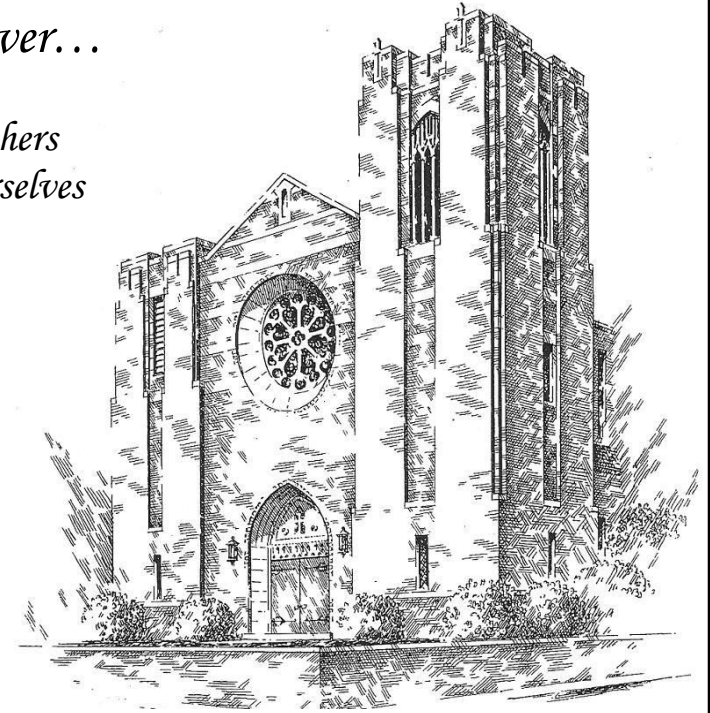


First Reformed United Church of Christ

Where People Discover...

*The Love of God
The Power to Love Others
The Ability to Love Ourselves*



February 17, 2019

11:00AM

In the Pulpit: Rev. Dr. Lee Jessup

*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.

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* PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

The Worship of God
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
Gathering

Prelude

*Chiming of the Hour

*Congregational Call to Worship *“Christ, Be Our Light”*

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Welcome and Announcements

Alane Holste

*Call to Worship

Alane Holste

Leader: Send the waters of your Grace upon us.

People: We are your people.

Leader: Let the waters of your love wash us.

People: We are your forgiven people.

Leader: Let the waters of your blessings pour over us.

People: We are your beloved people. Thanks be to God.

*Passing the Peace

Lee Jessup

*Hymn

“Beautiful River”

Insert

*Invocation

Lee Jessup

Centering

Scripture Reading

Genesis 8: 18-22
(Page #7 of Pew Bible)

Alane Holste

Unison Prayer of Confession

Lee Jessup

O Holy One, we call to you and name you as eternal, ever-present, and boundless in love. Yet there are times when we fail to recognize you in our daily lives. Sometimes shame clenches tightly around our hearts, and we hide our true feelings. Sometimes fear makes us small, and we miss the chance to speak from our strength. Sometimes doubt invades our hopefulness, and we degrade our own wisdom. Holy God, in the daily round from sunrise to sunset, remind us again of your holy presence hovering near us and in us. Free us from shame, fear and self-doubt. Help us to see you in the moment-by-moment possibilities to live honestly, to act courageously, and to speak from our wisdom. Amen

Assurance of Forgiveness

Lee Jessup

Young Disciples

Lee Jessup

*(All youth, Pre K-5th Grade, are invited to join
Keri Lovell and Keri Hartle for Children’s Church.)*

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

Lee Jessup

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Special Music

Mike Price, Saxophone

Proclaiming

Scripture

Matthew 3: 13-17
(Page #879 of Pew Bible)

Lee Jessup

Sermon

“A Changing View of Water”

Lee Jessup

Responding

*Hymn

“I’ve Got Peace Like a River”

Insert

Invitation to Give of Ourselves

Alane Holste

Offertory

*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

Alane Holste

Sending

*Call to Discipleship

Alane Holste

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.”

*Benediction

Lee Jessup

*Congregational Response

"Room for All"

In God's house there is room for all.

Every child, a child of light, we're all precious in God's sight.

