

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

August 1, 2010

Is your cell phone on?

9:40 a.m.

VOLUNTARY

Five Pieces (1959)

Healey Willan

1. *Fanfare*
2. *Prelude and Fughetta*
3. *Intgermezzo*
4. *Scherzo*
5. *Finale Jubilante*

10:00 a.m.

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

GREETING

Stacey Midge

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 #376 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* Hyfrydol

***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 *Hymn Medly* Traditional

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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Marey Bailey

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

FIRST LESSON

Judges 9:8-15 (page 227)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 4:1-16 (page 193)

SERMON

Tales From The Lake

Bill Levering

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

***HYMN #333**

Seek Ye First

Lafferty

(Congregation joins in after introduction)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Nearer My God to Thee

Traditional

*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 #441 *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord* St. Thomas

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *Fanfare (1970)* Richard Proulx

*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.

In Memoriam

The chancel flowers today are placed in the sanctuary to the glory of God and in loving memory of Lorraine Ebeling by Scott Ebeling and Elyne Schulte. We are grateful that these flowers, which represent our prayers and praise, will be taken to church family members to recognize a special need or celebration.

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: *Thomas S. Getty, Drew Mills, Norma Peterson and Bill Piper*. 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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Music Note

Our piano soloist this morning is Peg Delaney. Peg is a jazz pianist often featured at our Jazz Vespers. She is one of the pre-eminent jazz pianists in our region. Reviewers crow "Peg Delaney is a true musical genius in every sense of the word." Get more about her at www.pegdelaney.com.

Faith Bookshop

Just arrived at the church Bookshop: men's polo shirts of superior quality in a variety of colors and sizes. There are still some unisex tees available as well.

Vespers Every Sunday, 5 p.m.

Today – Jazz

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

August 8 – Jazz

Yuko Kishimoto, piano

August 15 – Jazz

Paul Mastriani, piano; Ron Partch, bass; Tom D'Andrea, drums

August 22 – Jazz

Rennie Crain, piano

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 able to help out, call Annie Reilly at 616-836-0694.

Fowler Benefit Concert

Come join Kent Busman, storyteller and Scott Adams, singer/songwriter, in a memorable evening of story and song on 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!

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.

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.

Daniel Carlson on Vacation

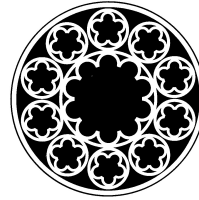
Wednesday, July 28 – Monday, August 16, Daniel is taking a break from his pastoral work.

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!

Midnight Run

We are planning on another Midnight Run to help folks in New York City, 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.



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	This Sunday	Next Sunday
Counting Deacons	Kim Burgoyne, Bill Rochelle	Darwin Brudos, Bill Rochelle
Faith Bookshop	Ronnie Bartholic	Linda Witkowski
Flower Delivery	Sandra & Craig Kominoski, Charlotte & Roger Greenwood	Alison & Walter Yang; Linda Witkowski
Greeters	Nancy Ellen Swann	Joan & Tom Lindsay
Kinderwyck	Sarah Bachorik, Claire Hughes	Sarah Bachorik
Liturgist	Stacey Midge	Stacey Midge
Preacher	Bill Levering	Bill Levering
Processing Elders	Gay Doolittle, Roberta Blackmer, Rob Dickson, Carol DeLaMarter	Gene Zeltmann, Phil Falconer, Darwin Brudos, Rachel Hewitt, Carol DeLaMarter, Linda Witkowski
Reader	Marey Bailey	Brad Lewis
Refreshments	Nancy Passer	Veronica Reed
Ushers	Leah Kidwell-Fernandes, Kim Burgoyne, Adam Kerwin	Del Pierce (head usher), Glenn Blinckmann, Carol Troost, Karen Dickson, Rob Dickson, Doug Todd, William Faulkner

Calendar for the Week of August 1, 2010

Sunday August 1	10:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary 11:00 a.m. Refreshments & Conversation, Huntley Garden 5:00 p.m. Vespers, Poling Chapel
Monday August 2	9:00 a.m. Men's Newsgroup, Poling Conference Room
Tuesday August 3	10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer, Dykstra Chapel
Sunday August 8	10:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary 11:00 a.m. Refreshments & Conversation, Huntley Garden 5:00 p.m. Vespers, Poling Chapel

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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