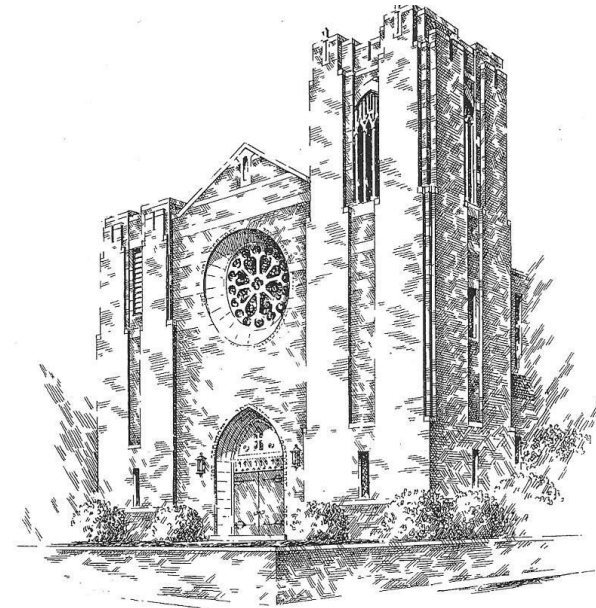


First Reformed United Church of Christ

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



January 27, 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.*

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* PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

The Worship of God
Third Sunday after Epiphany

Gathering

Prelude

*Chiming of the Hour

*Invitation to Worship

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.

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

Dave Fulton

Leader: Like the soft whisper of a little child singing to herself before anyone else in the house is awake,

All: ever so gently, God's voice cradles us with songs of wonder and awe.

Leader With the persistence of teenagers and young adults, heady with the newfound freedom of questioning everything,

All: God's voice rumbles like a river through our lives, sweeping away all the boundaries between us.

Leader: Like the nana who passes on the secret to her bread, like the grandpa who teaches his grandkids how to drive,

All: God's voice is always reminding us that we are precious, esteemed, beloved.

Opening Prayer

Dave Fulton

Centering

Scripture Reading

I Corinthians 12: 12-26
(Page #1046 of Pew Bible)

People: May we hear what the Spirit is saying.

Young Disciples

(All youth, Pre K-5th Grade, are invited to join Keri Hartle and Keri Lovell for Children's Church.)

Unison Prayer of Confession

Elizabeth Horton

Do we make you laugh or weep, Gracious God? We sing that we are one in your Spirit, but cannot tolerate those who disagree with us. We talk of being one Body, but argue over music or money. We affirm the giftedness of each person, but we heap honor on just a special few.

Forgive us, Creative God, that we dismember your Body so easily.

**May the words of our mouths speak peace to the broken;
may the hopes of our hearts bring wonder to those in despair;
and may our love embrace all who are around us,
even as we have been welcomed by your grace in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

Assurance of Pardon

*Passing the Peace

*Hymn

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

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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

"Fill the Earth with Praise"

Williams and Larson

Shout to the Lord, all the earth. Joyfully praise His name.

Shout to the Lord in one accord, God's majesty proclaim.

We are the sheep of His pasture, and by Him we were made.

Shout to the Lord all the earth. Come fill the earth with praise!

Shout to the Lord, all the earth. Come now and joyfully praise His name.

Shout to the Lord and offer Him thanks. God is evermore the same.

Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and fill His courts with praise.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth. Come, fill the earth with praise!

The Lord is holy and righteous, perfect in all His ways,

With mercies new every morning, as the breaking dawn turns into day!

He sought us 'til he found, He has found us. God's faithfulness surrounds us.

With cords of love He has bound, He has bound us.

Come fill the earth with joyous praise!

Shout to the Lord, all the, all the earth. Joyfully praise His name, His name.

Shout to the Lord in one accord, God's majesty proclaim.

Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and fill His courts with praise.

Shout to the Lord all the earth, the earth. Come fill the earth with praise!

Shout to the Lord all the earth, the earth.

Come fill the earth with praise! Come fill the earth with praise!

Proclaiming

Scripture

Luke 4: 14-21
(page #936 of Pew Bible)

Elizabeth Horton

Sermon

"Living in the Light: A Sermon in a Sentence"

Elizabeth Horton

Responding

Hymn

"I Love to Tell the Story"

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Affirmation of Faith

United Church of Christ Statement of Faith

We believe in God, the Eternal Spirit, who is made known to us in Jesus our brother, and to whose deeds we testify:

**God calls the worlds into being,
creates humankind in the divine image,
and sets before us the ways of life and death.**

God seeks in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

God judges all humanity and all nations by that will of righteousness declared through prophets and apostles.

**In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Lord,
God has come to us**

**and shared our common lot,
conquering sin and death
and reconciling the whole creation to its Creator.**

**God bestows upon us the Holy Spirit,
creating and renewing the Church of Jesus Christ,
binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues,
and races.**

**God calls us into the church
to accept the cost and joy of discipleship,
to be servants in the service of the whole human family,
to proclaim the gospel to all the world
and resist the powers of evil,
to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table,
to join him in his passion and victory.**

**God promises to all who trust in the gospel
forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace,
courage in the struggle for justice and peace,
the presence of the Holy Spirit in trial and rejoicing,
and eternal life in that kingdom which has no end.**

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto God. Amen.

