

SIGN UP THE CONGREGATIONAL MEAL

Yarborough's Restaurant will cater lunch for the February 9th Congregational Meal and Meeting.
The menu includes: broasted chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans,
choice of layered or Italian salad, rolls, tea & lemonade.

We are asking church members to bring a dessert to share.

The suggested donation for the meal is **\$8.00 for adults** and **\$3.50 for children (11 and under)**.

To help with planning, PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM AND PLACE IT IN THE OFFERING PLATE
if you plan to attend. You may also contact the church office at 336-248-2617
by WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5th.

Name _____

Adults _____ # Children (11 and under) _____

I can bring a dessert _____

**Following lunch, we will hold our Congregational Meeting:
HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2019 AND
SHOWCASING MINISTRIES FOR 2020 AND BEYOND.**

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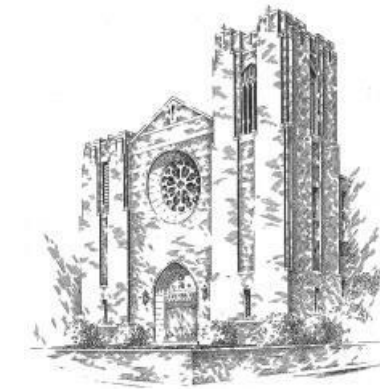
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First Reformed United Church of Christ



The Worship of God

January 19, 2020
119th Anniversary Sunday

11:00AM

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

Gathering

(*Please stand as you are able
"BOLD" indicates congregational response

Prelude

*Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Chorus

*Call to Worship

Our God has made us to be One Body with many members.

United and uniting. This is our calling.

God calls us to share our diverse gifts activated by the one and same Spirit.

United and uniting. This is our redemption.

God longs for us to unite in love and to manifest the Spirit in our different ways.

United and uniting. This is our worship.

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 Grace and God of Glory"

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*Invocation

Elliott Smith

Centering

Scripture Reading

John 1: 35-42
(Page #967 in Pew Bible)

Elliott Smith

Prayer of Confession

You are faithful, Patient God. We give thanks to you for the prophets of the past, but we confess: your modern-day messengers make us uncomfortable. Forgive us, God, and disturb us. Send your Spirit among us, that we may hear your Word for us, in the words of our scripture, in the whispers of our hearts, in the warnings of your prophets, and in the weeping of the world.

Elizabeth Horton

Assurance of Pardon

*Passing the Peace

*Hymn

"Faith of Our Fathers"

p. 4

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

Gratitude for 119 Years of Ministry

Elizabeth Horton

Anthem

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Jack Schrader

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, my Father; there is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not, as Thou hast been Thou forever will be.

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness to Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided. Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Proclaiming

Scripture

I Corinthians 1: 1-9
(Page #1038 in Pew Bible)

Elizabeth Horton

Sermon

"The Promise of Faithfulness"

Responding

*Hymn

"Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory"

p. 5

*Invitation to Receive Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology

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**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Christ, all creatures here below. Alleluia, alleluia.
Praise God with all the hosts above. Praise God in wonder, joy and love.
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

*Prayer of Dedication

Elliott Smith

Sending

*Call to Dedication

And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send and who will go for us?"
Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."

Elliott Smith

*Benediction

Elizabeth Horton

*Choral Benediction

"Standing on the Promises"

*Postlude

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

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given by the Bill and Carolyn Robbins to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Laura Williams' January 3rd birthday and Carlton "Tommy" Williams' February 8th birthday.

THANK YOU FOR SERVING

LITURGIST: Elliott Smith	PLATE ATTENDANT: Doris Sink	SOUND TECHNICIAN: James Gray
USHER CHAIRPERSON: Jeff Hutchens	ACOLYTE: Emma Hartle	BIBLE STEWARD: Jacob Hartle
USHERS: Mark Smith (Captain), Jeremy Peterson, Kivi Miller, Denise Durham, Ava Miller (Youth Usher)		
GREETERS: Doug & Barbara Sink		

God of Grace and God of Glory

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Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930; alt.

