

## WEEKLY CALENDAR OF CHURCH ACTIVITIES

### Sunday, April 3: Fifth Sunday of Lent

**9:30AM** April 3<sup>rd</sup> Fifth Sunday in Lent

*Filled with the Fragrance* John 12:1-8 (Facilitators: Jay & Cathy Whitley) Mary anoints Jesus with perfume

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

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

Following Worship:

**Intercessory Prayer Circle**

**Choir Practice** (Sanctuary)

**6:00PM** **Youth Group:** Rev. Sieges & **Volunteer Needed** (Youth Room)

### Monday, April 4

**7:00PM** **NAMI Family Support Group** (via Zoom)

### Tuesday, April 5

**12:00PM** **2CFAR – Crucial Conversations on Faith and Race** via Zoom

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

### Wednesday, April 6

**6:00PM** **Supper in the Parlor**

**6:30-7:30PM** **Mid-Week Lenten Bible Study** (Parlor)

**6:30PM** **Choir will not meet tonight**

**Children's Fun & Activities:** **2 Volunteers Needed**

**Youth Study:** Rev Sieges & Stacy Sosebee-West

### Thursday, April 7:

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

### Saturday, April 9

**10:30AM** **Volunteers needed to help spread pine needles on church grounds**

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

### Sunday, April 10: Palm Sunday

**9:30AM** **Adult Bible Study: Stations of Holy Week**

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

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

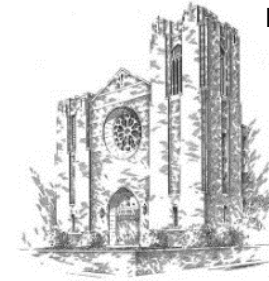
Following Worship:

**Intercessory Prayer Circle**

**Consistory**

**6:00PM** **Youth Group:** Rev. Sieges & Jeremy Lovell (Youth Room)

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*Where People Discover...*

*The Love of God...*

*The Power to Love Others...*

*The Ability to Love Ourselves*

*\*Please stand as you are able*

**April 3, 2022**  
**The Worship of God**  
**Fifth Sunday of Lent**  
**Holy Communion**

**Prelude**

*"Be Still, My Soul"*

*arr. Faye Lopez*

Christopher Kiser

**\*Chiming of the Hour**

**Opening Sentence**

**Anthem**

*"The Cup"*

Lloyd Larson

*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.*

**Words of Welcome**

Rev. Elizabeth Horton

**\*Responsive Call to Worship**

Paula Lopp

Leader: We gather together to worship God, who meets us exactly where we are;

**People: Who accepts us and loves us, unconditionally.**

Leader: We gather to share a holy meal at the table where Christ has invited us.

**People: Let us worship the One whose lavish love has been poured out for all.**

**All: Let us bring to God our best, and pour out our lives in service.**

**\*Hymn**

*"This Is a Day of New Beginnings"*

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**\*Invocation**

Paula Lopp

**Young Disciples**

Rev. Evan Sieges & Volunteer

**Scripture Reading**

Isaiah 43:16-21  
 (Common English Bible)

Paula Lopp

The LORD says—who makes a way in the sea and a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and battalion; they will lie down together and will not rise; they will be extinguished, extinguished like a wick. Don't remember the prior things; don't ponder ancient history. Look! I'm doing a new thing; now it sprouts up; don't you recognize it? I'm making a way in the desert,

paths in the wilderness. The beasts of the field, the jackals and ostriches, will honor me, because I have put water in the desert and streams in the wilderness to give water to my people, my chosen ones, this people whom I formed for myself, who will recount my praise.

The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

**\*Hymn** "As the Deer Pants for the Water" Page 5

**Call to Serve and to Give** Rev. Horton

**Prayer of Dedication** Paula Lopp

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer** Rev. Horton

**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.**

**Scripture** John 12: 1-8 Rev. Horton  
Common English Bible

Six days before Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, home of Lazarus, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. Lazarus and his sisters hosted a dinner for him. Martha served and Lazarus was among those who joined him at the table. Then Mary took an extraordinary amount, almost three-quarters of a pound, of very expensive perfume made of pure nard. She anointed Jesus' feet with it, then wiped his feet dry with her hair. The house was filled with the aroma of the perfume. Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), complained, "This perfume was worth a year's wages! Why wasn't it sold and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief. He carried the money bag and would take what was in it.)