Invitation to Give of Ourselves

Offertory

*Epiphany Doxology

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

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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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 Walser, Janelle Bunn, Vogen Everhart, Peggy Bates, Margot Everhart, Lib & Jimbo Hinkle, Marzell Crotts, Jo Hudson, Valerie Price, Ruth Fritts, Rita Tussey, Hoyle Potts, Doris Flynt, James Everhart

OUR FRIENDS: Earl Parker (Rev. Horton's father), Wendi Greene (Bill Robbins' sister), Tyler, Alissa, Arlo, Michael and Betsy Philpott Thompson (Friends of Patti Lovell), Rev. Ken Sell (Friend of Gennie Lou Byerly & Eulene Shepherd), Leigh Swicegood (Friend of Jerry & Patti Lovell), 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), Clifford Beane (Neighbor of Lee & Ellen Bouchard), Jeanette Ingle (Friend of Bill & Cheryl Walser), Chris Greene (Michell Winter's step-brother), Virginia Hill (Cathy Waitman's mother), Laura Williams (Carolyn Robbins' mother), 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)

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY are given to the Glory of God and to honor the January 17th birthday of my daughter, Lauren Thompson Gould; given by her mother, Myra Thompson.

Thank You for Serving Our Church

LITURGIST: Dave Fulton

PLATE ATTENDANT: Doris Sink

SOUND TECHNICIAN: James Gray

USHER CHAIRPERSON: Jeff Hutchens

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

YOUTH USHER: Ava Miller

GREETERS:

Casey, Keri, Jacob & Emma Hartle

NURSERY {INFANTS-KINDERGARTEN}:

Rita Lohr & Patti Lovell

- ❖ ***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.}***

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

- **Family & Faith Discussion Group** Led by Jeremy Lovell {RM 103}
- **Inquiring Minds Class** Studying Romans with Doug Sink {Parlor}

11:00AM – WORSHIP

CHILDREN'S CHURCH WITH KERI HARTLE & KERI LOVELL

Monday, January 28

6:30PM

Open Hands Ministry Meal {FH}

Tuesday, January 29

10:00AM

Willing Weavers {RM 3}

Wednesday, January 30

6:30PM

Bell Choir {Bell Room}

7:15PM

Choir Practice {Chapel Annex}

Thursday, January 31

5:30PM

Yoga {Dance Studio}

7:00PM

Yoga {FH}

OPEN DATE FOR ALTAR FLOWERS

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.

Sunday, February 3:

9:45AM – Sunday School

Youth

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

Adults

- **Family & Faith Discussion Group** Led by Jeremy Lovell {RM 103}
- **Inquiring Minds Class** Studying Romans with Dave Fulton {Parlor}

10:30AM – FIRST SUNDAY SOCIAL {FH}

JOHN & SUSIE SMITH AND JONATHAN KEPLEY

11:00AM – WORSHIP

- **KIDS CLUB**
- **“SOUPER” BOWL SUNDAY**

FOLLOWING WORSHIP

- **CONSISTORY MEETING**

2019 VISIONING SURVEY

Rev. Horton sent an invitation via email to complete a 2019 Vision Survey. This is meant to start conversations about where God is leading us next. This is a beginning and is not the only tool we will use to discern God's calling upon this congregation. If you haven't already completed the 2019 Visioning Survey, here's the web address:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/frucc2019>

The deadline is Tuesday, February 5th.

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

BIRTHDAYS

January
30th Lauren Mims Gregg

February
1st Cameron Sink
Bonita Hooper

ANNIVERSARIES

February
1st Ted & Nina Smith

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

Next 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!

HELP FOR CRISIS MINISTRIES

Crisis Ministries is in need of the following items to help replenish their supplies. Please bring any items by the church office, and we will contact someone to pick them up.

Sugar	Instant Potatoes
Rice	Mac & Cheese
Ramen Noodles	Dried Beans
Canned Vegetables:	Green Beans
	Corn
	Peas
	Pinto Beans

GIRL SCOUT COOKIES FOR SALE

Jianna Miller will have Girls Scout cookies for sale again at the Congregational Meeting on February 10. She is also happy to bring cookies to you on Sundays. Just place an order with Kivi on Facebook or call/text 336-870-0251 through the end of February. You can also buy cookies by the case for your employees or customers or donate them to a local nonprofit. The Girl Scouts will deliver. A case is 12 packages of cookies and costs \$48.

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 19.** (cathy@frucc.org or 336-250-2731)

♥ TOUCHING DAVIDSON COUNTY WITH LOVE ♥

Jerry Lovell is soliciting volunteers for Touching Davidson County with Love which is Saturday, April 13th, 2019. This event helps many elderly folks in the community, as well as children and youth. Projects involve all levels of skill. A sign-up sheet will be available soon for volunteers. In the meantime, you may contact Jerry at 336-746-6493 or 336-309-9302 or plovel53@yahoo.com if you have questions. Look for more information in the next Newsletter.

SIGN UP NOW FOR THE CONGREGATIONAL MEAL

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 TODAY if you plan to attend. You may also contact the church office at 336-248-2617 **by WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30th.**

Name _____

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

Total Cost _____