

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.

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 23, 2011

Is your cell phone on?

9:40 a.m.

VOLUNTARY

Two Epiphany Preludes (1995)

Charles W. Ore

1. *“O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright”*

2. *“Let All Together Praise Our God”*

Partita on “Jesus Has Come” (1994)

Behnke

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

Let Your Light Shine

Tom Benjamin

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #361 *How Firm a Foundation* Foundation

*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 *Glory Be to the Father* Gloria Patri

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(from United Church of Canada)*

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

*PASSING THE PEACE

ANTHEM

Light Everlasting

Olaf Christiansen

O Light everlasting, O Love never failing.
Illumine our darkness, and draw us to Thee;
May we from Thy spirit receive inspiration
That brethren together Thy wisdom may see.
Make known to all nations, Thy salvation!
Make known to all nations, Thy peace and salvation.
And help us, O Father, Thy temple to be.

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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Darwin Brudos

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

FIRST LESSON

1 Corinthians 1:10-18 (page 165)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 4:12-23 (page 3)

SERMON

Appropriate Response Time

Bill Levering

+ + + **The Response to God** + + +

*HYMN #339

Be Thou My Vision

Slane

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

My Lord What A Morning

Behnke
Thursday Belles

*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 #343

Called as Partners in Christ's Service
Beecher

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Twofold Amen

Stamford

*POSTLUDE

Hymn Alternation on "As With Gladness Men of Old"

Pelz

*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.

Douw Kunhardt Beekman, Barbara Gifford, Donald Mackintosh, Mary Louise Martin-Stern, Mary McCarty, William Tucker and Marguerite Wellborn. 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.

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:

First Forum

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

'Azzaam Hameed, solo piano

January 30 – Jazz

TBA

February 6 – Jazz

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

February 13 – Jazz

Yuko Kishimoto, solo piano

February 20 – Jazz

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

Chili Cook-off and Auction, Tonight!

The annual Chili Cook-off and Auction is TONIGHT! Taste and judge different chili recipes; bid on gifts in our silent auction; and go head to head in the live auction. Join us at 6pm in Friendship Hall. All proceeds from the auction and a free-will offering for dinner go toward the Senior High Youth Group Mission Trip fund.

Youth Groups

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

Johnson Library

The annual Schenectady Colonial Festival, taking place from February 4 - 13, is an opportunity to display the many materials owned by the library having to do with early Schenectady history. February 8 is the 321st anniversary of the 1690 Schenectady massacre. On the display table in the hall and on the table just inside the library door can be found some of the items detailing this dramatic time in the city's history.

God In The News—Adult Bible Study

Discussion group led 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 is: Once-in-a-century floods wreak havoc in Australia: What good can come from crisis?

Creation Care Committee

We 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).

Kerygma Study Still Open

There's yet room at the table for those seeking to grow in faith by participating in the new session of adult education each Wednesday, 9:30-11am in the Poling Conference room. We've just begun exploring the rich and varied fare in Scripture, tradition, and culture that God provides for our nourishment. *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) is our guide for the next two months, providing not only food for thought, but spiritual practices in between meetings. The book is available for loan from our church library and for sale in our bookshop or in class.

Adult Winterfest Last Call

Doug Todd has again graciously offered his abode (Fox Hill Farm, 6003 Parkis Mills Rd., Galway) as the location for this annual winter outing for adults in the church this Saturday, January 29. 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. If needed, childcare will be provided during the event; please note this today on the signup

sheet. Carpooling is encouraged to ease our pollution of the planet and parking at the party.

Group V

We will meet Monday, February 7, at 11am in the Dirck Romeyn Room. Following a short business meeting, a study and discussion of the book, *God's Ordinary People*, will begin. Everyone is welcome; bring a sandwich and dessert/beverage will be provided.

Devotional Books

Group V has reprinted a limited number of devotional books which are available in the bookstore and from Group V members. Any questions, please call Charlotte Greenwood (373-1724) or Maria Greskovich (372-9522).

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 6pm and take part in the pot luck dinner, or just show up at 7pm. 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.

Second Wednesday Potluck Supper

Come share the delicious food and warm fellowship of this monthly gather on February 9 in Assembly Hall. Set up starts at 5:30pm for those able to come a little early; at 6pm grace will be sung and the supper starts. Clean up begins

around 7pm as will a bit of four square downstairs. We'll be done in time for the contemplative communion service at 8pm in our sanctuary chancel. A sign-up sheet is posted in Assembly Hall for those who like to plan ahead; impromptu types may come whenever so moved.

Second Wednesday Communion

In the season of Epiphany, this lovely, lyrical service takes place in our darkened sanctuary under the light of our Moravian star, beginning with the church bell at 8pm. We sing, listen to Scripture, keep silence, and share the Lord's supper (with wine or grape juice served) before offering our prayers around the Table and departing in God's peace by about 8:30pm. Those with questions regarding the above may contact Daniel Carlson (377-2201).

