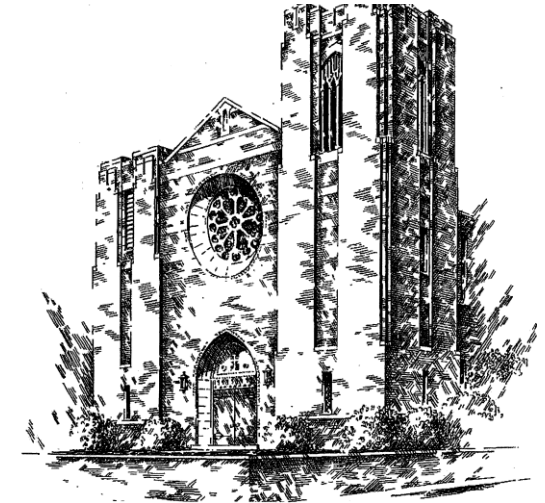


# First Reformed United Church of Christ



1901  
The First Church



2022

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

**January 23, 2022**

**121<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Sunday**

**Founder's Day January 20, 1901**

"Be not conformed to the world but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind,  
that ye may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

Romans 12:2, KJV

*Scripture text from the first sermon 121 years ago.*

*\*Please stand in body or spirit*

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**Prelude**

Christopher Kiser

**\*Chimes**

**Words of Welcome**

Rev. Elizabeth Horton

**Anthem** "Spirit of God, Abide with Me" arr. Philip Kern

*Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; wean it from earth, through all its pulses move.  
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art, and make me love Thee as I ought to love.*

*Abide with me; fast falls the eventide; the darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee, help of the helpless, O abide with me.*

*Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; wean it from earth, through all its pulses move.  
Stoop to my weakness mighty as Thou art and make me love Thee as I ought to love.  
Abide with me. Help of the helpless, O abide with me. Spirit of God, descend upon my heart!*

**\*Call to Worship** Jeremy Lovell

Our God has made us to be One Body with many members.

**United and uniting. This is our calling.**

God Calls us to share our diverse gifts activated by the one and same Spirit.

**United and uniting. This is our redemption.**

God longs for us to unite in love and to manifest the Spirit in our different ways.

**United and uniting. This is our worship.**

Let us gather in this hour to offer praise and worship to our Holy God,  
who challenges us and calls us to create the Beloved Community.

**\*Congregational Hymn** "God of Grace and God of Glory" (page 3)

**\*Invocation** Jeremy Lovell

**Children's Church** Rev. Evan Sieges

**Scripture Reading** Psalm 36: 5-10 (CEB) Jeremy Lovell

Your loyal love, Lord, extends to the skies; your faithfulness reaches the clouds.  
Your righteousness is like the strongest mountains; your justice is like the deepest sea.  
Lord, you save both humans and animals. Your faithful love is priceless, God!  
Humanity finds refuge in the shadow of your wings. They feast on the bounty of your house;  
you let them drink from your river of pure joy. Within you is the spring of life.  
In your light, we see light. Extend your faithful love to those who know you;  
extend your righteousness to those whose heart is right.  
The word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn** "Christ Be Our Light" Ellen Peterson

## WEEKLY CALENDAR OF CHURCH ACTIVITIES

### Sunday, January 23: 121<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Sunday

**9:15AM Adult Bible Study via Zoom:** "You Are the Body" I Corinthians 12:12-31a  
Facilitator: Eddie Yates

**10:30AM Worship Service** (in person and via YouTube)

**10:45AM Children's Worship:** Rev. Sieges & Smithie Parrish (Theater Room)

**Following Worship Prayer Circle  
Girl Scout Cookie Sale**

**12:00-2:00 Drive-thru Girl Scout Cookie Sale** (Enter at driveway by the grass lot beside the Education Building)

**6:00PM Youth Group** (Youth Room)

### Tuesday, January 25:

**12:00PM 2CFAR** (via Zoom)

**7:00PM Book Study "The Book of Joy"** (via Zoom) Facilitator: TBD

### Wednesday, January 26:

**5:30PM Confirmation**

**6:30PM Choir Practice**

**Children's Fun and Games:** Rev. Evan Sieges & Smithie Parrish (Fellowship Hall)

**Youth Study:** David Fulton & Kivi Miller (Youth Room)

### Thursday, January 27:

**4-6:00PM Clothing Ministry Workday**

### Saturday, January 29:

**12:30PM Saturday Lunch Ministry** (Kitchen)

### Sunday, January 30:

**9:30AM Adult Bible Study:** "The Greatest of These" I Corinthians 13:1-13  
Facilitator: Smithie Parrish

**10:30AM Worship Service** (in person and via YouTube)

**10:45AM Children's Worship:** Rev. Sieges & Cathy Browder (Theater Room)

**Following Worship  
Prayer Circle**

**6:00PM Youth Group** (Youth Room)

## FIRST REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST IS AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING CONGREGATION

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.

