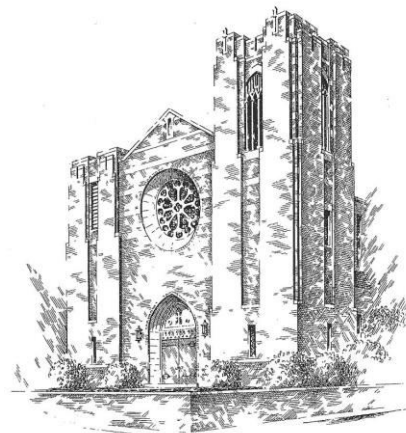


# First Reformed United Church of Christ

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



**We are an Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ.**

*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.*

*February 24, 2019*

*11:00AM*

*The Worship of God*

*Seventh Sunday after Epiphany*

*Gathering*

\* PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

Prelude

\*Chiming of the Hour

\*Hymn

*"Come Thou Almighty King"*

#4

\*Call to Worship

Alane Holste

Leader: We come, those who seek to trust in God.

**People: We commit ourselves to do as Jesus would do for those around us.**

Leader: We come, delighting in all the wonders God provides for us.

**People: We would not worry, but open ourselves to God's heart.**

Leader: We come, waiting patiently for God to speak.

**People: We will be still, listening for God's words of hope, of peace**

Welcome

Elizabeth Horton

*Centering*

Opening Prayer

Alane Holste

Scripture Reading

Psalm 37: 1-11, 39-40  
*(Page #500 of Pew Bible)*

Alane Holste

Prayer of Confession

Elizabeth Horton

Leader: You call us to turn our lives around, to risk repentance and learn forgiveness, to work with patience and diligence to prepare the way for your Reign, but we get discouraged and give up too soon.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: You call us to be full of joyful confidence to create community where all have enough for abundant life, but we burden ourselves with anxiety and fear.

**People: Christ, have mercy.**

Leader: You call us to speak out in the presence of injustice, but too often we do not challenge words and actions rooted in hate.

**People: Holy One, have mercy.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Elizabeth Horton

\*Passing the Peace

\*Hymn

*"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"*

#472

Young Disciples

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

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

*"Somebody Bigger Has the World in His Hands"*

arr. Ruth Elaine Schram

*Who made the mountain, who made the tree, who made the river flow to the sea,  
and who hung the moon in the starry sky?  
Somebody bigger than you and I.*

*Who makes the flowers bloom in the spring, who writes the song for the robin to sing,  
and who sends the rain when the earth is dry?  
Somebody bigger than you and I.*

*He lights the way when the road is long, keeps you company.  
With love to guide you, He walks beside you, just like He walks with me.*

*When I am weary, filled with despair, who gives me courage to go on from there,  
and who gives me faith that will never die?  
Somebody bigger than you and I. You, you and I.*

*He's got the whole world in His hands. He's got the whole world in His hands.  
You and I, we're in His hands, we're in His hands.*

### *Proclaiming*

Scripture

Luke 6: 27-38  
*(Page #939 of Pew Bible)*

Elizabeth Horton

Sermon

*"Living in the Light: Love Your Enemy"*

### *Responding*

\*Hymn

*"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"*

Insert

Invitation to Give of Ourselves

Alane Holste

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

Alane Holste

### *Sending*

\*Call to Discipleship

Alane Holste

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

*"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.*

# Make Me a Channel of Your Peace



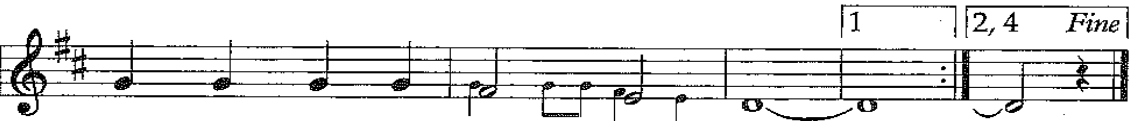
1. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. \_\_\_\_\_ Where  
 2. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. \_\_\_\_\_ Where  
 4. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. \_\_\_\_\_ It



