

Thank You for Serving Our Church

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR today are given to the glory of God and in loving appreciation of Lee Ann Peele, Ellen Peterson, all members of the choir, and FRUCC office staff

USHERS: John Gray, John Maze, Bonita Hooper, Bill Robbins, Linda Sink

PLATE ATTENDANT: Dave Fulton

YOUTH USHER: Patrick Horton

SOUND TECHNICIAN: Calvin Odom

ACOLYTE: Parker Horton

GREETERS: Rita Lohr & Susan Miller

BIBLE STEWARD: Lucas Peterson

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 Sylvia Walser at 336-225-2964 or call the church office at 336-248-2617.

CHURCH MEMBERS: Carolyn Spivey, Peggy Bates, Ruth Fritts, Margot Everhart

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

OUR FRIENDS: Harold Peoples (Drew Peoples' dad), Rev. Jamie Armstrong (1st UMC) and his wife, Rev. Elizabeth Graves (Epworth UMC in Concord), Ashley Hutcheson (Heidi & Ron Hutcheson's daughter), Morgan Cecil (daughter of Charm & Steve Ketner), Virginia Hill (Cathy Waitman's mother), Coney Leonard (Sylvia Walser's brother), Virginia Byars (friend of Alisa Johnson), Derrick Wong (friend of Joni Walser), Ashley Anderson (Lee Ann Peele's cousin), Danny Lloyd (Frank Callicutt's father), Lynn Mack (friend of Mary Berrier), Kiana Sinz (friend of Patti Lovell), Louis Honeycutt, Eliza Paris (friend of Sylvia Walser's granddaughter), Ronald Yates (Eddie Yates' dad), Jeffery Saunders (Amy Hedrick's son)

FIRST REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

104 EAST CENTER STREET, LEXINGTON, NC 27292

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

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

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

Minister of Pastoral Care, Rev. June Grubb (jgrubb3@triad.rr.com)

Director of Christian Education, Cathy Waitman (cathy@frucc.org)

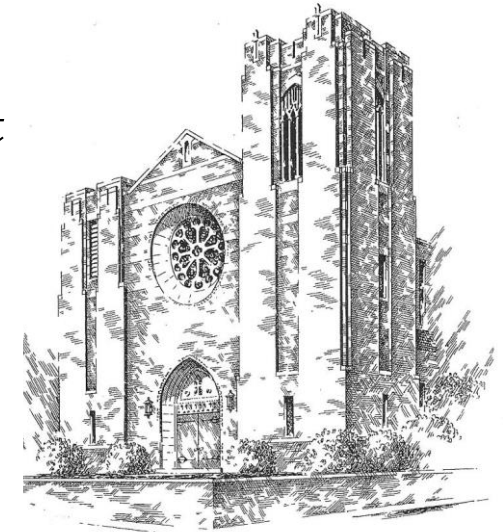
Choir Director, Ellen Peterson

Organist, Lee Ann Peele

Admin. Asst., Carolyn Robbins (carolyn@frucc.org)

Financial Secretary, Paula Lopp (paula@frucc.org)

First Reformed United Church of Christ



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

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



April 29, 2018
11:00am

Welcome! If you are visiting with us, please fill out a pew card and place it in the offering plate when passed. Prayer Request Cards can be found on the backs of the pews if you would like to request prayer for yourself or someone else. Please place these in the offering plate when passed.

Childcare for infants through Kindergarten is offered and hearing devices are available. Please let an usher know if you need assistance.

The Worship of God

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Liturgist: Eulene Shepherd

Gathering

Prelude

*Chiming of the Hour

Welcome

Elizabeth Horton

Choral Call to Worship

"Open Our Eyes, Lord"

*Opening Litany

Eulene Shepherd

Leader: God is the Gardener, and God is planting something new;

People: In this time of worship, may we grow in Christ.

Leader: God is pruning us back so we may bear fruit;

People: In this time of worship, may we repent and know God's forgiveness.

