

Chili Cook-Off

Sunday, March 15th after Church

Come support our youth in this Johns River Valley Camp Fundraiser. Voting for the **BEST CHILI** will be measured in monetary donations. The pot that receives the most money wins a prize and title for **"FIRST REFORMED UCC'S CHILI CHAMPION!"** Please help as you are able. Complete the list below, and return it to the office **by Sunday, March 8.**

NAME _____
ATTENDING MEAL _____

(Please check all that apply.) I can help by...

- _____ attending the fundraiser
- _____ making a **pot of Chili** for the contest
(Please bring in a Slow-cooker to keep warm)
- _____ helping with **set up**
- _____ helping with **clean up**
- _____ bringing a **dessert**
- _____ bringing **Cornbread** or **Crackers**
- _____ bringing **Cheese**
- _____ bringing **Sour Cream**

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REGISTER NOW: WNCA EDUCATION DAY

Saturday, March 7 at Abernathy Laurels, Newton NC
Registration & morning refreshments starting at 8:30 AM
Program starts at 9 AM and ends at 3 PM

Becoming WISE: Understanding & Supporting Mental Health Keynote Speaker & Preacher: Rev. Amy Petré Hill
Minister of Mental Health and Inclusion at Mountain View United Church in Aurora, Colorado

Registration:

- **REGULAR REGISTRATION: \$20**
Register by March 1 for \$20 per person
— or \$15 per person when registering three or more from the same church
- **LATE REGISTRATION AFTER MARCH 1: \$25 but lunch cannot be guaranteed**
While registrations will be accepted after March 1 for \$25 per person, lunch cannot be assured

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FIRST REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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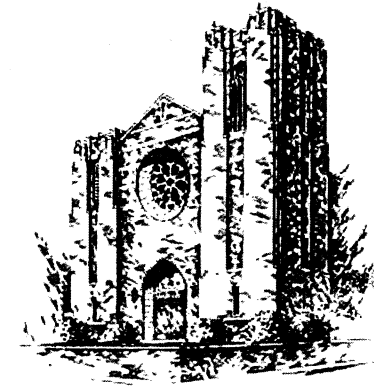
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First Reformed United Church of Christ



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

Opening Chorus

"Let Your Spirit Come"

Rev. Elizabeth Horton

*Litany for Lent

Rev. June Grubb

Jesus of the temptations, you enter the wilderness of
our hungers... our lust for power...our eagerness to test God:

be with us on our journey to Jerusalem, we pray.

Jesus of hopes, you set aside your glory, choosing to cradle us in your scarred hands:

hold us in your tender embrace, we pray.

Jesus of the Feast, you are broken so we might be healed,

you pour out yourself so we might be drenched in your grace:

feed us from the simple gifts of creation, we pray.

*Hymn

"Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days"

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*Invocation

Rev. Grubb

Centering

Scripture Reading

Matthew 4: 1-11

(Page #879 in Pew Bible)

Rev. Horton

Prayer of Confession

**Lord God, led by the crafter of lies, we wander into the wasteland of wrong-
doing. We hunger for more, and feel emptier. By our choices, we worship the
false gods of success, wealth, and spectacle.**

Rev. Horton

**Have mercy on us, God of love, and forgive us for the power we give to
temptation in our lives. Help us to become as vulnerable as Jesus, that we may
find the humility to trust you in all things so that we can decide to follow Jesus in
this life, and into the next.**

Assurance of Pardon

*Hymn

"Be Still My Soul"

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Young Disciples

(All children, Pre-K through 5th Grade are invited to join in this worship at the front.)

Prayers of the People

Rev. Horton

Anthem

"The Cup"

In anguish deep the Savior prayed from dark Gethsemane.
In agony he pleaded there, "Please take this cup from me."
What was it in the bitter cup that Jesus saw ahead?
Was pain and suffering all He saw, or was there more to dread?

"Yet not my will, but Yours," He said with firm, but weary voice.
And with His vast, amazing love accepted mercy's choice.
He took the sins of all the world and made them His that day,
Though He knew well that sin would turn His Father's face away.

Could it have been that Jesus saw the wrongs that I have done
Within the cup of woe that turned the Father from His Son?
Yes, all my guilt was there the day His cross was lifted up.
For when He chose to take the drink, my sin was in the cup,

May I be willing, Lord, to bear daily my cross for thee.
Even the cup of grief to share; thou hast borne all for me.