there is ha-tred, let me bring your love. \_\_\_\_\_ Where  
 there's de-spair in life, let me bring hope. \_\_\_\_\_ Where  
 is in par-don - ing that we are par - doned, \_\_\_\_\_ in



there is in - ju - ry, your par-don, Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ and  
 there is dark - ness, \_\_\_\_\_ on - ly light, \_\_\_\_\_ and  
 giv - ing of our - selves that we re - ceive, \_\_\_\_\_ and in



where there's doubt, true faith in you. \_\_\_\_\_  
 where there's sad - ness, ev - er joy. \_\_\_\_\_  
 dy - ing that we're born to e - ter - nal life. \_\_\_\_\_



3. Oh, Mas-ter, grant that I may nev - er seek \_\_\_\_\_ so



much to be con - soled as to con - sole, \_\_\_\_\_ to be



un - der - stood as to un - der - stand, \_\_\_\_\_ to be



loved as to love with all my soul. \_\_\_\_\_

WORDS: *Prayer of St. Francis*; adapt. by Sebastian Temple (Matt. 6:12-15)

MUSIC: Sebastian Temple

CHANNEL OF PEACE  
Irregular

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THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY are given to the Glory of God by Rev. June Grubb.

*Thank You for Serving Our Church*

**LITURGIST:** Alane Holste

**PLATE ATTENDANT:** Clifford Lopp

**USHER CHAIRPERSON:** Jeff Hutchens

**SOUND TECHNICIAN:** Jeremy Peterson

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

**YOUTH USHER:** Jonathan Kepley

**ACOLYTE:** Jacob Hartle

**BIBLE STEWARD:** Ethan Lovell

**GREETERS:** Keith & Alisa Johnson

**NURSERY {INFANTS-KINDERGARTEN}:** Heidi Hutcheson & Kivi Miller

❖ *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:** Myra Thompson, Marguerite Leonard, Mary Berrier, Tammy Rhodes, Bill Walser, Janelle Bunn, Margie & 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:** Kiana Sinz (Friend of Patti Lovell), Derrick Wong (Friend of Joni Walser), Marinda Hemric (Friend of Ben Hale), Earl Parker (Rev. Horton's father), Wendi Greene (Bill Robbins' sister), 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)

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## Weekly Items of Note

**ONLINE GIVING** Church offering and donations can now be made on-line. Visit [www.frucc.org](http://www.frucc.org) and click on "ONLINE GIVING". From this link, you may set up preferences for giving.

**COMMUNITY MEAL on FEBRUARY 26<sup>th</sup>** Tuesday's meal will be served from 5-7:00PM in the Fellowship Hall. The menu is baked spaghetti, salad, rolls and dessert. **A minimum donation of \$5.00 is requested for the meal. Donations will benefit the GLAMA Crisis Fund.**

**FRIENDSHIP CLUB on FEBRUARY 27<sup>th</sup>** The Friendship Club will meet at 12:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Guest Tad Kepley, a local wood carver, will give a demonstration of his talents and methods he uses in his work. Please bring a covered dish to share with everyone for our meal. **Meat, drinks, and desserts will be provided.** We look forward to another time of good fellowship and food together!

**HELP NEEDED** Alisa Johnson is looking for a **driver to help deliver Meals on Wheels**. If you are able to help out, please contact Alisa at 336-357-0648.

**OPEN FLOWER DATES** There are a couple of open dates for flowers in March. If you'd like to place flowers in the church on March 3<sup>rd</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup> please contact Betty Link as soon as possible at [jll3@ptmc.net](mailto:jll3@ptmc.net) or 336-956-2507.

