

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.



PENTECOST SUNDAY

June 12, 2011

Is your cell phone on?

9:40 a.m.

VOLUNTARY

Chorale Prelude on

“Come, oh Come, Thou Quickening Spirit” (1950)

Flor Peeters

Settings of the “Veni Creator”

1. *Partita (1954)*

Flor Peeters

2. *Improvisation (1956)*

John Cook

10:00 a.m.

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

GREETING

Daniel Carlson

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WORSHIP ORIENTATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bill Levering

INTROIT

Spirit Divine, Inspire Our Prayer

Grafenburg

*HYMN #128

On Pentecost They Gathered

Munich

*PRAYER FOR PENTECOST

Holy Spirit, Creator, in the beginning you moved over the waters.

From your breath all creation drew life,

without you, life turns to dust.

Come, Holy Spirit!

Holy Spirit, Counselor, by your inspiration,

the prophets spoke and acted in faith.

You clothed them in power to be bearers of your Word.

Come, Holy Spirit!

Holy Spirit, Power, you came as fire to Jesus' disciples;
you clothed them in strength to be bearers of your Word.

Come, Holy Spirit!

Holy Spirit, Comforter, you created us to become children of God;
you make us the living temple of your presence;
you intercede within us with sighs too deep for words.

Come, Holy Spirit!

Holy Spirit, Advocate,
you guide and make holy the church you create;
you give gifts –

the spirit of wisdom and understanding,

the spirit of counsel and fortitude,

the spirit of knowledge and piety,

the spirit of the fear of the Lord,

that the whole creation may become what you want it to be.

Come, Holy Spirit!

Holy Spirit, enter our lives with the power of a mighty wind.

Wash away our sin and mend our brokenness.

Kindle within us the fire of your love and burn away our apathy.

Open the horizons of our minds by the flame of your wisdom.

Loosen our tongues to speak of peace and praise.

Amen.

***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.

***PASSING THE PEACE**



ANTHEM *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* Robert Campbell

Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life anew,
That I may love what Thou dost love, and do what Thou would'st do.

Breathe on me, breath of God, until my heart is pure,
Until with Thee I will one will, to do or to endure.

Breathe on me, breath of God, till I am wholly Thine,
Till all this earthly part of me glows with Thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, breath of God, so shall I never die;
But live with Thee the perfect life of Thine eternity.

Edwin Hatch

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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Rob Dickson

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

FIRST LESSON *Numbers 11:24-30 (page 129)*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND LESSON *Acts 2:1-21 (page 141)*

SERMON *Lost in Translation* Bill Levering

+ + + **The Response to the Word** + + +

*HYMN #126 *Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove* St. Agnes

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Jubilation* William Melton
Tower Ringers

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

MINUTE FOR MISSION *Pride Parade* Wales Brown

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 #426 *Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak* Canonbury

*CHORAL RESPONSE *Threefold Amen* Danish

*POSTLUDE *Chorale Prelude on "Come, Holy Ghost"* Flor Peeters

*The congregation may stand.

Music Notes

Today is the last Sunday for participation of the Chancel Choir (Anthem) and Tower Ringers (Offertory) in our Sunday services until Fall. We thank all of our musical groups for their dedicated service throughout the church year and look forward to a wide variety of vocal and instrumental music over the summer.

Pentecost Celebrations

Today is Pentecost, the celebration of the descent of the Spirit and the beginning of the church.

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: *Roland Carreker,*

Bernetta Cronk, Mandalay Grem, Walter Kozak, Rev. Donald Troost, and Grance Vandewater.

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.

Celebratory or Memorial Flowers

The Chancel Guild has a flower calendar for 2011 on the right side of the Poling House entrance to the sanctuary. We encourage you to choose an open date for donating flowers to remember a loved one or to honor a special event. After signing up on the calendar, please inform the office. The cost of the flowers is \$30 for the two bouquets unless something special is requested. You may send your check for \$30 payable to Chancel Guild, c/o Marlene Risseeuw, 2140 Niskayuna Dr., Niskayuna, NY 12309-4126.



Eternal Rest

Julia Amelia Jackson Phillips entered into eternal rest on Monday, June 6. A funeral service will be held on Monday, June 13 at 1pm in the Poling Chapel.

Summer Refreshment Sign-up

Beginning Father's Day, June 19 whenever possible, our post service refreshments will be served in the garden. Won't you consider signing up for refreshments one of those Sundays? A sign-up sheet will be on the Bulletin Board in Assembly Hall with plenty of spaces for you to add your name. A sheet with "how to" suggestions will be there, too. Thanks!

Jazz Vespers Every Sunday, 5pm

Today – 'Azzaam Hameed, piano

June 19 – Peg Delaney, piano; Bill Delaney, bass; Tom D'Andrea, drums

June 26 – Yuko Kishimoto, piano

Faith Bookshop

On the Bookshop's feature table today (look for the American flags), you'll find books relating to people and events, past and present, that have affected events in our country's history.

For summer picnics, there are sturdy, unisex aprons, perfect for the grill master, books to entertain youngsters at the gathering and delightful note cards for a follow-up thank you.

