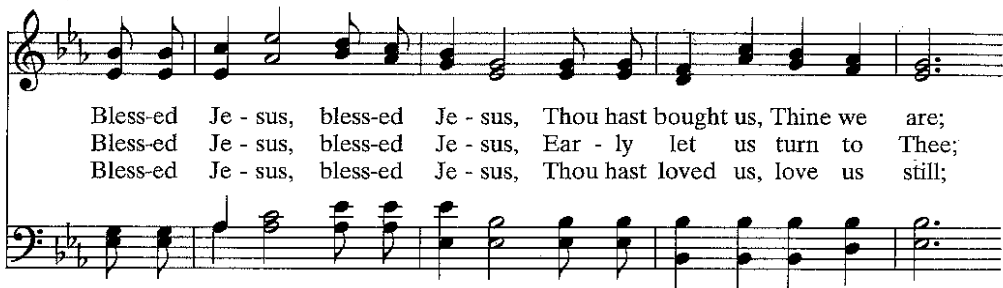
William Batchelder Bradbury, 1859



1. Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us, Much we need Thy ten - der care;
2. Thou hast prom-ised to re - ceive us, Poor and sin - ful though we be;
3. Ear - ly let us seek Thy fa - vor; Ear - ly let us do Thy will;



In Thy pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, For our use Thy folds pre-pare:
Thou hast mer - cy to re - lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and power to free:
Bless-ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, With Thy love our bo - soms fill:



Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, Ear - ly let us turn to Thee;
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Upcoming Events

THIS AFTERNOON

INTERFAITH FORUM #4:

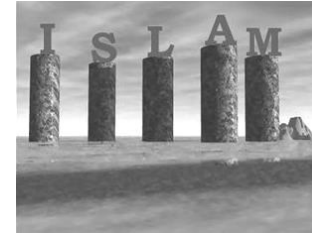
COME LEARN ABOUT ISLAM

4:00-5:30pm

IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

Guest Speaker: Najila Faizi

Program Director for Muslim Life at Wake Forest



WELCOMING TASK FORCE WILL MEET NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 29th at 4:30pm in the church parlor to continue the planning process for Building an Inclusive Church.

GARDEN HELP NEEDED: Edgar is looking for help to get the weeds out of the Community Garden. There is a workday scheduled for next Saturday, April 28th from 10-12:00. Please come out to help if you can.

ATTENTION CONFIRMANDS! Please add the following meeting dates to your calendars.

Sunday, April 29th following worship

May 6th, 13th and 20th during Sunday School for

The "UCC: Who We Are" classes

THE LEXINGTON CHORAL SOCIETY ANNUAL SPRING SING CONCERT will be presented on **Sunday, April 29 at 3:00 pm** at First United Methodist Church. Everyone is invited to attend. This is a **free concert** featuring several members of our FRUCC family. Performances include *Loch Lomond* and a medley of songs from *My Fair Lady*, as well as performances from the winners of this year's Dr. JoAnn D. Poston Vocal Scholarship Competition.

DAVIDSON-FORSYTH DISTRICT FIFTH SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP will be held Sunday, April 29 at 4:00pm at Piedmont Crossing. The worship leader will be Rev. Dr. R. J. Hronek of Heidelberg UCC in Thomasville.

BUS TRIP TO THE BILLY GRAHAM LIBRARY The Friendship Club members are discussing possible plans for a bus trip to the Billy Graham Library. Any church members and friends who would be interested in going, please contact Cathy by April 29. The cost for the bus is \$25.00 plus approximately \$10 - \$13 for lunch. The date we are looking at is Wednesday, May 23, which is the original date for Friendship Club. We need 20 people to go in order to rent the bus.

“UCC: WHO WE ARE” is a new video-led class scheduled for May 2 through June 3. All who are interested in learning about the United Church of Christ are invited to attend. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall, so there will be plenty of room!

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY IS MAY 20 In anticipation of New Member Sunday, anyone interested in becoming a part of our congregation or learning more about the church should plan to attend the new video-led series titled **“UCC: WHO WE ARE”** on May 6 and May 13. Please let the church office know (carolyn@frucc.org) if you are planning to attend.

WINSTON SALEM DASH GAME SUNDAY, JUNE 3 at 2:00pm. The deadline to sign up is **SUNDAY, MAY 6**. The cost is \$13 per person. We will be sitting in a covered area near home plate. If you are interested in attending, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the Education Building or let Cathy know.

GRADUATION SUNDAY is scheduled for Sunday, June 3rd. We would like to honor all milestones in education. If your child is graduating from kindergarten, elementary school, middle school, high school or college please advise the church office **by Sunday, May 27th**.

SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN & TEENS:

JOHN’S RIVER VALLEY CAMP 2018 registration has already begun for exciting summer opportunities at John’s River Valley Camp. The 2018 Traditional Summer Camp Schedule includes opportunities for various age and grade levels. Please look for more information on the weekly email or contact the church office.