Leader: God is nurturing us with water and Spirit, that we may blossom;

People: In this time of worship, may we praise our Creator and Sustainer!

Leader: Come, let us join together in worship;

People: Let us praise God, who is growing something new in us.

* Hymn:

"I Need You Every Hour"

Insert

Centering

*Invocation

Elizabeth Horton

Prayer of Confession

Elizabeth Horton

God of Love, we confess that at times we do not know You. We turn away our neighbors in need and we curse strangers instead of getting to know them. Forgive us for not loving others as You first loved us. Save us from our selfish ways. In the name of Christ, who gave himself up in the greatest act of love, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Elizabeth Horton

Proclaiming

Young Disciples

Elizabeth Horton

All youth, pre-K - 5th grade, are invited to join in this worship at the front.

The Blessing of the Prayer Shawls

One: Without even knowing who would receive it, this shawl was made.

Many: May the recipient see the intricate love and care given to this shawl, mirroring the intricate love and care that God bestows upon all people.

One: This shawl was made to bring warmth to someone who feels a chill.

Many: May they feel the warm breath of the Holy Spirit as they wrap themselves with it.

One: This shawl was made to bring comfort to someone who feels alone.

Many: May they feel comfort in knowing that someone prayed for them as they crafted it.

One: This shawl was made to bring peace to someone in need of prayer.

Many: May they feel the power of our prayers as they feel the yarn or fibers of the fabric winding through their fingers.

One: This shawl was made to remind the recipient that they are part of this community.

Many: May they feel touched by our love, moved by our guidance and held up by our support.

PRAYER

One: God of creation, redemption and sustaining grace, we praise you for the opportunity to take part in this ministry so that we might see a world beyond ours. We thank you for putting those in need in our hearts and minds so that we might fully live out your call to love and serve.

Many: We ask that you bless these shawls and those who will receive them. May they feel the love, comfort and peace of your presence. And may your light shine in them and be a beacon of the hope that is promised to all of us. Amen.

Anthem: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" (Arr. 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 wilt 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!*

*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, great is Thy faithfulness,
Lord, unto me; Lord, O Lord, unto me.*

Gospel Reading John 15: 1-8 Elizabeth Horton
(Pew Bible page 983)

Sermon "Life Resurrected: Raised from Loneliness" Elizabeth Horton

Responding

*Hymn: "Abide with Me" Insert

Connecting in Ministry Elizabeth Horton

Prayers of the People Elizabeth Horton

Invitation to Receive Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Easter Doxology

Tune: "Old Hundredth" Text: Ruth Duck

***Praise God the Source of life and birth.
Praise God the Word, who came to earth.
Praise God the Spirit, holy flame.
All glory, honor, to God's name. Amen.***

*Prayer of Dedication

Eulene Shepherd

Sending

*Responsive Call to Dedication

Eulene Shepherd

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

Elizabeth Horton

*Congregational Response

Peace I leave with you, my friends,

Shalom, my peace, in all you do.

Peace I leave with you, my friends.

I give to you so you can give to others, too.

Postlude

***THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND**

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 ARE PUBLIC DOMAIN

I Need You Every Hour

Annie S. Hawks, 1872; alt.
Refrain added by Robert Lowry, 1872; alt.

1 I need you ev - ery hour, O God of grace;
2 I need you ev - ery hour, in faith or fear;
3 I need you ev - ery hour, in joy or pain;
4 I need you ev - ery hour; teach me your will,

the peace your voice af - fords, I now em - brace.
temp - ta - tions lose their power when you are near.
come quick - ly and a - bide or life is vain.
and your rich prom - is - es in me ful - fill.

Refrain

I need you, how I need you! Ev - ery hour I need you;

O bless me now, my Sav - ior; I come to you.

First sung at a convention of the National Baptist Sunday School Association, this hymn was used by Dwight Moody and Ira Sankey in both England and the United States. Annie S. Hawks, a Baptist, was the author of some 400 hymns.

