

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 one or two days following the service.

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 13, 2011

Is your cell phone on?

9:40 a.m.

VOLUNTARY

Andante in E flat

Andante in G

Communion in G

Prelude in F

Andante in F

Somebody's Knocking at Your Door

Read

Merkel

Guilmant

Merkel

Merkel

Wagner

Klokken Ringers

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

Jubilate Deo

Michael Praetorius

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #292 *All Beautiful the March of Days*

*OUR NEED FOR GOD

God of all creation, we thank for the beauty and grace you instill in this world and beyond. We confess our tendency to turn our hearts away from you and not attend to your voice within and before us. Confront and correct us, each according to our need, so that we might love you and live. Amen.

*GOD'S FORGIVING LOVE

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

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from *The Heidelberg Catechism*)

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

That I am not my own, but belong – body and soul, in life and in death – to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.

Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

*PASSING THE PEACE

ANTHEM *Beauty All Around Us* Elliot/Wilmington

Beauty all around us lies. The loveliness of vast blue skies,
sunlit meadows, fragrant seas, Your loving hands created these.
From the moment of our birth, we live with beauty on the earth,
shining with the stars above, surrounded by Your precious love.

Alleluia. Sing alleluia. Sing alleluia. Amen. Amen

Let Your wisdom be our guide while in Your presence we abide.
Caring thoughts our hearts employ, as loving others brings us joy.
Never ending love so pure, Your greatest gift of all endures.
Joyful songs will fill our days. We lift to You our hearts in praise.

Alleluia. Sing alleluia. Sing alleluia. Amen. Amen

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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION *Therese McCarty*
Guide us, O Lord, by your Word and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON *Matthew 22:34-40 (page 25)*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND LESSON *Deuteronomy 30:15-20 (page 186)*

SERMON *L.O.V.E. the LORD* Daniel Carlson

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

*HYMN #391 *Take My Life* Hendon

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Speak to One Another* Jean Berger

Speak to one another of psalms and of holy writings,
of carols and anthems.
Sing ye and praise ye the Lord, sing ye and praise him!

*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 #375 *Lord of All Good* Toulon

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE *Threefold Amen*

*POSTLUDE *March* Calkin

*The congregation may stand.

In Memoriam

The chancel flowers today are placed in the sanctuary to the glory of God in loving memory of Jean Kemp Bundy and George Bashor, given by David and Donna Bundy. 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 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: *Mary Bee, Virginia Cleveland, Janice Flom, Wayne Harvey, Lois Joyce Berner Mix, Janet Schwem, Bernice Stratton and Myrtle Wilson*. 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.

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

Today - A Shower of Stoles – (see below). Further details on the 30 liturgical stoles 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

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

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!

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 cuisine that represents 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.

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: John 3:16; Ad Airs Unexpectedly

Mystery Frolic

Come join us after church today 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.

Confirmation Class

The Confirmation Class for our congregation is forming now. Young adults in 8th grade or older are invited to participate in this traditional exploration of faith that culminates in the recognition of their journey on Pentecost. Interested youth and parents should speak with Dr. Levering if they are interested, or go to the web site for more information.

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).

A 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 **today** 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 on Wednesday, February 16 from 5-8pm.

Committee and Consistory Members

Most Standing Committees 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.

M&M's Women's Bible Study

We'll be using "Where Do I Come In? Joining God's Mission" by Brian Keepers as our resource guide. No books to purchase and no homework is required. You can come to Lisa Ettkin's home, 186 Droms Road, Glenville, on first and third Tuesday evenings at 6:30-8:30pm for discussion, prayer, and fellowship. This group is open to the community - so bring a friend! Call Lisa, 631-4410, with any questions. (And yes, there will be M&M's to snack on.)

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.

