

## Thank You for Serving Our Church

**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of my father, Robert H. Morris, and my grandparents, W.G. and Ida H. Morris; given by Lennie and Ann Morris Cooper.

**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

**GREETERS:** John Potts & Janette Neal

**BIBLE STEWARD:** Emory Smith

**NURSERY {INFANTS-KINDERGARTEN}:** Nicole Smith & Nina Smith

- ❖ 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:** Ruth Fritts (Lexington Hospital), Marguerite Leonard, June Grubb, Peggy Bates, Ruth Fritts, Margot Everhart, Margie & Vogen Everhart

Marguerite Leonard is at Piedmont Crossing in Room 419 of the Skilled Nursing Care Unit.  
Her telephone number is (336) 474-8774

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

**OUR FRIENDS:** Dennis Yocum (Carolyn Yocum's son), 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), Kiana Sinz (friend of Patti Lovell), Eliza Paris (friend of Sylvia Walser's granddaughter), Ronald Yates (Eddie Yates' dad), Harold Peoples (friend of Cheryl Walser), Rev. Jamie Armstrong (1<sup>st</sup> UMC) and his wife, Rev. Elizabeth Graves, Ashley Hutcheson (Heidi & Ron Hutcheson's daughter-in-law), Morgan Cecil (daughter of Charm & Steve Ketner)

## *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 20, 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

Pentecost Sunday

Youth Liturgist: Claire Smith

## Gathering

Prelude

\*Chiming of the Hour

Welcome

Elizabeth Horton

Choral Call to Worship

"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

Scripture Reading

Acts 2:1-4  
(Pew Bible page 992)

Claire Smith

\*Call to Worship

Claire Smith

Leader: A mighty wind has blown, and tongues of fire have danced!

**People: The presence of the Spirit is with us, just as Jesus the Christ promised.**

Leader: The presence of the Spirit moves and gathers us into community with one another.

**People: The Spirit moves us to nurture and challenge one another, to celebrate and to witness.**

**All: Let us marvel at God's powers, at work in us and through us!**

\* Hymn:

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Insert

## Centering

\*Invocation

Elizabeth Horton

Young Disciples

Elizabeth Horton

All youth, pre-K - 5<sup>th</sup> grade, are invited to join Alice Gray for Kids Club.

Anthem:

"A Mighty Rushing Wind"

(Martin & Drennan)

For long the world had waited for the Spirit to descend,  
Then on the day of Pentecost, there came a rushing wind;  
And all the faithful gathered there; they began to shout in praise,  
And God poured out His glory and His amazing grace.

A mighty rushing wind, a mighty rushing wind;

Revive us with Your Spirit, God, we pray.

A mighty rushing wind, a mighty rushing wind;

Blow upon our lives again today. Blow upon our lives again today.

Now all the saints were joined by the Spirit of the Lord.  
Having all things then in common, they stood in one accord.  
And today we, too, stand ready for the power to descend;  
To feel a touch from heaven, and that mighty rushing wind.

A mighty rushing wind, a mighty rushing wind;

Revive us with Your Spirit, Lord, we pray.


A mighty rushing wind, a mighty rushing wind;

Blow upon our lives again today. Blow upon our lives again today.



Blow upon our lives again today.

## O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing


Charles Wesley, 1740; alt.



1 O for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,  
2 My gra-cious Sav - ior and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,  
3 Je - sus! the name that calms our fears, that bids our sor - rows cease  
4 Glo - ry to God, and love and praise be ev - er, ev - er given



The glo - ries ev - er ech - o - ing the tri - umphs of God's grace!  
To spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of your name.  
Is mu - sic in the sin-ner's ears, is life, and health, and peace!  
By all the saints in ev - ery age, the church in earth and heaven.



The hymn is a cento from a longer poem of eighteen stanzas written by Charles Wesley on the first anniversary of his conversion. The present form of the hymn is one edited by John Wesley for The Wesleyan Hymn Book, 1780.

