

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

August 29, 2010

Is your cell phone on?

9:40 a.m.

VOLUNTARY

Festival Voluntary on "Truro"

Franklin D. Ashdown

Festive Postlude on "Cwm Rhondda"

Franklin D. Ashdown

"St. Anne" Variations

Franklin D. Ashdown

10:00 a.m.

+ + + The Approach to God + + +

GREETING

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 #293

This Is My Father's World

Terra Beata

*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 - ial Al - le - lu - ial

Musical score for 'Alleluia' in G major, 4/4 time. The score consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!' are written below the notes. The melody is simple and repetitive, with a focus on the rhythm of the words.

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*From 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 *Jazz Piano* Nat Phipps

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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

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

FIRST LESSON *Hebrews 13:1-8 (page 227)*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND LESSON *Luke 14:1-14 (page 77)*

SERMON *An Honored Guest* Stacey Midge

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

*HYMN #343 *Called as Partners in Christ's Service* Beecher

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Jazz Piano* Nat Phipps

*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 #335

Though I May Speak

O Waly Waly

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Festive Scherzo

Malcolm Archer

*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 Sunday, September 19.

In Memoriam

The chancel flowers today are placed in the sanctuary to the glory of God and in loving memory of Susan Jane Staffa. 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.

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: *Mary Grupe, Eleanor Mae Hart*. 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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Parent/Teacher Orientation

There will be a fun meeting Tuesday, August 31 at 7pm in the Children & Worship room at the top of the stairs. All parents of church school children and interested teachers are invited to attend. Come and see the new curriculum. Find out what your children will be up to this year! Please call the church office to let us know you'll be attending 377-2201.

Communion Class for Third Graders

An introductory class to Communion in our church will be offered to third graders and any older children who haven't attended previously. This class will be taught during the regular church school hour Sept 12, 19 & 26. On October 3 the children will participate with our congregation in the Communion service. Please call Jamie Ipsen 399-6848 if you have a third grader or a child who is interested in joining our class.

WANTED! - Church School Teachers

All Grades - All Sessions - We have an exciting new, lectionary-based, curriculum this year which awaits your enthusiastic touch! Please come to the orientation meeting on August 31 at 7pm. This will supply you with all the tools and skills you'll need to be successful in helping our children grow in the church. Please call Jamie Ipsen 399-6848 should you need further info.

Music for Children!

We have several opportunities for children to participate musically here at First Reformed. Please call Jamie Ipsen 388-6848 if you have a child interested in one or more of the following:

- High School Choir
- Youth Orchestra (must have two+ yrs on current instrument)
- Christmas Musical (singing not required)
- Kirk Ringers (Bell/Chime choir - grades 3-6)
- Carol Choir (grades K-2)

Faith Bookshop

With school starting soon, now is a good time for kids to brush up their reading skills, and the Bookshop has some books that could interest a school-age youngster. Readers in the lower grades would enjoy solving mysteries with Lucinda, a spirited girl with many interests. (Author is daughter of church members, Barbara and Ned Landon.) Our picture books are good for older readers to share with their siblings. Footballers would enjoy "Pop." These books, and others, are on the back table in the Bookshop.

Vespers Every Sunday, 5 p.m.

Today – Celtic

Cliudan, progressive Celtic

September 5 – Jazz

Nat Phipps, piano; Pete Toigo, bass;

Tom D'Andrea, drums

September 12 – Jazz

Yuko Kishimoto, piano

September 19 – Jazz

Peg Delaney, piano; Bill Delaney, bass;

Tom D'Andrea, drums

Church Wide Picnic

After worship, Sunday, September 12!

Everyone is invited. Hamburgers, hot dogs and lemonade will be provided.

Please bring a dish to share!

Youth Groups

The Junior and Senior High Youth

Groups will begin meeting on

September 12. This first gathering will

be a picnic for both groups and their

parents, from 5-7pm. While the youth

have fun after dinner, the parents will

have an informational meeting. All

youth in grades 6-12 and their parents

are welcome. Please bring a side dish

or dessert to share.

