

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Carolyn Robbins' January 21st birthday; given by Bill Robbins.

Thank You for Serving Our Church

LITURGIST: Dave Fulton

PLATE ATTENDANT: John Potts

SOUND TECHNICIAN: James Gray

USHER CHAIRPERSON: Jeff Hutchens

USHERS: Denise Durham, Ben Hale, Kivi Miller, Susan Miller, Jeremy Peterson

YOUTH USHER: Ava Miller

ACOLYTE: Emory Smith

BIBLE STEWARD: Elliott Smith

GREETERS: Doug & Barbara Sink

NURSERY {INFANTS-KINDERGARTEN}:

Nicole Smith & Nina Smith

- ❖ *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 Ben Hale (benjaminhale08@comcast.net or 704-772-6908) or call the church office (336-248-2617).

CHURCH MEMBERS: Mary Berrier, Denise Durham, Tammy Rhodes, Bill Walsler, Janelle Bunn, Vogen Everhart, Peggy Bates, Margot Everhart, Lib & Jimbo Hinkle, Marzell Crofts, Jo Hudson, Valerie Price, Ruth Fritts, Rita Tussey, Hoyle Potts, Doris Flynt, James Everhart

OUR FRIENDS: Rev. Ken Sell (Friend of Gennie Lou Byerly & Eulene Shepherd), Leigh Swicegood (Friend of Jerry & Patti Lovell), Cody Yancey (Family of Paula Lopp), Paisley Diane Swicegood, her parents and grandparents (Friends of Jerry & Patti Lovell), Linda Burgess (Friend of Susan Odom), Susan Wilkerson (Carolyn Robbins' cousin), Cheri Yates (Eddie Yates' step-mother), Eric Cole (Son of visitor, Jill Cole, in training for Border Patrol in New Mexico), Harold Holste (Alane Holste's father), Boyd & Bonnie Perry (Friends of Frankie Hedrick), Kathe Everhart (Frankie Hedrick's sister-in-law), Jeanette Ingle (Friend of Bill & Cheryl Walsler), Chris Greene (Michell Winter's step-brother), Virginia Hill (Cathy Waitman's mother), Laura Williams (Carolyn Robbins' mother), David Combs (Friend of Open Hands), Brian Arensman (Friend and Co-worker of Keith Johnson), John Haydon (Friend of Kivi Miller), Eddie Wray (Friend of Lisa Nelson), Lynn Younts (Friend of Susie Smith)

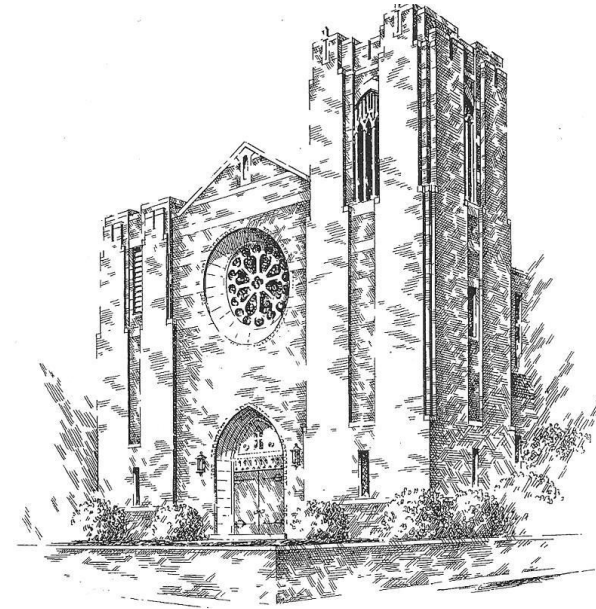
*First Reformed
United Church of Christ*

Where People Discover...

The Love of God

The Power to Love Others

The Ability to Love Ourselves



January 20, 2019

11:00AM

*We are an Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ.
No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.*

*Welcome! If you are visiting with us, please fill out a pew card and place it in the offering plate when passed. If you would like to request prayer for yourself or someone else, Prayer Request Cards can be found on the backs of the pews, as well.
Childcare for infants through Kindergarten is offered. Hearing devices are available.
Please let an usher know if you need assistance.*

* PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

The Worship of God
118th Anniversary of First Reformed United Church of Christ
Second Sunday after Epiphany

Gathering

Prelude
*Chiming of the Hour
*Greeting Elizabeth Horton
*Opening Chorus "Christ, Be Our Light"

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

*Call to Worship Based on I Corinthians 12 Dave Fulton
Leader: Our God has made us to be One Body with many members.
All: United and uniting. This is our calling.
Leader: God calls us to share our diverse gifts activated by the one and same Spirit.
All: United and uniting. This is our redemption.
Leader: God longs for us to unite in love and to manifest the Spirit in our different ways.
All: United and uniting. This is our worship.
Leader: Let us gather in this hour to offer praise and worship to our Holy God, who challenges us and calls us to *create the Beloved Community.*

