

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 Sundays 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.

Fifth Sunday In Lent
April 10, 2011
Is your cell phone on?

9:40 a.m.

VOLUNTARY

Settings of the "Passion Chorale"

1. *Chorale Prelude*
2. *Chorale*
3. *Chorale Prelude (2 settings)*
4. *Reflection*

Dietrich Buxtehude
Johann Kuhnau
Johannes Brahms
Desmond Ratcliffe

10:00 a.m.

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

GREETING

The grace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Bill Levering

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WORSHIP ORIENTATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Daniel Carlson

INTROIT

Create in Me

John Erickson

*HYMN #457 *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art* Toulon

*OUR NEED FOR GOD *Beginning with prayerful silence...*

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major, 4/4 time. The first staff is the vocal line with lyrics in Greek and English. The second staff is the piano accompaniment.

Greek Ky - ri-e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri-e e - le - i - son.
English Lord, _____ have mer - cy. Lord, _____ have mer - cy.

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*GOD'S FORGIVING LOVE

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(from the 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.

ANTHEM *Greater Love Hath No Man* John Ireland
Kitty Trimarco and Andy Chestnut, soloists

Many waters cannot quench Love, neither can the floods drown it.
Love is strong as death. Love is strong as death.
Many waters cannot quench Love.
Greater Love hath no man than this,
that a man lay down his life for his friends.

Who His own Self bare our sins in His own Body on the tree,
that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness.

Ye are washed, ye are sanctified, ye are justified,
in the name of the Lord Jesus.
Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation.

That ye should show forth the praises of God,
Who hath called you out of darkness,
out of darkness into His marvelous light.

I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God,
that ye present your bodies, a living sacrifice, holy, holy,
acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

Song of Solomon and St. John

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

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

FIRST LESSON *Psalm 130 (page 573)*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND LESSON *John 10:1-44 (page 103)*

SERMON *The Resurrection and the Life* Daniel Carlson

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

*HYMN #370 *Just as I Am, Without One Plea* Woodworth

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Just A Closer Walk With Thee* Nat Phipps

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

MINUTE FOR MISSION *Roots and Wisdom* Caroline Brooks

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 #274 *O God of Earth and Space* Leoni

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE *Threefold Amen* Dale Wood

*POSTLUDE *"Cathedral" Prelude and Fugue in E minor* J.S. Bach

*The congregation may stand.

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: *William Rickard, Susan Shepherd and Barbara Weber.*

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.

In Memoriam

The chancel flowers today are placed in the sanctuary to the glory of God in loving memory of Margaret (Peg) Shultes by her family. 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.

Easter Flowers

Each Easter, members of Chancel Guild adorn our church with beautiful Easter Flowers. You may contribute to remember a loved one or honor a loved one. Please send your donation (\$20 is suggested) to The Chancel Guild c/o Marlene Risseeuw, 2140 Niskayuna Drive, Niskayuna, NY 12309 and contact the Church Office with the name of the person for whom the flowers are in honor or memory of. Even if you have donated in previous years, please place an order for 2011 by Monday, April 18. Thank you.

Easter Flower Delivery

Volunteers are needed on Easter Sunday, April 24; to deliver Easter plants to bereaved and home bound church members. The plants, along with addressed cards for each recipient, will be available after the service. Volunteers simply need to pick up a plant to be delivered. Members of the Support and Care Committee will be present to assist. This is a wonderful opportunity to extend our care and concern to members of our church family - please join us.

Easter Offering

The Mission & Benevolence committee has selected Roots and Wisdom, a youth agriculture and community program of Cornell Cooperative Extension of Schenectady County, (CCE, SC) as the recipient of our Easter Offering. Roots and Wisdom's mission is to engage the diverse population of Schenectady County – particularly youth – in serving their community through the support of a sustainable local food system. The program inspires teens to improve their community by instilling a sense of purpose and accomplishment in their actions, and serves as a unifying force within Schenectady County.

Roots and Wisdom is eligible to receive matching gifts from corporations. For those of you who have access to gift matching, please make checks payable to **CCE, SC** and note Roots and Wisdom in the memo. For matching gifts, CCE, SC's Federal Tax I.D. number is: **146036884**. Otherwise, make them out to First Reformed Church with Easter offering – Roots & Wisdom in the memo line.

