

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

July 25, 2010

Is your cell phone on?

9:40 a.m.

VOLUNTARY

Five Preludes of Praise (1998)

John a. Behnke

1. "Father, We Praise You"
2. Fanfare on "Now Thank We All Our God"
3. "How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord"
4. "Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me"
5. "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

10:00 a.m.

+ + + **The Approach to God** + + +

GREETING

Annie Reilly

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WORSHIP ORIENTATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN #464

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Hymn To Joy

*OUR NEED FOR GOD

Almighty and merciful God, we have not loved you with all our heart, soul, mind, or strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us for the sake of your Son and guide us by the presence of your Spirit so that we would live in love. Amen.

*GOD'S FORGIVING LOVE

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



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***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*Our Song of Hope*)

**Christ elects the church
to proclaim the Word and celebrate the sacraments,
to worship God's name,
and to live as true disciples.
He creates a community
to be a place of prayer,
to provide rest for the weary,
and to lead people to share in service.**

***PASSING THE PEACE**

MUSICAL OFFERING *In the Sweet By and By*

Sanford F. Bennett & Joseph P. Webster
Leah Kidwell-Fernandes, harp; Johnny Willis, dobro

There's a land that is fairer than day
And by faith we can see it afar
For the Father waits over the way
To prepare us a dwelling place there.

In the sweet, by and by, we shall meet on that beautiful shore
In the sweet, by and by, we shall meet on that beautiful shore.

We shall sing on that beautiful shore
The melodious songs of the blest
And our spirits shall sorrow no more
Not a sigh for the blessings of rest.

In the sweet, by and by, we shall meet on that beautiful shore
In the sweet, by and by, we shall meet on that beautiful shore.

+ + + **The Word of God** + + +

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Wales Brown

Guide us, O Lord, by your Word and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 8:11-19 (page 165)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND LESSON

Luke 12:13-21 (page 74)

SERMON

Guard Against Greed

Daniel Carlson

+ + + **The Response to the Word** + + +

*HYMN #412

Eternal God, Whose Power Upholds

Forest Green

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Be Thou My Vision

Traditional Irish

Arranged by Nancy Hurrell

Leah Kidwell-Fernandes, harp; Johnny Willis, dobro

*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 592)

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE 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.

*HYMN #420

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM Rhondda

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Canzona (1954)

Jean Langlais

*The congregation may stand.

Welcome

If you are a first time visitor, please fill out a little white pew card and place it in the offering plate. If you are interested in becoming a member, please speak with one of the ministers

after the service. We are eager to know and serve you. *Everyone is invited to enjoy fellowship and refreshments after the service in Huntley Garden.*

Service Online

A recording of each of our worship services is online at 1stReformed.com one or two days following the service.

Need Help?

Large print bulletins and audio receivers are available to assist you. Please ask an usher. Special bulletins for children are also available. Restrooms are located out the front right doorway of the sanctuary.

Caring for Children During Worship

Childcare for babies through age four is available between 10am and noon in Kinderwyk, which is located in the building near the church office entry.

Kinderwyk needs more help!

Please consider assisting on a Sunday of your choice to care for our children. Contact Sarah Bachorik (357-2014) or talk to one of the ministers to participate in this important ministry.

Church School

Children will remain in the service today to worship with the congregation. Church School will resume the second Sunday of September. Don't forget Vacation Bible School August 9-13! (See addition information titled VBS.)

Celebratory or Memorial Flowers

If you would like to order celebratory or memorial flowers for the chancel, please call the church office. You may send your check for \$30 payable to Chancel Guild, c/o Marlene Risseeuw, 2140 Niskayuna Drive, Niskayuna, NY 12309-4126.

Prayers of the People

Requests for prayer may be noted on a pew card and placed in the offering plate. As part of our prayers this morning we remember with thanksgiving members of this congregation who entered eternal rest in previous years about this time: *Albert Demont, Richard Gordon and Alice Junker*. If you are aware of a departed member, whose name has not been noted near the anniversary of their death please speak with one of our ministers or contact the church office.

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Faith Bookshop

There are two places to find Bookshop items over the summer: in the Bookshop always and at the refreshment area occasionally-look for the rolling blue cart.