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

**LITURGIST:** Jeremy Lovell      **DIGITAL MEDIA TECH:** Jeremy Peterson  
**SOUND TECH:** James Gray      **ACOLYTE:** Emma Hartle      **BIBLE STEWARD:** Jacob Hartle  
**USHERS:** John Gray, Doris Sink, Mark Smith      **CHILDREN'S CHURCH:** Smithie Parrish

## PLEASE PRAY FOR...

\*Kathleen Danze (in Lexington Hospital), \*Cheryl Walser (recovering at home), Alisa Johnson

We extend Sympathy to and share Christian Hope with Susie Smith and family upon the death of her stepmother, Brenda Atkins Poetzinger, who passed away on January 8,

## MEMBERS AT HOME AND IN CARE FACILITIES:

Peggy Bates, Sherry Bonner, Lee & Ellen Bouchard, Ruth Essick, Pattie Everhart, Vogen Everhart, Lib & Jimbo Hinkle, Jeff Hutchens, Marguerite Leonard, Deanna Michael, John Potts & Janette Neal, Lib Sink, Carolyn Spivey, Adena Wall

## OUR FRIENDS:

\*Steve Ketner (Charm Ketner's husband), Kiana Sinz (friend of Patti Lovell), Earl Parker (Rev. Elizabeth Horton's father), Jimmy Grubb (Rev. June Grubb's brother), Roger and Debbie Byerly (friends Alane Holste and Robin Champion), Family of Tommy Nelson (friend of Robin Champion), Jody Jacobs (cousin to Robin Champion), Cynthia Adams (friend to Robin Champion), John Ray Ward (Patti Lovell's brother-in-law), The Family of Ken Holmes (neighbors of Jerry & Patti Lovell, Nicole Holste (Alane Holste's sister-in-love), Family of Will Swaim (friend of Alane Holste), Ed Leonard (Sylvia Walser's brother), Miller Abernathy (Sylvia Walser's son-in-law), The family of Evelyn York (friend of Alane Holste), Marc Frye (son of the late Doris Frye, Ashley Thomason (Ron & Heidi Hutcheson's daughter-in-law)

## JANUARY CELEBRATIONS

### BIRTHDAYS:

**24<sup>th</sup>...**Alyson Bustamante-Cruz  
    ...Denise Durham  
**25<sup>th</sup>...**Eddie Yates  
**30<sup>th</sup>...**Lauren Gregg

## God of Grace and God of Glory

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Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930; alt.

John Hughes, 1907

1. God of grace and God of glo - ry, On Thy peo - ple  
2. Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us Scorn Thy Christ, as -  
3. Cure Thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, Bend our pride to  
4. Set our feet on loft - y pla - ces; Gird our lives that

pour Thy power; Crown Thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;  
sail Thy ways! From the fears that long have bound us  
Thy con - trol; Shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,  
they may be Ar - mored with all Christ - like gra - ces,

Bring its bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
Free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
Rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
Pledged to set all cap - tives free. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

For the fac - ing of this hour, For the fac - ing of this hour.  
For the liv - ing of these days, For the liv - ing of these days.  
Lest we miss Thy king - dom's goal, Lest we miss Thy king - dom's goal.  
That we fail not them nor Thee! That we fail not them nor Thee!

## The Apostles' Creed

*as written in the 1867 Book of Worship from the Reformed Church*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ His only begotten Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hades; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life ever- lasting.  
Amen.**

Minister: Praise ye the Lord.

**Congregation: The Lord's name be praised.**

## Reflections on the 121<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

Former Pastors Rev. Dr. Lee Jessup and Rev. Mike Hooper

## Hymn

*"Jesus I Live to Thee"*

Ellen Peterson

## Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a (CEB)

Rev. Horton

Christ is just like the human body—a body is a unit and has many parts; and all the parts of the body are one body, even though there are many. We were all baptized by one Spirit into one body, whether Jew or Greek, or slave or free, and we all were given one Spirit to drink. Certainly the body isn't one part but many. If the foot says, "I'm not part of the body because I'm not a hand," does that mean it's not part of the body? If the ear says, "I'm not part of the body because I'm not an eye," does that mean it's not part of the body? If the whole body were an eye, what would happen to the hearing? And if the whole body were an ear, what would happen to the sense of smell? But as it is, God has placed each one of the parts in the body just like he wanted. If all were one and the same body part, what would happen to the body? But as it is, there are many parts but one body. So, the eye can't say to the hand, "I don't need you," or in turn, the head can't say to the feet, "I don't need you." Instead, the parts of the body that people think are the weakest are the most necessary. The parts of the body that we think are less honorable are the ones we honor the most. The private parts of our body that aren't presentable are the ones that are given the most dignity. The parts of our body that are presentable don't need this. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the part with less honor so that there won't be division in the body and so the parts might have mutual concern for each other. If one part suffers, all

the parts suffer with it; if one part gets the glory, all the parts celebrate with it. You are the body of Christ and parts of each other. In the church, God has appointed first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, the ability to help others, leadership skills, different kinds of tongues. All aren't apostles, are they? All aren't prophets, are they? All aren't teachers, are they? All don't perform miracles, do they? All don't have gifts of healing, do they? All don't speak in different tongues, do they? All don't interpret, do they? Use your ambition to try to get the greater gifts. And I'm going to show you an even better way.

## Sermon

"Love Is: Without End"

## Response

*"Gloria Patri"*

Written in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Century

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.  
World without end. Amen, Amen.**

## Invitation to Give our Offerings

## Doxology

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost!***

## \*Benediction

## Postlude

Christopher Kiser

**~ Please remain seated until the ushers direct you to exit. ~**

***After the service, you are invited to join in the Prayer Circle in the front of the sanctuary.***