Then Jesus said, "Leave her alone. This perfume was to be used in preparation for my burial, and this is how she has used it. You will always have the poor among you, but you won't always have me."

**Sermon** "Here You Are: At the Table"

**Liturgy of Holy Communion** Rev. Horton

God be with you.

**And also, with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

**Prayer of Confession** Rev. Horton

In this world of plenty, O God, we have chosen to live lives of poverty:

We have hoarded our blessings,

and have kept more than our share of abundance.

**Please, forgive us, Gracious God**

We have failed to care adequately for the world's abundant resources,

Bringing scarcity and pain to our planet;

**Please, forgive us, Gracious God**

We have forgotten how to be grateful,

Making ourselves miserable and hurting others;

**Please, forgive us, Gracious God**

Remind us, O Lord, of all the good things that we have received;

Remind us how to enjoy the blessings we experience;

Remind us that giving is a source of pleasure and plenty;



**Stations of Holy Week**  
*A walk-through, multisensory  
Worship Experience for All Ages*

**The Sanctuary  
First Reformed UCC  
22 East Center Street  
Lexington, NC**

**Thursday, April 14, 4-7:00  
Friday, April 15, 4-7:00  
Saturday, April 16 10-12:00**

*Travel the path Jesus walked  
the last night of His life.  
Holy Communion served.  
Covid precautions followed.*

### NEWS FROM THE BOARD OF EVANGELISM

Beginning in April, First Reformed will begin a new relationship with **Davidson Local** for six months. Davidson Local is an "electronic newspaper" that runs local Davidson County news articles. They have between 40,000-50,000 views per month. So, we think that this is a great way to get our name out in the community. You can view/subscribe to their daily local email by going to [www.davidsonlocal.com](http://www.davidsonlocal.com) or search for their Facebook or Instagram accounts. We will have a banner at the top of their home page that advertises our church. We will also be able to include up to four stories per month that describe some of the ministries of our church. These stories will be included in their Saturday edition. Along with the stories, we will also be able to include pictures with these articles.

We need your permission to use your or your families' pictures in any of our printed or electronic platforms. Below is a permission slip for you to either agree or disagree to have your pictures placed in any of the church's social media or printed material. Please return this permission slip to the church office as soon as possible.

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I give my permission (circle one) **YES** **NO** to use photographs/videos of me at church activities on social media or other platforms.

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

## 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.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR...

\*Cathy & Steve Waitman (on the recent loss of Steve's brother, Jimmy), \*Thomas Phillips, Bonita Hooper, Jeff Hutchens, Lee Bouchard, Myrtle Latimer

## MEMBERS AT HOME AND IN CARE FACILITIES:

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

## OUR FRIENDS:

Janice Mullineaux (Cathy Browder's mother), Charm & Steve Ketner, Sarah Lovell Biggers (Jerry & Patti Lovell's daughter), Marc Frye (friend of the congregation)

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

**LITURGIST:** Paula Lopp

**DIGITAL MEDIA TECH:** Kivi & Jianna Miller

**ACOLYTE:** Lucas Peterson

**USHERS:** Lisa Nelson, John Smith, Ted Smith, Michell Winters

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH:** TBD

**SOUND TECH:** James Gray

**BIBLE STEWARD:** Ethan Lovell

## CELEBRATIONS

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS:

4<sup>th</sup>...Larry Link

...Ashlee Snider

5<sup>th</sup>...Caroline Hooper

7<sup>th</sup>...Mike Brown

8<sup>th</sup>...John Potts

9<sup>th</sup>...Wesley Gould

## FAMILY SUPPORT GROUPS OFFERED BY NAMI

Beginning in **April, on the 1st and 3rd Mondays at 7:00PM**, Joe and Cathy Browder will co-facilitate a Family Support Group via Zoom. This is a meeting where people can talk to each other about experiences with a loved one who has a mental health diagnosis. Please contact Cathy at [namidavidsoncounty1@gmail.com](mailto:namidavidsoncounty1@gmail.com) if you have any questions or would like to join the current meetings.

