

**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY** are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Rev. Banks D. Shepherd; given by his family.

*Thank You for Serving Our Church*

**LITURGIST:** Alane Holste

**PLATE ATTENDANT:** Clifford Lopp

**SOUND TECHNICIAN:** Jeremy Peterson

**USHER CHAIRPERSON:** Jeff Hutchens

**USHERS:** James Gray, Captain

Raeann Allred, Henry Crouse,

John Smith, Michell Winters

**YOUTH USHER:** Jonathan Kepley

**GREETER:** Ben Hale

**NURSERY {INFANTS-KINDERGARTEN}:**

Lynn Brown & Belinda Yates

- ❖ *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.}*



We extend sympathy to Lisa Price on the recent loss of her sister, Julie Kay Price, who passed away on January 25. On-line condolences may be made at [www.piedmontfuneralhome.com](http://www.piedmontfuneralhome.com). Please be in prayer for Lisa during her time of loss.

We extend sympathy to Kalyssa Hutchens on the loss of her grandmother, Melinda Gayle Hunt, who passed away January 30. On-line condolences may be made at [www.daviefunerallexington@gmail.com](mailto:www.daviefunerallexington@gmail.com). Please keep Kalyssa in your prayers during her time of loss.

*Our Church at Prayer*

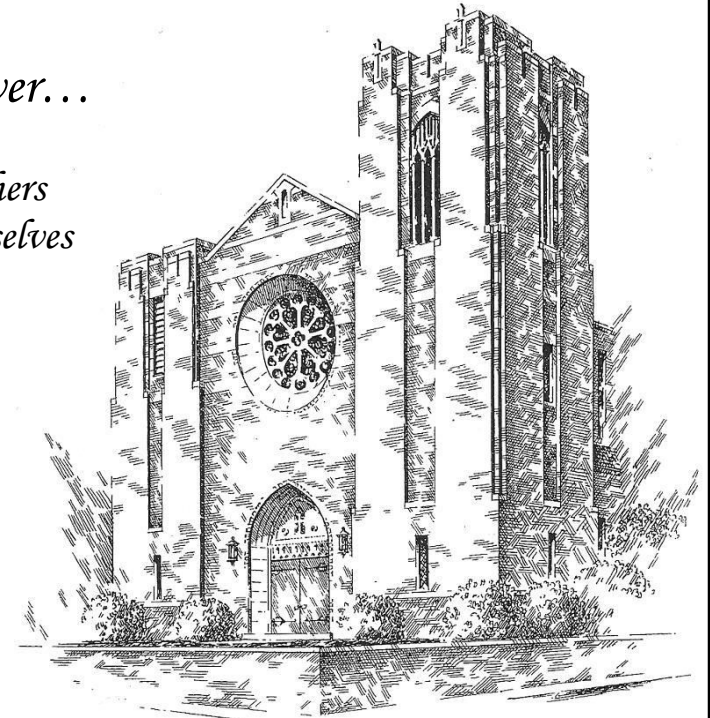
**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Remember those in the Armed Forces. To add a name to the prayer list please fill out a prayer request card located in the backs of the pews, contact Ben Hale ([benjaminhale08@comcast.net](mailto:benjaminhale08@comcast.net) or 704-772-6908) or call the church office (336-248-2617).

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

**OUR FRIENDS:** 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)

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



*February 3, 2019*

*11:00AM*

*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.*

\* PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

*The Worship of God*  
*Fourth Sunday after Epiphany*

*Gathering*

Prelude

*"When I speak of love, I am not speaking of some sentimental and weak response.  
I am speaking of that force which is ... the supreme unifying principle of life.  
Love is somehow the key that unlocks the door which leads to ultimate reality."*  
Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. April 4, 1967

\*Chiming of the Hour

\*Invitation to Worship

\*Hymn *"How Firm a Foundation"*

Elizabeth Horton  
Insert

\*Call to Worship

Alane Holste

One: We have come to worship God, the living God,

**All: Who calls prophets and teachers to bear witness.**

One: We have come to praise God, the almighty God,

**All: Who answers the forces of hatred and hurt with the power of grace.**

One: We have come to worship God, all-gracious God,

**All: Who chooses even you and me, to receive and carry the Word of life and hope.  
All glory to God!**

Opening Prayer

Alane Holste

*Centering*

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 13: 1-13  
*(Page #1047 of Pew Bible)*

The Congregation

**LEFT SIDE:**

**If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love,  
I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.**

**RIGHT SIDE:**

**If I have prophetic powers,  
and understand all mysteries and all knowledge,**

Liturgist: If I have all faith, so as to remove mountains,

**ALL VOICES:  
but do not have love, I am nothing.**

**LEFT:**

**If I give away all my possessions,**

**RIGHT:**

**If I hand over my body so that I may boast**

**ALL VOICES:  
but do not have love, I gain nothing.**

**LEFT:**

**Love is patient.**

**RIGHT:**

**Love is kind.**

Liturgist: Love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way.