Youth Schedule

Unless otherwise noted, the JHYG (grades 6-8) meets every Sunday at 5pm in Friendship Hall for dinner, games, and discussion. The SHYG (grades 9-12) meets every Sunday at 7pm in Friendship Hall for snacks, discussion, and games. Friends are always welcome.

April 24 - Easter, No youth meetings

Last Lenten Wednesday Program

April 13 will conclude our Lenten Dinners, Classes and Contemplative Communion. Dinner begins at 6pm, followed by three adult classes at 7pm, and Contemplative Communion at 8pm. No reservation is required.

Lenten Devotional:

Linda Witkowski and Wales Brown lead conversations on the writings found in this year's Lenten Devotional Book.

Ecojustice:

Ty Remington from General Electric will present on solar energy

The Spiritual Work of Marriage:

David Olsen or Daniel Carlson will lead a discussion on David's book.

New Book Discussion Group

Wales Brown a member of our Social Justice Committee, will co-leading a book review of *Jesus, the Bible and Homosexuality: Explode the Myths, Heal the Church*, written by Jack Rogers, 2009. Sessions will be held at FRC on Wednesdays, May 4, 11, 18, 25 June 1, 8 and 15, 7-8:30pm. Reserves are required; call Wales Brown at 518-701-1927 or email wbrown6@nycap.rr.com. Books are available at our Faith Bookshop, or Barnes & Noble.

Congratulations

To Glenda (Thuener) and Rick Luck who were married in the Dykstra Chapel on March 27. Daniel Carlson officiated and Kitty and George Trimarco accompanied them with singing. The couple resides on Block Island.

Faith Bookshop

The Bookshop recently received a catalogue from *The Thoughtful Christian*. It offers books on Christian living, religion and culture, spirituality, bible studies and more at greatly reduced prices. The titles are tantalizing (some even provocative), and many of the authors are well known in their field. This catalogue is available for your perusal on the table with our books relating to Lent. Please look it over, and if you find a book you would like The Shop to order for you, complete the relating order form and give it to the person at the Bookshop desk.

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

Sexuality, the Bible and Church. Stacey Midge will present some of the issues involved in many of the controversies facing the church in gender and sexuality including ordination, marriage, and justice issues. This forum will review some of our denominational debates on these issues and point towards the future.

God in the News Bible Study

Will break for the next several weeks. The class will resume May 1, the Sunday after Easter, returning to its original time slot of 11:15 - 12pm. See you then!

Vespers Every Sunday, 5 p.m.

Today – Jazz

Yuko Kishimoto, piano; and Keith Pray, sax

April 17 – Jazz

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

April 24 – Jazz

'Azzaam Hameed, piano

Confirmation Class

Meets every first and third Sunday through Pentecost, June 12 at 6:30pm in the Schermerhorn room.

Music Highlights for Lent and Easter

Today, April 10 the choir will sing John Ireland's *Greater Love Hath No Man*, one of the greatest English church anthems ever written.

On Palm Sunday our children and youth choirs will present *Hosanna, Loud, Hosanna* accompanied by organ and the Kirk Ringers, and the Chancel Choir will sing *Ride On* by Grayston Ives which is an alternative musical depiction of the text of the familiar hymn, *Ride On, Ride On in Majesty*.

Maundy Thursday service participants will hear *When You Woke that Thursday Morning*, accompanied by guest flutist, Emily Peterson.

Our Easter anthems and hymns will be accompanied by brass quartet with the Tower Ringers joining the choir for the introit and the anthem, *Now the Green Blade Rises*, arranged to the French carol tune, *Noël Nouvelet*.

Thursday Musical Club

Today at 3pm in the Sanctuary the Chamber Choir of the Sayles School of Fine Arts will be the guest artists for the Thursday Musical Club Spring Concert. Selections will include *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* and *Handel's Awake the Trumpet's Lofty Sound*. The chorus is directed by Julie Panke and accompanied by Elinore Farnum. Jean Hayes, flutist, will accompany *Come In*, part of Randall Thompson's *Frostiana*. A reception will follow the concert in Assembly Hall. Tickets are \$12 and \$10.