Vespers Every Sunday, 5 p.m.

Today – Jazz

Rennie Crain, piano

August 1 – Jazz

Nat Phipps, piano; Pete Toigo, bass; Tom D'Andrea, drums

August 8 – Jazz

Yuko Kishimoto, piano

The Greening Team

We will be meeting tomorrow, Monday, July 26, at 6:30pm in the church office.

Summer Lunch Assistance

Thank you to those who helped us out July 19 & 20. We are still looking for help for August 2-5 at Quackenbush Park from 11:45 to 1:30pm. We have enough people for August 6 but could really use more hands earlier in the week. If you are interested in helping out, call Annie Reilly at 616-836-0694.

Daniel Carlson on Vacation

Beginning Wednesday, July 28 – Monday, August 16, Daniel will take a break from his pastoral work.

Fowler Benefit Concert

Come join Kent Busman, storyteller and Scott Adams, singer/songwriter, in a memorable evening of story and song. Saturday, August 7 at 7pm, at Fenimore Hall, Camp Fowler, Speculator, NY (Pelcher Rd. off Rt. 8).

There will be a free-will-offering taken during the evening's program. Fowler Camp & Retreat Center is a 501(C)(3) not-for-profit organization.

Vacation Bible School (VBS)

As your summer is winding down, are your kids bored and looking for something to do? Bring them to VBS! August 9 -13, from 3 to 5pm. Our theme is "Jesus Rocks the World" and your child will be given a passport to explore how different cultures celebrate the name of Jesus. Come and experience skits, crafts, snacks, and songs from a new country everyday! Ages 5 to 95 are welcome. Bring your friends and neighbors! Call the church, 377-2201, to register.

Guerilla Grill

We will be going to Central Park to serve a free lunch to anyone who is hungry! Join us for random acts of hotdogs and (fairly) spontaneous hospitality to some of our Schenectady neighbors. Because this is a weather-dependent event, we will try for August 15, and if it rains, reschedule for the next Sunday. We will gather at the refreshment time after the service. No advanced notice is required, and all are welcome!

Continuing Kerygma Conversation

In response to the expressed desire of most within the Kerygma study group, Daniel Carlson has facilitated an every-other week informal gathering this summer for those who would like to discuss whatever they've been reading, hearing, viewing, pondering, etc. Our next meeting is Wednesday, August 18, 9:30-11am in the Dirck Romeyn Lounge. Anyone interested is welcome; neither prior participation nor pre-registration is required. Come join the conversation!

Habitat for Humanity

Schenectady's local chapter of Habitat for Humanity operates a ReStore at 1957 Foster Ave. where donations of household items, building materials, appliances and furniture are sold at very reasonable prices to the general public. Operating as a retail outlet, the ReStore effectively recycles useable goods, that otherwise may have been sent to landfills, while raising funds for Habitat's building projects.

The ReStore:

- accepts tax-deductible donations of items in new or good working condition and provides the donor with a receipt
- is open to the general public to purchase items at low prices
- reduces landfill waste
- raises money for Habitat's mission of building affordable housing for local families

In order to reduce a large inventory the ReStore will be holding special sale days Thursday July 29 through Saturday July 31. The ReStore is also

looking for volunteers (16 years of age and older) to assist customers, organize items, or as cashiers. The store hours are Thurs. and Fri. 10am–5pm and Sat. 10am–2pm. Volunteer shifts run either 3 or 4 hours.

You can learn more about the ReStore and the activity of your local Habitat organization online by visiting www.hfhscny.org.

Summertime Stress Slowing You Down?

We like to think of summer as being a relaxing, enjoyable time. But hurts, struggles, crises, and problems don't take a vacation. Many times our difficulties seem even worse during the summer because everyone else seems to be enjoying life while you are feeling down. If you are experiencing a difficult time—emotionally, spiritually, or relationally—you don't have to suffer alone. Our Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers, ready to listen, care for and encourage you, pray with and for you, and provide one-to-one Christian care to help you through whatever it is that you are facing. Generally, men are matched with male Stephen Ministers and women are matched with female Stephen Ministers. It's free. It's confidential. And it will make a difference in your life! To find out more about Stephen Ministry for you or someone you know, talk with one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders. Contact Linnea D'Andrea at 371-8313, or Rev. Daniel Carlson at the Church Office 377-2201.