**LEFT:**

**It is not irritable or resentful.**

**RIGHT:**

**It does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth.**

**ALL VOICES:**

**It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.**

Liturgist: Let us hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

**ALL VOICES:  
Thanks be to God.**

Unison Prayer of Confession

Elizabeth Horton

One: If we say we are completely put together, the truth is not in us.

**All: But if we confess our distractions, our errors, and our anxieties,  
God will meet us and renew us.  
Before God and one another, we confess our reluctance to live out our calling.  
Remind us, God, that you have made us for your service.  
Renew and recharge us, God,  
Grant us courage to live out your Way of peace and grace.  
We ask it in Jesus' name; Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

\*Passing the Peace

\*Hymn

*"O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"*

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Young Disciples

*(All youth, Pre K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade, are invited to join in this worship at the front.)*

The Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

**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 Hand Bell Choir  
"Reflections on "Endless Song" (How Can I Keep from Singing?) Michael Ryan

### Proclaiming

Scripture Luke 4: 21-30 Elizabeth Horton  
(Page #936 of Pew Bible)

Sermon "Living in the Light: The Sermon Nobody Wanted to Hear" Elizabeth Horton

### Responding

\*Hymn "I Am the Light of the World" Insert

Invitation to Give of Ourselves

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 Elizabeth Horton

\*Congregational Response "I Am the Light of the World"

**"I am the light of the world! You people come and follow me!"**

**If you follow and love you'll learn the mystery of what you were meant to do and be.**

\*Postlude

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

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## How Firm a Foundation

Isa. 43:2-5; 2 Tim. 2:19; Heb. 13:5

"K" in John Rippon's Selection of Hymns, 1787; alt.

1 How firm a foundation for you has been laid,  
2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,  
3 "When through the deep waters I call you to go,  
4 "When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,  
5 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose,

by God in the Word, in the sac - ri - fice paid!  
for I am your God, I will still give you aid;  
the riv - ers of woe shall not o - ver you flow;  
my grace all - suf - fi - cient shall be your sup - ply;  
I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can God say than to you has been said,  
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand  
For I will be with you, your trou - bles to bless,  
the flame shall not hurt you; for I have de - signed  
That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you, who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
up - held by my gra - cious, om - ni - po - tent hand."  
de - liv - er - ing you from your deep - est dis - tress."  
your soul to make pure just as gold is re - fined."  
I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er for - sake!"

In 1787, John Rippon, English Baptist clergyman, identified the author of this hymn as "K"; no one has yet verified a complete name. The pentatonic melody has been known by several names since it first appeared in Funk's Genuine Church Music (1832).

Tune: FOUNDATION 11.11.11.11.  
Early United States melody  
from Funk's Genuine Church Music, 1832  
Alternate tune: ADESTE FIDELES

# I Am the Light of the World

John 8:12

Jim Strathdee, 1969; rev. 1981

In response to a Christmas poem by Howard Thurman

*Unison Introduction*

*Refrain*

F B $\flat$  C F

"I am the light of the world!"

B $\flat$  C F Gm Dm C

You peo-ple come and fol-low me!" If you fol-low and love you'll

*Last time, end*

F Gm7 C B $\flat$  F B $\flat$  F

learn the mys-ter-y of what you were meant to do and be.

F B $\flat$ /D C F

1 When the song of the an-gels is stilled, when the  
 2  $\gamma$  To find the lost and lone-ly one,  $\gamma$  to  
 3  $\gamma$  To free the pris-oner from all chains,  $\gamma$  to  
 4 To bring hope to ev-ery task you do,  $\gamma$  to

This text is based on a Christmas poem by Howard Thurman, a prolific twentieth-century writer, theologian, and teacher. The song grew out of Jim Strathdee's music ministry at an intercultural, bilingual congregation in Los Angeles.

Tune: LIGHT OF THE WORLD Irr.  
 Jim Strathdee, 1969

Gm Dm C

star in the sky is gone, When the  
 heal the bro-ken soul with love,  $\gamma$  To  
 make the pow-er-ful care, To re-  
 dance at a ba-by's new birth,  $\gamma$  To

F B $\flat$  C F

sag-es and the shep-herds have found their way home, the  
 feed the hun-gry chil-dren with warmth and good food, To  
 build the na-tions with strength of good will, to  
 make mu-sic in . . . . an old per-son's heart, and

Dm B $\flat$  Gm7 C *Return to  $\gamma$*

work of Christ-mas is be-gun:  
 feel the earth be-low, the sky a-bove!  
 see all God's chil-dren ev-ery-where!  
 sing to the col-ors of the earth!

