

Thank You for Serving in Our Church

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' 17th birthday on February 18th; given by Jeff Hutchens.

USHERS: James Gray, John Smith, Raeann Allred, Michell Winters

PLATE ATTENDANT:

YOUTH USHER: Jonathan Kepley

SOUND TECHNICIAN: Jeremy Peterson

ACOLYTE: Parker Horton

GREETERS: Doug & Barbara Sink

BIBLE STEWARD: Patrick Horton

NURSERY {INFANTS-KINDERGARTEN}: Kivi Miller & Alice Gray (for Kids Club)

- ❖ A wall unit changing table is located in our handicapped restroom {through left door at 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 contact Sylvia Walser at 336-225-2964 or the church office.

CHURCH MEMBERS: Betty Bates, Ruth Essick, J.W. Bates, Carolyn Spivey, Peggy Bates, Amy Hedrick, Ruth Fritts, Margot Everhart, Margie & Vogen Everhart

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS: Adena Wall, Marzell Crotts, Hoyle Potts, Doris Flynt, James Everhart, Lib & Jimbo Hinkle, Jo Hudson, Valerie Price, Joyce Price, Rita Tussey

OUR FRIENDS: Nancy Barr (Betty Barr's mother-in-law), Judy Stanley (family of Alane Holste), Nell and Ken Holmes (neighbors of Jerry and Patti Lovell), Jeffery Saunders (Amy Hedrick's son), Geraldine Westmoreland (Frank Westmoreland's mother), Doris Brown (Mike & Lynn Brown's sister-in-law), Ronald Yates, (Eddie Yates' dad), Debra Craver (friend of Alisa Johnson), Zane Winters (Michell Winters' dad), Sharon Ward (friend of Alisa Johnson), Delores Martin (Sylvia Walser's sister), Martha Moore (friend of Frank Leonard), Eric Varnadore (Carol Varnadore's son), Ashley Anderson (Lee Ann Peele's cousin)

FIRST REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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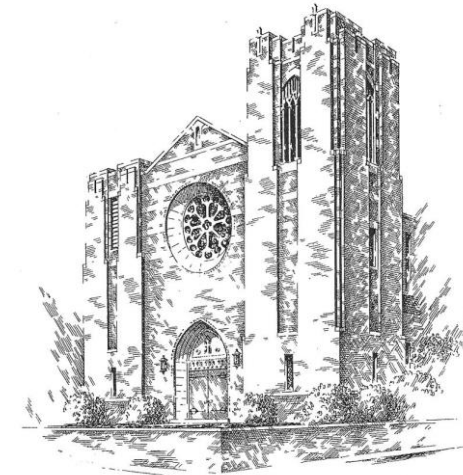
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No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

February 11, 2018
Transfiguration Sunday

11:00am

The Worship of God

Transfiguration Sunday

Liturgist: Patti Lovell

Welcome to First Reformed United Church of Christ. We are glad you are here. If you are visiting with us, please fill out a pew card with your information and place it in the offering plate when passed so that we may send you some information about the church. Childcare for infants through Kindergarten is offered in the Educational Building. Please let an usher know if you need assistance.

Gathering

Prelude

"For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it." Mark 8: 34-35

*Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Elizabeth Horton

Choral Call to Worship

*Responsive Call to Worship:

Patti Lovell

Leader: God touches the world, and the world changes.

People: God touches us, and we are transformed.

Leader: In the brightest of day, in the deepest of night,

People: On top of the mountain, down in the valley, everywhere.

In this time, together, we invite God...

Leader: To open our eyes to the transformation of our lives. And through the Change...

People: We worship God. Alleluia!

Centering

*Hymn:

"Be Thou My Vision"

Insert

*Invocation

Elizabeth Horton

Be Thou My Vision

When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus. Mt. 17:8

Unison

1. Be thou my Vi - sion, O Lord of my heart; naught be all
2. Be thou my Wis - dom, and thou my true Word, I ev - er
3. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won, may I reach

else to me, save that thou art— thou my best thought, by
with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou and thou on - ly,
heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, what -

day or by night, wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
first in my heart, high King of heav - en, my Treas - ure thou art.
ev - er be - fall, still be my Vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

WORDS: Traditional Irish hymn, c. 8th C.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1905; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1912
MUSIC: Traditional Irish melody; arr. Donald E. Hustad, 1973
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SLANE
10.10.10.10.

Young Disciples
(All youth are invited to join in this worship at the front.)