Midnight Run

We are planning on another Midnight Run in the fall. This entails handing out much needed items to the indigent, including **sample-sized toiletries**.

Think about stocking up on these items throughout the summer as you acquire them for your own travel adventures. More information will be forthcoming in the fall, but now is the best time to start gathering these donations. Questions? See Andy Chestnut, Carrie Brooks, or Stacey Midge.

Support and Care Committee

To provide support and meet the needs of our church members, the following services are available.

Medical Transportation – Call Ronnie Bartholic (393-7679) Inge-Lise Pangburn (399-1027) or Ann Walraven (374-4646)

Prayer Chain – Call Ann Gotwals (372-5089) or Vernetta Theuner (355-2543)

Meal Assistance – Call Kim Burgoyne (399-1337)

Stephen Ministry – Call Daniel Carlson (377-2201) or Linnea D'Andrea (371-8313)

The Support and Care Committee is always happy to accept volunteers to assist with Sunday flower delivery, transportation, and preparing an occasional meal. To help in any way, please call one of the above, or Chairs, Linda Ward (377-2377) or Joan Lindsay (399-3153).

Nursery Director Needed

The First Reformed Church of Scotia is seeking a Nursery Director. Additional information is posted on the refrigerator door, or contact Pastor Jan Hoffman or Sunny Baldwin at 370-4751.

	This Sunday	Next Sunday
Counting Deacons	Joe Doolittle, Joan Lindsay	Kim Burgoyne, Bill Rochelle
Faith Bookshop	Nancy Wainwright	Ronnie Bartholic
Flower Delivery	Katherine & George Trimarco, Dan Ertel	Sandra & Craig Kominoski, Charlotte & Roger Greenwood
Greeters	Katherine & George Trimarco	Nancy Ellen Swann
Kinderwyck	Sarah Bachorik, Shannon/Adam Kerwin	Sarah Bachorik, Claire Hughes
Liturgist	Annie Reilly	
Preacher	Daniel Carlson	Bill Levering
Processing Elders	Bill Rochelle, Rob Dickson, Andy Chestnut, Keith Muse	Gay Doolittle, Roberta Blackmer, Bill Rochelle, Rob Dickson, Carol DeLaMarter
Reader	Wales Brown	Marey Bailey
Refreshments	Rebecca Draffen-Grande	Nancy Passer
Ushers	Mike Beals (head usher), Joe Gallagher, Maurice Robbins, William Faulkner	Leah Kidwell-Fernandes, Kim Burgoyne, Jim Ramsey, Adam Kerwin

Calendar for the Week of July 25, 2010

Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary
July 25	11:00 a.m.	Refreshments & Conversation, Huntley Garden
	5:00 p.m.	Vespers, Poling Chapel
Monday	9:00 a.m.	Men's Newsgroup, Poling Conference Room
July 26	12:30 p.m.	Stephen Leaders, Walton Conference Room
	6:30 p.m.	Greening Team, Church Office
Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer, Dykstra Chapel
July 27		
Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Communion, Sanctuary
August 1	11:00 a.m.	Refreshments & Conversation, Huntley Garden
	5:00 p.m.	Vespers, Poling Chapel



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THE COVENANT OF OUR CONGREGATION

Adopted by the Congregation in 1962

We do hereby set forth the principles of the Christian faith as commonly held among us, believing that no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

It shall be our aim to bring joy to little children, instruction and high ideals to youth, inspiration to men and women in the midst of life, and comfort to those in life's later years; and to labor together for the betterment of humankind.

Our fellowship shall not be dependent upon identity of theological opinion, or of outward circumstance, or of denominational concern, but shall grow from a common loyalty to Jesus, a common commitment to serve the world we touch, and a common purpose to do justly, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with God.

Our ideal is a church of the open mind, the warm heart, the hopeful spirit, and the social vision which ever seeks to express, in all walks of life, the mind of Jesus.

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