Lloyd Larson

Sermon

Proclaiming

"Time to Decide"

Rev. Horton

Time of Sacred Silence

What decisions are you faced with at this time?
How might God be leading you?

A Liturgy of Holy Communion

May the God of discipleship be with you.
And also with you.
Let us begin our Lenten journey with open hearts.
We offer them to the One who walks with us.
Let our voices resound with thanksgiving to the One who shows us faithful care.
We rejoice in our God of hope and love.

...With the faithful who have gone before us, with companions through this journey today, we
offer glad songs of deliverance:

Holy, holy, holy are you, God of steadfast love.
Creation sings your praises as on that first morning.
Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who brings grace to us.
Hosanna in the highest!

...As we begin to follow him to Jerusalem, as we would choose to embrace his suffering, we
speak of that free gift called faith:

Christ died, going into the wilderness of the grave;
Christ was raised, shattering the grip of sin and death;
Christ will come, so we might follow him to the New Jerusalem.

Prayer

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

The elements will be passed in the pew. We wait until all are served to partake.

Special Music

"Jesus Walked that Lonesome Valley"

Ellen Peterson

Closing Prayer

Responding

Invitation to Receive Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Congregational Response

Tune: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

**Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all**

*Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Grubb

Sending

*Call to Dedication

And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send and who will go for us?"
Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

*Postlude

"Dust and Ashes"

Please greet one another in the peace of Christ.

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

WE WELCOME ROBERT WILSON TODAY as our Interim Organist.

THE FLOWERS ON THE PEDESTAL are given by Peggy B. Bates to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Edgar "Ed" Bates and in honor of his March 2nd birthday.

LITURGIST:

Rev. June Grubb

USHER CHAIRPERSON:

Jeff Hutchens

USHERS:

Steve Smith (Captain), Vicky Gray, Amy Hedrick, Brian McKerlie, Ted Smith, Claire Smith (Youth Usher)

PLATE ATTENDANT:

John Smith

ACOLYTE:

Ethan Lovell

GREETERS:

Irvin & Doris Sink

SOUND TECHNICIAN:

John Gray

BIBLE STEWARD:

Lucas Peterson

THANK YOU FOR SERVING

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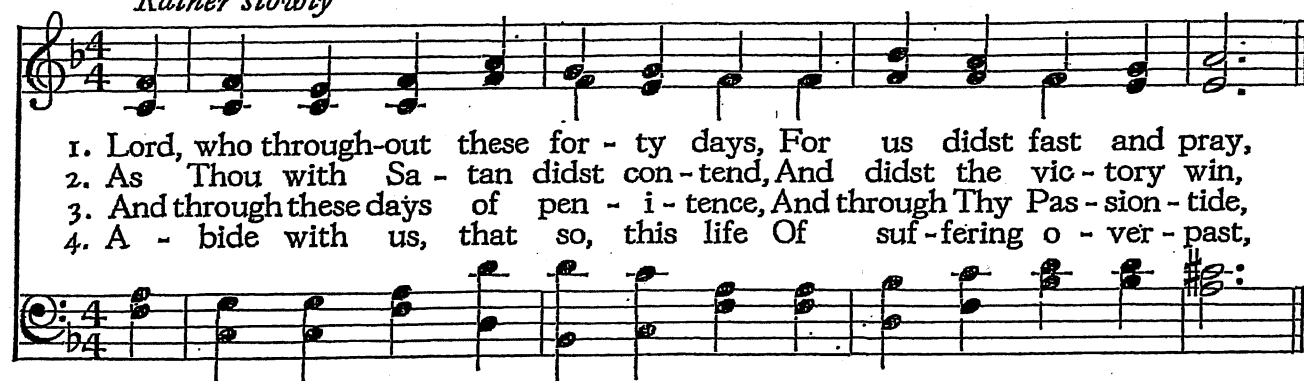
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LORD, WHO THROUGHOUT THESE FORTY DAYS