Group VII

On Friday, April 15 at 11:30am Group VII will meet for small lunches at the homes of Ronnie Bartholic, Mary Jewett, Gini McDermott and Connie Young.

Wednesday Dialog

Join us on April 20 at noon in Assembly Hall for lunch (\$5) and a lecture, "Emergence: How Complexity Arises from Simple Components" The phenomenon of emergence has been called the "science of the 21st century". It tackles the problem of how complex structures with unpredictable properties can arise from combinations of simpler components. Other characterizations of emergence have been "order from chaos", and "bottom-up rather than top-down" development. Examples of emergence will be discussed in an attempt to understand this powerful creative aspect of nature. Presented by Ted Mihran, Ph.D.

More information on Dr. Mihran can be found on our web site...

Vacation Bible School

Looking for something to do over Spring Break? Don't let your kids be bored! SPRING VBS will keep them busy with drama, songs, games & crafts. A healthy snack will be provided each day. VBS will meet April 18-22 from 3-5pm. Kids from 5 - 95 are welcome (helpers too!). Please call the church office to register 377-2201.

Faith with a Twist

Young adults, got questions? Bring your ideas, doubts, and wonderings and join this stimulating conversation on Thursday, April 28 at 7pm at the Van Dyck. Discuss God, faith, and all things spiritual while getting to know new people. This group meets on the fourth Thursday of each month. Contact Stacey to be added to the email list, or for more information.

Shawl Knitting Group

Will meet on Thursday, April 28 at 10:30am at Sue Zeltmann's home. All are welcome. Please note time change.

New member – Book Signing

Sharon Swain is having a book signing at Open Door April 30. She has written the second in a series of children's books.

Catskill Frolic

Come join other First Church Frolickers Saturday, April 30 at 8am as we hike Windham High Peak in the Catskill Mountains. The trail varies from gradual to moderate, making it a generally easy climb. The total miles hiked that day will be about 6.5. If this sounds like a great way to spend a Saturday, meet in the church parking lot at 8am. Transportation will be provided. Bring food and water for the

hike and come prepared for wet conditions. This is an excellent hike for both veteran and novice hikers alike. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the board in Assembly Hall.

Looking Ahead: Interfaith Exchange

Following in a long tradition, our congregation will exchange worship leaders and congregations with Temple Gates of Heaven. Dr. Levering will preach there on April 29 and Rabbi Cutler will hold forth here on May 1.

College Bound??

Applications for the Rev. Al Smith Education Scholarship are available through the Church Office. Please submit your completed application to the Church Office by May 15th. Questions can be directed to Sara Erickson at 374-4161 or ericksonhs@aol.com.

CROP Walk

On Sunday, May 1, the annual Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty walk will take place at 12:30pm, beginning at Emmanuel Friedens Church and winding 5k through Schenectady. The proceeds support hunger-fighting efforts around the world, with 25% going to local food pantries, Community Crisis Network, and Senior Meals. Want to walk? Get a donation form from Stacey Midge.

Cutting Edge Pizza Party

There will be a Pastor's Pizza Party on Friday, May 6 for folks who have joined the church in the last year or so. It will be at Abby and Bill's House at 923 Northumberland Drive, Niskayuna and will start at 6:30. Pizza will be served. Duh.

Holy Week Worship Schedule

- 17 – Palm Sunday, 10am
Vespers, 5pm
- 20 – Christian Seder, 6:30pm
- 21 – Maundy Thursday, 7:30pm
- 22 – Good Friday, 12pm
- 24 – Easter Sunday, 10am
Easter Vespers, 5pm

Palm Sunday

This celebration of the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem marks the beginning of Holy Week. Music on this joyous day will feature youth and children.

