

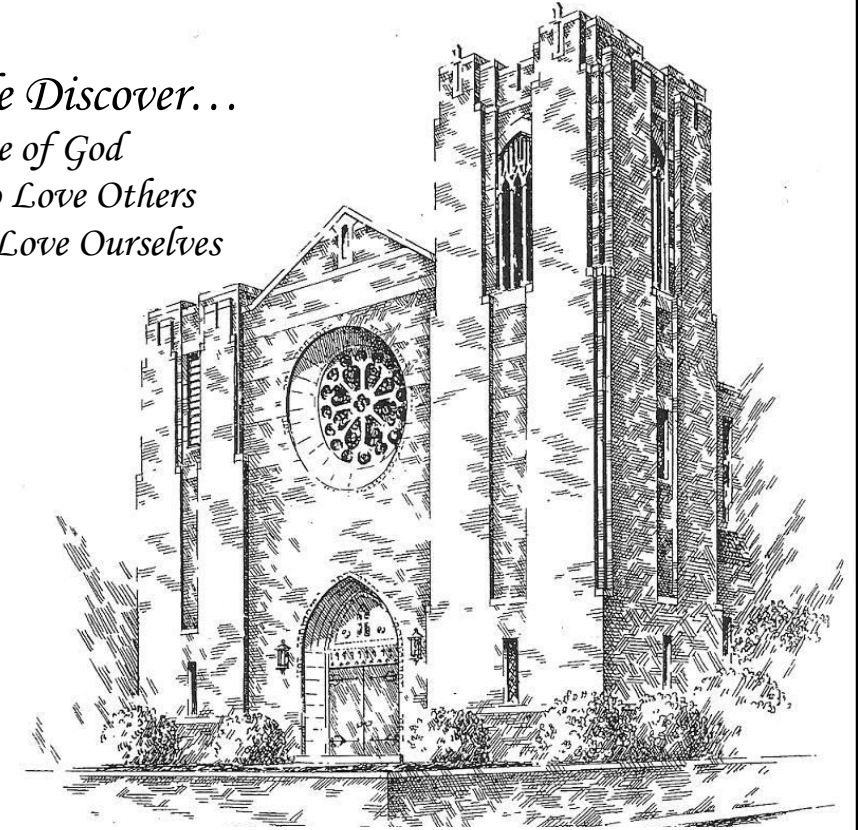
# *First Reformed United Church of Christ*

*Where People Discover...*

*The Love of God*

*The Power to Love Others*

*The Ability to Love Ourselves*



*January 6, 2019*

*11:00<sup>AM</sup>*

*We are an Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ.  
No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.*

*Welcome! If you are visiting with us, please fill out a pew card and place it in the offering plate when passed. If you would like to request prayer for yourself or someone else, Prayer Request Cards can be found on the backs of the pews, as well.  
Childcare for infants through Kindergarten is offered. Hearing devices are available.  
Please let an usher know if you need assistance.*

**FIRST REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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\* PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

## *The Worship of God* *Epiphany*

All Youth, pre-K – 5<sup>th</sup> grade, are invited to meet for Kids Club  
in the Fellowship Hall before worship.

### *Gathering*

Prelude

\*Chiming of the Hour

Greeting and Opening Scripture      Matthew 2: 1-2      Elizabeth Horton

Choral Call to Worship      “Christ, Be Our Light”

\*Litany of Beginning      Elliott Smith

Leader: People of the world, it is time to celebrate new beginnings.

**People: We step into the new year with faith!**

Leader: People of faith, it is time to look ahead in hope.

**People: We step into the unknown with hope!**

Leader: People of hope, it is time to walk in the footsteps of Jesus.

**People: We step forward together as God’s family!**

\*Hymn      “Angels from the Realms of Glory”      Insert

### *Centering*

\*Invocation      Elizabeth Horton

Presenting the Symbols of the Season!

“The Candle and The Gifts”

Leader: In Luke’s gospel, Simeon meets Mary, Joseph and Jesus in the temple. He is overcome with joy and praises God saying, “With my own eyes I have seen your salvation, which You have prepared in the presence of all people!” Today we remember that Jesus is the Light unto all the world.

We remember the Magi, those wise ones guided by the star, responding in love and faith to the wonder of the miracle of God. Let us respond...

