

# 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**

On Communion Sundays (the first Sunday of the month) youth in grades 3-8 remain in the service to participate in Communion while those in grades K-2 are welcome to go upstairs after the Children's Message for music and crafts. Other Sunday's all children are welcome to join in our Church School activities by leaving immediately after the Children's Message. Parents can pick up their children at 11:15am 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 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 become 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](http://1stReformed.com) one or two days following the service.

HERITAGE SUNDAY

February 6, 2011

*Is your cell phone on?*

9:40 a.m.

VOLUNTARY

Charles Moose

10:00 a.m.

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

GREETING

Stacey Midge

The grace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WORSHIP ORIENTATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

INTROIT

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #262

*God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand*

National Hymn

\*OUR NEED FOR GOD

**God of all creation, we thank you for the beauty and grace you instill in this world. We confess our tendency to place ourselves at the center, and to overlook the gifts and needs of others. Help us to put our own desires in perspective, and increase in us your values of love, justice, and peace. Amen.**

\*GOD'S FORGIVING LOVE

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE #579 *Glory Be to the Father* Gloria Patri

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Apostles' Creed*)

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*PASSING THE PEACE

SPECIAL OFFERING

Peg Delaney

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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

George Trimarco

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

FIRST LESSON

*Genesis 2:4-9 (page 2)*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND LESSON

*Job 3:8-10 (page 454)*

SERMON

*Long Term Miracles*

Bill Levering

\*HYMN #429 (1-3)

*Lord, You Give the Great Commission*

Abbot's Leigh

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Make Our Church One Joyful Choir*

Jonathan Crutchfield

Make our church one joyful choir on this glad and festive day  
And by song invoke the fire that invites our hearts to pray:  
Shape us, Christ, to live and claim all it means to bear your name.

Bend us low by song and prayer, low enough to lift the cross—  
And to take the weight and bear love's uncounted final cost.  
Shape us, Christ, to live and claim all it means to bear your name.

Lift us up by song and prayer till the way we deal with loss  
And our acts and words of care trace the pattern of your cross:  
Shape us, Christ, to bear your name.

Bend us, lift us, make us strong, send us out with wind and fire,  
So the world may hear the song that we offer as your choir:  
Shape us, Christ, to live and claim all it means to bear your name.

Thomas Troeger

\*DOXOLOGY #592

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

Bill Levering

COMMUNION PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise!**

SANCTUS (*sung in unison*)

Carl Steubing

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord God of Hosts, Heav'n and earth are full of thy  
 Glo - ry! Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord, Most High!

COMMUNION

*After the choir comes forward, please quietly follow them down the center aisle starting from all the FRONT pews. Return by way of the side aisles. The servers will bring the elements to any who choose to remain seated.*

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

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 #430 *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!*  
Darwall's 148th

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE *Come Sing, O Church in Joy* Darwall's 148<sup>th</sup>

\*POSTLUDE *March in G* Henry Smart

\*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. We pray regularly for those who are ill, those who serve their country, those who hunger, and those who are our enemies.

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: *Virginia Cleveland, Janice Flom, Wayne Harvey, Lois Joyce Berner Mix and Janet Schwem*. 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.

### **Senior High Mission Trip**

On February 20-26 in Toronto, if you have not yet signed up with Stacey Midge, please do so ASAP - and be sure to get your passports!

### **Benefit for Local Pastor**

Niskayuna Rotary is holding a benefit for Pastor Derek Lecakes of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Niskayuna. Pastor Lecakes is in the Westchester burn unit with second and third degree burns going through skin grafts. 100% of ticket sales will be given to the Lecakes family. The Pancake breakfast will be held on Saturday, February 12, 8am to

noon, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church on Union St in Niskayuna. Tickets are \$10, \$5 for those 12 and under. See Diana Bennett for tickets.

### **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.

### **First Forum**

**February 6** - Rededication/Heritage  
Len Tentillo - In addition to keynoting at the Colonial Festival on February 8, Len will discuss with us how he creates his art.