**CHANGE IN DATE: BOOK STUDY BEGINS MARCH 10<sup>th</sup>** The 8-week discussion group on "Love Wins," led by Walter Hoffman will begin on March 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 in the Parlor. You can download the book on Kindle Unlimited for free or find used books on-line at different websites. **You are welcome to join the book discussion even if you do not have a book. The Family & Faith class led by Jeremy Lovell will continue to meet.**

**PURSE MINISTRY FOR HOMELESS WOMEN** The Board of Spiritual Growth and Renewal is planning a Children's Service Project on March 10<sup>th</sup> and we need your help! Bring gently-used purses, costume jewelry, and ladies' toiletries to the crates located in the Narthex or outside the church office **by March 3.**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR TOUCHING DAVIDSON COUNTY WITH LOVE** Sign-up sheets are now in the Narthex for ALL LEVELS OF PROJECTS. You may also order a T-shirt. Shirt orders are due by March 24. For questions, please contact Jerry Lovell. (336-746-6493 or 336-309-9302 or [plovell53@yahoo.com](mailto:plovell53@yahoo.com))

### **COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES**

**When:** Each Wednesday beginning March 6 through April 10 at 12:00.  
Services led by different denominations each week

**Where:** First United Methodist Church

**What:** Lunch served following services (\$5.00/person)

### **WNCA Spring Education Day "STUFF HAPPENS! The Church @ Ground Zero"**

**Saturday, March 2 • 9:00am – 3:00pm...Abernethy Laurels in Newton NC**

You've given generously. You've gathered buckets. In fact, the Western NC Association provided 70% of the goal for the entire Southern Conference 2018 Clean-Up Bucket Campaign! So let's take the next step together — come learn how you and your church can respond effectively in crisis. This rich day of training will include:

- **A panel discussion about disaster and disaster response** — from the perspective of disaster response managers as well as eyewitnesses and victims
- **Six workshop opportunities in two tracks:** one for individuals who want to provide spiritual care, and one for church leaders and members who want to learn more about preparedness and serving as a resource. And yes, you can choose your workshops from both tracks.
- **Worship** that celebrates our common desire to be God's hands and heart in a hurting world.

Morning refreshments and an *emergency-style lunch* will be provided. **Your registration by February 25 of \$10 per person covers food and program expenses, and some scholarship funds are available. Registration after February 25 through the event day is \$15 per person.** Credit cards accepted!

Register on-line at <https://wnca-soc.org/education-day-reg/>

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Sunday, February 24

9:45AM SUNDAY SCHOOL  
YOUTH  
Younger Children {Downstairs}  
Older Children {Downstairs}

Teens {Downstairs}

ADULTS  
Family & Faith {Rm 103}

Inquiring Minds {Parlor}

11:00AM WORSHIP

### Monday, February 25

10:00AM  
Willing Weavers {Rm 3}

6:30PM  
Open Hands Ministry Meal {FH}

### Tuesday, February 26

5:00PM  
Community Meal {FH}

### Wednesday, February 27

12:00PM  
Friendship Club Covered Dish {FH}

7:00PM  
Choir Practice {Chapel Annex}

### Thursday, February 28

5:30PM  
Yoga {Dance Studio}

7:00PM  
Square Dancing {FH}

### Sunday, March 3

9:45AM SUNDAY SCHOOL  
YOUTH  
Younger Children {Downstairs}  
Older Children {Downstairs}

Teens {Downstairs}

ADULTS  
Family & Faith {RM 103}

Inquiring Minds {Parlor}

10:30AM FIRST SUNDAY SOCIAL:  
LISA NELSON & MICHELL WINTERS {FH}

11:00AM WORSHIP—GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY

FOLLOWING WORSHIP:  
FAMILIES FIRST MEAL & MEETING {FH}

4:00PM CONSISTORY RETREAT

## CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

### BIRTHDAYS

FEBRUARY	24	Megan Horton
	26	Clifford Lopp
MARCH	1	Ann Kirkman
	2	Vicky Gray
	3	Corrine Gray

### ANNIVERSARIES

FEBRUARY	28	Jerry &
Aurelia Smith		