

# The Worship of God

March 30, 2014

Eleven o'clock in the morning

Fourth Sunday in Lent

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## THE GATHERING

*As we gather to worship, may our hearts be open to receive the message of love; may God bless us with truth and wisdom that we may be a blessing to others; and may the Spirit blow like the wind so that we may be born anew.*

## EARLY ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INVITATION TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross* arr. Virginia Figh

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

CHORAL INTROIT *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* Clephane/Maker  
Opening of the Bible Caroline Pyle

CALL TO WORSHIP Sarah Hall

Leader: For God so loved the world

**People: That God gave us Jesus, the only Son**

Leader: So that everyone who believes

**People: May not perish but have eternal life.**

Leader: God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world

**People: But in order that the world might be saved through him.**

Leader: God so loved the world

**All: God loves us all, and God offers us new life in Christ. Come, let us follow Christ, the only Son, the Messiah!**

HYMN NO. 8 *All Glory Be to God on High* MIT FREUDEN ZART

## THE CHILDREN'S TIME

## CHRISTIAN GREETINGS

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 121

## CALL TO PRAYER

Minister: Watching God, forgive us when we limit your presence and power to one place and one time.

**People: We come together to worship the all-seeing Creator of the heavens and the earth.**

Minister: Sheltering God, forgive us when we fail to rely on your strength and guidance.

**People: We come together to give thanks that God understands our human vulnerability.**

Minister: Abiding and Trustworthy God, we give thanks and celebrate your nearness, and your continuing presence with us, as we journey towards our hope and home in you.

**People: We come together to share the knowledge that God is always with us, and that as individuals or a community, we can trust God's watching and sheltering presence.**

## MORNING PRAYER

HYMN NO. 115 *Fairest Lord Jesus* CRUSADER'S HYMN

GOSPEL LESSON John 3: 1-17

ANTHEM *O God, Beyond All Praising* Forrest

SERMON *Seeing Jesus Through the Spirit* Dr. Ray Howell III

HYMN NO. 569 *Living for Jesus a Life That Is True* LIVING

OFFERTORY PRAYER Randy Amos

OFFERTORY *God So Loved the World* arr. Albin C. Whitworth

DOXOLOGY NO. 809 OLD HUNDREDTH

## RECEIVING OF NEW MEMBERS

CHORAL BENEDICTION *O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee* Gladden/Smith

POSTLUDE *Fanfare* R. Mark Otterestad

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*Today's Lay Reader is Bruce Hill.*

*Musicians for today's service*

Beverly Khemlani - organ

Sanctuary Choir

*Christian sympathy is extended to John Thacker, Jr. and family on the death of his father John Thacker, Sr. on March 25.*

The Deacons of the Week are Sandye Saintsing and John Thacker.

## Easter Egg Hunt This Afternoon

3:00 ~ 4:30 p.m. - MBCC Children's Dining Area

Toddlers thru Grade 5 are invited for games, stories and snacks.  
So bring your Easter basket and join the fun.

**Easter Lilies can be ordered through Thursday, April 3. Call the office to order.**

## Announcements

### Sunday, 3/30

9:00 a.m.	Sunday Morning Prayer Ministry	Conference Room
5:00 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Music Suite
6:00 p.m.	Middle & High School Youth	Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m.	Deacons' Meeting	Parlor

### Monday, 3/31

5:30 p.m.	Hand Bell Rehearsal	Music Suite
7:00 p.m.	Bible Study	Fellowship Hall

### Tuesday, 4/1

10:30 a.m.	Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
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### Wednesday, 4/2

12:00 p.m.	Lenten Service (Baptists Leading)	First United Methodist
4:30 - 5:30 p.m.	Senior Adult Singers	Music Suite
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.	Child Care Babies (inform church if you need childcare)	Nursery
5:15 - 6:15 p.m.	*Dinner (children eat first)	Fellowship Hall
5:45 - 6:30 p.m.	GA's (Grades 1st thru 5th)	Room 212
	RA's	Room 202
	Mission Friends	Room 225
	Acteens	Room 206
6:30 - 7:15 p.m.	Joyful Singers (Age 4 - 1st Grade)	Room 206
	Chancel Choristers (Grades 2 - 5)	Music Suite
	Middle & High School Youth	The ATTIC
	Bible Study/Church Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
	<b>Caring for Creation</b>	
7:30 - 9:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Music Suite