**February 13** - A Shower of Stoles -  
A collection of 30 liturgical stoles, from a Room for All sponsored display of 150 stoles visiting RCA Congregations in the Capital Area will be on display in Poling Chapel. The stoles each have a brief story, and represent the lives of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people of faith. Further details on the stoles and Room for All will be provided as will a time for shared reflections.

**February 20** – Coffee & Conversation

**February 27** – Schenectady Police

### **Vespers Every Sunday, 5 p.m.**

#### **Today – Jazz**

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

#### **February 13 – Jazz**

Yuko Kishimoto, piano; Mike Lawrence, bass

#### **February 20 – Jazz**

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

#### **February 27 – Jazz**

'Azzaam Hameed, piano

## **Lenten Devotional**

Devotions are due to the church office by February 18. Please email to 1streformed@gmail.com. If you need to see what you've signed up for a copy is on the Office Bulletin Board and in the church office.

## **Mission Shares**

Mission shares are now available to help support our Senior High Youth Group on their mission trip to Toronto. For \$25 per share, you can help those in need and give our youth the experience of a lifetime. Mission shareholders will also be invited to our annual dinner on March 27 to sample some of the cuisines that represent the cultures encountered in the mission trip and hear from the youth about their experience serving in Toronto. You can get your mission shares from any member of the Senior High Youth Group or from Stacey Midge.

## **Narthex Cases**

Take a look at the display cases in the Narthex. They contain exhibits about this year's Colonial Festival and FRC being Schenectady's first church.

## **Faith Bookshop**

It's February now, a month of significant events in local history. Books and other items relating to FRC, the Stockade and the city are displayed and available to purchase in the Bookshop. Also, the clearance sale of fleece vests, knit hats, t-shirts, windbreaker vests and attaché totes with FRC logo continues.

## **Johnson Library**

On the Johnson Library display table is a varied collection of books about our Heritage Forum's topic, including the Schenectady massacre, the Native

Americans encountered by the Dutch settlers, and early history of the Hudson River area. Books on the children's display table have to do with a day celebrated with candy, decorations with hearts and poems about love. There is a book about St. Valentine, about love between parents and children, and a little book by Joan Walsh Anglund, *Love Is A Special Kind of Feeling*.

## **God In The News—Adult Bible Study**

This discussion group, led by Lynne Gilgore, will discuss current news topics from a vantage point of faith. Join one week or every week, each class stands alone. Bring coffee and a friend to the Mezzanine (above the office) following the worship hour. Topic: Egyptian Uprising Calls for Mubarak to Step Down.

## **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).

## **The Support and Care Committee**

Will have its regular meeting on the second Tuesday of February. The meeting is scheduled for 11am on Tuesday, February 8 in the Poling Conference Room.

### **Second Wednesday Potluck Supper**

This Wednesday come share the delicious food and warm fellowship of this monthly gathering 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.

### **New Members Class This Week**

This 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.

### **Contemplative Communion – Feb. 9**

During 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).

### **Shower of Stoles**

From February 12-28, First Reformed Church will be hosting the Shower of Stoles Project, a collection of liturgical stoles representing the lives of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people of faith. These religious leaders have served in thirty-two denominations, in six countries, and on three continents. Each stole contains the story of a GLBT person who is active in the leadership of their faith community. The collection celebrates the gifts of GLBT persons who serve God and their communities, while also lifting up those who have been excluded from service because of their sexual orientation or gender identity. The stoles will be available for viewing on February 13 following the worship service. Information about the stoles and Room for All will be provided, as will a time for shared reflections. The stoles will be open for public viewing that day until 1pm, and before Jazz Vespers. There will also be an open house reception for public viewing of the Shower of Stoles on February 16 from 5-8:00pm.

### **Mystery Frolic**

Come join us after church on Sunday, February 13 for a mystery frolic. The location of this event will be announced in the van on the way to the site. For this event you will need snowshoes or cross country skis and a lunch. We will leave about 12:15pm from the church parking lot and should be back to church about 5pm. This is weather permitting and snow dependent. Hope to see you there.

### **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 – February 16**

Hans Friedrich Mueller will present "The Suppression of Nocturnal Religion in Ancient Rome: Plebeians, Bacchants, and Christians." A delicious lunch (\$5) is served at noon. Hans is the William D. Williams Professor of Classics and Chair of the Department at Union College.