Tune: AZMON C.M.  
Carl G. Gläser, 1828  
Adapt. in L. Mason's Modern Psalmody, 1839  
Alternate tune: RICHMOND

Prayer at Pentecost

Elizabeth Horton and Claire Smith

Pastor: Creator God, who came to us as Jesus the Christ and who fills us with the Holy Spirit, breathe in us anew this day.

**People:**  **Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on us.**

Liturgist: Living God, as we celebrate the birth of the church on this Pentecost Sunday, we remember the faithful ministry of our ancestors who toiled to establish this congregation as a beacon of hope in this community. Breathe your Spirit in us as we seek to keep their legacy of faith alive in this new day and age.

**People:**  **Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on us.**

Pastor: Loving God, as we rededicate our commitment to minister in the name of Christ, we give thanks for your life-sustaining presence that renews our calling to be your hands and feet in this world. Breathe your Spirit in us as we strive to bring the gospel alive in this new day and age.

**People:**  **Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on us.**

Liturgist: Gracious God, empower us as a congregation to speak boldly and to act courageously on the journey of ministry that lies before us. Breathe your Spirit into us forever more, we pray.

\* Hymn: *“Spirit of the Living God”* Insert

Connecting in Ministry

Invitation to Receive Our Tithes and Offering Elizabeth Horton

Offertory

\*Pentecost Doxology Tune: *“Old Hundredth”* Text: Roger Lynn

Praise God whose breath fills all the earth,  
Whose love reveals our sacred worth,  
Whose Spirit forms one family,  
Whose grace brings peace and harmony. Amen.

\*Prayer of Dedication Claire Smith

*Proclaiming*

Scripture Reading Ezekiel 37: 1-14 Elizabeth Horton  
*(Pew Bible page 791)*

Sermon: *“Healing for Dry Bones”* Elizabeth Horton

# Spirit of the Living God

*The Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message — Acts 10:44 NIV*

WORDS: Daniel Iverson, 1890-1977

MUSIC: Daniel Iverson, 1890-1977 ; arr. B. B. McKinney, 1886-1952

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## Reception of New Members

Invitation

Questions for the Candidates

Question for the Congregation

**We promise you our faithful companionship. We welcome you with joy in the life of this church. We promise you our prayers and our love.**

Welcome

*Responding*

\*Hymn: "Spirit of Gentleness" Insert

*Sending*

\*Responsive Call to Dedication Claire Smith

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

*The congregation may greet new members in the Narthex following worship.*

\*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

*Prayer Circle will gather by the Chancel.*

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SPIRIT

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

*Unison, brightly Refrain*

*James K. Manley, 1978; alt.*

Musical notation for the first system of the hymn, including treble and bass clefs, notes, and lyrics: "Spir - it, spir - it of gen - tle-ness, blow through the". Chords: D, G, A, Dsus4, D.

Musical notation for the second system of the hymn, including treble and bass clefs, notes, and lyrics: "wil - der-ness, call - ing and free,". Chords: Bm, E7, Asus7, A7.

Musical notation for the third system of the hymn, including treble and bass clefs, notes, and lyrics: "Spir - it, spir - it of rest - less-ness, stir me from". Chords: D, G, A, Dsus4, D.

Musical notation for the fourth system of the hymn, including treble and bass clefs, notes, and lyrics: "plac - id-ness, wind, wind on the sea." Chords: Bm, G, A7, D, G, D. Includes the instruction "Last time, end".

Musical notation for the fifth system of the hymn, including treble and bass clefs, notes, and lyrics: "1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient". Chords: D, G, A, G.

Musical notation for the sixth system of the hymn, including treble and bass clefs, notes, and lyrics: "1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient".