Embracing Life; Facing Death

This Wednesday, February 16, 7-8:30pm, in the Dirck Romeyn Room, Sue Koehler, an interfaith chaplain of Community Hospice, will address the challenge of living fully in the present and preparing courageously for the future. Members and friends of the congregation are invited to join the Stephen Ministers of our church and those of First Reformed, Scotia, for this inspirational presentation by a well regarded pastoral leader within our area. Those with questions may contact Stephen Leaders, Daniel Carlson (377-2201) or Linnea D'Andrea (371-8313).

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.

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 missioner. 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.

The Creation Care Committee

Meets every fourth Monday of the month at 6:30pm in the Mezzanine. 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)

Usher and Deacon Breakfast

A training and breakfast for ushers and Deacons will be held Sunday, March 20 at 8:30am. We will go over Sunday morning routines while munching on a continental breakfast in the Friendship Hall. Mike Beals and Bill Levering will go over current practices and the handbook.

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 under "Group Travel," pick up a flier in the office, or contact Stacey Midge (377-2201) for more information.

CRTC

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

Connecting with Calvin: Restoring Unity to the Church, with Dr. Randall Zachman, Sat., March 26, 9am-12pm, at Siena College,
One of today's leading Calvin scholars, Dr. Randall Zachman sheds light on Calvin's desire for unity rather than the division with which he is often associated.

A Walk in the Woods: Backpacking Through Creation, with Rev. Kent Busman, Fri.-Mon., April 29-May, Join other pilgrims on this spiritually and physically challenging journey through the Western Adirondack Wilderness.

Register online at www.capitalrtc.org or by phone at 518-462-2470. Watch our website for information on these and many other courses available in 2010. Scholarships and group discounts available for most classes; please contact us for an application.

	This Sunday	Next Sunday
Counting Deacons	Leah Kidwell-Fernandes, Kim Burgoyne	
Faith Bookshop	Veronica Bartholic	Nancy Wainwright
First Forum	A Shower of Stoles	Coffee and Conversation
Flower Delivery	Virginia Forster, Jeanne Shoulder	Tani & Nicole Breitenbach, Sharron & James McCullough
Kinderwyck	Sarah Bachorik, Shannon Kerwin	Sarah Bachorik, Inge-Lise Pangburn
Liturgist	Stacey Midge	Daniel Carlson
Preacher	Daniel Carlson	Bill Levering
Procession Elders	Veronica Bartholic, Bob Beadle, Darwin Brudos, Sara Erickson, Bill Rochelle, Linda Witkowski	Catherine Lewis, Keith Muse, Phil Falconer, Maria Greskovich, Jerry Griggs, Peggy King,
Reader	Therese McCarty	Rae Forster
Refreshments	Nancy Martin, Betty Bumgarner	Joan Ipsen
Ushers	Mike Beals (head usher), Karlyne Drimalas, Nelson Drimalas, Jeanne Shoulder, Griffin Laycock, Steve Breitenbach, William Faulkner, Louis Acquasanta	Tom Burgoyne (head usher), David Bundy, Chris Langdon, Joe Gotwals, Linda Stanhope, William Faulkner, Louis Acquasanta

Calendar for the Week of February 13, 2011

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. 12:00 p.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 Social Justice, Walton Conference Room 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
Monday Valentine's Day February 14	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:45 p.m.	Men's News Group, Poling Conference Room Klokken Ringers, Poling Conference Room Tower Ringers, Poling Conference Room
Tuesday February 15	10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	Morning Prayer, Dykstra Chapel M&M Women's Bible Study, Lisa Etkin's Home Standing Committees, Various Locations Tuesday Ladies, Connie Young's Home Consistory, Assembly Hall
Wednesday February 16	9:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 12:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Kerygma, Poling Conference Room Dialog, Assembly Hall Thursday Belles, Poling Conference Room A Shower of Stoles, Poling Chapel Stephen Ministry, Dirck Romeyn Room
Thursday February 17	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
Sunday February 20	9:15 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:15 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 Adult Bible Study, Mezzanine Kirk Ringers/Singers, upstairs - Room 20 Youth Orchestra, Ipsen's Home Vespers, Poling Chapel JHYG, Friendship Hall SHYG, Friendship Hall

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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

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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
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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