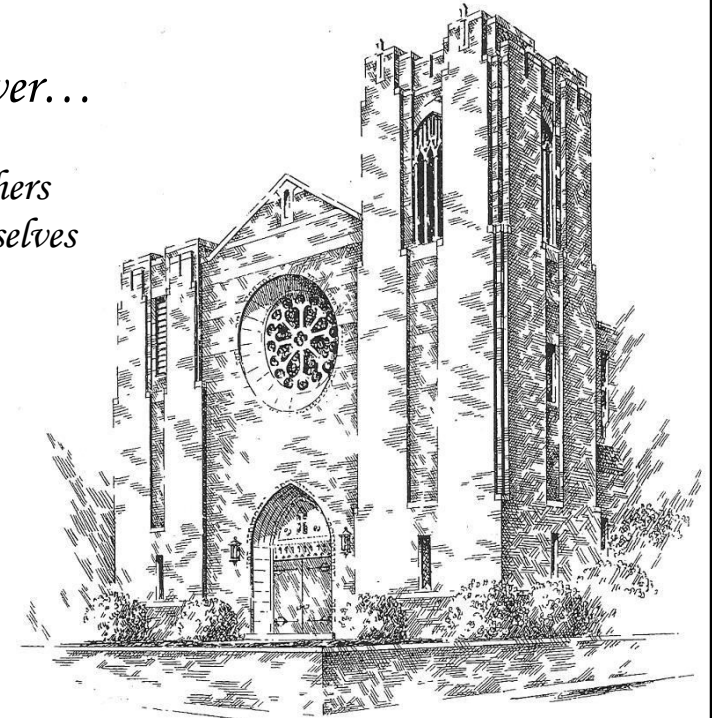


# *First Reformed United Church of Christ*

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



*February 10, 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.*

*HYMNS USED IN THE BULLETIN ARE REPRINTED WITH PERMISSION UNDER ONELICENSE.NET (LICENSE #A-720854)  
AND/OR FROM THE NEW CENTURY HYMNAL, COPYRIGHT © 1995 THE PILGRIM PRESS.  
PERMISSION IS GRANTED FOR THIS ONE-TIME USE OR COPYRIGHT © 1990 WESTMINSTER/JOHN KNOX PRESS THE  
PRESBYTERIAN HYMNAL: HYMNS, PSALMS, AND SPIRITUAL SONGS, OR IS PUBLIC DOMAIN.*

**FIRST REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

104 EAST CENTER STREET, LEXINGTON, NC 27292

PHONE: 336-248-2617 WEBSITE: [www.frucc.org](http://www.frucc.org) FACEBOOK: [facebook.com/firstreformeducc](https://facebook.com/firstreformeducc)

**Ministers:** The Congregation

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

**Minister of Pastoral Care:** Rev. June Grubb ([jgrubb3@triad.rr.com](mailto:jgrubb3@triad.rr.com) #336-248-5668)

**Director of Spiritual Growth and Renewal:** Cathy Waitman ([cathy@frucc.org](mailto:cathy@frucc.org))

**Choir Director:** Ellen Peterson

**Organist:** Lee Ann Peele

**Admin. Asst.:** Carolyn Robbins ([carolyn@frucc.org](mailto:carolyn@frucc.org))

**Financial Secretary:** Paula Lopp ([paula@frucc.org](mailto:paula@frucc.org))

\* PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

*The Worship of God*  
*Fifth Sunday after Epiphany*

*“We do not draw people to Christ by loudly discrediting what they believe, by telling them how wrong they are and how right we are, but by showing them a light that is so lovely that they want with all their hearts to know the source of it.”*

Madeleine L'Engle, 20<sup>th</sup> Century

*Gathering*

Prelude

\*Chiming of the Hour

\*Hymn *“Holy, Holy, Holy”* #1

\*Invitation to Worship Elizabeth Horton

\*Call to Worship Griff Smith

Leader: We gather to worship together; different people, different lives, different histories,

**People: Yet all created lovingly by the Source of all life!**

Leader: We gather to find community and to be known.

**People: Different, yet all disciples of one Teacher, Jesus, the Word made flesh.**

Leader: We gather with different joys and sorrows, different hopes and fears....

**People: Different people, different lives, different histories,**

Leader: Yet one people with one God, one faith, one baptism.