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Sunday, February 3:

**9:45AM – Sunday School**

#### Youth

- **Younger Children** {Downstairs}  
Studying Creation with Lena Johnson
- **Older Children** {Downstairs}  
Studying Deborah with Cathy Waitman
- **Teens** {Downstairs}  
With Rev. Horton & Jeremy Peterson

#### Adults

- **Family & Faith Discussion Group**  
With Jeremy Lovell {RM 103}
- **Inquiring Minds Class**  
Studying Romans with Dave Fulton {Parlor}

**10:30AM – FIRST SUNDAY SOCIAL {FH}**

**JOHN & SUSIE SMITH AND JONATHAN KEPLEY**

**11:00AM – WORSHIP**

- **KIDS CLUB**
- **“SOUPER” BOWL SUNDAY**

**FOLLOWING WORSHIP**

- **CONSISTORY MEETING**

### Monday, February 4

**11:00AM**

Staff Meeting {Parlor}

**6:30PM**

Open Hands Ministry Meal {FH}

### Tuesday, February 5

**10:00AM**

Willing Weavers {RM 3}

**6:30PM**

Bd. of Evangelism {Parlor}

Bd. of Spiritual Growth & Renewal {RM 102}

### Wednesday, February 6

**11:00**

Morning Glory Circle {Parlor}

**7:00PM (NEW TIME!)**

Choir Practice {Chapel Annex}

### Thursday, February 6

**5:30PM**

Yoga {Dance Studio}

**7:00PM**

Yoga {FH}

### Sunday, February 10:

**9:45AM – Sunday School**

#### Youth

- **ALL Children** {Downstairs}  
Service Project with Cathy Waitman & Carolyn Robbins
- **Teens** {Downstairs}  
With Rev. Horton & Jeremy Peterson

#### Adults

- **Family & Faith Discussion Group**  
With Jeremy Lovell {RM 103}
- **Inquiring Minds Class** Studying Romans  
with Jerry Lovell {Parlor}

**11:00AM – WORSHIP**

**FOLLOWING WORSHIP**

- **CONGREGATIONAL MEAL & MEETING {FH}**

**(MAKE SURE YOU’VE SIGNED UP FOR THE MEAL)**

## **CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK**

### BIRTHDAYS

February

7<sup>th</sup>

Haylee Hutcheson

9<sup>th</sup>

Ethan Lovell

### ANNIVERSARIES

February

9<sup>th</sup>

Mike & Lynn Brown

10<sup>th</sup>

Mike & Bonita Hooper

### **2019 VISIONING SURVEY**

Rev. Horton sent an invitation via email to complete a 2019 Vision Survey. This is meant to start conversations about where God is leading us next. This is a beginning and is not the only tool we will use to discern God’s calling upon this congregation. If you haven’t already completed the 2019 Visioning Survey, here’s the web address:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/frucc2019>

**The deadline is Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>**

### **HELP FOR CRISIS MINISTRIES**

Crisis Ministries is in need of the following items to help replenish their supplies. Please bring any items by the church office, and we will contact someone to pick them up.

**Sugar**

**Instant Potatoes**

**Rice**

**Mac & Cheese**

**Ramen Noodles**

**Dried Beans**

**Canned Vegetables:**

**Green Beans Corn Peas Pinto Beans**

### **GIRL SCOUT COOKIES FOR SALE**

Gianna Miller will have Girls Scout cookies for sale again at the Congregational Meeting on February 10. She is also happy to bring cookies to you on Sundays. Just place an order with Kivi on Facebook or call/text 336-870-0251 through the end of February. You can also buy cookies by the case for your employees or customers or donate them to a local nonprofit. The Girl Scouts will deliver. A case is 12 packages of cookies and costs \$48.

### **BOOK STUDY BEGINS MARCH 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Walter Hoffman will lead an 8-week discussion group on **“Love Wins,”** a book about “Heaven, Hell, and the Fate of Every Person Who Ever Lived.” The group will meet in the Parlor at 9:45 during Sunday School. You can download the book on **Kindle Unlimited** for free. The paperback book is on sale for \$13.09. If you would like to purchase a book, **please email, text, or call Cathy Waitman by February 19.** (cathy@frucc.org or 336-250-2731)

### **♥TOUCHING DAVIDSON COUNTY WITH LOVE♥**

Jerry Lovell is soliciting volunteers 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. Projects involve all levels of skill. A sign-up sheet will be available soon for volunteers. In the meantime, you may contact Jerry at 336-746-6493 or 336-309-9302 or plovel53@yahoo.com if you have questions. Look for more information in the next Newsletter.

### **SIGN UP THE CONGREGATIONAL MEAL**

Yarborough’s Restaurant will cater lunch for the February 10<sup>th</sup> Congregational Meal and Meeting. The menu will include chicken pie, chicken and dumplings, mashed potatoes, green beans, cole slaw, bread and tea.

**We are asking that church members attending bring a dessert to share.**

The cost of the meal will be **\$7.50 for adults** and **\$3.25 for children (11 and under)**. **Money will be collected the day of the meal.** Following lunch, we will hold our Congregational Meeting.

**To help with ordering food, PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM AND PLACE IT IN THE OFFERING PLATE TODAY** if you plan to attend. You may also contact the church office at 336-248-2617 **by WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6<sup>th</sup>.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

# Adults @ \$7.50 Each \_\_\_\_\_

# Children (11 and under) @ \$3.25 Each \_\_\_\_\_

Total Cost \_\_\_\_\_