\*Menu: Baked Ham, Sweet Potatoes, Squash Casserole, Salad Bar, Apple Pie

Children: Pizza

RSVP by Noon Monday

### Touching Davidson County With Love: April 12

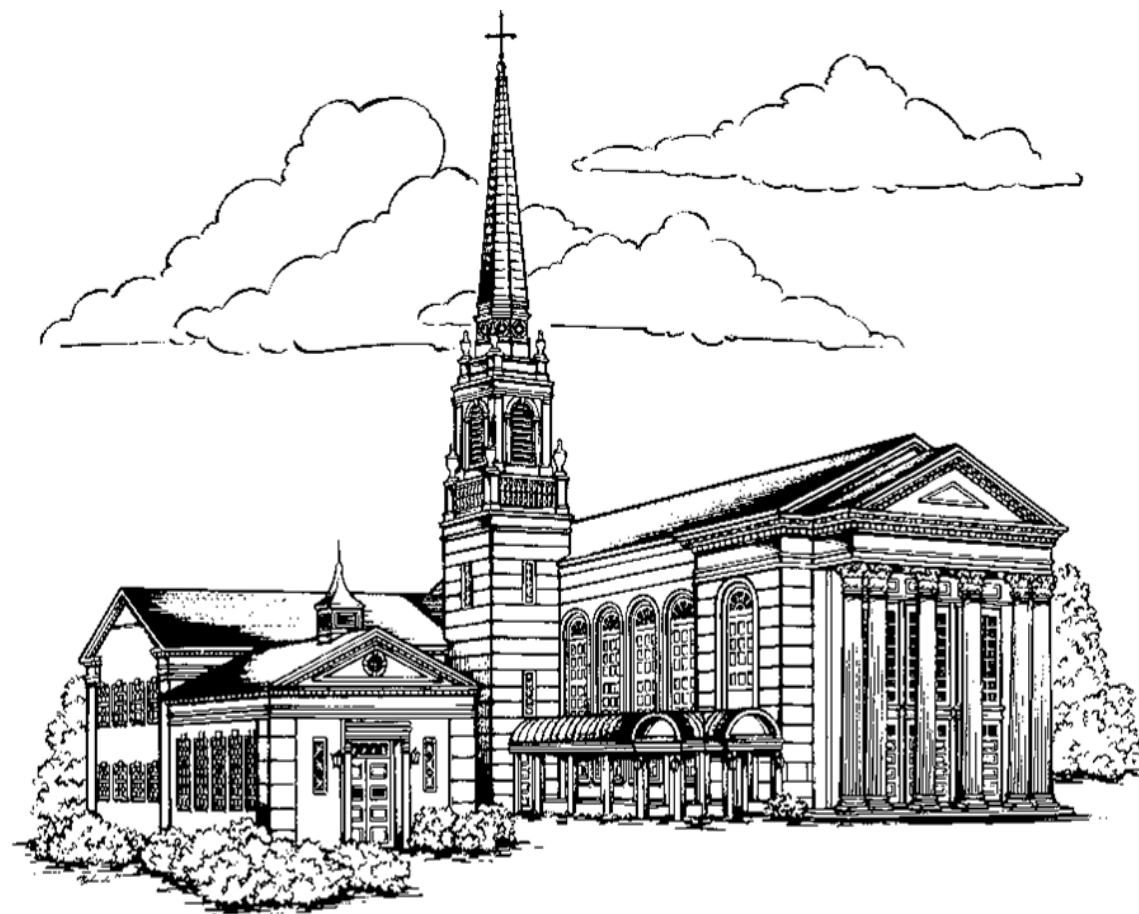
Final sign up is today for the April 12 activities. Sign up sheets are on the downstairs bulletin board by the fellowship hall. We are collecting dietary supplements (like Ensure) for DSS and non perishable food items for Pastor's Pantry. A prayer celebration and light meal will be held First Reformed UCC on Thursday, April 10 for all participants.

#### Extended Sessions:

**March 30: Bed Babies:** M/M Brian Lancaster **Toddlers & 2 Year Olds:** M/M Dave Thornhill **3 & 4 Year Olds:** Tina Wall & Lily Thornhill

**April 6: Bed Babies:** M/M Greg Briggs **Toddlers & 2 Year Olds:** M/M Dale Lambeth **3 & 4 Year Olds:** M/M Charlie Pyle

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