Christian Seder Meal on Holy Wednesday

Our congregation will be getting a deeper understanding of Jesus' Last Supper with an experience of the Seder meal. Led by Dr. Levering, the Seder is in the context of a meal, so folks should arrive at 6:30pm with a big dish to share or bring a pizza or something like that. We will try to be done by 7:30pm. Children are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Maundy Thursday Tenebrae

First Reformed has long celebrated a service of darkening on Maundy Thursday in which the Lord's Supper is celebrated; then a series of readings and a darkening sanctuary create a somber and reflective remembrance of the trials of Jesus. The service begins at 7:30pm.

Good Friday - 12 noon

The presence of a rough-hewn cross and a multi-voice reading of the passion of our Lord stand at the center of this service held in the sanctuary. The ancient tradition of singing the Solemn Reproaches of the Cross will again be incorporated. The liturgy begins and concludes in silence since it is understood to be an extension of the worship of God begun on Maundy Thursday and anticipates the liturgy of Easter Sunday.

Easter Sunday

Arrive early for our always inspiring organ voluntary by Charlie Moose. A brass quartet and triumphant music will inspire us on this day of celebration. The service will end with a general invitation to sing the *Hallelujah Chorus*. Invite your friends.

Church School on Easter Sunday

Children in grades K-8 are invited upstairs to room 20 for an Easter Egg Hunt after the Children's Message. Parents can pick up their children at the top of the stairs immediately following the service.

Easter Reception

We need volunteers for our Easter reception in Friendship Hall. People to help set up on Saturday, as well as people to make food. Please call Heather Chestnut 346-7887 to join in on the fun.

	This Sunday	Next Sunday
Counting Deacons	Leah Kidwell-Fernandes, Darwin Brudos	Dave Bundy, Therese McCarty
Faith Bookshop	Veronica Bartholic	Nancy Wainwright
First Forum	Sexuality, the Bible and Church – Stacey Midge	Harnessing the Wind – Bob Ridgway/GE Wind Energy
Flower Delivery	Chris & John Van Oort, Anne & Walter Robb	Chancel Guild
Kinderwyck	Sarah Bachorik, Shannon Kerwin, Inge-Lise Pangburn	Sarah Bachorik, Gay Doolittle
Liturgist	Bill Levering	Daniel Carlson
Preacher	Daniel Carlson	Bill Levering
Procession Elders	Keith Muse, Veronica Bartholic, Jerry Griggs, Peggy King, Phil Falconer	Linda Witkowski, Bob Beadle, Darwin Brudos, Emile Walraven, Cathy Lewis, Peggy King
Reader	Brad Lewis	Leah Kidwell-Fernandes
Refreshments	Betty Bumgarner, Karen Dickson	
Ushers	Mike Beals (head usher), Karlyne Drimalas, Nelson Drimalas, Jeanne Shoulder, Griffin Laycock, Steve Breitenbach	Tom Burgoyne (head usher), David Bundy, Chris Langdon, Joe Gotwals, Linda Stanhope

Calendar for the Week of April 10, 2011

Sunday April 10	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 First Forum, Poling Chapel Kirk Ringers/Singers, upstairs - Room 20 Youth Orchestra, Ipsen's Home Vespers, Poling Chapel JHYG, Friendship Hall SHYG, Friendship Hall
Monday April 11	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:45 p.m.	Men's News Group, Poling Conference Room Klokken Ringers, Poling Conference Room Concerned for Hungry, Assembly Hall Tower Ringers, Poling Conference Room
Tuesday April 12	10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	Morning Prayer, Dykstra Chapel Support & Care, Poling Conference Room Standing Committees, Various Locations Consistory, Assembly Hall
Wednesday April 13	9:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	Kerygma, Poling Conference Room Archives Group, Archives Room Lenten Dinner, Assembly Hall Lenten Classes, Various Locations Lenten Communion Service, Sanctuary
Thursday April 14	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
Palm Sunday April 17	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. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Musical/HS Choir, Music Office Worship, Sanctuary Post Service Refreshments, Assembly Hall First Forum, Poling Chapel Kirk Ringers/Singers, upstairs - Room 20 Youth Orchestra, Ipsen's Home Vespers, Poling Chapel JHYG, Friendship Hall Confirmation Class, Schermerhorn SHYG, Friendship Hall

***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.



April 10, 2011

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steps to God
as if they are our
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