In God's house there's no room too small for God prepared a room for all.

*Postlude

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

HELP NEEDED

Alisa Johnson is looking for a **driver to help deliver Meals on Wheels**. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Alisa at 336-357-0648.

CALENDAR CHANGE:

Willing Weavers will begin meeting on Mondays at 10:00 beginning February 18th.

OPEN FLOWER DATES

There are several open dates for flowers in March. If you'd like to place flowers in the church on March 3rd, 24th or the 31st, please contact Betty Link as soon as possible at jll3@ptmc.net.

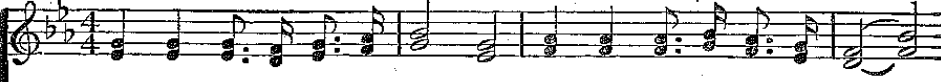
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Beautiful River.

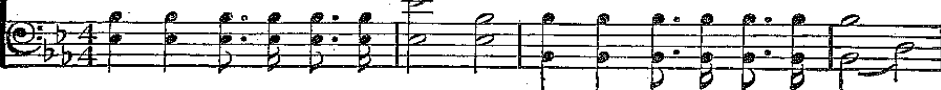

Robert Lowry.

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1. Shall we gath-er at the riv - er, Where bright an-gel feet have trod;
 2. On the mar-gin of the riv - er, Wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
 3. Ere we reach the shin-ing riv - er, Lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
 4. Soon we'll reach the shining riv - er, Soon our pil-grim-age will cease;



With its crys-tal tide for - ev - er Flow-ing by the throne of God?
 We will walk and wor-ship ev - er, All the hap - py, gold - en day.
 Grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, And pro-vide a robe and crown.
 Soon our hap - py hearts will quiv-er With the mel - o - dy of peace.




CHORUS.



Yes, we'll gath-er at the riv - er, The beau-ti - ful, the beau-ti - ful riv - er,---

Gath-er with the saints at the riv - er That flows by the throne of God. A-MEN.



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

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY

are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. Jacob Calvin Leonard, Sr.; given by his granddaughters Rhonnie and Merle.

Thank You for Serving Our Church

LITURGIST: Alane Holste

PLATE ATTENDANT: Clifford Lopp

SOUND TECHNICIAN: John Gray

USHER CHAIRPERSON: Jeff Hutchens

USHERS: James Gray, Captain
 Raeann Allred, Henry Crouse,
 John Smith, Michell Winters

YOUTH USHER: Jonathan Kepley

ACOLYTE: Jacob Hartle

BIBLE STEWARD: Ethan Lovell

GREETERS: Travis White, Renee Walsh,
 Bryson, Isabella and Caroline

NURSERY {INFANTS-KINDERGARTEN}:
 Anne Bevan & Cheryl 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 Ben Hale (benjaminhale08@comcast.net or 704-772-6908) or call the church office (336-248-2617).

CHURCH MEMBERS: Elizabeth Horton, Myra Thompson, Marguerite Leonard, Mary Berrier, Denise Durham, Tammy Rhodes, Bill Walser, Janelle Bunn, Margie & Vogen Everhart, Peggy Bates, Margot Everhart, Lib & Jimbo Hinkle, Marzell Crotts, Valerie Price, Jo Hudson, Rita Tussey, Hoyle Potts, Doris Flynt, James Everhart

OUR FRIENDS: Derrick Wong (Friend of Joni Walser), Marinda Hemric (Friend of Ben Hale), Earl Parker (Rev. Horton's father), Wendi Greene (Bill Robbins' sister), Tyler, Alissa, Arlo, Michael & Betsy Philpott Thompson (Friends of Patti Lovell), Rev. Ken Sell (Friend of Gennie Lou Byerly and Eulene Shepherd), Leigh Swicegood (Friend of Jerry & Patti Lovell), Paisley Diane Swicegood, her parents and grandparents (Friends of Jerry & Patti Lovell), 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), Harold Holste (Alane Holste's father), Boyd & Bonnie Perry (Friends of Frankie Hedrick), Kathe Everhart (Frankie Hedrick's sister-in-law), Clifford Beane (Neighbor of Lee & Ellen Bouchard), 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), Brian Arensman (Friend and co-worker of Keith Johnson), John Haydon (Friend of Kivi Miller), Eddie Wray (Friend of Lisa Nelson), Lynn Younts (Friend of Susie Smith)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, February 17 **9:45AM Sunday School**
Youth *{This week's helper - Paula Lopp}*
Younger Children "Creation" with Lena Johnson *{Downstairs}*
Older Children "Bible Bingo" with Cathy Waitman *{Downstairs}*
Teens with Alice Gray *{Downstairs}*