**People: We want to put our total faith in God. We want to give God our gifts of praise, love and service.**

Scripture Reading      Isaiah 60: 1-6      Elliott Smith  
(page #676 of Pew Bible)

Unison Prayer for the Confession      Elizabeth Horton

**God of light and darkness, we have seen the glimmer of your star-light beckoning to us, but we have turned away and followed other paths. We confess that we have not loved you with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our mind, and with all our strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, Holy One. Strengthen our faltering steps and guide us in your holy way of peace. Amen**

Words of Assurance

Prayers of the People

Invitation to Give Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem      “We Three Kings”      Men of the Choir

\*Epiphany Doxology      **Old Hundredth**

***Praise God the source of life and breath;  
Praise Christ, now born to conquer death;  
Praise Holy Spirit’s mystery;  
One God, pure grace, who sets us free. Amen***

\*Prayer of Dedication      Elliott Smith

### *Proclaiming*

Scripture Reading      Matthew 2: 3-12      Elizabeth Horton  
(page #878 of Pew Bible)

Communion Meditation      “Living in the Light:  
When the Outsiders Come In”

### *Responding*

Invitation to Holy Communion

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give God thanks and praise!**

The Eucharistic Prayer

...Life's greatest feast before us, we excitedly proclaim...

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!**

Receiving the Bread and the Cup

*(Communion will be served by passing the bread and the cup to one another in the pew.  
We serve grape juice. Let an usher know if you need gluten-free bread.)*

Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving

**We have been fed, Holy One, by your presence.**

**We have been led, Eternal One, by your light.**

**May we bask in this glow now and forever more. Amen**

\*Hymn

*"As with Gladness Men of Old"*

Insert

*Sending*

\*Call to Discipleship

Elliott Smith

Liturgist: And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send to shine the Light  
into the world?"

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

\*Choral Benediction

*"I Am the Light of the World"*

\*Benediction

Elizabeth Horton

\*Postlude

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

# Angels from the Realms of Glory

*"We . . . have come to worship him." Mt. 2:2*



1. An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
2. Shep - herds in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,
3. Sag - es, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright - er vi - sions beam a - far;
4. Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in hope and fear,
5. Though an in - fant now we view him he will share his Fa - ther's throne.



ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:  
God with us is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant Light:  
seek the great De - sire of Na - tions, ye have seen his na - tal star:  
sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing, in his tem - ple shall ap - pear.  
gath - er all the na - tions to him; ev - ery knee shall then bow down.



*Refrain*



Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.



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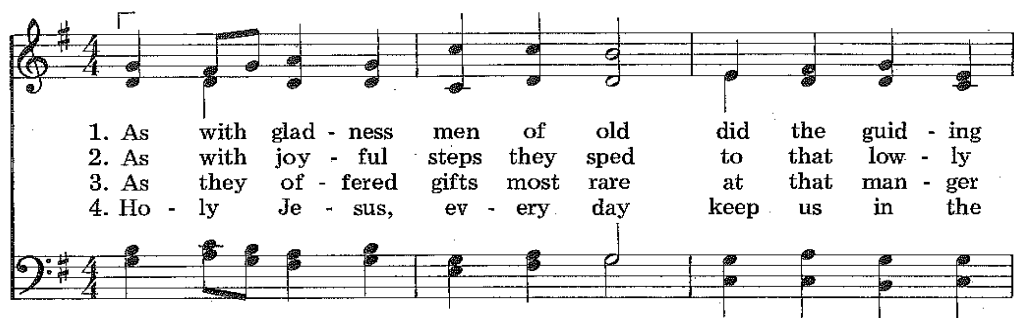
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# As with Gladness Men of Old

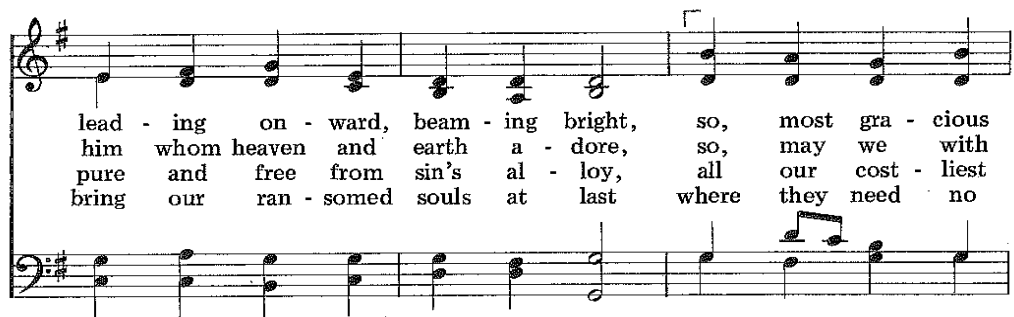
When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. Mt. 2:10



