

**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

Liturgist: Alane Holste

Youth: Ethan and Kyndell Lovell

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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

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 12

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:
In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.
Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;
We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!



**First Reformed
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February 5, 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 **Immortal, Invisible** Bruce Tippet

***Chiming of the Hour**

Choral Introit **Weave Us Together**

***Call to Worship** Alane Holste

L: Come in from the night.
P: It is a new day, and this is where love lives.
L: Take off your coat, let the weight fall off your shoulders;
P: For here, you are known. Here, you are loved.
L: Come in from the rain.
P: We can do anything together. We can survive together.
L: When the world unravels from under your feet – come in!
P: God is here. You are home. You will never be alone.
L: Let us worship the God who weaves us together. Amen.

***Hymn** **Immortal Invisible God Only Wise** back pg.

***Opening Prayer** Alane Holste

Welcome Rev. Elizabeth Horton

Call to Confession Ethan Lovell

Prayer of Confession Ethan Lovell

Holy God,
We have been angry because we see suffering and we don't understand.
Forgive us for the ways we have not cared for our neighbor.
Forgive us when we have been selfish.
Forgive us for thinking that we know everything.
When the world falls apart around us—
When love unravels and life slowly fails — Draw us in.
Show us grace; for you gave the wind its weight and you gave our bodies life.
Forgive us for forgetting that. In your mercy, Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness **John 3: 16-17** Kyndell Lovell

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. God did not send Jesus into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

Passing the Peace

May the Peace of Christ be with You. **And also with you.**
Please extend peace in the way you are most comfortable.

***HYMN**

Precious Lord Take My Hand

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;

Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,

When my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand, lest I fall;
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When the shadows appear and the night draws near,

And the day is past and gone,
At the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand,
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

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 I Must Tell Jesus with Blessed Assurance (Mary McDonald)

Scripture Reading Job 28: 12-28 Rev. Elizabeth Horton
Job is asking where to find wisdom, how to make sense of the senseless?

Sermon Unraveled: When Everything is Falling Apart Rev. Elizabeth Horton

Celebrating the Lord's Table
Invitation to the Table in Song Blessed Assurance pg.3

Communion Prayer

Sharing the Feast Together
As you come forward to receive the bread and the cup,
you may also bring your tithes and offerings.

Prayer of Dedication Alane Holste
May the offerings we give be a reflection of God's abundance in our lives, for the
glory of God and for the kingdom of God to be made manifest on earth as it is
in heaven.

***Benediction**

***Sending Hymn Blest Be the Tie**
**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

Postlude Blessed Assurance Bruce Tippette

Blessed Assurance



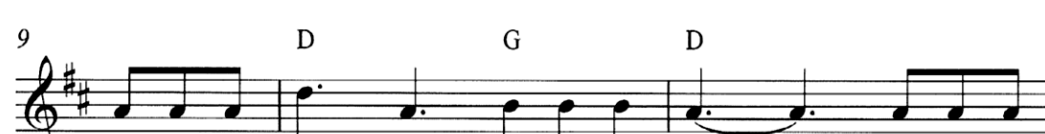
Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! O what a
Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light! Vi-sions of
Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest, i in my



fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine! Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of
rap-ture now burst on my sight; An-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-
Sav-ior am hap-py and blest; Watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-



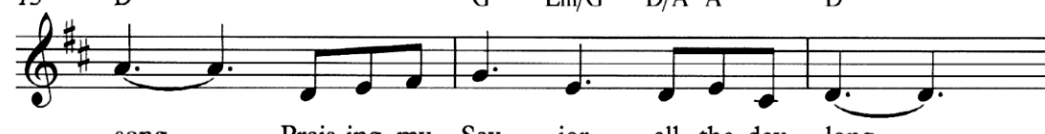
God, Born of His Spir-it, washed in His blood.
bove, Ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
bove, Filled with His good-ness, lost in His love.



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, Prais-ing my



Sav-ior all the day long; This is my sto-ry, this is my



song, Prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, 2/5
9:30amAdult Bible Study
10:30am.....Worship Service (Sanctuary & YouTube)

Monday, 2/6
5:00pm.....FRUCC Clothes Ministry Open (Basement)
5:00pm.....Open Hands Meal & Service (Fellowship Hall)
7:00pm.....NAMI via Zoom

Tuesday, 2/7
1:00pm.....Evangelism Meeting (Parlor)
6:30pm.....Men's Brotherhood (Yarborough's Restaurant)

Wednesday, 2/8
6:30pm.....Handbell Practice
7:15pm.....Choir Practice

Thursday, 2/9
4-6:00pm.....Clothing Ministry Workday
6:45pm.....Consistory Meeting

Saturday, 2/11
12:00pm.....Saturday Lunch Ministry

Sunday, 2/12
9:30amAdult Sunday School
10:30am.....Worship Service
Congregational Meeting following Worship

Upcoming in February:
2/12...12:00pm..... Congregational Meeting after Worship
2/14...2:00pm..... Valentines Day Social for FRUCC Seniors
2/19...11:00am..... Jazz Worship Service & Lunch at Second Reformed
2/22...TBD..... Ash Wednesday Service
2/26...10:30pam... Sunday Worship - Guest Speaker: Beth Callicutt,
Principal Charles England Elm. School
7:00pm.....Evening Vespers in the Chapel

PRAYER CONCERNS

Peggy Bates, Eulene Shepherd, Deanna Michael,
Brian McKerlie

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

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

OUR FRIENDS: Jamie Collins (friend of Alisa Johnson),
George Champion (Robin Champion's father)