HYMNS OF THE SPIRIT

deep, then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the  
 sand, and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a  
 hill, then you whis - pered in si - lence when the  
 schemes, from the bond - age of sor - row the

val - leys of sleep; And o - ver the e - ons you  
 law and a land; When they were con - found - ed by their  
 whole world was still; And down in the cit - y you  
 cap - tives dream dreams; Our wom - en see vi - sions, our

called to each thing, "A - wake from your slum -  
 i - dols and lies, then you spoke through your proph -  
 called once a - gain, when you blew through your peo -  
 men clear their eyes. With bold new de - ci -

bers and rise on your wings."  
 ets to o - pen their eyes.  
 ple on the rush of the wind.  
 sions your peo - ple a - rise.

This popular hymn by songwriter James K. Manley grew out of a sabbatical leave at the School of Theology at Claremont, California. It was first sung at Waiōkeola Congregational Church in Honolulu, after which Manley added the fourth stanza at the suggestion of a church member.

Tune: SPIRIT Irr.  
 James K. Manley, 1978  
 Arr. The New Century Hymnal, 1993

Upcoming Events

**AFTER WORSHIP - NEW PRAYER CIRCLE MINISTRY STARTING TODAY!** 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." Prayer Circle will continue weekly following worship.

**AFTER WORSHIP - REMEMBER TO PICK UP YOUR DIRECTORY!** Following worship this morning, pre-ordered directories will be available for pick up in the Narthex. There are a few extras available on a "first come" basis if you would like to purchase one and did not pre-order. The cost is \$20. They will also be available in the church office during the week.

**AFTER WORSHIP - PLEASE SIGN-UP TO HELP WITH ITEMS FOR THE CHURCH PICNIC**  
 Sign-up sheets can be found in the Fellowship Hall and the Narthex. **Please sign up for items by June 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

**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 to carpool to Southern Lunch to eat and then to the labyrinth at March Motor Cars.

**WEST DAVIDSON CHOIR CONCERT** directed by Mike Price will be held in our sanctuary on **Thursday, May 24 beginning at 7:00pm**. This is a free concert, but donations are appreciated. Come out for an enjoyable evening of entertainment!

**GRADUATION SUNDAY IS JUNE 3<sup>rd</sup>** 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 27<sup>th</sup>**.

**SAVE THE DATE!**

WORSHIP AND PICNIC  
at WILDCAT MOUNTAIN  
Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup>  
11:00 AM

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

*No worship in the Sanctuary on this day. Please contact the church office if you need transportation to the picnic site.*



**SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS**

Morning Worship **June 17<sup>th</sup> - July 29<sup>th</sup>** will begin at **10.00am**. There will be no Sunday school on these Sundays. Worship will be in the Chapel while the sanctuary is being painted.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Sunday, May 20**

**PENTECOST SUNDAY...NEW MEMBER SUNDAY  
STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH OFFERING**

- 9:45am Children – Sunday School with Cathy Waitman and Alice Gray  
Confirmands & Adult Sunday School: “UCC: Who We Are”  
featuring Katherine Skipper {FH}
- 11:00am Worship in the Sanctuary...Kids Club with Alice Gray, Nicole Smith & Nina Smith
- 12:00pm **Prayer Circle – front of the Sanctuary**

**Monday, May 21**

- 5:00pm Tutoring
- 6:30pm Open Hands Ministry {FH}

**Tuesday, May 22**

- 5-7:00pm Community Meal {FH}

**Wednesday, May 23**

- 10:45am Friendship Club {Meet for lunch & travel to the Labyrinth}
- 7:15pm Choir {ChA}

**Thursday, May 24**

- 7:00pm West Davidson High School Choir Concert {S}

**Sunday, May 27**

**TRINITY SUNDAY**

- 9:45am Children – Sunday School with Patti Lovell & Rita Lohr  
Confirmands & Adult Sunday School: “UCC: Who We Are” {FH}
- 11:00am Worship in the Sanctuary...Children’s Church with Keri Hartle & Ashlee Snider
- 12:00pm Prayer Circle – front of the Sanctuary

**Celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries {May 20-26}**

**Anniversaries**

May 20

Dan & Elizabeth Horton

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**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)**

**Middle/High School and Adults**