## INTERCESSORY PRAYER PARTNERS

Intercessory Prayer is a powerful ministry. Like a prayer chain, this begins by calling one of our ministers, the church office, or Patti Lovell with your prayer request. It will then be shared immediately with volunteers who have **made a commitment to offer intercessory prayer immediately when they receive the message**. Communication will be either text or phone call. If you would like be on the list as an **Intercessory Prayer Partner**, please call or text Patti Lovell at (336) 309-9302. We'd like to have the list completed by Easter Sunday.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO SPREAD PINE NEEDLES

We have fresh pine needles to spread where needed on the church grounds, and we can use some help. Please Volunteer to help on **Saturday, April 9 at 10:30AM**. All are welcome and your help will be appreciated! *Many hands make light work!*

Remind us that there is enough to go around.  
And teach us to follow Christ in the ways of  
love, self-giving and compassion;  
Even as You have forgiven us in Christ. Amen

## Assurance of Forgiveness

## Communion Prayer

## Serving the Bread and Cup

*You may eat and drink when you have been served.*

## Music of Communion

"Said Judas to Mary"

Ellen Peterson

Said Judas to Mary, "Now what will you do with your ointment so rich and so rare?"

"I'll pour it all over the feet of the Lord and I'll wipe it away with my hair," she said,

"wipe it away with my hair."

"Oh Mary, oh Mary, oh think of the poor – this ointment, it could have been sold,  
"and think of the blankets and think of the bread you could buy with the silver and gold," he said,

"buy with the silver and gold."

"Tomorrow, tomorrow I'll think of the poor, tomorrow," she said, "not today;

"for dearer than all of the poor in the world is my love who is going away," she said

"my love who is going away."

Said Jesus to Mary, "Your love is so deep, today you may do as you will."

"Tomorrow you say I am going away, but my body I leave with you still," he said,

"my body I leave with you still."

"The poor of the world are my body," he said, "to the end of the world they shall be;"

"the bread and the blankets you give to the poor you'll know, you have given to me," he said,

"you'll know you have given to me."

"My body will hang on the cross of the world tomorrow," he said, "not today,"

"and Martha and Mary will find me again and wash all my sorrow away," he said,

"wash all my sorrow away."

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

### \*Benediction

Rev. Horton

### \*Congregational Response in Song

Tune: "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

**The world behind me, the cross before me. The world behind me, the cross before me.  
The world behind me, the cross before me. No turning back, no turning back.**

### Postlude

"I Want to Walk with Jesus"

arr. Marianne Kim

Christopher Kiser

~ Please remain seated until after the Postlude and the ushers direct you to exit. ~

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

# This Is a Day of New Beginnings

2 Cor. 5:16-17

Brian Wren, 1978; rev. 1983

Unison

1 This is a day of new be - gin - nings, time to re -  
 2 For by the life and death of Je - sus, God's might - y  
 3 Then let us, with the Spir - it's dar - ing, step from the  
 4 Christ is a - live, and goes be - fore us to show and  
 \* In faith we'll gath - er 'round the ta - ble to taste and

mem - ber and move on, time to be - lieve what love is  
 Spir - it, now as then, can make for us a world of  
 past and leave be - hind our dis - ap - point - ment, guilt, and  
 share what love can do. This is a day of new be -  
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bring - ing, lay - ing to rest the pain that's gone.  
 dif - ference, as faith and hope are born a - gain.  
 griev - ing, seek - ing new paths, and sure to find.  
 gin - nings— our God is mak - ing all things new.  
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\*Alternate fourth stanza for Holy Communion

Brian Wren wrote this hymn in 1978 for a New Year's Day service in Oxford, England. The music is by the editor of two hymnals of the United Methodist Church and was composed for the original Wren text.

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Tune: BEGINNINGS 9.8.9.8.  
 Carlton R. Young, 1987

# Psalm 42 As the Deer Pants for the Water

Unison

1 As the deer pants for the wa - ter, so my  
 2 I want you more than gold or sil - ver, on - ly  
 3 You're my friend and you are my bro - ther, e - ven

soul longs af - ter you, you a - lone are my  
 you can sa - tis - fy, you a - lone are the  
 though you are a king, I love you more than

heart's de - sire and I long to wor - ship you.  
 real joy - giv - er and the ap - ple of my eye.  
 a - ny o - ther, so much more than a - ny - thing!

You a - lone are my strength, my shield, to

you a - lone may my spir - it yield, you a - lone are my

heart's de - sire, and I long to wor - ship you!

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AS THE DEER  
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