Adults
Family & Faith Discussion Group with Jeremy Lovell *{RM 103}*

Inquiring Minds Class
"Llamas for Lent 1 & 2" with Doug Sink *{Parlor}*

11:00AM WORSHIP – IN THE PULPIT: REV. DR. LEE JESSUP
"Children's Church" with Keri Lovell and Keri Hartle

Monday, February 18 **6:30PM** Open Hands Ministry Meal *{FH}*

Tuesday, February 19 **10:00AM** Willing Weavers *{Rm 3}*
7:00PM Women's Life Fellowship *{Parlor}*

Wednesday, February 20 **7:00PM** Choir Practice *{Chapel Annex}*

Thursday, February 21 **5:30PM** Yoga *{Dance Studio}*
7:00PM Square Dancing *{FH}*

Friday, February 22 **MARCH NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE BY NOON**

Sunday, February 24 **9:45AM Sunday School**
Youth
Younger Children "Creation" with Lena Johnson *{Downstairs}*
Older Children "Gideon I" with Cathy Waitman *{Downstairs}*
Teens with Elizabeth Horton and Jeremy Peterson *{Downstairs}*

Adults
Family & Faith Discussion Group with Jeremy Lovell *{RM 103}*

Inquiring Minds Class
"Llamas for Lent 3 & 4" with Fulton *{Parlor}*

11:00AM WORSHIP

Alisa Johnson is in need of a driver to help deliver Meals on Wheels.
 If you are able to help, please contact Alisa at 336-357-0648.

BOOK STUDY BEGINS MARCH 3rd

The 8-week discussion group on "Love Wins," led by Walter Hoffman will begin on March 3 at 9:45 in the Parlor. You can download the book on Kindle Unlimited for free or find used books on-line at different websites. If you need help obtaining a book, please email, text, or call Cathy Waitman **by February 19.** (cathy@frucc.org or 336-250-2731) **You are welcome to join the book discussion even if you do not have a book.**

PURSES FOR WOMEN

The Board of Spiritual Growth and Renewal is planning a **Children's Service Project for March.** They are collecting the following items to be donated to homeless women through Open Hands Ministry.

Gently used purses
Costume jewelry
Toiletries

(toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs & brushes, Kleenex, lip balm, individually wrapped wipes, etc.)

If you can help with any of the following items, please bring them to the crates located either in the Narthex or outside the church office **by March 3.**

TOUCHING DAVIDSON COUNTY WITH LOVE

Volunteers are needed for Touching Davidson County with Love which is Saturday, April 13th, 2019. This event helps many elderly folks in the community, as well as children and youth who are in need. You can volunteer as a project manager or as a general worker. Volunteers are needed for three different categories of projects...

SOFT PROJECTS: such as making blankets, etc.

MEDIUM DUTY PROJECTS: such as yard work and landscaping, etc.

HARD PROJECTS: such as wheelchair ramp repair and light carpentry, etc.

A sign-up sheet will be available soon for volunteers. In the meantime, you may contact Jerry Lovell at 336-746-6493 or 336-309-9302 or plovell53@yahoo.com if you have questions. More information will be available later.

COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICE

(More information will be available in the March Newsletter)

When: Each Wednesday beginning March 6 through April 10 at 12:00
Where: First United Methodist Church
What: Lunch served following services...\$5.00/person

<u>CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK</u>		
Birthdays	February 17	Lee Bouchard
		Amy Hedrick
	18	Kalyssa Hutchens
	19	Susan Morris
	20	Frank Callicutt
		Janette Neal
	23	Susie Smith
Anniversaries	February 20	Larry & Betty Link