

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 will remain in the service today to worship with the congregation. Church School will resume the second Sunday of September. Don't forget Vacation Bible School August 8-12!

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.

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.

Trinity Sunday
June 19, 2011
Is your cell phone on?

9:40 a.m.

VOLUNTARY

Atonal Variations on "Trinity" (1973)
Settings of "O Trinity of Blessed Light"

Hampson A. Sisler

1. *Chorale Prelude (1956)*

Flor Peeters

2. *Prelude (1984)*

Lester H. Groom

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

*HYMN #138 *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!* Nicaea

OUR NEED FOR GOD (*unison*)

O Lord our God, you know us better than we know ourselves. As we come before you now, believers and doubters alike, we all share a deep need. Search us, O God, and know our hearts, test us and know our troubled thoughts. Give us a desire for repentance. Forgive us all our wrongs and transform us by your Spirit we pray. Amen.

*GOD'S FORGIVING LOVE

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

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(from Our Song of Hope)*

**We sing to our Lord a new song;
We sing in our world a sure Hope:
Our God loves this world,
God called it into being,
God renews it through Jesus Christ,
God governs it by the Spirit.
God is the world's true Hope.**

ORDINATION and INSTALLATION of DEACONS and ELDERS

Deacon: Richard Davis, Claire Hughes

Elder: Mary Alice Jewett

*PASSING THE PEACE

MUSICAL OFFERING

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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Leah Kidwell-Fernandes

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

FIRST LESSON

2 Corinthians 13:11-13 (page 186)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 28:16-20 (page 34)

SERMON

A Trinity of Blessing

Bill Levering

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

*HYMN #139

Come, Thou Almighty King

Italian Hymn

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*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.

*HYMN #132 *Come, Great God of All the Ages* Abbot's Leigh

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *Sortie on "Laus Deo" (1956)* Norman Gilbert

*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:

Dorothy Van Leeuwen

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 Bill Dotter from Elsie Dotter and Diane and Maury Robbins. 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

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.

Summer Refreshment Sign-up

Beginning today 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 table 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 – Peg Delaney, piano; Bill Delaney, bass; Tom D'Andrea, drums

June 26 – Yuko Kishimoto, piano

July 3 – Nat Phipps, piano, Pete Toigo, bass; Tom D'Andrea, drums

July 10 – 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.

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?

First Forum

Today – Advocating for Youth at Risk-CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) Cheyle Lavelle 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.

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 her at rice.alida@yahoo.com.

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.

Camp Fowler Golf Classic

Join the Inaugural Capital District Fowler Golf Classic at the Edison Club. Be a participant or a sponsor or both. Registration begins at 11am, shotgun start, boxed lunch at noon with a BBQ supper, prizes, and raffle at 4:30pm. For further information go to www.campfowler.org under fundraising.

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).

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.

	This Sunday	Next Sunday
Counting Deacons	Tom Burgoyne, Darwin Brudos	Darwin Brudos, Douglas Todd
Faith Bookshop	Nancy Wainwright	Linda Witkowski
First Forum	Advocating for Youth at Risk – CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates)	Coffee & Conversation
Flower Delivery	Joyce & Ray Beland, Sandy & Howard Conover	Jan Dyer, Sandy & Howard Conover
Kinderwyck	Sarah Bachorik, Steve Breitenbach	Sarah Bachorik, Kerwin
Liturgist	Daniel Carlson	Daniel Carlson
Preacher	Bill Levering	Daniel Carlson
Procession Elders	Veronica Bartholic, Linda Ward, Catherine Lewis, Darwin Brudos, Phil Falconer, Linda Witkowski	Veronica Bartholic, Bob Beadle, Carolyn Jones-Assini, Peggy King, Darwin Brudos, Bill Rochelle, Linda Witkowski
Reader	Leah Kidwell-Fernandes	Lynne Gilgore
Refreshments		
Ushers	Mike Beals (head usher), Cathy Allen, Robert Allen, Joe Gallagher, Maurice Robbins	Del Pierce (head usher), Glenn Blinckmann, Carol Troost, Karen Dickson

Calendar for the Week of June 19, 2011

Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary
Father's Day	11:00 a.m.	Post Service Refreshments, Assembly Hall
June 19	11:15 a.m.	First Forum, Poling Chapel
	5:00 p.m.	Vespers, Poling Chapel
Monday	9:00 a.m.	Men's News Group, Poling Conference Room
June 20		
Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer, Dykstra Chapel
June 21	7:30 p.m.	Tuesday Ladies, Connie Young's Home
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts, Assembly Hall
June 23		
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
June 26	10:00 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary
	11:00 a.m.	Post Service Refreshments, Assembly Hall
	5:00 p.m.	Vespers, Poling Chapel

***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.



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**Summer still
waters
of grace
bring us back
home**

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