Johnson Library

Reference to Martin Luther in last week's sermon and the singing of "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God," sent me to the library shelves looking for information about its author and that monumental hymn. On the library display table this morning are biographies of Luther. A book, *Songs of Glory*, by William Reynolds, gives a short story about favorite hymns and how they came to be written—some on the battlefield, some in jail, and one on a wagon train West. Martin Luther's hymn's story is on page 10.

When seeking references to Bill's recounting of Horatio's lines in *Hamlet*, during last Sunday's sermon, I came across what appears to be Dean Dykstra's college copy of Shakespeare's plays, underlining and all.

God in the News Adult Bible Study

There will be no God in the News Adult Bible Study today, or through the coming summer weeks. But as you read the newspaper and listen to the TV news, keep asking these questions: Do the headlines remind me of stories or passages from scripture? How do I see God at work in the world, in the headlines, in the news? How am I called to respond, as a follower of Christ, to the stories I read in the news?

Consistory Meeting Date Change

Beginning in June Standing Committees will meet at 6:30pm; Consistory will meet at 7:30pm.

Great Consistory Meets Today

Former Elders and Deacons are invited to join us for brunch at the Stockade Inn after worship today for the semi-annual meeting of the Great Consistory. We will share fellowship and news of upcoming excitement here at First Reformed. Spouses are welcome. WE have room for 5 more. The cost is \$25 per person for the expanded brunch buffet.

Schenectady/Nijkerk Potluck

The Schenectady/Nijkerk Council invites you to a Potluck Supper followed by an evening performance by Kapriol', a group of four Dutch musicians visiting from the Netherlands Wednesday, June 15, 6pm in Assembly Hall. The concert will take place in Poling Chapel at 7pm. Bring your favorite potluck meat dish, vegetable, salad or dessert to share. Beverage will be provided. We will also hear about the recent Schenectady trip to Nijkerk from those who went. This is a family event, children welcome. Contact Laura Lee Linder, 882-6866, or Connie Colangelo, 374-7355 with questions.

Stephen Ministry Picnic

All Stephen Ministers--active and inactive--are invited to our annual June picnic dinner, 6pm Wednesday, June 15, at the home of Karlyne and Nelson Drimalas (211 Placid Dr., Schenectady). Call Linnea D'Andrea 371-8313, or Karlyne 356-3624 by Monday, June 13, to confirm your attendance. Bring a lawn chair as well

as a salad, appetizer, or dessert and beverage of your choice to share. Spouses or significant others are also welcome to this event.

Group VII

On Friday, June 17 at 11:30am Group VII will meet at the home of Carol Schweizer for our annual picnic. If there are any questions please contact Veronica Bartholic at 393-7679.

First Forum

June 19 – Advocating for Youth at Risk-CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) Cheyle Lavalle and Regina White, coordinators of the Schenectady CASA Program. CASA Workers are appointed by Family Court Judge to follow cases where children need advocacy in Court regarding treatment, visitation, custody, etc...

First Forum 2011-2012

The aim of First Forum is to provide stimulus to the congregation on current events or issues important to the community and world at large, through informative presentations and conversation. We work with Adult Education and Nurture, M&B and other committees; suggestions for programs are welcome from any member. Kindly contact Daniel Carlson or Joe Doolittle.

Tuesday Ladies

Meetings are every third Tuesday at 7:30pm at Connie Young's home. All ladies are welcome. Please call Connie 393-7061 if any questions.

Church School

Has wrapped up for the year but our work continues! There will be a special Teacher's Workshop/Training, Thursday, June 23 from 7pm - 8:30pm.

Bill Levering, Lynn Gilgore & Jamie Ipsen will provide you with everything you need to know in order to be a fabulous teacher in our program next fall! And yes, dessert will be served! Anyone 18 or older is welcome to join us. The only requirements are a willing heart and a helping hand. Call the church office to register 377-2201.

Faith with a Twist June 23

This group, geared toward young adults in their 20s and 30s, meets on the fourth Thursday of the month at 7pm at the Van Dyck Restaurant and Lounge for casual, open-minded conversation about faith, spirituality, God, and life. Participants need not be church members; in fact, we encourage people from a variety of backgrounds to attend and enliven our discussion! Please contact Stacey Midge if you have questions, would like to attend, or know someone who might like to receive an invitation.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

SICM Healthy Homes –Healthy People program. Saturday, June 25, 10-2pm at SICM Food Pantry parking lot, 839 Albany Street. BRING compact fluorescent lights, toxic cleaners, paints, paint thinners and strippers, lawn and garden chemicals, pesticides, small propane tanks. DON'T bring electronics, TV's, computers and accessories, empty aerosol and paint cans, large propane tanks, explosives, ammunition, medical waste. For information call 258-4846.

Wednesday Dialog

There will not be any meetings June – September. Meetings will resume in October.

Summer Cultural Frolic

Come enjoy picnicking and watching the New York City Ballet on the lawn at SPAC on Saturday, July 16!

