

**SIGN UP THE CONGREGATIONAL MEAL**  
Yarborough's Restaurant will cater lunch for the February 9<sup>th</sup> Congregational Meal and Meeting. The menu includes: broasted chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, choice of layered or Italian salad, rolls, tea & lemonade.

**WE ARE ASKING THOSE ATTENDING TO BRING A DESSERT TO SHARE.**

The suggested donation for the meal is **\$8.00 for adults** and **\$3.50 for children (11 and under)**.

To help with planning, PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM AND PLACE IT IN THE OFFERING PLATE if you plan to attend.

You may also contact the church office at 336-248-2617.

**DEADLINE TO SIGN UP... WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5<sup>th</sup>**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

# Adults \_\_\_\_\_ # Children (11 and under) \_\_\_\_\_ I can bring a dessert \_\_\_\_\_

Following lunch, we will hold our Congregational Meeting:  
**HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2019 AND SHOWCASING MINISTRIES FOR 2020 AND BEYOND.**

**ARE YOU READY FOR THE "SOUPER" BOWL?**

TODAY IS "SOUPER" BOWL SUNDAY! Have your money ready after worship to drop in the soup pots. The Board of Community Outreach and our children and youth, will collect donations at the doors after worship for the **SOUPER BOWL OF CARING**. Contributions will go to Crisis Ministry of Davidson County.

**TRIP TO THE CIVIL RIGHTS MUSEUM**

On February 8, a trip to the Civil Rights Museum in Greensboro is planned. If you would like attend, please contact the church office **by February 3**. We will **meet in the church parking lot at 8:30AM** to carpool.

**GIRL SCOUT COOKIES**

It's Girl Scout Cookie time! Several Girl Scouts representing different troops are now attending our church and will be working together as a team to bring you your favorite cookies. They will be set up outside **the Fellowship Hall during the Congregational Meal & Meeting on February 9**. Cookies are \$4 per box.

**HONORING LEE ANN PEELE**

Join us for a reception in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, February 23 to honor Lee Ann for 29 years of service as our church organist. She is retiring, and this will be her last Sunday as our organist. The reception is from 2-4:00 with remarks at 3:00. Save the date so you will be sure to join us in celebrating Lee Ann's years of service at First Reformed UCC!

**FIRST REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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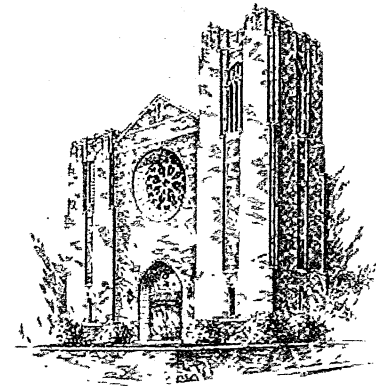
**Choir Director:** Ellen Peterson

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**First Reformed  
United Church of Christ**



**The Worship of God**

February 2, 2020  
Holy Communion  
"SOUPER" Bowl Sunday

11:00AM

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

**Gathering**

(\*)Please stand as you are able  
"BOLD" indicates congregational response

Prelude

\*Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Elizabeth Horton

Opening Chorus

"Open My Eyes, Lord"

\*Call to Worship

Sam West

When we seek justice for the other, when we love kindness more than ever,

**We live as God asks us to live.**

When we walk humbly through life, when we offer mercy to those who hurt us,

**We are the blessing God hopes we will be.**

When we are willing to look foolish by following Jesus, when we choose weakness rather than power,

**We reflect the One who is in our midst.**

\*Hymn

"Be Thou My Vision"

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\*Invocation

Sam West

**Centering**

Scripture Reading

Micah 6: 1-8  
(Page #850 in Pew Bible)

Sam West and Lisa Nelson

The People's Response

**With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high?**

**Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?**

**Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil?**

**Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?**

Choral Response

"What Does the Lord Require of You?"

Silent time of Confession

Elizabeth Horton

Assurance of Pardon

\*Passing the Peace

\*Hymn

"Softly and Tenderly"

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

Prayers of the People

Elizabeth Horton



# Be Thou My Vision

Unison

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O joy of my heart;  
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, my calm in all strife;  
 3 Be thou my bat - tle shield, sword for the fight;  
 4 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain emp - ty praise,  
 5 Great God of heav - en, af - ter vic - to - ry won,

naught be all else to me save that thou art,  
 I ev - er with thee, and thou in my life;  
 be thou my dig - ni - ty, thou my de - light,  
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;  
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's sun!

thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
 thou lov - ing par - ent, thy child may I be,  
 thou my soul's shel - ter, thou my high tower;  
 thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing thy pres - ence my light.  
 thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.  
 raise thou me heav - en - ward, O power of my power.  
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
 still be my vis - ion, O rul - er of all.