Committee and Consistory Members

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

Embracing Life; Facing Death

On Wednesday, February 16, 7-8:30pm, in Poling Chapel, Sue Kohler, an interfaith chaplain of Community Hospice, will address the challenge of living fully in the present and preparing courageously for the future. The congregation is invited to join the Stephen Ministers of our church and those of First Reformed, Scotia, for this important presentation by a highly regarded pastoral leader within our area. Those with questions may contact Stephen Leaders, Daniel

Carlson (377-2201) or Linnea D'Andrea (371-8313)

Wednesday Dialog

On February 16 Hans Friedrich Mueller will speak about The Suppression of Nocturnal Religion in Ancient Rome: Plebeians, Bacchants, and Christians.

Hans is the William D. Williams Professor of Classics and Chair of the Department at Union College. He earned his Ph.D. at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and is the author of *Roman Religion in Valerius Maximus* (2002), the editor of an abridgment of Edward Gibbon's *Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire* in the Modern Library Series (2003), and the translator of a forthcoming book on Roman Historiography. Lunch is \$4 and will be served at noon.

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.

RSVP by February 12 by calling 518-248-1395 or e-mail to ghwagle@nycap.rr.com, please make certain we have your e-mail address and/or phone number in case we need to contact you to change to the snow date.

Snow date is Saturday, February 26. Parking on opposite side of Wendell Ave and on Adams Rd.

Glenmont Community Church (Reformed)

Invites you to join us for a joyful worship celebration for the installation of our pastor Abby Norton-Levering on Sunday, February 27 at 4pm.

Childcare will be provided and a reception will follow the service.

All clergy are invited to robe and to wear red.

For directions go to:
www.glenmontchurch.org
For further information go to:
pastor@glenmontchurch.org

CRTC Events

Coin and Kingdom: Would Jesus Toss Us Out Today?, with Rev. Norm Tellier, Certified Financial Planner, Saturday, Feb. 26, 9am -3pm, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 10 N. Main Ave, Albany. Intended for all who manage money in the church.

Faith, Power & Perspective: Women in the Old Testament, with Dr. Katharine Doob Sakenfeld, Friday, April 8, 9am-4pm, at Union Presbyterian Church, Stories of faith in response to God that changed history. A course for men and women together!

Register online at www.capitalrtc.org or by phone at 462-2470. Watch our website for information on these and many other courses available in 2011. Scholarships and group discounts available for most classes; please contact us for an application.

Offering envelopes

For anyone looking for their offering envelopes, you should have received them in the mail. Envelopes are still available. If you would like envelopes and have not signed up for them on your pledge card please contact Heather Scribner, 377-2201 or email 1streformed@gmail.com.

	This Sunday	Next Sunday
Counting Deacons	Joe Doolittle, Kim Burgoyne	Jeanne Shoulder
Faith Bookshop	Rae Forster	Bill Clock
First Forum	Stacey Speaks	Ministry at Glendale - Madelyn Thorne, Director of Sharing Faith - Pastoral Care Stimulating Minds and Hearts
Flower Delivery	Audrey & David Bain, Katherine & George Trimarco	Marilyn & Bob Beadle, Bill McColl
Kinderwyck	Sarah Bachorik, Joanne Bedell, Nicholas Blinckmann	Sarah Bachorik, Brenda Langdon
Liturgist	Daniel Carlson	Daniel Carlson
Preacher	Bill Levering	Bill Levering
Procession Elders	Darwin Brudos, Peggy King, Rob Dickson, Bob Beadle, Gene Zeltmann	Gene Zeltmann
Reader	Darwin Brudos	
Refreshments	Diana Bennett	Nancy Martin, Betty Bumgarner
Ushers	Earl Wainwright (head usher), Kip Arnold, Joanne Arnold, Philip Yourho, William Faulkner, Louis Acquasanta	Harlene Bachorik & Bill Clock (head ushers), Kendra Adams, Nicholas Blinckmann, Jeff Cox, William Faulkner, Louis Acquasanta

Calendar for the Week of January 23, 2011

Sunday January 23	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. 4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:00 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 SHYG, Set up for Cook-off & Auction Vespers, Poling Chapel Chili Cook-off & Auction, Friendship Hall
Monday January 24	9:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:45 p.m.	Men's News Group, Poling Conference Room Creation Care Committee, Mezzanine Klokken Ringers, Poling Conference Room Tower Ringers, Poling Conference Room
Tuesday January 25	10:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer, Dykstra Chapel
Wednesday January 26	9:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Kerygma, Poling Conference Room Thursday Belles, Poling Conference Room
Thursday January 27	10:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Stitching Group, Poling Conference Room Boy Scouts, Assembly Hall Chancel Choir, Choir Room/Sanctuary
Saturday January 29	5:30 p.m.	Adult Winterfest, Doug Todd's Home
Sunday January 30	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

First Reformed Church

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

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Andrew Chestnut
Christine Daniels
Veronica Bartholic
Catherine Lewis
Keith Muse
Eugene Zeltmann
Linda Ward

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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
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Charles Moose, Organist
Jamie Ipsen, Director of Children's Music
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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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