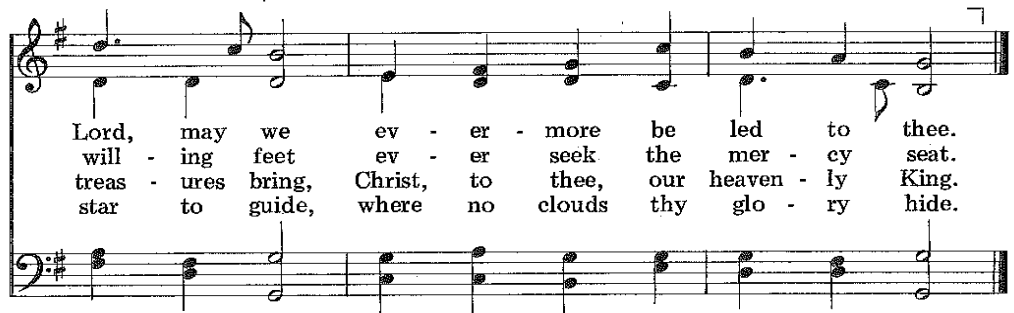
1. As with glad - ness men of old did the guid - ing  
2. As with joy - ful steps they sped to that low - ly  
3. As they of - fered gifts most rare at that man - ger  
4. Ho - ly Je - sus, ev - ery day keep us in the



star be - hold; as with joy they hailed its light,  
man - ger bed, there to bend the knee be - fore  
rude and bare, so may we with ho - ly joy,  
nar - row way; and when earth - ly things are past,



lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright, so, most gra - cious  
him whom heaven and earth a - dore, so, may we with  
pure and free from sin's al - loy, all our cost - liest  
bring our ran - somed souls at last where they need no



Lord, may we ev - er - more be led to thee.  
will - ing feet ev - er seek the mer - cy seat.  
treas - ures bring, Christ, to thee, our heaven - ly King.  
star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.

WORDS: William C. Dix, c. 1858, alt.  
MUSIC: Conrad Kocher, 1838

DIX  
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## Thank You for Serving Our Church

**LITURGIST:** Elliott Smith

**PLATE ATTENDANT:** Doris Sink

**SOUND TECHNICIAN:** James Gray

**USHER CHAIRPERSON:** Jeff Hutchens

**USHER CAPTAIN:** Mark Smith

**USHERS:** Denise Durham, Ben Hale,  
Kivi Miller, Susan Miller, Jeremy Peterson

**YOUTH USHER:** Ava Miller

**ACOLYTE:** Emory Smith

**BIBLE STEWARD:** Elliott Smith

**GREETERS:** Tammy Rhodes & Jeff Hutchens

**NURSERY {INFANTS-KINDERGARTEN}:**

Alice Gray & Vicky Gray

- ❖ 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 Ben Hale (benjaminhale08@comcast.net or 704-772-6908) or call the church office (336-248-2617).

**CHURCH MEMBERS:** Mary Berrier, Denise Durham, Tammy Rhodes, Bill Walser, Janelle Bunn, Vogen Everhart, Peggy Bates, Margot Everhart, Lib & Jimbo Hinkle, Marzell Crofts, Jo Hudson, Valerie Price, Ruth Fritts, Rita Tussey, Hoyle Potts, Doris Flynt, James Everhart

**OUR FRIENDS:** The family of Ron Koprowski (friends of Frankie and Buddy Hedrick), Linda Burgess (friend of Susan Odom), Susan Wilkerson (Carolyn Robbins' cousin), Cheri Yates (Eddie Yates' step-mother), Eric Cole (son of visitor, Jill Cole, in training for Border Patrol in New Mexico), Charm Ketner, Harold Holste (Alane Holste's father), Boyd & Bonnie Perry (Friends of Frankie Hedrick), Kathe Everhart (Frankie Hedrick's sister-in-law), Jeanette Ingle (Friend of Bill & Cheryl Walser), Chris Greene (Michell Winter's step-brother), Virginia Hill (Cathy Waitman's mother), Laura Williams (Carolyn Robbins' mother), David Combs (Friend of Open Hands), Noriko Shaw and the Family of Heather & Joe Surret (Friends of Mike & Lynn Brown), Brian Arensman (Keith Johnson's friend and co-worker), John Haydon (Friend of Kivi Miller), Eddie Wray (Friend of Lisa Nelson), Lynn Younts (Friend of Susie Smith)