*Hymn "God of Change and Glory" Insert
*Invocation Dave Fulton

Centering

Scripture Reading Psalm 36: 5-10 Dave Fulton
(Page #499 of Pew Bible)

Unison Prayer of Confession Elizabeth Horton

God of the Ages, we cannot remain silent, but must speak of the ways we misuse your gifts.
In our desire to have more, we cause damage to your good creation.
In our obsession with ourselves, we have desolated the lives of those around us.
When we hoard what you have given us, we cannot be a blessing to others.
Forgive us, O God, so we might be restored to life and to share our gifts with others,
even as you have shared the Gift of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Assurance of Grace
Young Disciples

(All youth, Pre K-5th Grade, are invited to join in this worship at the front.)

Gratitude for 118 Years of Ministry
Welcoming Home Cynthia Crowell Little
Connecting in Ministry

The Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Anthem "Every Promise" arr. Larry Shackley

*From the breaking of the dawn to the setting of the sun,
I will stand on every promise of Your Word.
Words of power, strong to save, that will never pass away;
I will stand on every promise of Your Word.
For Your covenant is sure and on this I am secure;
I can stand on every promise of Your Word.*

*When I stumble and I sin, condemnation pressing in,
I will stand on every promise of your Word.
You are faithful to forgive, that in freedom I might live,
So I stand on every promise of Your Word.
Guilt to innocence restored; You remember sins no more.
So I'll stand on every promise of Your Word.*

*Hope that lifts me from despair, love that casts out ev'ry fear,
As I stand on every promise of Your Word.
Not forsaken, not alone, for the Comforter has come.
And I stand on every promise of Your Word.
Grace sufficient, grace for me; grace for all who will believe.
We will stand on every promise of Your Word.*

*We will stand, we will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
We will stand, we will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word, Your Word, Your Word.*

Proclaiming

Gospel Reading John 2: 1-11 Elizabeth Horton
(page #967 of Pew Bible)

Special Music "He Turned the Water into Wine" Rev. Dr. Lee Jessup

Sermon "Living in the Light: Cheers!" Elizabeth Horton

God of Change and Glory

1 Cor. 12:4-27

Al Carmines, 1973

1 God of change and glo - ry, God of time and space,
 2 God of man - y col - ors, God of man - y signs,
 3 Fresh-ness of the morn - ing, new - ness of each night,

when we fear the fu - ture, give to us your grace.
 you have made us dif - ferent, bless - ing man - y kinds.
 you are still cre - at - ing end - less love and light.

In the midst of chang - ing ways give us still the grace to praise.
 As the old ways dis - ap - pear, let your love cast out our fear.
 This we see, as shad - ows part, man - y gifts from one great heart.

Refrain

Man - y gifts, one Spir - it, one love known in man - y ways.

Al Carmines, composer, playwright, performer, and teacher, has served as minister for two United Church of Christ congregations in New York City. This hymn, commissioned in 1973, was one of the first modern texts to claim diversity as a gift from God.

Tune: KATHERINE 6.5.6.5.7.7.
 Al Carmines, 1973

In our dif - fer - ence is bless - ing, from di - ver - si - ty we praise

one Giv - er, one Word, one Spir - it, one God known in man - y ways,

hal - low - ing our days. For the Giv - er, for the gifts, praise, praise, praise!

Responding

Invitation to Share Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Hymn

*Epiphany Doxology

"Fill My Cup, Lord"

Insert
 Old Hundredth

**Praise God the source of life and breath;
 Praise Christ, now born to conquer death;
 Praise Holy Spirit's mystery;
 One God, pure grace, who sets us free. Amen**

*Prayer of Dedication

Dave Fulton

Fill My Cup, Lord

Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst. John 4:14

RICHARD BLANCHARD
ARR. EUGENE CLARK

RICHARD BLANCHARD

1. Like the wom - an at the well I was seek - ing For things that could not
2. There are mil - lions in this world who are crav - ing The pleas - ure earth - ly
3. So, my broth - er, if the things this world gave you Leave hun - gers that won't

sat - is - fy. And then I heard my Sav - ior speak - ing: "Draw from my
things af - ford. But none can match the won - drous treas - ure That I
pass a - way. My bless - ed Lord will come and save you If you

Chorus
well that nev - er shall run dry."
find in Je - sus Christ, my Lord. Fill my cup, Lord, I lift it
kneel to Him and hum - bly pray.

up, Lord. Come and quench this thirst - ing of my soul. Bread of heav - en,
feed me till I want no more; Fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole.

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Sending

*Call to Discipleship

Dave Fulton

Liturgist: And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send to shine the Light into the world?"

People: Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."

*Benediction

Elizabeth Horton

*Congregational Response "I Am the Light of the World"

"I am the light of the world! You people come and follow me!"

If you follow and love you'll learn the mystery of what you were meant to do and be.

