

# Service of Divine Worship

Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

Liturgist: Walter Hoffman

January 31, 2010

**Silent Meditation:** *“He comes to us as One unknown, without a name, as of old, by the lakeside. He came to those who knew Him not. He speaks to us the same word: ‘Follow thou me!’ and sets us to the tasks which He has to fulfill for our time. He commands, and to those who obey Him, whether they be wise or simple, he will reveal Himself in the toil, the conflicts, the sufferings which they shall pass through in His fellowship, and as an ineffable mystery, they shall learn in their own experience Who He is.”*

## Preparation for Worship

Prelude “Trumpet Tune and Air” Purcell  
\*Chimes Sounding the Hour  
\*Time of Greeting and Announcements  
Choral Call to Worship  
Solemn Declaration and Choral Amen

## Praise to God

\*Hymn “O Spirit of the Living God” No. 190  
\*Responsive Call to Worship  
Liturgist: Come, let us worship God, our light and our salvation.  
**People: We come to sing God’s praise.**  
Liturgist: Come, let us worship God, our shelter and protector.  
**People: We come to seek God’s care.**  
Liturgist: Come, let us worship God, the source of our strength.  
**People: We come to shout God’s praise.**  
Liturgist: Come, let us worship God!

\*Gloria Patri  
\*Opening Prayer (unison) Liturgist  
**Inviting God, you call us to follow in many ways. You call some of us to witness with public deeds of justice, and you call some of us to do the quiet work of companionship. You call some of us to proclaim your truth in stirring speeches, and some to sing your love in gentle lullabies. Invite us to follow you by respecting the many different ways of witness, and rejoicing that we have so many chances to answer your call. Amen.**

# Confession of Sin

Call to Confession  
Unison Prayer for the Confession of Sin Liturgist  
**Gracious God, we have heard at various times and places your invitation for us to follow you. We offer thanksgiving for those opportunities for following you which you have enabled us to heed. We also ask for your forgiveness when we have ignored your invitations to discipleship, choosing to go our own way, refusing even your spiritual empowerment to guide and direct our steps and actions. Grant that we may, this day, receive the spirit of meekness and humility which can neutralize our egos and render us more open to your guidance, that we may more completely answer “yes” to Him who calls us so tenderly; in the Name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

The Kyrie and Assurance of Pardon - - - Amen Sung

## Witness of Faith

The Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer Reverend Grubb  
Children’s Moment Chris Fulton  
Anthem “Jesu Joy of Man’s Desiring” Bach

## Proclamation of the Word

The New Testament Reading (Liturgist) Matthew 4:12-23 (Page #879 of Pew Bible)  
Sermon **A CALL TO FOLLOW**

## Response Through Dedication

Invitation to Give  
Giving of Tithes and Offerings  
The Offertory  
\*The Doxology  
\*The Offertory Prayer (unison) Reverend Grubb  
**Gracious God, let these gifts follow Christ’s lead into the lives of people who live in poverty or despair. Use them to heal divisions among your children. Show us how to be instruments of peace. Ready us to follow Jesus, to make an offering of ourselves, not just our money. Teach us so we may teach others. Heal us so we can become instruments of healing. To these purposes we dedicate this offering and our lives. Amen.**

## *Preparation for Obedience in the World*

- \*Hymn "Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult" No.207
- \*Responsive Call to Dedication  
 Liturgist: And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"  
**People: Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."**
- \*The Benediction
- \*Postlude "Fanfare" Dubois
- \*Those who are able please stand**

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Ronnie Durham, Don Leonard, John Rollins, Elmer Morgan, Willie Ruth Leonard, Sadie Bailey, Arlene Swing, Margaret Trexler, Jacqueline Leonard, Frances Leonard, Joel Reece, Juanita and Henry Beck, Ernestine and Henry Kennedy, Ernie Bonner, Nancy Daye Greene (Wanda's Daughter), Paul Stevens (Lisa Nelson's Cousin), Van "Buster" Conrad (Gray Family), and George Horner (Vicky Gray's Father). Please remember our men and women serving in the Armed Forces. To place a name on the prayer chain, please call Adena Wall at 249-1904 or the church office.

Thank you to Reverend June Grubb who is filling in today in Reverend Patten's absence.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