Tune: NEED 6.4.6.4. with refrain
Robert Lowry, 1872

Abide with Me

Luke 24:29; 1 Cor. 15:55

Henry F. Lyte, 1847; alt.

1 A - bide with me; fast falls the e - ven - tide;
2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
3 I need your pres - ence ev - ery pass - ing hour;
4 I fear no foe, with you at hand to bless;
5 Hold now your cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;

The shad - ows deep - en, Lord, with me a - bide;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;
I need your grace to foil the tempt - er's power.
Ills have no weight and tears no bit - ter - ness;
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies;

When oth - er help - ers fail, and com - forts flee,
Change and de - cay in all a - round I see;
Give me your love my guide and stay to be.
Where is death's sting? where, grave, your vic - to - ry?
Heaven's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;

Help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
O Christ who chang - es not, a - bide with me.
Through cloud and sun - shine, O a - bide with me.
I tri - umph still if you a - bide with me.
In life, in death, O Christ, a - bide with me.

Following the final sermon of his career, Henry F. Lyte handed a copy of this recently written hymn to a relative. He died two months later. The tune by W. H. Monk has contributed greatly to the popularity of the hymn.

Tune: EVENTIDE 10.10.10.10.
William H. Monk, 1861

Upcoming Events

WELCOMING TASK FORCE WILL MEET TODAY at 4:30pm in the church parlor to continue the planning process for Building an Inclusive Church. Anyone is welcome!

ATTENTION CONFIRMANDS! Please add the following meeting dates to your calendars.

**May 6th, 13th and 20th during Sunday School for
The "UCC: Who We Are" classes**

THE LEXINGTON CHORAL SOCIETY ANNUAL SPRING SING CONCERT will be presented on **THIS AFTERNOON at 3:00 pm** at First United Methodist Church. Everyone is invited to attend. This is a **free concert** featuring several members of our FRUCC family. Performances include *Loch Lomond* and a medley of songs from *My Fair Lady*, as well as performances from the winners of this year's Dr. JoAnn D. Poston Vocal Scholarship Competition.

DAVIDSON-FORSYTH DISTRICT FIFTH SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP will be held **THIS AFTERNOON** at 4:00pm at Piedmont Crossing. The worship leader will be Rev. Dr. R. J. Hronek of Heidelberg UCC in Thomasville.

BUS TRIP TO THE BILLY GRAHAM LIBRARY The Friendship Club members are discussing possible plans for a bus trip to the Billy Graham Library. Any church members and friends who would be interested in going, please contact Cathy by **TODAY**. The cost for the bus is \$25.00 plus approximately \$10 - \$13 for lunch. The date we are looking at is Wednesday, May 23, which is the original date for Friendship Club. We need 20 people to go in order to rent the bus.

"UCC: WHO WE ARE" is a new video-led class scheduled for May 2 through June 3. All who are interested in learning about the United Church of Christ are invited to attend. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall, so there will be plenty of room!

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY IS MAY 20 In anticipation of New Member Sunday, anyone interested in becoming a part of our congregation or learning more about the church should plan to attend the new video-led series titled *"UCC: WHO WE ARE"* on May 6 and May 13. Please let the church office know (carolyn@frucc.org) if you are planning to attend.

GRADUATION SUNDAY is scheduled for Sunday, June 3rd. We would like to honor all milestones in education. If your child is graduating from kindergarten, elementary school, middle school, high school or college please advise the church office **by Sunday, May 27th**.

WINSTON SALEM DASH GAME SUNDAY, JUNE 3 at 2:00pm. The deadline to sign up is **SUNDAY, MAY 6**. The cost is \$13 per person. We will be sitting in a covered area near home plate. If you are interested in attending, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the Education Building or let Cathy know.