Elizabeth Horton

Gospel Reading: Mark 8: 27-35
(Pew Bible page 919)

Patti Lovell

Proclaiming

Hymn: "Will You Come and Follow Me" Insert

Pastoral Prayer Elizabeth Horton

Anthem: "No Greater Gift" Ruth Elaine Schram

*Though I speak the language of angels, though I know all there is to know,
If I have no love, I am nothing at all. There is no gift greater than love.*
*And though I understand every mystery, and my faith could remove any mountain,
If I have no love, I am nothing at all. There is no gift greater than love.*

*Love is kind and gentle, rejoicing in the truth.
Love is not proud. Love is not rude.
Love never fails, though all other gifts will cease.
Love hopes and endures, love bears and believes.*

*Though I give all I have to the hungry, though I give my very life,
If I have no love, I am nothing at all. There is no gift greater than love.*

*There is hope, there is faith; they will always remain.
But, there is no gift greater than love.*

Gospel Reading: Mark 9: 2-8
(Pew Bible page 919)

Elizabeth Horton

Sermon: "Risky Business: Let Your Light Shine" Elizabeth Horton

Responding

Responding to God's Grace by Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Prayer of Dedication: Patti Lovell

Will You Come and Follow Me

Unison

1 Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
2 Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call your name?
♦ 3 Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
4 Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?
5 Christ, your sum - mons e - choes true when you but call my name.

Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
♦ Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er be the same?
Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?
♦ Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the world a - round,
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot - steps show.

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?
Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?
♦ and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

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Music: Scottish traditional, arr. The Iona Community 1987

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KELVINGROVE

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Alt. setting: 96

*Congregational Response: "Make Me a Servant"

**Make me a servant, humble and meek,
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak;
And may the prayer of my heart always be:
Make me a servant, make me a servant, make me a servant today.**

Sending

*Responsive Call to Dedication: Patti Lovell

Leader: And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"

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

*Benediction & Blessing of the Meal Elizabeth Horton

*Choral Benediction

Postlude

*THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND

Upcoming Events

"SOUPER" BOWL COLLECTION IS TODAY!

This was postponed from last Sunday due to the bad weather. TODAY youth of our church will be at each exit following worship with their soup pots to collect money that will be donated to Open Hands Ministry. Be sure to bring your dollars and change to fill the soup pots for the youth!

CONGREGATIONAL MEAL AND MEETING

TODAY is our Congregational Meal and Meeting following worship. "Brunswick Stew-style" soup prepared by Women's Life Fellowship will be served for lunch and the congregational meeting will follow. Along with committee reports, there will be a vote to change the church by-laws to move the meeting date for presentation of nominations for Consistory to the second Sunday in November instead of the first since this regularly interferes with Homecoming Sunday.

COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES

When: Beginning Wednesday, February 14 at noon, and all the following Wednesdays throughout Lent

Where: First Lutheran Church, 320 State Street, Lexington

What: Bring your own bag lunch...drinks and desserts provided

Hosting denominations vary each week,

but all meetings will be held at First Lutheran

February 14 Lutheran

February 21: Presbyterian

February 28: Hospice Chaplains/Community Action

March 7: UCC

March 14 Baptist

March 21: Methodist

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ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE ON FEBRUARY 14th at 6:30pm

The imposition of ashes will be this coming Wednesday, February 14th, at 6:30pm in the sanctuary. The Rev. Dr. Arnetta Beverly will be preaching. We welcome members of St. Stephens, Second Reformed UCC and Memorial Church's congregations who are invited to join with us during this worship service. A reception following the service will be held in the Fellowship Hall.

BUILDING AN INCLUSIVE CHURCH PROCESS

Today, in the worship bulletin, there is a slip of paper on which to write any of your questions about the Open and Affirming process. The questions will be collected by the Welcoming Task Force with the mission of arranging small groups or other ways to accommodate the questions. Your voice is important.

The Welcoming Task Force includes: Ben Hale, Alisa Johnson, John Maze, Kivi Miller, Lisa Nelson, Doug Sink, Michell Winters, Eddie and Belinda Yates. The mission is to implement and help direct the process of the ONA conversation. The Welcoming Task Force meetings are open to anyone.

February 18th at 3:00pm

Forum #2 {Fellowship Hall}

LGBT Families: Sharing their stories, including Belinda Yates & Betty Barr

February 25th at 5:00pm

Welcoming Task Force meeting at church {Parlor}

Open to anyone. The purpose is to help assist with the process; suggest or plan small group discussions, gatherings, and/or educational forums.

LENTEN LUNCH & LEARN

The "LENTEN LUNCH AND LEARN" study begins Tuesday, February 20th from 12:00-1:00pm in our church **Parlor** (*This is a change from the original plan to meet in the Fellowship Hall.*) The meetings will continue each Tuesday through March 27th.

Each meeting will begin with lunch (**BRING YOUR OWN BAG LUNCH**) and will be led by Rev. Elizabeth Horton and Rev. Dr. Arnetta Beverly. The pre-ordered book for this study, "*Jesus: Understanding His Death and Resurrection - A study of Mark 14-16*" will be distributed at the first meeting.

NOISY OFFERING!

On **February 18th and 25th** the youth of our church will collect a **NOISY OFFERING** to be used for their Youth Service Project on March 25th. Their goal is to collect **\$400** to pack 60 bags for the **Back Pack Program for Easter Break**. Start saving those coins to drop in the cans and make some noise. (Crinkly noises made with folding money are great, too!)

