

Welcome to First Reformed Church

Absolutely everyone is invited to our worship, activities, and service.

If you are a first time visitor we hope you feel at home here. Please fill out a little white pew card and place it in the offering plate and join us in the room to the left of the front of the sanctuary after the service for coffee and refreshments.

Parking

You may park in **any** of the lots around the church or the Stockade Inn on Sunday mornings.

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.

Child Care on Sunday

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.

Church School

Children in grades K-8, who are visiting today, are welcome to join in our Church School activities! Follow the 'crowd' out of the sanctuary immediately after the Children's Message. Parents can pick up their children at 11:15am in Room 20 on the 2nd floor at the top of the stairs.

Elders in Worship

Past and current leaders we call 'Elders' walk in together at the beginning of worship and sit in the front pew. This is to identify them as servants of the mission of the church and make it easy to see who you might talk to about the life of our congregation.

Communion

Our congregation usually celebrates the Lord's Supper on the first Sundays of the month. All followers of Christ are invited to share this meal.

After Worship

Typically after worship, people stop for a chat and a cookie in Assembly Hall before going to a learning opportunity that lasts until noon. Visitors are welcome to join in and are particularly encouraged to visit the Dirck Romeyn Room to the left of the sanctuary for five or ten minutes.

Joining the Congregation

To be a member of the congregation, there is a one-time orientation, a meeting with the governing board, and a reception in worship. If you are interested in the next orientation please fill out a white pew card.

Service Online

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

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 16, 2011

Is your cell phone on?

9:40 a.m.

VOLUNTARY

<i>Prelude on "Christmas Carol" (1999)</i>	Morgan Simmons
<i>Preludes on Two Christmas Carols (1989)</i>	Sharon Rogers
1. <i>"Lo, How a Rose"</i>	
2. <i>"Bring a Torch"</i>	
<i>Variations on an Old Carol Tune (1925)</i>	Geoffrey Shaw

10:00 a.m.

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

GREETING

Daniel Carlson

The grace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WORSHIP ORIENTATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

INTROIT *As Your Family, Lord* African American Spiritual

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #306 *Fairest Lord Jesus* Crusaders' Hymn

*OUR NEED FOR GOD

God of increasing brightness, we thank you for the lingering joy of Christmas and the brightening of our days. We confess shortsightedness in our public and private lives. We have been quick to judge and slow to see our own frailties. We have insisted on our way of loving things rather than your way of loving people. Forgive us we pray, and lead us to green pastures of peace. Amen.

*GOD'S FORGIVING LOVE

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE #579

Gloria Patri

Almighty God is light. He lives in us as True Light.

Don't let the light that You've given me die,
And don't desert my mind.
But let the one who serves You praise You again and again.

You are the one who judges right from wrong.
Your glory excites no envy.
But let the one who serves You praise You again and again.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let I shine.
Everywhere I go, I want the world to know,
God gave the world True Light!

*DOXOLOGY #592 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

*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.

*RECESSIONAL HYMN #309 *Of the Father's Love Begotten*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE *Threefold Amen* Anonymous

*POSTLUDE *Flourish on "Aderte Fideles" (1993)* Tom Mitchell

*The congregation may stand.

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 Dr., 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: *William Atherton, Dorothy Dykeman Clock, Clairmont Herman, Dorothy Murray, Richard Vandercar and Edna Wood*. 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.

2011 Offering Envelopes

For those of you who signed up on your pledge card to receive offering envelopes they are available at the Church Office. Please see Lyn Gordon on Sunday for pickup or stop by anytime during the week. If you forgot to sign up for envelopes we do have some available.

Adult Forum

Jan. 16 - Commentary on Schenectady's Civil Rights by Ralph F. Boyd, Sr. Founding member of Legacy and Future Schenectady NAACP, and Schenectady Patroon

Jan. 23 - Stacey Speaks

Jan. 30 - Ministry at Glendale - Madelyn Thorne, Director of Sharing

Faith - Pastoral Care Stimulating Minds and Hearts

Post Service Refreshments

There is a sign-up sheet in Assembly Hall to bring goodies of any sort to share at Post Service with everyone. Please bring your food around 9:30am, unless it is already set up on a platter. I hope that everyone would share in this important ministry. Thank you

Vespers Every Sunday, 5 p.m.