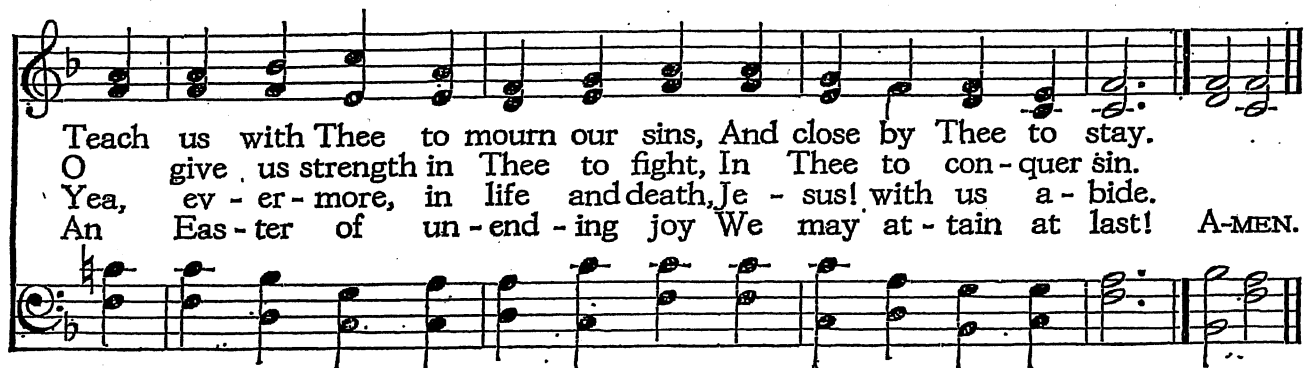
CLAUDIA F. HERNAMAN, 1873
Rather slowly

C.M.

ST. FLAVIAN
Day's Psalter, 1562



1. Lord, who through-out these for - ty days, For us didst fast and pray,
2. As Thou with Sa - tan didst con - tend, And didst the vic - tory win,
3. And through these days of pen - i - tence, And through Thy Pas - sion - tide,
4. A - bide with us, that so, this life Of suf - fer - ing o - ver - past,



Teach us with Thee to mourn our sins, And close by Thee to stay.
O give us strength in Thee to fight, In Thee to con - quer sin.
Yea, ev - er - more, in life and death, Je - sus! with us a - bide.
An Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy We may at - tain at last! A-MEN.

BE STILL, MY SOUL

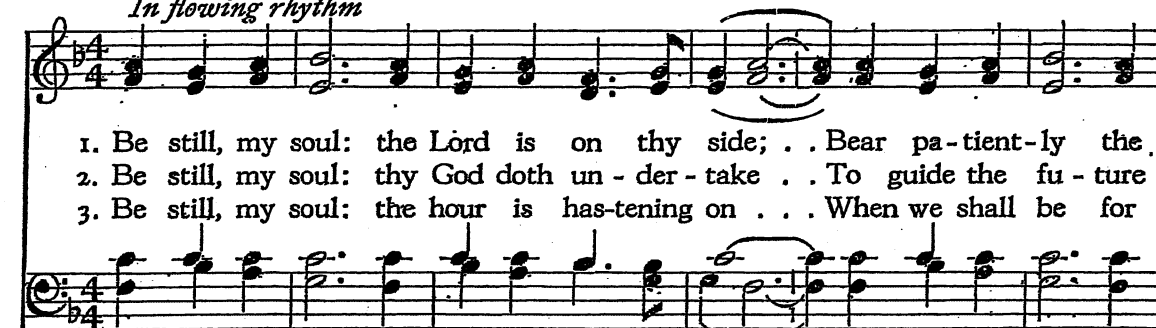
KATHARINA VON SCHLEGEL, 1752
Tr. JANE L. BORTHWICK, 1855

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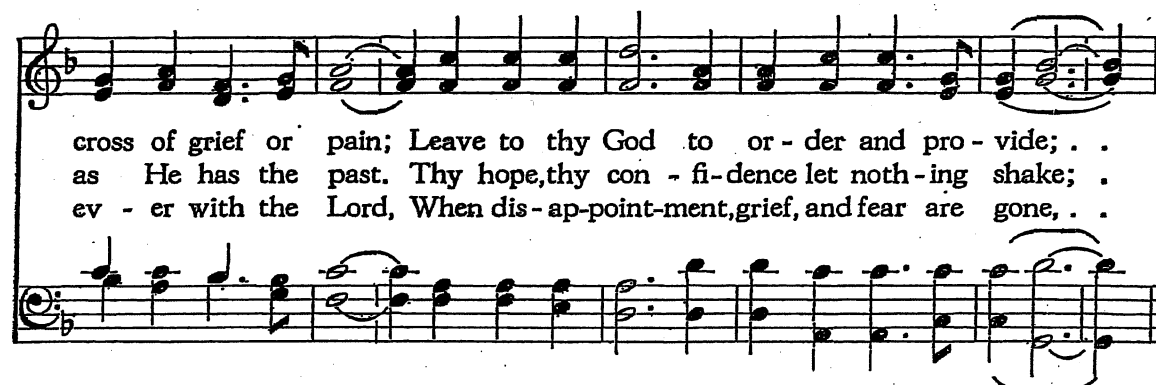
FINLANDIA