Where: We'll meet at the SPAC box office at 6:30pm to purchase lawn tickets for the ballet and then enjoy a leisurely picnic on the grounds before the ballet begins at 8pm. The program will feature *Jewels*, a three-act ballet with music by Faure, Stravinsky, and Tchaikovsky and choreography by George Balanchine.

Cost: Lawn tickets are \$20 per person. Children 12 and under are admitted free onto the lawn when accompanied by an adult with a paid lawn ticket.

What to Bring: Bring your picnic food, lawn chairs, and blankets, etc.

How to Sign Up: Call Leah Kidwell-Fernandes at 383-2167 or email leah@upstateharpist.com. Please provide a phone number at which you can be reached on the day of the event if the weather doesn't cooperate with our outdoor plans.

Carpooling: Those interested in carpooling to SPAC will meet at 5:45pm at the home of Leah Kidwell-Fernandes (4 Candiwood Ct. in Clifton Park).

New Evening Group

Alida Rice would like to start an evening fellowship group that meets at church. Individuals will work on craft, knitting, needlework, or cross-stitch and chat over snacks. If you are interested, please email Alida Rice at rice.alida@yahoo.com with a time suggestion.

Camp Fowler Scholarship Fund

During the Stockade Walkabout in September the Youth Education Committee will be selling hand knit scarves to benefit the Camp Fowler Scholarship Fund. Summer is a good time to work up a few scarves as you relax in your Adirondack chair! If you are a knitter, please consider donating a scarf or two to our sale. Call Jamie Ipsen with any questions 399-6848.

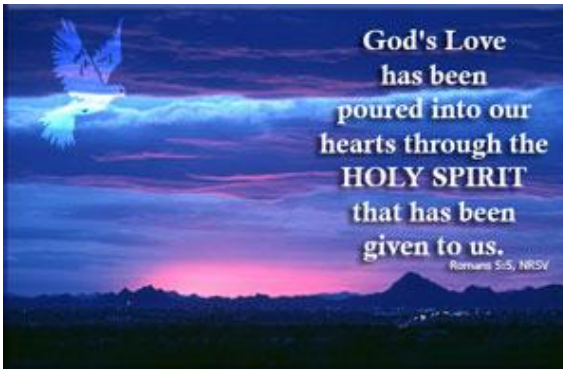
CRTC Upcoming Programs

Thus Says the Lord: Listening to the Prophets, Old Testament II, with Rev. Dr. Beth Tanner, Niskayuna Reformed, Begins July 21, A Lay Theological Education Program 20-hour course.

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

Summer VBS

August 8–12 is Psalm Trees Summer Vacation Bible School. Each afternoon from 3–5pm there will be crafts, games, skits, readings and a healthy snack. Kids from ages 5-95 are invited to participate. Call the church office to register 377-2201. Helpers are also needed.



	This Sunday	Next Sunday
Counting Deacons	Richard Gardner, Susan Zeltmann	Tom Burgoyne, Darwin Brudos
Faith Bookshop	Bill Clock	Nancy Wainwright
First Forum	Coffee & Conversation	Advocating for Youth at Risk – CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates)
Flower Delivery	Chris & Leah Fernandes, Mark & Sharon Swain	Joyce & Ray Beland, Sandy & Howard Conover
Kinderwyck	Sarah Bachorik, Evans	Sarah Bachorik, Steve Breitenbach
Liturgist	Daniel Carlson	Daniel Carlson
Preacher	Bill Levering	Bill Levering
Procession Elders	Gene Zeltmann, Gay Doolittle, Maria Greskovich, Peggy King, Bill Rochelle, Gerry Griggs	Veronica Bartholic, Linda Ward, Catherine Lewis, Darwin Brudos, Phil Falconer, Linda Witkowski
Reader	Rob Dickson	Leah Kidwell-Fernandes
Refreshments	Mary Jewett	
Ushers	Earl Wainwright (head usher), David Bundy, Chris Langdon, Joe Gotwals, Linda Stanhope	Mike Beals (head usher), Cathy Allen, Robert Allen, Joe Gallagher, Maurice Robbins

Calendar for the Week of June 12, 2011

Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
June 12	10:00 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary
	11:00 a.m.	Post Service Refreshments, Assembly Hall
	11:15 a.m.	Great Consistory Brunch, Stockade Inn
	5:00 p.m.	Vespers, Poling Chapel
Monday	9:00 a.m.	Men's News Group, Poling Conference Room
June 13		
Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer, Dykstra Chapel
June 14	11:00 a.m.	Support & Care, Offsite
	6:30 p.m.	Standing Committees, Various Locations
	7:30 p.m.	Consistory, Assembly Hall
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	Kerygma, Poling Conference Room
June 15	7:00 p.m.	Book Discussion, Poling Conference Room
Thursday	11:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting, Assembly Hall
June 16	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts, Assembly Hall
Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary
Father's Day	11:00 a.m.	Coffee & Conversation, Assembly Hall
June 19	11:15 a.m.	First Forum, Poling Chapel
	5:00 p.m.	Vespers, Poling Chapel

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
Thomas Burgoyne
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.



June 12, 2011

***Fluttering fire of bright
sparks
catching spirits
on the way***

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