*Postlude

You are invited to join the Intercessory Prayer Circle at the front of the sanctuary after worship.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, January 20

9:45AM – Sunday School

- **Youth Service Project for ALL Children** {Downstairs} with Cathy Waitman and Rita Lohr
- **Teens** {Downstairs} Led by Rev. Horton

Adults

- **Family & Faith Discussion Group** Led by Jeremy Lovell {RM 103}
- **New Way Class** Studying Romans with Jerry Lovell {Parlor}

11:00AM – WORSHIP

118th Anniversary of First Reformed UCC

Following Worship:

- Jianna Miller will be selling **Girl Scout Cookies** in the Narthex following worship
- Families First luncheon and meeting in the Fellowship Hall
- 2:00 Worship Meeting {Parlor}

Monday, January 21

Martin Luther King, Jr. HOLIDAY

~CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED~

6:30PM

Open Hands Ministry Meal {FH}

Tuesday, January 22

10:00AM

Willing Weavers {RM 3}

2:00PM

Meals on Wheels Board Meeting {P}

Wednesday, January 23

12:00PM

Friendship Club at Yarborough's

6:30PM

Bell Choir {Bell Room}

7:15PM

Choir Practice {Chapel Annex}

Thursday, January 24

5:30PM

Yoga {Parlor}

Friday, January 25

6:30PM

Game Night {FH}

Sunday, January 27:

9:45AM – Sunday School

Youth

- **Younger Children** {Downstairs} Led by Lena Johnson
- **Older Children** {Downstairs} Studying Joshua with Cathy Waitman
- **Teens** {Downstairs} Led by Rev. Horton

Adults

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11:00AM – WORSHIP

CHILDREN'S CHURCH WITH KERI HARTLE & KERI LOVELL

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

BIRTHDAYS

January

21st Carolyn Robbins

22nd Lisa Nelson

24th Denise Durham

25th Eddie Yates

ANNIVERSARIES

January

20th Chris & Raeann Allred

Sunday, February 24, 2019 is an **open date for altar flowers**. If you are interested in having flowers placed in the church that day, please contact Betty Link at 336-956-2507 or jll3@ptmc.net



First Reformed UCC members and friends are invited to our first **GAME NIGHT** on **FRIDAY, JANUARY 25th**. This will be **FUN FOR ALL AGES!** There will be a variety of board and card games. Contact Kivi Miller or Mike Price to sign up. (kivi@nonprofitmarketingguide.com) (canjunmike@gmail.com)

Plan to check in and sign up for a game between 6:30-7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Games will start promptly at 7:00pm. Light snacks will be provided, but feel free to bring something to share!

BOOK STUDY BEGINS MARCH 3rd

Walter Hoffman will lead an 8-week discussion group on "**Love Wins,**" a book about "Heaven, Hell, and the Fate of Every Person Who Ever Lived." The group will meet in the Parlor at 9:45 during Sunday School. You can download the book on **Kindle Unlimited** for free. The paperback book is on sale for \$13.09. If you would like to purchase a book, **please email, text, or call Cathy Waitman by February 18.** (cathy@frucc.org or 336-250-2731)

BUILDING BRIDGES

The mission of "**Building Relationships In Dinner Groups Eating**" is not to play cards, but to build bridges. Who is invited to participate? Anyone who wishes...from long-time members to those who are visiting.

Previous members of Bridge Groups will be automatically added into the mix to form new groups. Groups will get together for a meal to get to know one another better. Meals could be a covered dish at someone's home, a local park picnic; a table at a local restaurant...each small group will decide the details for itself.

Let us know if you would like to participate in this fun, casual fellowship. You can contact **Belinda Yates (besyates@windstream.net)**, **FRUCC Facebook page, call/text Susie Smith at 336-596-6889 or just let us know in person by January 26th** 'Building Bridges'



SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

On **Sunday, February 3rd**, the youth will stand at the church doors at the end of the worship service with soup pots to collect donations for **SOUPER BOWL OF CARING**. Last year we collected \$291.00. Since 2003, because of your generosity, we have donated \$3528.00 for this ministry. This year our donation will go to Crisis Ministries of Davidson County. Remember to bring your dollars to help us!

CONGREGATIONAL MEAL AND MEETING

Yarborough's Restaurant will cater lunch for the February 10th Congregational Meal and Meeting. The menu will include chicken pie, chicken and dumplings, mashed potatoes, green beans, cole slaw, bread and tea. **We are asking that church members attending bring a dessert to share.** The cost of the meal will be **\$7.50 for adults** and **\$3.25 for children (11 and under)**. **Money will be collected the day of the meal.** Following lunch, we will hold our Congregational Meeting.

Please complete the form below and place in the offering plate if you plan to attend. You may also contact the church office at 336-248-2617.

Name _____

Adults @ \$7.50 Each _____ # Children (11 and under) @ \$3.25 Each _____

Total Cost _____