JEAN SIBELIUS

In flowing rhythm



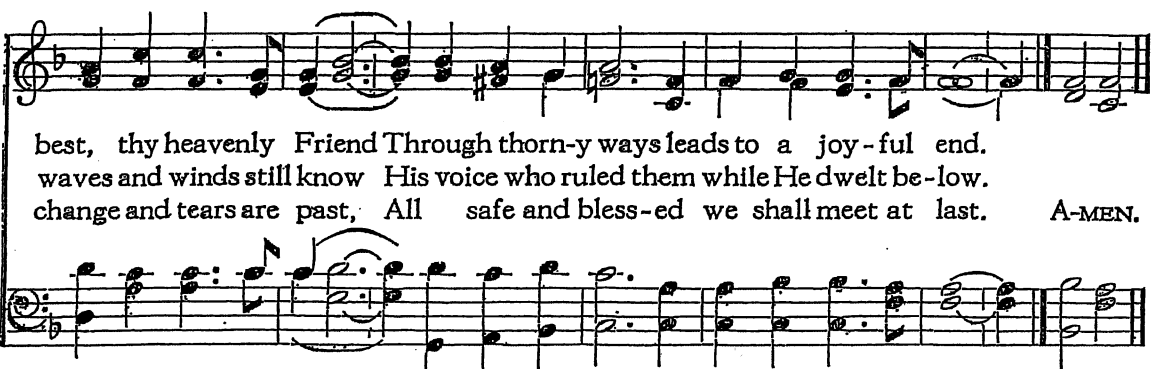
1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side; . . . Bear pa-tient-ly the
2. Be still, my soul: thy God doth un - der - take . . . To guide the fu - ture
3. Be still, my soul: the hour is has-tening on . . . When we shall be for



cross of grief or pain; Leave to thy God to or - der and pro - vide; . .
as He has the past. Thy hope, thy con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake; .
ev - er with the Lord, When dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone, . .



In ev - ery change He faith - ful will re - main. Be still, my soul: thy
All now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul: the
Sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored. Be still, my soul: when



best, thy heavenly Friend Through thorn-y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
waves and winds still know His voice who ruled them while He dwelt be-low.
change and tears are past, All safe and bless-ed we shall meet at last. A-MEN.

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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, March 1

9:45AM Sunday School

Adults: Book Study: "Peaceful Neighbor"
"Isn't Peace Wonderful" Leader: Mike Hooper

Youth & Children: "Peaceful Neighbor"

Focus: Justice and Peace
Youth: Jeremy Lovell & Christie Plummer
Children: Amy Golden & Keri Lovell

10:30AM **First Sunday Social:** Lisa Nelson,
Michell Winters & June Grubb {FH}

11:00AM **Worship in the Sanctuary**
1st Sunday of Lent
Holy Communion

Monday, March 2

5:30PM Clothing Closet {Basement}

6:30PM Open Hands Ministry Meal {FH}

Tuesday, March 3

10:45AM Willing Weavers

12:00PM Conversations on Race and Faith {FH}

6:30PM Children's Ministry Team Meeting

Wednesday, March 4

11:00AM Morning Glory Circle {Parlor}

12:00PM Lenten Services at First UMC

6:00PM Youth Ministry {FH}

6:30PM Bd. of Evangelism {Parlor}

Thursday, March 5

5:15PM Yoga Class {Dance Studio}

7:00PM Square Dancing {FH}

Saturday, March 7

WNCA Education Day

Don't forget to turn clocks ahead before bedtime

Sunday, March 8

9:45AM Sunday School

Adults: Book Study: "Peaceful Neighbor"
"War Isn't Nice?" Leader: Mike Hooper

Youth & Children: "Peaceful Neighbor"

Focus on Justice and Peace
Youth: TBD
Children: Amy Golden & Keri Lovell

11:00AM **Worship in the Sanctuary**
2nd Sunday of Lent
Girl Scout Sunday

Following Worship: Consistory

OUR CHURCH AT PRAYER

OUR MEMBERS:

*Hoyle Potts (Hinkle Hospice House), 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

Piedmont Crossing: Mary Berrier, Doris Flynt

OUR FRIENDS:

*Ken Halik (friend of Michell Winters), Bob Sheehan
(Eddie Yates' brother-in law), Gina Decelle (friend
of Renee Walsh), Jack Frank (friend of John Potts &
Janette Neal), Bobby Conrad (friend of John &
Susie Smith), Bonnie & Jerry Broh-Khan (Marge
Doty's sister and brother-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).*

~MARCH~

BIRTHDAYS

1st

Ann Kirkman

2nd

Vicky Gray

3rd

Corinne Gray

4th

Emma West

5th

Charyl Clark

Tony Peele

6th

Rylee Grzech

COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES

WHEN:

12:00PM on Wednesdays through April 1

WHERE:

First United Methodist Church

A light lunch is provided. Any donations will benefit

Open Hands Ministry

SERVICES PROVIDED BY:

March 4

United Churches of Christ

March 11

Methodists

March 18

Presbyterians

March 25

Clergy from the Lexington
Community Minister's Conference

April 1

Baptists and Hospice

V.G.PRICE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

DUE BY MARCH 31, 2020

The scholarship is open to any member of First Reformed United Church of Christ, or student from the Lexington City or Davidson County School Systems. **The application and attachments are due MARCH 31st.** The recipient will be chosen by May 1st of his/her senior year in high school. The recipient must maintain at least a 2.5 GPA throughout his/her junior and senior years in high school, demonstrate good citizenship, and be an active member of a church. Scholarship applications are available in the church office.

NEW ADULT BOOK STUDY

The Adult Sunday School class begins a new study today on **"Peaceful Neighbor: Discovering the Countercultural Mister Rogers."** Part one, "War and Peace in the Neighborhood" will be covered during March, with Gennie Lou Byerly, Mike Hooper and Smithie Parrish facilitating discussions. Part two, "Peace as More than the Absence of War" will continue in May after intergenerational activities for Easter and Earth Day during April. Youth and Children's Sunday School will follow the same themes from March through May.

(Rev. June Grubb has just a couple copies of the book available on a first-come basis for \$10 each. If anyone else is interested in ordering a copy, please let the church office know.)

REMINDER: YOU CAN GIVE ON-LINE

On-line giving is available through our church website. Visit <https://frucc.org/> and click on the link at the top of the page titled "ON-LINE GIVING."

YOUTH MINISTRY GROUP

The Youth (grades 6-12) meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays each month from 6-7:15PM. The group is led by Rev. Susan Morris. A snack supper is provided at each meeting. All youth in this age group are welcome to attend.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 8: 2nd Sunday of Lent...Girl Scout Sunday

March 15: 3rd Sunday of Lent...Chili Cook-off

March 22: 4th Sunday of Lent...One Great Hour of Sharing

TOUCHING DAVIDSON COUNTY WITH LOVE

Touching Davidson County with Love is set for Saturday, April 4, 2020. A variety of projects will be scheduled that will suit different skill sets and ability levels. Final projects have not been decided yet. If you have a project you'd like to be considered or would like to volunteer to help, please contact Jerry Lovell as soon as possible.

(336-746-6493 or 336-309-9302 or
plovell53@yahoo.com)

THANK YOU RUBIES AND PEARLS VOLUNTEERS

Alice Gray and Marge Doty answered the call to help mentor 5th grade girls in the Rubies and Pearls program at Charles England Elementary School. These two women will certainly be a positive presence in the lives of the girls they meet with monthly.

ON-GOING COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROJECTS

• CLOTHES CLOSET

Please continue to bring donations to the table across from the office or contact Jerry Lovell (336-309-9302). If you'd like to volunteer to help out in the Clothes Closet, please contact Jerry.

• FOOD ITEMS FOR CEES BACKPACK PROGRAM:

Please continue to bring requested food items for Charles England Elementary School to the large box in the Narthex or the table outside the church office.

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| Juice Boxes | Spaghetti-Os | Breakfast Bars |
| Ramen Noodles | Applesauce Cups | Canned Soup |
| Cheese Crackers | Beanie Weenies | Canned Tuna |
| Canned Vegetables | Vienna Sausages | Gallon Ziploc Bags |