Recruiting Stephen Ministry

Applications are now available for those who wish to serve as Stephen Ministers. The application process also includes a interview with our Stephen Leaders, and upon acceptance, a thirty hour training session starting in early October at First Reformed, Scotia. A job description and application may be picked up at the chillin', Stephen Ministry bulletin board, next to Faith Bookshop. For further information contact Stephen Leaders, Linnea D'Andrea (371-8313) or Daniel Carlson (377-2201).

Midnight Run

On December 10, we will be making another Midnight Run to New York City, to distribute meals, clothes, blankets, and toiletries to people living on the streets. We are now collecting these items in our brand new donation room on the third floor, which is run by Heather Chestnut. We are in need of the following items:

- Sweatshirts and hoodies, especially in large sizes

- Blankets and sleeping bags

- Travel-size toiletries

- New socks and underwear (mostly mens)

You can bring your donations directly to the third floor, or leave them in the bin in the entryway near the office. If you are interested in participating in the Midnight Run, please talk to Stacey.

Schenectady Damien Center

AIDSWalk 2010 is coming up on Sept.

26, and the Schenectady Damien

Center needs your help! We are

looking for walkers to help raise funds

for our meal program, which provides

nutritious meals for people living with

HIV/AIDS and their families. AIDSWalk

is a great service project for adults and

youth! To register, see your SICM

delegate for materials. Questions?
Contact Dan Butterworth at 374-2683
or damiencenter@sicm.us. See you at
the Walk!

Save the date - October 17

Downsizing? Out of space?
Looking for a good home for books
you'd like to share with and pass on to
others? Then donate your books to our
book sale where, of course, you'll pick
up more; directly after church service
on October 17. Assembly Hall will be
transformed into an autumn setting.
Bring the books to the cloak room
opposite Assembly Hall. One provision
however: no text or computer books
please! Because we need the week
before this event to set it up, please
donate your books by October 10. The
sale is a lovely fall festival that we have
enjoyed for many years.

We'll need people to help with sorting,
setting up, helping on sale day, and
providing refreshments. At our last
sale the goodly number of volunteers
made quick work of the Saturday set
up. If you want to help sort, set up,
sell, and clean up? Please call Linda
Witkowski at 374-7904.

Interfaith Dialogue

"The Future For Interfaith Dialogue:
Why You Should Care" is Rev. Dr.
Christopher DeGiovine's sermon title at
the opening convocation of St.
Bernard's School of Theology. All are
welcome to this event on Wednesday,
September 8, at St. Vincent de Paul,
900 Madison Ave. Albany. See the
flyer on the Refrigerator Door for more
information.

First Presbyterian Anniversary

Our neighboring congregation down
Union Street is celebrating 250 years of
ministry this year and has invited
anyone interested to join them for their
Gala Banquet on Friday, September
10. Reservations forms may be
obtained by calling 374-4546. See the
small poster on the Refrigerator Door
for further details.

	This Sunday	Next Sunday
Counting Deacons	Darwin Brudos, Mike Beals	Caroline Welch, Darwin Brudos
Faith Bookshop	Roberta Blackmer	Rae Forester
Flower Delivery	Adam & Shannon Kerwin, Nelson & Karlyne Drimalas	Elaine Springsted, Ann Bish, & Ann Hicks
Greeters	Jane & Phil Falconer	
Kinderwyck	Sarah Bachorik	Sarah Bachorik
Liturgist		Daniel Carlson
Preacher	Stacey Midge	Bill Levering
Processing Elders	Phil Falconer, Darwin Brudos, Bob Beadle	Darwin Brudos,
Reader	Shannon Kerwin	Rae Forster
Refreshments	Ruth Cox	Betty Bumgarner, Gay Doolittle
Ushers	Mike Beals (head usher), Karlyne Drimalas, Nelson Drimalas, Griffin Laycock, Steve Breitenbach, Keith Muse, Susan Muse, Jeanne Shoulder, William Faulkner	Caroline Welch, William Faulkner, Leah Kidwell-Fernandes, Carol Troost

Calendar for the Week of August 29, 2010

Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary
August 29	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
August 30		
Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer, Dykstra Chapel
August 31		
Wednesday	12:30 p.m.	Belles, Poling Conference Room
September 1		
Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Communion, Sanctuary
September 5	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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