

# 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 after the service 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.

## **Summer Child Care on Sunday**

Childcare for babies through age four is available from 10-11:15am 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 refreshments in the Huntley Garden. 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](http://1stReformed.com) one or two days following the service.

**Second Sunday after Pentecost**

June 26, 2011

*Is your cell phone on?*

9:40 a.m.

**VOLUNTARY**

*Two Preludes and a Setting of "So Nimm den meine Hande"*

*Abbott's Leigh*  
*Three Pieces for Organ*

Don Freudenburg  
Carol D.N. Klein  
Robert Paoli

10:00 a.m.

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

**GREETING**

Bill Levering

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**

Daniel Carlson

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

**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 for your grace. Give us a desire for repentance. Forgive us all our wrongs. 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 *Apostles' Creed (traditional)*

**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.**

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Susan Moses, Patrick Paoletti and Deborah Troost

PRESENTATION AND PROMISES OF NEW MEMBERS

\*PROMISE OF THE CONGREGATION

Do you promise to love, encourage and support these sisters and brother by teaching the gospel of God's love, by being an example of faith and character and by giving the strong support of God's family in fellowship, prayer, and service?

**We do.**

\*BLESSING AND WELCOME

We are ambassadors for Christ. We are the salt of the earth; we are the light of the world. Welcome our sisters and brother in Christ.

**Joyfully we receive you. Join with us as we give witness in the world to the good news, for we are all one in Christ Jesus. Alleluia.**

\*PASSING THE PEACE

MUSICAL OFFERING *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot* Spiritual

Swing low, sweet chariot, Comin' for to carry me home.

I looked over Jordan and what did I see? A band of angels comin' after me.

I'm sometimes up and I'm sometimes down, But still my soul feels heaven bound.

If you get there before I do, Tell all my friends I'm comin' too!

Wallis Willis

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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Lynne Gilgore

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

FIRST LESSON

*Philippians 4:4-7 (page 198)*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND LESSON

*Psalms 13 (page 494)*

SERMON

*Complaining to God*

Daniel Carlson

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

\*HYMN #168 *Lord, Why Have You Forsaken Me*

Conditor Alme Siderum

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Come Holy Spirit, Come*

Sacred Harp

Come, Holy Spirit, come, With energy divine,  
And on this poor, benighted soul, With beams of mercy shine.

From the celestial hills, Light, life, and joy dispense;  
And may I daily, hourly feel Thy quickening influence.

Melt, melt this frozen heart; This stubborn will subdue;  
Each evil passion overcome, And form me all anew.

Mine will the profit be, But thine shall be the praise;  
And unto thee I will devote The remnant of my days.

\*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 #274

*O God of Earth and Space*

Leoni

## \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### \*POSTLUDE

*Fanfare March*

Thomas Donahue

\*The congregation may stand

### **New Members**

It is with great joy that we welcome this morning into confessing membership Susan Moses, Patrick Paoelli and Deborah Troost.

### **Music Notes**

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot was first written by Wallis Willis, a Choctaw freedman in the old Indian Territory sometime before 1862.

### **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: *Robert Marshall and Richard McLane*.

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**

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.

### **Jazz Vespers Every Sunday, 5pm**

**Today** – Yuko Kishimoto, piano

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

**July 10** – Yuko Kishimoto, piano

### **Summer Refreshment Sign-up**

Whenever possible this season our post service refreshments are served in the garden. Please consider signing up to bring refreshments one Sunday this summer! A sign-up sheet with suggestions is on the refreshment table.

### **Faith Bookshop**

The Bookshop will be open today before and after the church service.

### **Canal Days, July 9 and 10**

Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site  
There will be a wide variety of family fun activities at Schoharie Crossing's Canal Days event including live music, yummy food, carnival games, and old time engine show and side show attractions. But two events of interest to First Reformed Church members are: Joe Doolittle presenting "Mohawk Valley Stories" at noon on Saturday, July 9 and a Civil War Era non-denominational religious service presented by reenactor Richard Christman at 11am on Sunday, July 10, followed by a Native American Thanksgiving Address and flute/guitar music with David Cornelius and Eric Marczak. For more information, please call Tricia Shaw at 829-7516 or [Tricia.Shaw@oprhp.state.ny.us](mailto:Tricia.Shaw@oprhp.state.ny.us).

### **Camp Fowler Golf Classic**

Join the Inaugural Capital District Fowler Golf Classic at the Edison Club on Monday, July 11. 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](http://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](mailto: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).

### **Faith with a Twist July 28**

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 for casual, open-minded conversation about faith, spirituality, God, and life. Participants need not be church members; we encourage people from a variety of backgrounds to attend and enliven our discussion! Please contact Stacey Midge if you have questions.

### **Vacation Bible School**

Mark your calendar for Summer VBS Psalm Trees on Aug 8-12 from 3 - 5pm. There will be games, skits, songs, crafts and a healthy snack each day. Ages 5-95 are welcome! Call the church office to register 377-2201.

### **Barbeque & Pool Party**

Join us for a Family Barbeque and Pool Party on August 13 from 12-4pm. This fun event will be hosted by Heather and Andy Chestnut (1286 Wendell Ave, Schenectady). Signup in Assembly Hall or call the church office as reservations are required. There will be a \$5 charge for adults to defray costs. Please bring an appetizer, side dish or dessert to share. Hamburgers, hotdogs and beverages will be provided. If you have questions contact Heather 346-7887.

### **Hand Knit Scarves**

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  | Darwin Brudos, Douglas Todd  |   |
| Faith Bookshop    | Linda Witkowski  | Roberta Blackmer                        |
| Flower Delivery   | Jan Dyer,<br>Michelle & Artie Smallwood  | Mary Jane Fisher,<br>Ellen & Mike Beals |
| Kinderwyck        | Sarah Bachorik,<br>Kerwin  | Sarah Bachorik,<br>Joanne Bedell        |
| Liturgist         | Bill Levering  | Daniel Carlson                          |
| Preacher          | Daniel Carlson   | Bill Levering                           |
| Procession Elders | Veronica Bartholic, Bob Beadle,<br>Carolyn Jones-Assini,<br>Peggy King, Darwin Brudos,<br>Bill Rochelle, Linda Witkowski |   |
| Reader            | Lynne Gilgore  | Chris Fernandes                         |
| Refreshments      | Natalie & Dick Davis,<br>Veronica Bartholic  | Virginia Laumeister                     |
| Ushers            | Del Pierce (head usher),<br>Glenn Blinckmann, Carol Troost,<br>Karen Dickson, Rob Dickson                                |   |

### Calendar for the Week of June 26, 2011

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| Sunday   | 10:00 a.m. | Worship, Sanctuary                        |
| June 26  | 11:00 a.m. | Post Service Refreshments, Huntley Garden |
|          | 5:00 p.m.  | Vespers, Poling Chapel                    |
| Monday   | 9:00 a.m.  | Men's News Group, Poling Conference Room  |
| June 27  | 6:30 p.m.  | Creation Care Committee, Mezzanine        |
| Tuesday  | 10:00 a.m. | Morning Prayer, Dykstra Chapel            |
| June 28  | 7:30 p.m.  | Tuesday Ladies, Connie Young's Home       |
| Thursday | 7:00 p.m.  | Boy Scouts, Assembly Hall                 |
| June 30  |            |   |
| Sunday   | 10:00 a.m. | Worship with Communion, Sanctuary         |
| July 3   | 11:00 a.m. | Post Service Refreshments, Huntley Garden |
|          | 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.*



June 26, 2011

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

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