BEGINNING JUNE 17TH THROUGH JULY 29TH morning worship will begin at 10:00am. There will be no Sunday school. Worship will be in the Chapel on these Sundays while the sanctuary will be painted.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE CHURCH PICNIC – JUNE 10TH at Wildcat Mountain. Come for WORSHIP...FELLOWSHIP...GOOD FOOD...AND MUSIC BY THE WILDCAT MOUNTAIN BOYS!

REGISTER NOW FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL Registration forms can be found in the Narthex, on the bulletin board in the Education Building or at the church office. Anyone interested in attending VBS at Second Reformed UCC from June 17-21 should complete one of the forms and return it to the office, to Cathy Waitman or to Linda Sink.



WANTED: People to share their musical gifts
WHEN: June and July Worship Services
WHO: Anyone...young or old
WHAT: Piano to Banjo...Solos or Quartets...
and EVERYTHING in BETWEEN
HOW: If you are interested, please email ELLEN
[ellenrpeteron@gmail.com]

FIRST REFORMED
 UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
 104 EAST CENTER ST
 LEXINGTON, NC 27292



CONCERT
 BRINGING LOCAL
 CHURCH MUSICIANS
 TOGETHER
 FEATURING...

- Connie Burleson,**
First Presbyterian Church Organist/Harpist
- Phyllis Jones,**
First Methodist Church Organist
- Beverly Khemlani,**
First Baptist Church Organist
- Celie Lough**
First Lutheran Church, Vocalist
- Arch McMullan,**
Beck's Lutheran Church Organist
- Kelly Newsome,**
First Lutheran Church Organist/Pianist
- Lee Ann Peele,**
First Reformed UCC Organist/Pianist
- Ellen Peterson,**
Choir Director First Reformed UCC, Vocalist
- Mike Price,**
First Reformed UCC, Saxophonist
- Albert Evans,**
Trinity UMC, North Myrtle Beach
Guest Musician, Cellist

**SUNDAY,
 MAY 6TH
 3 P.M.**

ADMISSION IS FREE
 OFFERING TO BENEFIT
PASTOR'S PANTRY
OF DAVIDSON
COUNTY

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sunday, April 29** **Fifth Sunday of Easter...Prayer Shawl Blessing**
 9:45am Children – “Knowing Jesus in a New Way” with Cathy Waitman and Rita Lohr
 New Way – Romans with Dave Fulton
 Willing Workers – Genesis with Doug Sink
 Still Speaking Class –Rob Bell’s “Nooma” video series with Elizabeth Horton {P}
 11:00am Worship in the Sanctuary
Following Worship...Confirmands Meet
 3:00pm Lexington Choral Society Annual Spring Sing {First Methodist Church}
 4:00pm Welcoming Task Force {P}
 4:30pm 5th Sunday Worship at Piedmont Crossing with Rev. Dr. R.J. Hronek
- Monday, April 30** 5:00pm Tutoring
 6:30pm Open Hands Ministry {FH}
- Tuesday, May 1** 6:30pm Bd. of Christian Education {Rm 102}
 Bd. of Evangelism {P}
- Wednesday, May 2** 11:00am Morning Glory Circle {P}
 7:15pm Choir {Ch A}
- Thursday, May 3** 5:30pm YOGA Class {P}
 7:00pm Square Dancing {FH}
- Saturday, May 4** 10:00-2:00 Consistory Retreat {Yarborough's}
- Sunday, May 6** **Sixth Sunday of Easter...Communion**
 9:45am Children – JAM with Ellen Peterson & Carolyn Robbins
 Confirmands & Adult Sunday School: “UCC: Who We Are” {FH}
 10:30am First Sunday Social – John & Vicky Gray
 11:00am Worship in the Sanctuary
 3:00pm Organ Recital {S}

Celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries {April 29-May 5}

Birthdays	April 29	Kay Crouse
		Katherine Skipper
	May 4	Tammy Rhodes
		Lily Robertson
		Aurelia Smith
		Jones Walser