Words: Irish ca. 8th century, trans. Mary Elizabeth Byrne 1905, vers. Eleanor H. Hull 1912, alt.  
 Music: Irish traditional melody

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# Softly and Tenderly

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest" — Matthew 11:28 NIV

1. Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, Call - ing for  
 2. Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, Plead - ing for  
 3. Time is now fleet - ing, the mo - ments are pass - ing, Pass - ing from  
 4. Oh! for the won - der - ful love He has prom - ised, Prom - ised for

you and for me; See, on the por - tals He's wait - ing and watch - ing,  
 you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not His mer - cies,  
 you and from me; Shad - ows are gath - er - ing, death - beds are com - ing,  
 you and for me; Tho' we have sinned He has mer - cy and par - don,

Watch - ing for you and for me.  
 Mer - cies for you and for me? Come home, come home,  
 Com - ing for you and for me. Come home, come home,  
 Par - don for you and for me.

Ye who are wea - ry come home; Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,

Je - sus is call - ing, Call - ing, O sin - ner, come home!

WORDS: Will L. Thompson, 1847-1909  
 MUSIC: Will L. Thompson, 1847-1909

THOMPSON  
 Irregular

# Let Us Break Bread Together

"This is my body, which is for you" — 1 Corinthians 11:24 NIV

Unison

1. Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees,  
 2. Let us drink the cup to - geth - er on our knees,  
 3. Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees,

Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;  
 Let us drink the cup to - geth - er on our knees;  
 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

When I fall on my knees, With my face to the ris - ing

sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

WORDS: Spiritual  
 MUSIC: Spiritual; arr. William J. Reynolds, 1920-

BREAK BREAD  
 Irregular

## WELCOME TO FIRST REFORMED UCC

If you are visiting with us, please fill out a pew card and place it in the offering plate when passed.

Following the example of Jesus, we believe that God's love, Christ's church, and the power of the Holy Spirit are for all people. We believe our unity as one body in Christ transcends worldly differences. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

First Reformed United Church of Christ is an Open and Affirming congregation. This means we welcome into the full life and ministry of the church all people, regardless of ability, age, education, ethnicity, family or marital status, gender identity or expression, income, nationality, political affiliation, race, sexual orientation, or any other distinction. At the baptismal font and at the communion table, from the nursery cribs to the church leadership, whether you were raised in a church or have never before attended one, you are welcome here.

We affirm and celebrate the diversity of God's children as a blessing. We welcome you to First Reformed United Church of Christ.

## CHURCH CALENDAR

### Sunday, February 2

9:45AM Adult Sunday School

Book Study: "Trouble I've Seen"

led by Bonita Hooper and Stacey Sosebee-West

Youth and Children's Sunday School: Social Justice

Youth: Jeremy Lovell

Children: Renee Walsh & Travis White

10:30AM Church-wide First Sunday Social:

John & Susie Smith and Jonathan Kepley

11:00AM Worship in the Sanctuary

Holy Communion

"Souper" Bowl Sunday

Following Worship: Consistory

### Monday, February 3

DEADLINE TO SIGN UP FOR CIVIL RIGHTS MUSEUM TRIP

5:30PM Clothing Closet {Basement}

6:30PM Open Hands Meal {FH}

### Tuesday, February 4

10:45AM Willing Weavers

5:00PM Trustee Meeting {Parlor}

6:30PM Bd. of Evangelism {Parlor}

6:30PM Children's Ministry Team Meeting

### Wednesday, February 5

DEADLINE TO SIGN UP FOR CONGREGATIONAL MEAL

6:00PM Youth Ministry {FH}

6:30PM Bell Choir

7:15PM Choir

### Thursday, February 6

5:15PM Yoga Class {Dance Studio}

### Saturday, February 8

8:30AM Carpooling to Civil Rights Museum in Greensboro...lunch afterwards

### Sunday, February 9

9:45AM Adult Sunday School

Book Study: "Trouble I've Seen"

led by Bonita Hooper and Stacey Sosebee-West

Youth and Children's Sunday School: Social Justice

Youth: Jeremy Lovell

Children: Renee Walsh & Travis White

11:00AM Worship in the Sanctuary

Kids Club

Following Worship: Congregational Meal & Meeting

## OUR CHURCH AT PRAYER

### OUR MEMBERS:

\*Myra Thompson and the Family of Lauren Thompson Gould, Susan Miller, Ellen Bouchard, Bill Walser

### AT HOME AND IN CARE FACILITIES:

Peggy Bates, Janelle Bunn, Marzell Crofts, Ruth Essick, Margot Everhart, Vogen Everhart, Lib & Jimbo Hinkle, Marguerite Leonard, Bob Shaak, Lib Sink, Katherine Skipper, Carolyn Spivey, Adena Wall

Brookdale: Hoyle Potts

Piedmont Crossing: Mary Berrier, Doris Flynt

### OUR FRIENDS:

\*Judy Stanley (Robin Champion's mother), Family and Friends of Carol Swoope (friend of Ben Hale and John Maze), Jerry Byrd (friend of John & Susie Smith), The Family of Shelia Hanes (friend of Alane Holste), The Family of Myra Hepler (friend of Alane Holste), Cpt. Kacie Allred, USAF (Raeann Allred's step-daughter), Beverly Ward (Ron Link's Sister-in-law)

\*Indicates newly added. Names will remain on the list for 4 weeks. To add a name to the prayer list please fill out a prayer request card located on the backs of the pews or call the church office (336-248-2617).

## ~FEBRUARY~

### BIRTHDAYS

7th

Haylee Hutcheson