**All: Let us worship the God who finds us and loves us just as we are.**

Welcome and Opening Prayer Elizabeth Horton

*Centering*

Scripture Reading Isaiah 6: 1-8 Griff Smith

*(Page #622 of Pew Bible)*

Time of Confession Elizabeth Horton

Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Passing the Peace

\*Hymn *“They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love”* Insert

Young Disciples  
*(All youth, Pre K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade, are invited to join in this worship at the front.)*

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.**

Dedication of Welcoming Statement

On October 7, 2018, First Reformed United Church of Christ officially became an Open and Affirming Church

Following the example of Jesus, we believe

**God’s love, Christ’s church, and the power of the Holy Spirit are for all people.**

We believe

**our unity as one body in Christ transcends worldly differences.**

No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey,

**you are welcome here.**

First Reformed United Church of Christ is an Open and Affirming congregation. This means

**we welcome into the full life and ministry of the church all people,**

regardless of ability,

**age,**

education,

**ethnicity,**

family or marital status,

**gender identity or expression,**

income,

**nationality,**

political affiliation,

**race,**

sexual orientation,

**or any other distinction.**

At the baptismal font and at the communion table,

**from the nursery cribs to the church leadership,**

whether you were raised in a church or have never before attended one,

**you are welcome here.**

We affirm and celebrate the diversity of God’s children as a blessing.

**Today, we dedicate ourselves to building bridges of love and hope**

where harmful divisions have been made,

**making equity and equality for all people our goal,**

while working continually for justice, so that

**Everyone can live fully in God’s love.**

Special Music

“Room for All”

Ellen Peterson

*In God’s house, there is room for all.  
Every person has a place held within the arms of grace.  
In God’s house, there’s no room too small.*

*Room for all who hunger. Room for all who thirst. Room for all to love the one who loved us first.  
Every tiny grain of sand is a diamond in God’s hand.  
Do our eyes and arms and hands bear the truth that understands?  
Every child a child of light, We’re all precious in God’s sight.  
In God’s house there is room for all.*

*Proclaiming*

Scripture

Luke 5: 1-11  
(Page #937 of Pew Bible)

Elizabeth Horton

Sermon

“Living in the Light: Into the Deep”

Elizabeth Horton

*Responding*

\*Hymn

“All Are Welcome”

Insert

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

Griff Smith

*Sending*

\*Call to Discipleship

Griff Smith

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 & Blessing

Elizabeth Horton

\*Choral Benediction

“Room for All”

*In God’s house there is room for all.  
Every child, a child of light, we’re all precious in God’s sight.  
In God’s house there’s no room too small for God prepared a room for all.*

\*Postlude

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

**Please join us for the Congregational Meal & Meeting in the Fellowship Hall.**

# They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

*By this shall all men know...if ye have love one to another. John 13:35*

PETER SCHOLTES

PETER SCHOLTES

*Unison*

1. We are one in the Spir-it, we are one in the Lord, We are  
 2. We will walk with each oth-er, we will walk hand in hand, We will  
 3. We will work with each oth-er, we will work side by side, We will  
 4. All praise to the Fa-ther, from whom all things come, And all

one in the Spir-it, we are one in the Lord, And we pray that all  
 walk with each oth-er, we will walk hand in hand, And to- geth- er we'll  
 work with each oth-er, we will work side by side, And we'll guard each man's  
 praise to Christ Je- sus, His on- ly Son, And all praise to the

*Refrain*

u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:  
 spread the news that God is in our land: And they'll know we are Chris-tians  
 dig - ni - ty and save each man's pride:  
 Spir - it, who makes us one:

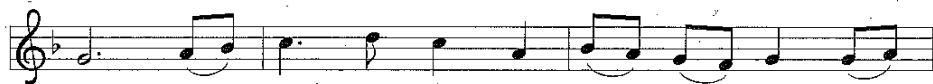
by our love, by our love, Yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

© Copyright 1986 by F.E.L. Publications, Ltd. All Rights Reserved. Reprinted with Permission. Performance rights licensed through A.S.C.A.P.

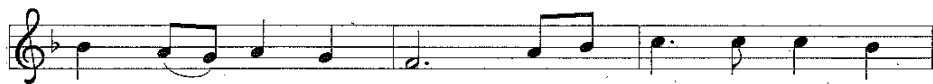
# All Are Welcome



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly  
 2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and  
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and  
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and  
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how  
 true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to  
 wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where  
 stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and  
 heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and  
 dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as  
 peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through  
 live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the  
 words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of  
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we  
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in  
 strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an  
 laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



*Refrain*  
 Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
 claim the faith of Je - sus:  
 Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,  
 end to fear and dan - ger:  
 claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950  
 Music: Marty Haugen  
 Text and music © 1994 GIA Publications, Inc.