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Sunday, January 6

9:45AM – Sunday School

#### Youth

Studying Rahab with Cathy Waitman

#### Adults

Studying Romans with Dave Fulton

10:30AM – First Sunday Social

Anne Bevan, Rev. June Grubb, Cheryl & Bill Walser

11:00AM – WORSHIP:

**EPIPHANY AND HOLY COMMUNION**

**KIDS CLUB with Alice Gray  
& Vicky Gray**

Following Worship:

Take down Christmas decorations

### Monday, January 7

5:00PM

Bd. of Spiritual Growth & Renewal {Parlor}

6:30PM

Open Hands Ministry Meal {FH}

### Tuesday, January 8

10:00AM

Willing Weavers {RM 3}

6:30PM

Men's Brotherhood &  
Women's Life Fellowship Dinner {FH}

### Wednesday, January 9

5:00PM

Trustee Meeting {Parlor}

6:30PM

Bell Choir {Bell Room}

7:15PM

Choir Practice {Chapel Annex}

### Thursday, January 10

5:30PM

Yoga {Parlor}

7:00PM

Square Dancing {FH}

### Sunday, January 13:

9:45AM – Sunday School

#### Youth

- **Younger Children** {Downstairs}  
Led by Lena Johnson
- **Older Children** {Downstairs}  
Studying Joshua with Cathy Waitman
- **Teens** {Downstairs}  
Led by Rev. Horton

#### Adults

- **Family & Faith Discussion Group**  
Led by Jeremy Lovell {RM 103}
- **New Way Class** Studying Romans  
with Dave Fulton {Parlor}

11:00AM – WORSHIP:

**REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM  
ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION  
OF CONSISTORY**

Following Worship:

Consistory Meeting

**CELEBRATIONS  
{January 6-12}**

#### BIRTHDAYS

January 6	Gennie Lou Byerly
January 9	Valerie Price
January 10	Deanna Michael Harriette Murphy
January 11	Camille Morgan
January 12	Hoyle Potts

#### ANNIVERSARIES

(NO ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK)

## **WILLING WEAVERS**

(Formerly known as Weaving Women)  
**TO BEGIN AGAIN!**

Gennie Lou Byerly and Glenyce Fulton are beginning a new group of weavers on January 8, 2019. They make mats using plastic grocery bags to donate to the homeless shelter. This group is open to EVERYONE!

Regular meetings will be held on Tuesday mornings at 10:00AM in the classroom beside the nursery in the Education Building. If you are unable to help weave at the church, there are things that can be done at home to prepare bags to be woven into mats.

Contact Gennie Lou (336-475-7785) or Glenyce (336-250-8739) if you are interested in being a part of the Willing Weavers ministry. Also, start saving those plastic bags to be used in making the new mats!

## **FIRST REFORMED UCC GAME NIGHT...FRIDAY, JANUARY 25<sup>th</sup>**



First Reformed UCC members and friends are invited to our first **GAME NIGHT** on **Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup>** in the Fellowship Hall. This is **NOT JUST FOR KIDS!** We'll have board games and card games for adults, too! We are looking for a variety of board and card games. Contact Kivi Miller or Mike Price to sign up.

(kivi@nonprofitmarketingguide.com)

(canjunmike@gmail.com)

On Game Night, check in and sign up for a game between 6:30 - 7:00pm. Games will start promptly at 7:00pm. Light snacks will be provided, but feel free to bring something to share!

**PLEASE PICK UP  
YOUR 2019 OFFERING  
ENVELOPES  
FROM THE NARTHEX**

**NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES  
TO BEGIN JANUARY 13**



#### **Middle School / High School:**

Teens will discover how God is at work in their lives, what Jesus means to them, and how the Holy Spirit is leading their lives. Pastor Elizabeth will be their teacher in the "green room" in the basement.



#### **Family and Faith:**

Parents, come join a 6-week parent discussion group to talk about family from a faith perspective, including challenges and experiences of raising KIDS TODAY. Jeremy Lovell will be the group facilitator and the class will meet in the "consistory room."