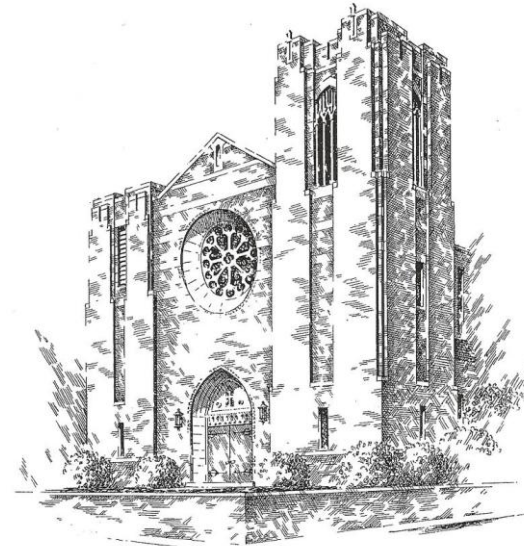
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| Sunday, January 31    | 9:45 a.m. ---SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR EVERYONE<br>11:00 a.m. ---WORSHIP SERVICE  |
| Monday, February 1    | 6:30 p.m. ---Board of Christian Education Meeting {Parlor}<br>6:30 p.m. ---Search Committee Meeting {Willing Workers Classroom}   |
| Wednesday, February 3 | 11:00 a.m. ---Morning Glory Circle {Parlor}<br>6:30 p.m. ---Bell Choir Practice<br>7:15 p.m. ---Adult Choir Practice  |
| Thursday, February 4  | 5:30 p.m. ---YOGA Class<br>7:15 p.m. ---LIVING THE QUESTIONS STUDY {Fellowship Hall}  |
| Saturday, February 6  | 9:00 a.m. ---Women's Life Fellowship {Kitchen}  |
| Sunday, February 7    | 9:45 a.m. ---SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR EVERYONE<br>11:00 a.m. ---WORSHIP SERVICE<br>NOON-----SOUP AND SANDWICH LUNCH – CONGREGATIONAL MEETING<br>2:00 p.m. ----CONSISTORY MEETING<br>6-8 p.m. -----Community Youth Super Bowl Party {Barr Home} |

January 24, 2010	Attendance (Worship 124)	Offering Received \$3,033.00
January 25, 2009	Attendance (Worship 148)	Needed each Sunday to meet Budget \$5,581.00

#### Church Staff

Reverend Walter Patten, Ph.D., Intentional Interim Minister	(Cell #336-420-2728 Home #336-632-1985)
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*Sunday, January 31, 2010*

**WE WELCOME VISITORS** who are attending our service of worship today. **EVERYONE** is requested to sign the attendance pad found at the end of each pew. We request visitors also to note their addresses and telephone numbers.

**THE FLOWERS** on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of my mother, Arline B. Grubb by Reverend June Grubb.

**USHERS:** J.W. Bates, Ramona Yarbrough, Denise Durham, and Sylvia Walser

**PLATE ATTENDANT:** Buddy Lohr

**ACOLYTES:** Laura and Katarina Strenk

**GREETERS:** Chris and Amanda Fulton

**NURSERY** (Birth through 6 years-old): Nicole and Mark Smith

## Living the Questions Study Series

Our fourth session in the “**Living the Questions**” series “Reclaiming the World” will be at **7:15 p.m., February 4, 2010 in our Educational Building Fellowship Hall.** Remaining lesson topics include:

- February 4, 2010 “The Myth of Redemptive Violence”
- February 11, 2010 “Practicing Resurrection”
- February 18, 2010 “Debunking the Rapture”
- February 25, 2010 “Reclaiming the World”

As before, we will use a stimulating DVD to prompt our discussions, along with lesson handouts for personal work. Delicious snacks will be on hand as well. See you there!



Please come prepared to “play” in the **SOUPER BOWL OF CARING** Sunday, February 7, 2010. Members will be invited to give \$1 each on the way out of worship on the morning of the NFL Super Bowl. Every dollar donated at First Reformed UCC will be sent directly to Crisis Ministry of Lexington. Let’s join the effort and make a difference in our community.

## Touching Davidson County With Love

First Reformed UCC is once again participating in the Touching Davidson County With Love project, which will be held **May 1<sup>st</sup>**. Please let **Edgar Miller** know if you are interested in being a project manager or volunteer at 336-899-0660 or [edgarmiller@earthlink.net](mailto:edgarmiller@earthlink.net).

## What You Can Do at FRUCC.org

**Sign up for our E-News Flashes.** Once or twice a month, in between our print newsletter, we’ll be sending out updates via email. You need to sign up for these updates if you want to receive them. Go to [www.frucc.org](http://www.frucc.org) and on the right-hand side, under the photo, you’ll see the sign-up form. Enter your email address and click Subscribe. A box will pop up asking you to enter the letters you see on the screen. After you do that, check your email for a confirmation message. You must click on the link in the message to get on the list. It’s a lot of steps, but this prevents spam. If you have any trouble, let Paula know and she can help you.

## Soup and Sandwich Lunch and Congregational Meeting



**Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup>** Women’s Life Fellowship will provide delicious vegetable soup along with pimento cheese and peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for lunch immediately following the worship service. Collected donations will assist ongoing support of local nonprofits. Reservations need to be made as soon as possible. Please fill out the reservation form below or call the church office at 248-2617.

**NOTE: ANY EXTRA SOUP WILL BE SOLD FOR \$5.00 A QUART.**

Following lunch the annual business meeting of First Reformed United Church of Christ congregation will be held. Board chairpersons and treasurers will give lively and creative reports. All members are encouraged to be a part of this important process in the life of our church.



As an added bonus, **Ava Miller** will be selling Girl Scout cookies in the fellowship hall before and after the congregational meeting. Be sure to get your order in...you only get one chance a year to purchase these delicious goodies.

### CATERED LUNCH RESERVATION

Please fill out the registration form and drop it in the offering plate or call the church office at 248-2617.

Please register - - - Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Number: \_\_\_\_\_