TWO OAKS  
 96 8 6 8 7 10 and refrain

## THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY

are given to the Glory of God and in loving  
 memory of Nancy Robbins and in honor of  
 Kalyssa Hutchens' 18<sup>th</sup> birthday;  
 given by Jeff Hutchens

## Thank You for Serving Our Church

**LITURGIST:** Griff Smith

**PLATE ATTENDANT:** Clifford Lopp

**SOUND TECHNICIAN:** Jeremy Peterson

**USHER CHAIRPERSON:** Jeff Hutchens

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

**YOUTH USHER:** Jonathan Kepley

**GREETERS:** John & Lynn McCarn

**NURSERY {INFANTS-KINDERGARTEN}:**

Keri Hartle & Ashlee Snider

- ❖ **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:** Elizabeth Horton (out-patient foot surgery on February 11<sup>th</sup>), Myra Thompson, Marguerite Leonard, Mary Berrier, Denise Durham, Tammy Rhodes, Bill Walser, Janelle Bunn, Vogen Everhart, Peggy Bates, Margot Everhart, Lib & Jimbo Hinkle, Marzell Crotts, Valerie Price, Jo Hudson, Rita Tussey, Hoyle Potts, Doris Flynt, James Everhart

**OUR FRIENDS:** Marinda Hemric (Friend of Ben Hale), Earl Parker (Rev. Horton's father), Wendi Greene (Bill Robbins' sister), Tyler, Alissa, Arlo, Michael & Betsy Philpott Thompson (Friends of Patti Lovell), Rev. Ken Sell (Friend of Gennie Lou Byerly and 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)

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Sunday, February 10:** **9:45AM – Sunday School**  
**Youth**  
**ALL Children** {Downstairs}  
 Service Project with Cathy Waitman & Carolyn Robbins  
**Teens** with Rev. Horton & Jeremy Peterson {Downstairs}

**Adults**  
**Family & Faith Discussion Group** with Jeremy Lovell {RM 103}  
**Inquiring Minds Class** Studying Romans with Jerry Lovell {Parlor}

**11:00AM - WORSHIP**  
**Following Worship** - Congregational Meal & Meeting {FH}

**Monday, February 11** **6:30PM** - Open Hands Ministry Meal {FH}

**Tuesday, February 12** **10:00AM** - Willing Weavers {Rm 3}  
 Collaborative Ministries {Parlor}  
**6:00PM** - Men's Brotherhood {FH}

**Wednesday, February 13** **7:00PM (NEW TIME!)** - Choir Practice {Chapel Annex}

**Thursday, February 14** **5:30PM** Yoga {Dance Studio}  
**7:00PM** Yoga {FH}

**Sunday, February 17:** **9:45AM – Sunday School**  
**Youth**  
**Younger Children** Studying Creation with Lena Johnson {Downstairs}  
**Older Children** Studying Gideon I with Cathy Waitman {Downstairs}  
**Teens** with Alice Gray {Downstairs}

**Adults**  
**Family & Faith Discussion Group** With Jeremy Lovell {RM 103}  
**Inquiring Minds Class** Llamas for Lent 1 & 2 with Doug Sink {Parlor}

**11:00AM – WORSHIP**  
**In the Pulpit:** Rev. Dr. Lee Jessup  
 Children's Church With Keri Hartle & Keri Lovell

**CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK**

<b>Birthdays</b>	<b>February 12</b>	<b>Ann Hoffman</b>
	<b>15</b>	<b>Abbie Callicutt</b>
<b>Anniversaries</b>	<b>February 10</b>	<b>Mike &amp; Bonita Hooper</b>



**THANK YOU First Reformed UCC!**

**\$393**

**was collected for Crisis Ministries on February 3, 2019**

**BOOK STUDY BEGINS MARCH 3<sup>rd</sup>**

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. Used books are available on-line at different websites. **If you want help obtaining a book, please email, text, or call Cathy Waitman by February 19.** (cathy@frucc.org or 336-250-2731) **You are welcome to join the book discussion even if you do not have a book.**



Purses for Women

The Board of Spiritual Growth and Renewal is planning a **Children's Service Project for March.** They are collecting the following items to be donated to homeless women through Open Hands Ministry.

**Gently used purses**  
**Costume jewelry**  
**Toiletries**

(toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs & brushes, Kleenex, lip balm, individually wrapped wipes, etc.)

If you can help with any of the following items, please bring them to the crates located either in the Narthex or outside the church office **by March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**♥♥♥ TOUCHING DAVIDSON COUNTY WITH LOVE ♥♥♥**

Volunteers are needed 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 who are in need. You can volunteer as a project manager or as a general worker. Volunteers are needed for three different categories of projects...

**SOFT PROJECTS:** such as making blankets, etc.  
**MEDIUM DUTY PROJECTS:** such as yard work and landscaping, etc.  
**HARD PROJECTS:** such as wheelchair ramp repair and light carpentry, etc.

A sign-up sheet will be available soon for volunteers. In the meantime, you may contact Jerry Lovell at 336-746-6493 or 336-309-9302 or plovell53@yahoo.com if you have questions. More information will be available later.