

Thank You for Serving Our Church

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given to the glory of God and in honor of the first Mother's Day for Lauren Thompson Gould and her son, Wesley Lanning Gould; given by her mother, Myra Lanning Thompson.

USHERS: Mike Brown, Keith Johnson, Matthew Johnson, Ramona Yarbrough, Jeremy Peterson

PLATE ATTENDANT: Doug Sink

YOUTH USHER: Kalyssa Hutchens

SOUND TECHNICIAN: Dave Fulton

ACOLYTE: Ava Miller

GREETER: Frank Leonard

BIBLE STEWARD: Emory Smith

NURSERY {INFANTS-KINDERGARTEN}: John Smith & Joy Walser

- ❖ 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: June Grubb, Peggy Bates, Ruth Fritts, Margot Everhart, Margie & Vogen Everhart

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

OUR FRIENDS: Ikie Trexler (friend of Mike & Lynn Brown), Eddie Wray (friend of Lisa Nelson), Lynn Younts (friend of Susie Smith), Susan & Joe Calloway (friends of Patti Lovell), 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), Kiana Sinz (friend of Patti Lovell), Louis Honeycutt, Eliza Paris (friend of Sylvia Walser's granddaughter), Ronald Yates (Eddie Yates' dad), Harold Peoples (friend of Cheryl Walser), Rev. Jamie Armstrong (1st UMC) and his wife, Rev. Elizabeth Graves, Ashley Hutcheson (Heidi & Ron Hutcheson's daughter), Morgan Cecil (daughter of Charm & Steve Ketner)

FIRST REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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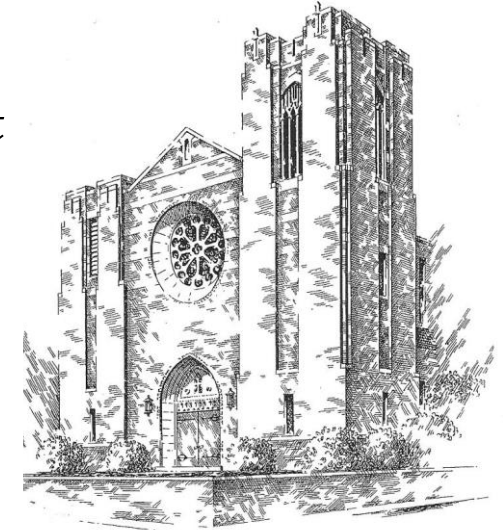
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First Reformed United Church of Christ



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.



May 13, 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

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Liturgist: Patti Lovell

Gathering

Prelude

*Chiming of the Hour

Welcome

Elizabeth Horton

Choral Call to Worship

“Open Our Eyes, Lord”

*Call to Worship

Patti Lovell

Leader: For God called Christ into the world,

People: And Christ prepared us to be in this world.

Leader: As God and Christ are one,

People: May we be one in Christ Jesus.

Leader: Christ is the head, and we are the body;

People: We are the hands and feet of Christ in this world.

Leader: Beloved friends, we have been called, we are filled, and we are sent:

People: **In this time of worship, may we feel the spirit of God,**

And be prepared to do the work Christ has given us to do.

* Hymn:

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Insert

Centering

*Invocation

Elizabeth Horton

Prayer of Reconciliation

Elizabeth Horton

**Remind us that your prayer is for us to become one—
to share each other’s hopes and burdens,
to create a world where resources are shared
so that everyone has enough.**

**Transform our separate lives into one life shared in you;
take away the armor that shields us from the pain of others
and fill us with joy that radiates from the core of our being.
In the joyful spirit of Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.**

Assurance of Blessing

Elizabeth Horton

Proclaiming

Young Disciples

Elizabeth Horton

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

Prayer for Mothers Everywhere

*Hymn:

“I’ve Got Peace Like a River”

Insert

Prayers of the People

Elizabeth Horton

Anthem:

“O Lord, I Pray”

(Arr. Michaels)

Hear my words, O Lord I pray. For my strength has gone away.

Give me patience now to see, that Your goodness covers me.

I must know that You still care; that in times of deep despair,

I can reach my hand to You, and You’ll be there.

Guide my steps when I can’t see; help me learn to trust in Thee.

Be my shelter on the way, as I struggle toward that day.

For the strength of Your good hand, will direct me toward the land;

And the promise You have made will lead me there.

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide, falls the eventide.

The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.

When other helpers fail and comforts flee,

Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Guide my steps when I can’t see; help me learn to trust in Thee.

Be my shelter on the way, as I struggle toward the day.

For the strength of Your good hand, will direct me toward the land;

And the promise You have made will lead me home.

And the promise You have made, will lead me home.

Gospel Reading

John 17: 6-19

(Pew Bible page 985)

Elizabeth Horton

Sermon

“The Other Lord’s Prayer”

Elizabeth Horton

Responding

*Hymn:

“Blessed Assurance”

Insert

Invitation to Receive Our Tithes and Offering

Elizabeth Horton

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

Patti Lovell

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

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**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

... God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son. 1 Jn. 4:9

CHARLES WESLEY, 1747

8.7.8.7.D.

BEECHER
JOHN ZUNDEL, 1870

In moderate time

1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
2. Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to ev - ery trou - bled breast;
3. Come, Al - might - y to de - liv - er, Let us all Thy life re - ceive;
4. Fin - ish, then, Thy new cre - a - tion; Pure and spot - less let us be;

Fix in us Thy hum - ble dwell - ing, All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown:
Let us all in Thee in - her - it, Let us find the prom - ised rest;
Gra - cious - ly re - turn, and nev - er, Nev - er - more Thy tem - ples leave.
Let us see Thy great sal - va - tion Per - fect - ly re - stored in Thee;

Je - sus, Thou art all com - pas - sion, Pure, un - bound - ed love Thou art;
Take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be;
Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts a - bove,
Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, Till in heaven we take our place,

Vis - it us with Thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
End of faith, as its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
Pray, and praise Thee with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in Thy per - fect love.
Till we cast our crowns be - fore Thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise. A - MEN.