FAMILIES FIRST MEAL AND MEETING

On **February 25th** in the Fellowship Hall there will be a covered dish luncheon and meeting for our youth and their families. More information about this event will be included in the bulletin next week.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS planning has begun! Second Reformed UCC has invited our church, along with Shady Side and St. Stephen's, to participate in **VBS with their church June 17-21. WE NEED A VOLUNTEER TO SERVE AS A CONTACT PERSON** and attend a planning meeting in April. We also need volunteers to serve as teachers and/or group leaders. Please contact Cathy by March 11 if you are interested.

Looking Ahead to Next Month

One Great Hour of Sharing on March 11

Envelopes for One Great Hour of Sharing will be included in the March 4th bulletin.

Girl Scout Sunday on March 11

The Girl Scouts of Troop 2160 will help during the 11:00 worship service.

Interfaith Forum #3 on March 11 at 4:00

We welcome Father Constantine Shepherd from the Greek Orthodox Church in Winston Salem.

Catawba Singers on March 18 at 3:00

This performance will be held in the church sanctuary with a reception in the Fellowship Hall following the performance. A love offering will be collected to help with their travel expenses.

Opportunities for Service

“40 BAGS in 40 DAYS” DECLUTTER CHALLENGE

To raise additional funds for their summer trip, our Girl Scout Troop will be hosting a community-wide **“40 Bags in 40 Days” Declutter Challenge** to coincide with Lent. Every day of Lent (February 14 – March 29, with one day off per week), fill a bag of any size with stuff you want to get rid of. This is a great opportunity to clean out cabinets, drawers, closets or garages and donate things you no longer need or want to a good cause...the GIRL SCOUTS’ HUGE YARD SALE!

Donated items will be collected in the art room in the basement of the Educational Building. Church members can drop things off at any time, but there will also be specific drop-off days for the public.

The troop’s yard sale will be held on Saturday, April 7 in the grassy lot beside the church or in the Fellowship Hall in case of rain.

If you are a yard sale pro, let Kivi know! The Girl Scouts would love your help organizing and pricing as donations come in and during the sale on April 7.

You can sign-up to take the Declutter Challenge at [facebook.com/girlscouts2160](https://www.facebook.com/girlscouts2160) or [instagram.com/girlscouts2160](https://www.instagram.com/girlscouts2160) or by letting Kivi Miller know you plan to participate.

CAROLINA SENIOR CARE

The East Lexington Collaborative Ministry Group continues to support the Carolina Senior Care **“Bucks for the Boutique”** ministry. There is a desperate need for the following items. Many of the items can be purchased at stores like **Dollar Tree** and **Big Lots**. Donations can be placed on the table outside the church office.

Everything is tax deductible and tax forms can be provided by Carolina Senior Care.

Toilet Paper	Paper Towels	Laundry Detergent	Dish Detergent
Hand Soap	Body Wash	Room Deodorizer	Body Powder
Trash Bags	Denture Cleaner	Multipurpose Cleaner	Shampoo
Body Lotion	Mouthwash	Toilet Bowl Cleaner	Kleenex

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, February 11	<p>TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY...Congregational Meal & Meeting 9:45am...Children – studying Joseph with Cathy New Way – studying Mark with Dave Willing Workers – studying Luke with Doug Pastor’s Discussion class – during Lent, studying “Let Your Life Speak” by Parker Palmer</p> <p>11:00am...Worship in the Sanctuary {Kid’s Club with Alice Gray}</p> <p>FOLLOWING WORSHIP: HELP FILL THE “SOUPER” BOWL POTS LOCATED AT EXITS</p> <p>12:15pm...Congregational Meal and Meeting {FH} PICK UP PRE-ORDERED SOUP {FH} CONSISTORY FOLLOWING MEAL & MEETING</p>
Monday, February 12	<p>11:00am...Staff Meeting 5:00pm...Tutoring 5:30PM...Confirmation Class – prepare ashes for Ash Wednesday 6:30pm...Open Hands Meal {FH}</p>
Tuesday, February 13	<p>SHROVE TUESDAY 10:00am...Weaving Women {Willing Workers Classroom}</p>
Wednesday, February 14	<p>6:30pm...Ash Wednesday Service {S} Following Ash Wednesday Service...Adult Choir {S}</p>
Thursday, February 15	<p>5:30pm...YOGA Class {Parlor} 7:00pm...Square Dancing {FH}</p>
Saturday, February 17	<p>10:00am-2:00pm...Consistory Retreat {Yarborough’s Restaurant}</p>
Sunday, February 18	<p>First Sunday in Lent...Holy Communion 9:45am...Children – studying Joseph with Cathy New Way – studying Mark with Dave Willing Workers – studying Luke with Doug Pastor’s Discussion class – studying “Let Your Life Speak” by Parker Palmer during Lent</p> <p>11:00am...Worship in the Sanctuary Noisy Offering for Back Packs</p> <p>3:00pm...Forum #2 – LGBT Families Sharing their Stories {FH}</p>
Celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries {February 11-17}	
Birthdays	<p>February 12 Ann Hoffman February 15 Abbie Callicutt February 17 Lee Bouchard...Amy Hedrick</p>
Anniversaries	<p>February 16 J.W. & Betty Bates</p>