

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 SERVING

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS Monday – Friday
9-1 Walk-ins Welcome
1 – 2pm Closed for Lunch
2 – 5pm Please call ahead or make an appointment

THE CHURCH

307 God of Grace and God of Glory

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 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our
thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in
we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our

bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
glo - ry ev - er - more. 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.
serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

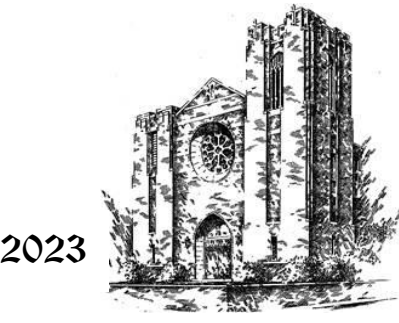
First Reformed United Church of Christ

January 22, 2023

122nd Anniversary Sunday



1901
The First Church



2023

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 122 years ago.

**Please stand in body or spirit*

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey,
you are welcome here. To help us connect with one another, please fill out a
Communication Card if you are new here, have a question, or a prayer request. You can
drop it into the offering plate when passed and we’ll get back with you.

Prelude Bruce Tippette

***Chiming of the Hour**

Choral Introit Weave Us Together

***Call to Worship** Marge Doty

We gather, looking back to see our history,
With hope, we look forward to see our path ahead.
We honor the ancestors of our faith who have gone before us,
By grace, we learn from their successes and failures.
We celebrate who we are today,
By faith, we welcome the possibilities and future before us.
Our God has made us to be One Body.
United and uniting. This is our calling.
Let us now offer praise and worship to our Holy God,
the God of yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

***Congregational Hymn** God of Grace and God of Glory back pg.

***Invocation** Marge Doty

Words of Welcome Rev. Elizabeth Horton

Scripture Psalm 36: 5-10 (CEB)

⁵ But your loyal love, LORD, extends to the skies; your faithfulness reaches the clouds.
⁶ Your righteousness is like the strongest mountains; your justice is like the deepest sea.
LORD, you save both humans and animals. ⁷ Your faithful love is priceless, God! Humanity
finds refuge in the shadow of your wings. ⁸ They feast on the bounty of your house; you let
them drink from your river of pure joy. ⁹ Within you is the spring of life. In your light, we see
light. ¹⁰ 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.**

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 Pie 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.

- *Hymn

How Firm a Foundation
- 1

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord
Is laid for your faith in god’s excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
- 2

Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.
- 3

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not dessert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no, never, no, never forsake.

Young Disciples

Prayer of Confession

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against
you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on
us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen

Words of Forgiveness and Passing of the Peace

Rev. Elizabeth Horton

- *Song of Assurance

Amazing Grace
- 1

Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found Was blind, but now I see.
- 2

Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come.
'Tis Grace hath brought me safe thus far And Grace will lead me home.
- 3

The Lord has promised good to me. His Word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Elizabeth Horton

Hymn Medley

Standing on the Promises, Just as I Am

Choir

It is Well with my Soul, They’ll Know We are Christians

Reflections

How it Began 122 Years Ago

Buddy Lohr

Scripture Reading

From Romans 12

Rev. Elizabeth Horton

Sermon

Rev. Elizabeth Horton

Sung Response

“Gloria Patri”

written in the 2nd 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 and Serve

You are invited to give your offerings in worship or online at: www.frucc.org/give

Offertory

Prayer of Dedication

Marge Doty

*Hymn

The Church’s One Foundation

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*Benediction

Rev. Elizabeth Horton

Postlude

Bruce Tippette

WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, 1/22 **122nd Anniversary of First Reformed UCC**
9:30amAdult Sunday School
10:30am.....Worship Service
Monday, 1/23
5:00pm.....FRUCC Clothes Ministry Open
5:00pm.....Open Hands Meal & Service (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, 1/24
12:00.....2CFAR (Zoom)
7:00pm.....Adult Book Study via Zoom
7:00pm.....NAMI (Zoom)
Wednesday, 1/25
11:30am.....Women’s Fellowship (Yarborough’s Restaurant)
6:30pm.....Handbell Practice
7:15pm.....Choir Practice

Thursday, 1/26
4-6:00pm.....Clothing Ministry Workday

Saturday, 1/28
12:00pm.....Saturday Lunch Ministry

Sunday, 1/29
9:30amAdult Sunday School
10:30am.....Worship Service
12:00pm.....Inquirers Meet & Greet (Parlor)
7:00pm.....Evening Vespers (Chapel)

PRAYER CONCERNS

Adena Wall, Brian McKerlie

AT HOME: Eulene Shepherd Lib & Jimbo Hinkle, J.W. Bates, Peggy Bates, Ruth Essick, Gerri Hill, Myrtle Latimer, Deanna Michael, Carolyn Spivey, John Potts & Janette Neal, Merle Hodges

IN CARE FACILITIES: Vogen Everhart, Sherry Bonner, Marguerite Leonard, Patti Everhart

OUR FRIENDS: Sarah Lovell Biggers (Jerry & Patti Lovell’s daughter), Ray White, (Step-father to Travis White), Rena Y. Curia (sister to Cheryl Walser), Charles Hines (Friend of Alane Holste), Diane Womack (Nina Smith’s mother)

We Extend our Sympathy and Prayers

To the family of John Ray Ward, brother in law to Patti Lovell, who passed away Wednesday, January 18th.