ATTENTION MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOLERS: BE A PART OF “DISCOVER” PROGRAM AT NO COST! **“DISCOVER”** is a program that challenges middle and high school youth with theological and moral reflection prior to college life. Students have opportunities to ***discover*** God in new ways; ***discover*** who they are as children of God; ***discover*** how to live out their faith; and ***discover*** what they are called to do vocationally. Please look for more information on the weekly email or contact the church office.

25th GREATER PIEDMONT OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT hosted by The Davidson-Forsyth Churchmen Fellowship will be Saturday, May 12 at Lexington Golf Club. This is a **Captain’s Choice, Best Ball** tournament. It will begin with a 2:00 “shot gun” start. The cost is \$55.00 per person or \$220.00 per team. There will be FOUR hole-in-one prizes. All golfers will receive a goody bag and a door prize. Money raised goes toward scholarships, local charities, and local projects. Everyone is welcome to play: women, youth, and individuals. For information contact Danny Thompson (336 479 1556).



OPEN HANDS
MORE GRACE - LESS JUDGMENT



Open Hands Semi-Annual
David Surgeon Memorial Fish Fry

Tickets: \$8.00

Friday, April 27th 11AM-7PM

Open Hands Mercy Station Stephen

@ St. Stephen UMC - 100 East 1st Street

(corner of East 1st Street and North Salisbury)

Fish/Slaw/Hushpuppies

Eat in or Carryout

(Delivery available for local orders of five or more)

Proceeds to benefit our free food ministry

(Donations are accepted to provide free meals to our friends who may be struggling.)

Call 336-242-6142 for more information.

David Surgeon was a faithful member of St. Stephen UMC who firmly believed in the call of Christ to serve those in need and to reach out to our community. He strongly supported Open Hands and the establishment of Mercy Station Stephen.

To purchase tickets by text, text the word FISH to 336-221-3187

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CONCERT

BRINGING LOCAL
 CHURCH MUSICIANS
 TOGETHER
 FEATURING...



Connie Burleson,
 First Presbyterian Church Organist/Harpist

Phyllis Jones,
 First Methodist Church Organist

Beverly Khemlani,
 First Baptist Church Organist

Celie Lough
 First Lutheran Church, Vocalist

Arch McMullan,
 Beck's Lutheran Church Organist

Kelly Newsome,
 First Lutheran Church Organist/Pianist

Lee Ann Peele,
 First Reformed UCC Organist/Pianist

Ellen Peterson,
 Choir Director First Reformed UCC, Vocalist

Mike Price,
 First Reformed UCC, Saxophonist

Albert Evans,
 Trinity UMC, North Myrtle Beach
 Guest Musician, Cellist

**SUNDAY,
 MAY 6TH
 3 P.M.**

**ADMISSION IS FREE
 OFFERING TO BENEFIT
 PASTOR'S PANTRY
 OF DAVIDSON
 COUNTY**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sunday, April 22** **Fourth Sunday of Easter**
 9:45am Children – “Knowing Jesus in a New Way” with Cathy Waitman and Rita Lohr
 New Way – Romans with Dave Fulton
 Willing Workers – Genesis with Doug Sink
 Still Speaking Class –Rob Bell’s “Nooma” video series with Elizabeth Horton {P}
 11:00am Worship in the Sanctuary
 12:30pm Choir Luncheon
4:00pm Interfaith Forum #4: Naijla Faizi {FH}
- Monday, April 23** 5:00pm Tutoring
 6:30pm Open Hands Ministry {FH}
- Tuesday, April 24** 2:00pm Meals on Wheels Board Meeting {P}
- Wednesday, April 25** 12:00pm Friendship Club meets at Yarborough’s
 3:30-6:30 Grow & Go Girls {K}
 7:15pm Choir {Ch A}
- Thursday, April 26** 5:30pm YOGA Class {P}
 7:00pm Square Dancing {FH}
- Saturday, April 28** 10-12:00 Community Garden Weeding
 6:30pm Families First Gathering at the home of Joy & Vance Walser
- Sunday, April 29** **Fifth Sunday of Easter...Prayer Shawl Blessing**
 9:45am Children – “Knowing Jesus in a New Way” with Cathy Waitman and Rita Lohr
 New Way – Romans with Dave Fulton
 Willing Workers – Genesis with Doug Sink
 Still Speaking Class –Rob Bell’s “Nooma” video series with Elizabeth Horton {P}
 11:00am Worship in the Sanctuary
Following Worship...Confirmands Meet
 4:00pm Welcoming Task Force {P}
 4:30pm 5th Sunday Worship at Piedmont Crossing with Rev. Dr. R.J. Hronek

Celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries {April 22-28}

Birthdays	April 22	Nadia Freeman
	April 26	Hense Walser
		Sylvia Walser
	April 28	Emma Hartle
		Pam Sink
Anniversaries	April 22	Edgar & Kivi Miller