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I've Got Peace Like a River

Isa. 66:12; 1 Pet. 1:8-9; 1 John 4:7-12

African-American spiritual

1 I've got peace like a riv - er, I've got peace like a
 2 I've got joy like a foun-tain, I've got joy like a
 3 I've got love like an o - cean, I've got love like an
 4 I've got faith like an an - chor, I've got faith like an

1
 riv - er, I've got peace like a riv - er, in my
 foun-tain, I've got joy like a foun-tain, in my
 o - cean, I've got love like an o - cean, in my
 an - chor, I've got faith like an an - chor, in my

2
 soul. I've got riv - er in my soul.
 soul. I've got foun-tain in my soul.
 soul. I've got o - cean in my soul.
 soul. I've got an - chor in my soul.

Congregations or individuals may wish to add additional verses of their own making.

Most of the spirituals that drew from biblical stories and images used the Hebrew scriptures, rather than the New Testament, as their inspiration. The imagery of "peace like a river" derives from the book of Isaiah.

Tune: PEACE LIKE A RIVER 7.7.10.D.
 African-American spiritual

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine

Is anyone happy? . . . Sing songs of praise. Jas. 5:13

1. Bless-ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a fore - taste of
 2. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, vi - sions of rap - ture now
 3. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest, I in my Sav - ior am

glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God,
 burst on my sight; an - gels de - scend - ing, bring from a - bove
 hap - py and blest, watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove,

Refrain
 born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.
 ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love. This is my sto - ry,
 filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long; this is my

sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

WORDS: Fanny J. Crosby, 1873
 MUSIC: Phoebe P. Knapp, 1873

ASSURANCE
 9.10.9.9.Ref.

Upcoming Events

GARDEN WORKDAY on **Saturday, May 19 from 10:00-12:00** to install new metal garden beds, plant flowers and replant tomatoes. Please come to help if you can!

NEW PRAYER CIRCLE MINISTRY STARTING! On May 20, directly after worship, you are invited to spend about 5 minutes in a Prayer Circle at the front of the sanctuary. Ben Hale will lead an intercessory prayer over the names in the prayer box. We will try to fulfill the scripture from I Timothy 2: 1, "*I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people.*"

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY IS MAY 20 Please let the church office know if you are interested in uniting with us. (carolyn@frucc.org)



Community Meal

Tuesday, May 22
5:00pm Fellowship Hall

Donations appreciated
to benefit American Children's Home

First Reformed United Church of Christ Fellowship Hall
104 East Center Street, Lexington, NC 27292

Menu includes: Hamburger steaks, grilled onions, baked potatoes, salad, rolls, dessert and drinks

FRIENDSHIP CLUB will meet **Wednesday, May 23** in the church parking lot at 10:45. We will carpool to Southern Lunch to eat and then to the labyrinth at March Motor Cars. **Please let Cathy know by Wednesday, May 16** if you are planning to attend.

GRADUATION SUNDAY IS 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**.



SAVE THE DATE!

CHURCH PICNIC at
WILDCAT MOUNTAIN
Sunday, June 10th
11:00 AM

COME JOIN US FOR
WORSHIP...
FELLOWSHIP...
and GOOD FOOD...

SIGN-UP SHEETS TO HELP WITH FOOD
are in the Narthex and in the Fellowship Hall.
Please sign up for items by June 3rd.

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 is being painted.



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]



REGISTER NOW FOR...

VBS - Shipwrecked

At Second Reformed UCC

June 17 – 21

Meal 5:30 – 6:00

Program 6:00 – 7:30

Children

Preschool...Fifth Grade

(Nursery available for under age three)

Themes

Sunday	When You're Lonely – Jesus Rescues!
Monday	When You Worry – Jesus Rescues!
Tuesday	When You Struggle – Jesus Rescues!
Wednesday	When You Do Wrong – Jesus Rescues!
Thursday	When You're Powerless – Jesus Rescues!

Middle/High School and Adults

Class with Rev. Jim Luck

“WORSHIP 101: VBS - It's not just for kids anymore!”

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, May 13	Seventh Sunday of Easter...Mother's Day
9:45am	Children – Youth Service Project with Patti Lovell & Rita Lohr Confirmants & Adult Sunday School: “UCC: Who We Are” {FH}
11:00am	Worship in the Sanctuary
Monday, May 14	5:00pm Crisis Ministry Adult Shelter Meal: Morning Glory Circle & Willing Workers Class
	5:00pm Tutoring
	6:30pm Open Hands Ministry {FH}
Tuesday, May 15	7:00pm Women's Life Fellowship {P}
Wednesday, May 16	7:15pm Choir {ChA}
Thursday, May 17	5:30pm YOGA Class {P}
Sunday, May 20	PENTECOST SUNDAY: WEAR RED...NEW MEMBER SUNDAY
9:45am	Children – Sunday School with Lynn Brown & Rita Lohr Confirmants & Adult Sunday School: “UCC: Who We Are” {FH}
11:00am	Worship in the Sanctuary...Kids Club with Alice Gray, Nicole Smith & Nina Smith Strengthen the Church Offering
12:00pm	Prayer Circle – front of the Sanctuary

Celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries {May 13-19}

Birthdays	May 15	Ellen Bouchard
	May 17	Devin Odom
		Susan Odom
		Ashley Potts
Anniversaries	May 14	James & Alice Gray
	May 19	Jerry & Patti Lovell