

**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 Call ahead and/or Appointment only

**My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less**



1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and  
2 When dark-ness seems to hide his face, I rest on his un-  
3 His oath, his cov-e-nant, his blood sup-port me in the  
4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, O may I then in



righ-teous-ness; I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, but  
chang-ing grace; in ev-ery high and storm-y gale, my  
whelm-ing flood; when all a-round my soul gives way, he  
him be found, dressed in his righ-teous-ness a-lone, fault-

*Refrain*



whol-ly lean on Je-sus' name.  
an-chor holds with-in the veil. On Christ, the sol-id Rock, I stand; all  
then is all my hope and stay.  
less to stand be-fore the throne.



oth-er ground is sink-ing sand; all oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

**Just a Closer Walk with Thee**



*Refrain* Just a clos-er walk with thee, grant it,  
1 I am weak, but thou art strong; Je-sus,  
2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I  
3 When my fee-ble life is o'er, time for



Je-sus, is my plea, dai-ly walk-ing close to  
keep me from all wrong; I'll be sat-is-fied as  
fal-ter, Lord, who cares? Who with me my bur-den  
me will be no more; guide me gent-ly, safe-ly



thee: let it be, dear Lord, let it be.  
long as I walk, let me walk close to thee. *Ref.*  
shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. *Ref.*  
o'er to thy shore, dear Lord, to thy shore. *Ref.*



**First Reformed  
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**January 29, 2023  
The Worship of God**

\*Stand as you are able

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP!** No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here. 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** **Amazing Grace** (arr. Jerry Ray) Bruce Tippet

\*Chiming of the Hour

**Choral Introit** **Weave Us Together**

\*Call to Worship Camille Morgan

One: Gracious God, we bring you the broken parts of ourselves.  
**All: Hem us in before and behind.**  
One: Creator God, we bring you the joyful parts of ourselves.  
**All: Weave us together in hope and praise.**  
One: God of new life, we bring you doubt and faith knotted up in our hearts.  
**All: Unravel our doubt. Weave faith into our hearts.**  
**Draw us together and point us toward you.**  
One: In hope and faith we pray. In hope and faith we worship.  
**All: Amen.**

\*Hymn **My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less** back pg.

\*Invocation Camille Morgan

Welcome Rev. Elizabeth Horton

Scripture Reading **Psalm 139** Parker Horton

Call to Confession Camille Morgan

Prayer of Confession Camille Morgan

God we confess—we are loose ends.  
You give us the gift of community,  
and we weave walls of exclusion and isolation.  
You give us the gift of a new day,  
and we spend more time unraveling justice than sewing seeds of peace  
and unity.  
You give us the gift of holy surprises and unimaginable beauty,  
and we shut off our hearts and our blindfolded eyes.  
Forgive us for our frayed ends and self-centered hearts.  
**Unravel the sin in us and replace it with love.**  
**Gratefully we pray,**  
**Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness and Passing of the Peace

Young Disciples

\*HYMN Just a Closer Walk with Thee

Back pg.

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

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.

Choir Anthem Grace Lifted Me (arr. Patti Drennan)

Scripture Reading Matthew 14:22-23 Rev. Elizabeth Horton

Sermon Unraveled by Uncertainty Rev. Elizabeth Horton

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God, the Great Sewer—
Who weaves us together in community,
Collecting our loose ends and turning them into belonging.
I believe in the Holy Spirit—
Who hems us in before and behind,
Catching us when we fall and writing us into God’s holy narrative.
And I believe in Jesus Christ—
Who loved and claimed the people society had thrown out, refusing to
disregard anyone as scrap.
I believe God has woven part of God’s self into the fiber of our being,
Making us inherently worthy of love and belonging.
I believe the fabric of my life is weak,
That I am prone to error and need God’s handiwork to remind me of love.
I believe in the Church, and that like a quilt of different fabrics,
She is designed to be as diverse and beautiful as God’s creation.
And I believe that when life unravels,
God is there to stitch my wounds together,
To hold me in the palm of God’s hand, to tell me of love,
And to invite me into a new journey.
Amen.

\*HYMN Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus Pg. 3

Invitation to Give Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Prayer of Dedication Camille Morgan

\*Benediction

\*HYMN Blest Be the Tie that Binds Pg. 3

Postlude Comfort Ye My People (by Paul Fejko) Bruce Tippet

Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus

Musical score for 'Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus' with lyrics and guitar chords. Includes Verse, Refrain, and multiple staves of music.

Blest Be the Tie that Binds

Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.

We share our mutual woes,
our mutual burdens bear,
and often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear.

This glorious hope revives
our courage by the way;
while each in expectation lives
and waits to see the day.

WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, 1/29

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

Monday, 1/30

5:00pm.....FRUCC Clothes Ministry Open
5:00pm.....Open Hands Meal & Service (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, 1/31

12:00pm.....2CFAR via Zoom
7:00pm.....Adult Book Study via Zoom

Wednesday, 2/1

6:30pm.....Handbell Practice
7:15pm.....Choir Practice

Thursday, 2/2

4-6:00pm.....Clothing Ministry Workday

Saturday, 2/4

12:00pm.....Saturday Lunch Ministry

Sunday, 2/5

9:30am .....Adult Sunday School
10:30am.....Worship Service

Upcoming in February:

2/9.....6:45pm..... Consistory Meeting
2/12...12:00pm..... Congregational Meeting
2/14...2:00pm..... Valentines Day Social for FRUCC Seniors
2/19...11:00am..... Jazz Worship Service at Second Reformed
2/22...TBD..... Ash Wednesday Service
2/26....7:00pm..... Evening Vespers in the Chapel

PRAYER CONCERNS

Deanna Michael, Adena Wall, Brian McKerlie

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

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

OUR FRIENDS: Nancy Barr (Darren Barr mother), Jamie
Colin’s (friend of Alisa Johnson), George Champion (Robin
Champion’s father)