Today – Jazz

Peg Delaney, piano; Bill Delaney, bass; Tom D'Andrea, drums

January 23 – Jazz

'Azzaam Hameed, solo piano

January 30 – Jazz

TBA

Chili Cook-Off and Auction

Save the date for our exciting annual youth group fundraiser on Sunday, January 23 at 6pm in Friendship Hall. All proceeds will benefit this year's mission trip to Toronto. If you have a dynamite chili recipe you'd like to enter in the cook-off, or a basket, gift certificate, or other desirable item to donate to the auction, please contact Stacey Midge or one of the senior high youth.

Faith Bookshop

Will the Bookshop have a Christmas ornament sale next year? Yes! Donations can be brought to the shop any Sunday; we will store them away until next season.

This year's sale raised \$181.85 for the Senior Minister's Emergency Fund.

Thank you, again, to all contributors - donators and purchasers.

Johnson Library

Two events deserve our notice this week: one is the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. on January 17. Books about his life are on display on the table in the hall this morning.

And, 400 years ago, sometime in 1611, the King James Bible was published. Gloria Apfell, in *The King James Bible Translators*, writes of the 49 scholar-churchmen who labored in unprecedented harmony." Adam Nicholson writes in *God's Secretaries; The Making of the King James Bible*, it is a scrupulously elegant account of the finest English-language work of all time. And, in *The Beginning*, Alistair McGrath states the Bible "would shape English literature and speech for centuries."

In an editorial in the New York Times, Sunday, January 9, Verlyn Klinkenborg writes, "All who speak this wonderful language still speak in the shadow of the King James Bible." And, "to Christians all over the world, it is still the ancestral language of faith."

God In The News—Adult Bible Study

Discussion group by Lynne Gilgore discusses current news topics from a vantage point of faith. Are there echoes of the biblical stories in today's newspaper headlines? How does scripture inform contemporary issues? How are we, as Christians, called to respond? Come hear what your neighbors have to say. Add your voice to the conversation. Join one week or every week, each class stands alone. Bring coffee and a friend to the conference room above the office following the worship hour. Topic: Arizona Shootings: Who's Responsible for the Psychotic

Youth Groups

Jan 16 - Junior High at 5pm, Senior High at 7pm in Friendship Hall

Jan. 23 - Junior and Senior High participate in Chili Cook-off and Auction. Senior High youth should plan to be at church by 4pm to help set up for the auction.

Jan. 30 - Junior High at 5pm, Senior High at 7pm in Friendship Hall

Lenten Devotional?

MANY, many thanks to all the folks who are contributing a piece of writing to the upcoming Lenten Devotional. Every day is spoken for! Yet another reason to be so proud of our congregation.

Creation Care Committee

Will meet every fourth Monday of the month at 6:30pm at the Church. If you have interest in joining our committee please contact any one of the current committee members: Del Pierce (356-0955), Wales Brown (382-1249) or Sandy and Craig Kominoski (399-3207).

Tuesday Ladies

Meetings are every third Tuesday at 7:30pm at Connie Young's home. On the 18 it will be a salad supper. All ladies are welcome. Please call Connie (393-7061) if any questions.

M&M Women's Bible Study

On Tues., Jan 18, Feb. 1 and Feb 15 from 6:30-8:30pm at Lisa Ettkin's (631-4410) home, 186 Droms Road, Glenville.

Kerygma Adult Education Resumes

A new session begins of this weekly study begins this Wednesday, January 19, 9:30-11am in Poling Conference room. We will explore the rich and varied fare in Scripture, tradition, and culture that God provides for nourishment of all who are spiritually hungry. Come to the Feast: Seeking God's Bounty for our Lives and Souls by Rev. Marchiene Vroon Rienstra, (recently referred to in Daniel's sermon on dreams) will be our guide for the next two months. Copies of the book will be available on Wednesday. All adults are welcome to participate in this winter class characterized by warm community and lively engagement with whatever topic we consider. Pre-registration is not required; simply show up! For further information contact study leader, Daniel Carlson (377-2201).