### **Prayer Shawl Knitting Group**

We will meet on Thursday, February 24 at 9:30am at the home of Inge-Lise Pangburn. All are welcome. If any questions contact Ronnie Bartholic (393-7679).

### **Gospel Singing Anyone?**

You are invited to sing with the Chancel Choir at the Annual Gospel Concert sponsored by the Union College Heavenly Voices Gospel Singers on Saturday, February 26 at 3pm. We are preparing two pieces, one of which we sang on January. 16 - True Light. Please let Julie Panke (370-5434) know of your interest so she can get the music to you and let you know about rehearsal times.

### **Group VII**

No meeting in February. We will resume on Friday, March 18 at 11:30am in Assembly Hall. Please bring your own lunch. The program will be by Lynne Gilgore, the missionary. All are welcome. If any questions contact Ronnie Bartholic (393-7679).

### **Glenmont Community Church**

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.

### **Scotland Tour in June**

We will be hosting an opportunity for members and friends of First Reformed Church to tour Scotland from June 22-30. You can read the full itinerary and find the answers to many questions about the tour on the website at [1streformed.com](http://1streformed.com) under "Group Travel," pick up a flier in the office, or contact Stacey Midge (377-2201) for more information.

	This Sunday	Next Sunday
Counting Deacons	Fred Daniels, Caroline Welch	
Faith Bookshop	Linda Witkowski	Veronica Bartholic
First Forum	Rededication/Heritage Sunday: Len Tentillo	A Shower of Stoles
Flower Delivery	Millicent & Art Casey, Ann Gotwals	Virginia Forster, Jeanne Shoulder
Kinderwyck	Sarah Bachorik, Gay Doolittle, Ann Gotwals	Sarah Bachorik, Inge-Lise Pangburn
Liturgist	Stacey Midge	
Preacher	Bill Levering	Daniel Carlson
Procession Elders	Tom Lindsay, Chris Daniels, Cathy Lewis, Art Casey	Veronica Bartholic, Bob Beadle, Darwin Brudos, Sara Erickson, Bill Rochelle, Linda Witkowski
Communion Elders	Chris Daniels, Cathy Lewis	
Reader	George Trimarco	Therese McCarty
Refreshments	Tricia Shaw, Jie Jie Bennett	Nancy Martin, Betty Bumgarner
Deacons/Ushers	Ken Rimany, Joan Lindsay, Joe Gallagher, Kim Burgoyne	Mike Beals (head usher), Karlyne Drimalas, Nelson Drimalas, Jeanne Shoulder, Griffin Laycock, Steve Breitenbach, William Faulkner, Louis Acquasanta

## Calendar for the Week of February 6, 2011

Sunday February 6	9:15 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:15 a.m. 11:15 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 3:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Musical/HS Choir, Music Office Communion, Sanctuary Post Service Refreshments, Assembly Hall First Forum, Poling Chapel Adult Bible Study, Mezzanine Kirk Ringers/Singers, upstairs - Room 20 Archives & Historical Concerns, Dirck Romeyn Room Youth Orchestra, Ipsen's Home Vespers, Poling Chapel JHYG, Friendship Hall SHYG, Friendship Hall
Monday February 7	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:45 p.m.	Men's News Group, Poling Conference Room Group V, Dirck Romeyn Room Klokken Ringers, Poling Conference Room Tower Ringers, Poling Conference Room
Tuesday February 8	10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer, Dykstra Chapel Support & Care, Poling Conference Room
Wednesday February 9	9:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 1:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	Kerygma, Poling Conference Room Thursday Belles, Poling Conference Room Archives Group, Archives Room Pot Luck Supper, Assembly Hall New Member Class, Poling Conference Room Schenectady Nijkerk, Poling Conference Room Contemplative Communion, Sanctuary
Thursday February 10	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
Sunday February 13	9:15 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:15 a.m. 11:15 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 12:15 p.m. 3:30 p.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 Mystery Frolic Youth Orchestra, Ipsen's Home Fireside Chat with General Secretary of RCA, Assembly Hall 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

### **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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