

*CLOSING HYMN #21

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

*BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

"Holy, Holy"

*POSTLUDE

*The congregation may stand.

Today's Usher: Mike Shafer

MARCH 6 WORSHIP

Next Sunday we will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall for breakfast at 8:30. Following fellowship around the tables we will move down to the Sanctuary for a Communion Service. The Consistory will be providing breakfast. Please plan on coming.

EMPTY NESTERS

We will be meeting at 1:00 p.m. for lunch together this Tuesday, March 1, at IHOP "around the corner" on Kildaire Farm Road.

FOOD PANTRY

Needed items are as follows: applesauce, fruit cocktail, canned potatoes, canned mixed vegetables, beverages, canned tomatoes, spaghetti sauce & noodles, flour, sugar, baking mixes, personal hygiene items, paper products, diapers & cleaning products. Thanks for your help.

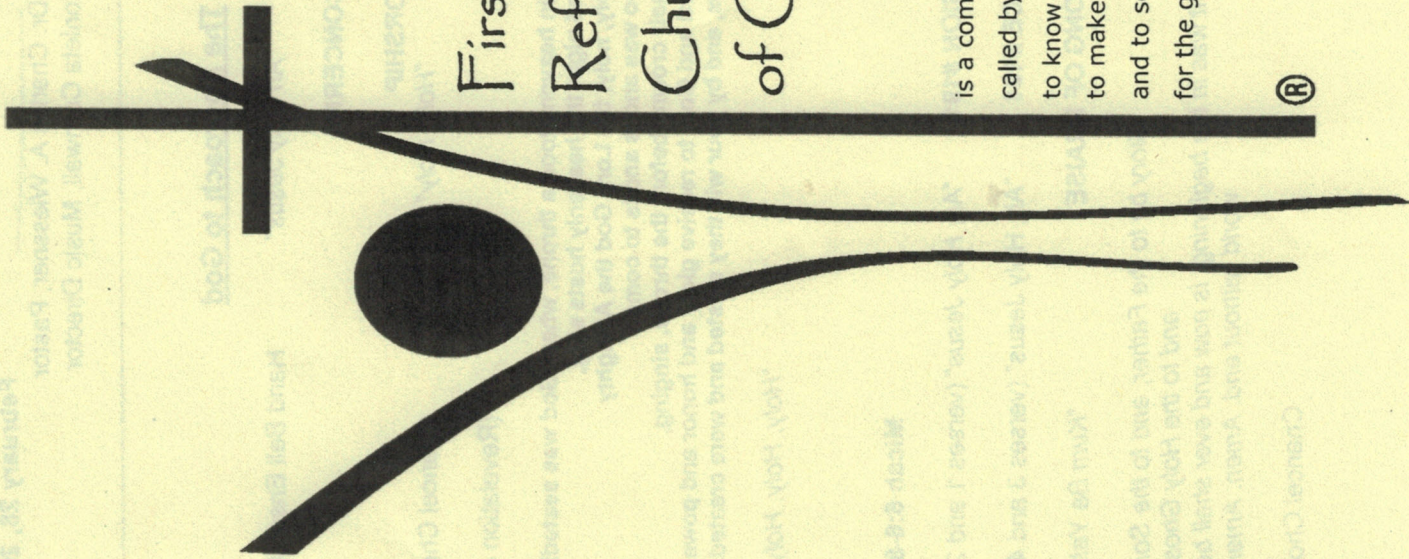
YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

There is a need for volunteers who can provide snacks on Sunday mornings following worship. Please see the sign-up sheet and sign up for the Sunday of your choice. Your help is greatly appreciated!



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First Reformed Church of Cary

is a community
called by God
to know Christ,
to make Him known,
and to serve all people
for the glory of God.



Third Sunday of Lent

February 28, 2016

Rev. Dr. Charles A. Wiessner, Pastor
Dr. Lonieta Cornwall, Music Director

The Approach to God

PRELUDE

"Ah Holy Jesus"

Hand Bell Ensemble

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

"Holy, Holy"

Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Revelation 4)

I was in the Spirit, and in heaven stood a throne, where God was seated;
Day and night the heavenly hosts sing,
"Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God the Almighty

Who was and is and is to come."

They cast their crowns before the throne, singing,

"You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power,

For you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created."

*HYMN OF PRAISE #11

"Holy, Holy, Holy!"

*SALUTATION

LAW OF GOD

Micah 6:6-8

PRAYER OF CONFESSION #191

"Ah, Holy Jesus" (verses 1 and 2)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE #191

"Ah, Holy Jesus" (verses 3 and 4)

CONGREGATIONAL SONG OF PRAISE

"Kum Ba Yah"

*GLORIA PATRI

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.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Chancel Choir

The Word of God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 20:17-19 (Page 17 New Testament)

SERMON

"Good News, Bad News"

#161 "Joy to the World" (verses 1 and 4)

#199 "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed" (verses 1 and 2)

#205 "Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain"

Our Response to God

*CONFESSION OF FAITH

What We Believe

Apostles' Creed

Who We Are

(Page 12 Hymnal)

We are and will continue to be a community that loves and worships God in the Reformed tradition for the purpose of being known as a congregation that actively cares for those in need around us.

RECEPTION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"Siyahamba"

Chancel Choir

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Assist us, Lord, in living hopefully into the future. In the face of change, help us to set aside unnecessary fears and to recognize our potential for creative response. Help us to develop a reasonable optimism when confronted by "the new" and to guard against our own defensiveness. Be with us as we remember and celebrate former times, and keep us from unreasonable yearning for them, that takes us from the work you have set before us at this time. All this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, who taught us to pray together –

Our Father in heaven: may your holy name be honored; may your Kingdom come; may your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today the food we need. Forgive us the wrongs we have done, as we forgive the wrongs that others have done to us. Do not bring us to hard testing, but keep us safe from the Evil One. The Kingdom belongs to you; your power surpasses all; and your glory will be praised forever and ever. Amen.