Wednesday Dialog

On January 19 at noon we are fortunate to have as our speaker, Ralph Boyd, an energetic 91 year old who will recount his life as a minority soldier during WW II, his battle experiences, and his accomplishments as a GE Employee and moving force for many beneficial Schenectady initiatives. He helped start the local NAACP, Carver Community Center, Head Start Program and SCAP. Ralph has been active in many other local organizations and was instrumental in the efforts to create the Baptist Retirement Center rendering quality care for senior citizens. He has been awarded more than 40 citations from many groups in this area including the coveted GE Phillippe Award.

Stephen Ministry

Our monthly meeting will be this Wednesday, January 19th, 7pm in Assembly Hall. All active Stephen Ministers are expected and should bring their contact record sheet(s). Those unable to attend should contact one of our Stephen Leaders, Linnea D'Andrea, or Daniel Carlson.

Group VII

On Friday, January 21, 9:30am Group VII will meet in the Dirck Romeyn Room. The program is a discussion on "Strength in What Remains" with Connie Young & Carol Possin. January's Co-hostesses are Joan Ipsen, Anne Robb. All are welcome.

New Members Class

On Wednesday, February 9 at 7pm there will be another new member class. Folks will again have an opportunity to come at 6 and take part in the pot luck dinner, or just show up at 7. The session should last an hour and a half. Childcare is available if folks call the church office a few days beforehand. We will go over the basics of church membership and beliefs. Folks who attend this meeting are not assumed to be joining, so people can come just to check things out. To complete the process of joining, there is a meeting with consistory and a welcome in worship.

Committee and Consistory Members

February Standing Committee's and Consistory will meet on Tuesday, February 15. This is a **onetime** change from our regular monthly meetings. The times will remain the same.

Adult Winterfest January 29

Doug Todd has again graciously offered his farmstead (Fox Hill Farm, 6003 Parkis Mills Rd., Galway) as the location for this annual winter outing for adults in the church. For the adventurous, cross country skiing, skating and snowshoeing will begin at 3pm. The food, beverage, fellowship and laughter indoors begins at 5:30pm with appetizers and drinks; a dinner of hearty soups, sides, salads, and desserts will follow. To offset the cost of this event, there will be a \$5 charge per person. Please also bring something edible to share: appetizer, side dish, salad, or dessert. A signup sheet is posted in Assembly Hall, or the church office may be called to let us know you're coming. We are also happy to announce that Adirondack folk musician Dan Berggren will play for us in the evening. Childcare will be provided in Kinderwyck during the event for those who wish; please note this asap on the signup sheet. Carpooling is encouraged to ease our pollution of the planet and parking at the party. Hope to see you there!

Schenectady Colonial Festival - February 4-13

Artist Len Tantillo, renowned for his vivid illustrations of historic sites and themes throughout the Hudson and Mohawk Valleys, will be a featured presence at the Festival this year. Mr. Tantillo will begin his participation in the Colonial Festival at 11:15am, February 6, with a presentation at the Heritage Sunday First Forum. He will speak on how he recreates historical scenes, specifically how he painted Schenectady Town, View from Cowhorn Creek, circa 1690, which has Schenectady's and that congregation's first church building at its center.

The next event with Tantillo will be at the Annual Colonial Festival Dinner to be held at the Glen Sanders Mansion on February 8, the 321st anniversary of the 1690 Schenectady Massacre by the French and Indians.

At 4pm there will be a special opportunity to meet and discuss with Len Tantillo ways Schenectady might further develop its historical legacy. A showing of Tantillo's works, maps of early Schenectady, and the latest findings of the Community Archaeology Program excavations in Schenectady's Stockade Historic District, will provide starting points for conversation pursuing clarity about Schenectady's history.

A 6pm Social Hour will begin the Dinner. Attendees may view an exhibit of works by Len Tantillo and items mentioned above. Prints by Tantillo may be purchased throughout the evening. Following a colonial themed dinner, Tantillo will present a select grouping of his well-known historical illustrations of life and places in early upstate New York, Historical Painting: Schenectady Works and Others. For more information contact Joe Doolittle or Laura Lee Linder.