John Hughes, 1907

1. God of grace and God of glo - ry, On Thy peo - ple
2. Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us Scorn Thy Christ, as -
3. Cure Thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, Bend our pride to
4. Set our feet on loft - y pla - ces; Gird our lives that

pour Thy power; Crown Thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
sail Thy ways! From the fears that long have bound us
Thy con - trol; Shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
they may be Ar - mored with all Christ - like gra - ces,

Bring its bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
Free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
Rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
Pledged to set all cap - tives free. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

For the fac - ing of this hour, For the fac - ing of this hour.
For the liv - ing of these days, For the liv - ing of these days.
Lest we miss Thy king - dom's goal, Lest we miss Thy king - dom's goal.
That we fail not them nor Thee! That we fail not them nor Thee!

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Faith of Our Fathers

1 Faith of our fa - thers, liv - ing still in spite of dun - geon,
 2 Faith of our moth - ers, dar - ing faith, your work for Christ is
 3 Faith of our sis - ters, broth - ers too, who still must bear op -
 4 Faith born of God, O call us yet; bind us with all who

fire, and sword; O how our hearts beat high with joy,
 love re - vealed, spread - ing God's word from pole to pole,
 pres - sion's might, rais - ing on high, in pris - ons dark,
 fol - low you, shar - ing the strug - gle of your cross

when - e'er we hear that glo - rious word: faith of our fa - thers,
 mak - ing love known and free - dom real: faith of our moth - ers,
 the cross of Christ still burn - ing bright: faith for to - day, O
 un - til the world is made a - new. Faith born of God, O

ho - ly faith,
 ho - ly faith, we will be true to you till death.
 liv - ing faith,
 liv - ing faith,

Chords: G, Am, D, G, C, G, A7, D, G, Em, Am, D7, Em, C, G, Em, Am7, D, G, C, G, D, G, C, Em, Dsus, D, G

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Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted — Isaiah 6:1 NIV

1. Mine eyes have seen the glo - ry of the com - ing of the Lord;
 2. I have seen Him in the watch - fires of a hun - dred cir - cling camps;
 3. He has sound - ed forth the trum - pet that shall nev - er sound re - treat;
 4. In the beau - ty of the lil - ies, Christ was born a - cross the sea,
 5. He is com - ing like the glo - ry of the morn - ing on the wave;

He is tram - pling out the vin - tage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
 They have build - ed Him an al - tar in the eve - ning dews and damps;
 He is sift - ing out the hearts of men be - fore His judg - ment seat;
 With a glo - ry in His bo - som that trans - fig - ures you and me;
 He is wis - dom to the might - y, He is hon - or to the brave;

He hath loosed the fate - ful light - ning of His ter - ri - ble swift sword;
 I can read His righ - teous sen - tence by the dim and flar - ing lamps;
 O be swift, my soul, to an - swer Him; be ju - bi - lant, my feet!
 As He died to make men ho - ly, let us live to make men free,
 So the world shall be His foot - stool, and the soul of wrong His slave.

His truth is march - ing on.
 His day is march - ing on.
 Our God is march - ing on. Glo - ry! glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry!
 While God is march - ing on.
 Our God is march - ing on.

glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry! glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Our God is march - ing on.

WELCOME TO FIRST REFORMED UCC

If you are visiting with us, please fill out a pew card and place it in the offering plate when passed.

Following the example of Jesus, we believe that 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. We welcome you to First Reformed United Church of Christ.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, January 19

- 9:30AM** Coffee Cart
9:45AM **Adult Sunday School**
 Book Study on "Trouble I've Seen"
 led by Bonita Hooper and Stacey Sosebee-West
- Youth and Children Sunday School**
- 11:00AM** **Worship in the Sanctuary**
 119th Anniversary Sunday

Monday, January 20

HOLIDAY – Church Office Closed

- 5:30PM** Clothing Closet {Basement}
6:30PM Open Hands Meal {FH}

Tuesday, January 21

- 10:45AM** Willing Weavers
2:00PM Meals on Wheels Board Meeting {P}

Wednesday, January 22

- 8:30AM** Staff Meeting
12:00PM Friendship Club Covered Dish Lunch {FH}
6:30PM Bell Choir will **NOT** meet
7:15PM Choir will **NOT** meet

Thursday, January 23

- 5:15PM** Yoga Class {Dance Studio}
7:00PM Square Dancing {FH}

Saturday, January 25

- 9-12:00** Consistory Retreat at Mt. Tabor UCC

Sunday, January 26

- 9:30AM** Coffee Cart
9:45AM **Adult Sunday School**
 Book Study on "Trouble I've Seen"
 led by Bonita Hooper and Stacey Sosebee-West
- Youth and Children Sunday School**
- New Member Orientation**
- 11:00AM** **Worship in the Sanctuary**
 New Member Sunday