	This Sunday	Next Sunday
Counting Deacons	Leah Kidwell-Fernandes, Doug Todd	Joe Doolittle, Kim Burgoyne
Faith Bookshop	Ronnie Bartholic	Roberta Blackmer
First Forum	Commentary on Schenectady's Civil Rights by Ralph F. Boyd, Sr.	Stacey Speaks
Flower Delivery	Ann Bish & Analine Hicks, Roberta & Richard Blackmer	Audrey & David Bain, Katherine & George Trimarco
Kinderwyck	Sarah Bachorik, Tani & Steve Breitenbach	Sarah Bachorik, Eric Evans, Joanne Bedell
Liturgist	Daniel Carlson	
Preacher	Bill Levering	Bill Levering
Procession Elders	Roberta Blackmer, Bill Rochelle, Tom Lindsay, Maria Greskovich, Gay Doolittle	Darwin Brudos, Peggy King, Rob Dickson
Reader	Chris Fernandes	
Refreshments	Betty Bumgarner, Susan Muse	
Ushers	Del Pierce (head usher), Glenn Blinckmann, Carol Troost, Karen Dickson, Rob Dickson, Doug Todd, William Faulkner, Louis Acquasanta	Earl Wainwright (head usher), Kip Arnold, Joanne Arnold, Philip Yourno, William Faulkner, Louis Acquasanta

Calendar for the Week of January 16, 2011

Sunday January 16	9:15 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:20 a.m. 11:20 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 3:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Musical/HS Choir, Music Office Worship, Sanctuary Post Service Refreshments, Assembly Hall First Forum, Poling Chapel Adult Bible Study, Mezzanine Kirk Ringers/Singers, upstairs - Room 20 Youth Orchestra, Ipsen's Home Vespers, Poling Chapel JHYG, Friendship Hall SHYG, Friendship Hall
Monday Martin Luther King, Jr January 17	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:45 p.m.	Office Closed Men's News Group, Poling Conference Room Klokken Ringers, Poling Conference Room Tower Ringers, Poling Conference Room
Tuesday January 18	10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Morning Prayer, Dykstra Chapel M&M Bible Study, Lisa Etkin's Home Tuesday Ladies, Connie Young's Home
Wednesday January 19	9:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 12:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Kerygma, Poling Conference Room Dialog, Assembly Hall Thursday Belles, Poling Conference Room Stephen Ministry, Assembly Hall
Thursday January 20	10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Stitching Group, Poling Conference Room Staff Meeting, Assembly Hall Boy Scouts, Assembly Hall Chancel Choir, Choir Room/Sanctuary
Friday January 21	9:30 a.m.	Group VII, Dirck Romeyn Room
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Schenectady, New York

THE CONSISTORY

Bill Levering, Senior Minister
Daniel Carlson, Associate Minister
Stacey Midge, Minister of Mission, Outreach, and Youth
Andrew Chestnut, Linda Ward, Senior Elders
Fred H. Daniels, Treasurer
Joan Lindsay, Clerk

Elders

Carolyn Jones-Assini
Caroline Brooks
William Brooks
Andrew Chestnut
Christine Daniels
Veronica Bartholic
Catherine Lewis
Keith Muse
Eugene Zeltmann
Linda Ward

Deacons

Darwin Brudos
Rachael Cox
Leah Kidwell-Fernandes
Lisa Ettkin
Joan Lindsay
Jeanne Shoulder
Chris Van Oort
Caroline Welch

CHURCH STAFF

Jamie Ipsen, Director of Children's Ministry
Julie Panke, Director of Music
Charles Moose, Organist
Jamie Ipsen, Director of Children's Music
Eric Bachorik, Director of Klokken Ringers
Judy Moore, Director of Tower Ringers
Sarah Bachorik, Director of Kinderwyk
Heather Chestnut, Hospitality Coordinator
Heather Scribner, Office Administrator
Tani Breitenbach, Office Assistant
Dan Caldwell, Bookkeeper
Gary Nelson, Facility Supervisor

***The Covenant of Our
Congregation
Adopted 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.



*God's call
echoing over the winter snow*

*God's grace
warming our hearts*

*God's love
following our footsteps*

*God's presence
meeting us here*

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