OUR CHURCH AT PRAYER

OUR MEMBERS:

*Lynn Brown, Susan Miller, Ellen Bouchard, Bill Walser

AT HOME AND IN CARE FACILITIES:

Peggy Bates, Janelle Bunn, Marzell Crotts, Ruth Essick, Margot Everhart, Vogen Everhart, Lib & Jimbo Hinkle, Marguerite Leonard, Bob Shaak, Lib Sink, Katherine Skipper, Carolyn Spivey, Adena Wall

Brookdale: Hoyle Potts

Piedmont Crossing: Mary Berrier, Doris Flynt

OUR FRIENDS:

Cpt. Kacie Allred, USAF (Raeann Allred's step-daughter), Beverly Ward (Ron Link's Sister-in-law), The family of Robert Yates (Eddie Yates' uncle)

**Indicates newly added. Names will remain on the list for 4 weeks. To add a name to the prayer list please fill out a prayer request card located on the backs of the pews or call the church office (336-248-2617).*

~JANUARY~

BIRTHDAYS

19th
 Heidi Hutcheson

21st
 Carolyn Robbins

22nd
 Lisa Nelson

24th
 Lucas Cruz
 Denise Durham

25th
 Eddie Yates

ANNIVERSARIES

20th
 Chris & Raeann Allred

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. MEMORIAL SERVICE

A Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Service will be held January 20th at 7:00PM at First Baptist Church on Village Drive. The featured speaker is the Rev. Daryl Scott, Jr., pastor of Center Grove AME Zion Church in Tobaccoville.

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

Another NEW MEMBER SUNDAY is planned for **January 26th**. If you are interested in becoming a member of our church, please let the church office know by January 22. **(336-248-2617)**

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

The adult class begins a 6-week book study today on "**Trouble I've Seen: Changing the Way the Church Views Racism**" by Drew G. I. Hart. This study will build upon the former "**Race and Faith**" discussions that were offered by the Collaborative Ministry team in the fall. Stacey Sosebee-West and Bonita Hooper will facilitate. Please contact the office if you are interested in purchasing a book. We only have a few left.

GIRL SCOUT COOKIES

It's Girl Scout Cookie time! Several Girl Scouts representing different troops are now attending our church and will be working together as a team to bring you your favorite cookies. They will be set up outside **the Fellowship Hall during the Congregational Meal & Meeting on February 9**. Cookies are \$4 per box.

TRIP TO THE CIVIL RIGHTS MUSEUM IN GREENSBORO

On February 8, a trip to the Civil Rights Museum in Greensboro is planned. If you would like attend, please contact the church office. We will **meet in the church parking lot at 8:30AM** to carpool.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

To everyone who helped restock the Willing Weavers' supply of plastic shopping bags, THANK YOU! There are enough to last quite a while. They don't need any more right now but really appreciate all the contributions!

NEW FLOWER CHAIRPERSON

The Board of Worship and Sacrament has a new flower chairperson. If you are interested in placing flowers on the altar during worship, you now will contact **Linda Sink (lindabs48@yahoo.com or 336-250-0495.)**

If you have reserved dates for flowers throughout the year for special occasions, you should contact Linda as soon as possible to verify she has them on the calendar.



ARE YOU READY FOR THE "SOUPER" BOWL?

"SOUPER" BOWL Sunday is February 2. The Board of Community Outreach, with the help of some of our children and 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 \$393 because of your generosity. Contributions will go to Crisis Ministry of Davidson County. Remember to bring dollars and any loose change to help on February 2!

ON-GOING COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROJECTS

- **CLOTHES CLOSET**
 Please continue to bring donations to the table across from the office or contact Jerry Lovell (336-309-9302). **Quilts and blankets are also needed for the inventory.** If you'd like to volunteer to help out in the Clothes Closet, please contact Jerry.
- **FOOD ITEMS FOR CEES BACKPACK PROGRAM:**
 The list for requested food items for student backpacks for Charles England Elementary School has been revised. Please place items in the large box in the Narthex or on the table outside the church office. Thank you for your generous and continued support of this Community Outreach project.

Juice Boxes
Breakfast Bars
Applesauce Cups
Canned Vegetables
Beanie Weenies
Canned Tuna

Spaghetti-Os
Ramen Noodles
Cheese Crackers
Canned Soup
Vienna Sausages
Gallon Ziploc Bags