

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 for 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 one or two days following the service.

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

July 10, 2011

9:40 a.m.

VOLUNTARY

Partita on Azmon

Three Processional Voluntaries

Paul Bouman

David Lasky

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 #339

Be Thou My Vision

Slane

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 *Our Song of Hope*

We are a people of hope waiting for the return of our Lord. God has come to us through the ancient people of Israel, as the true Son of God, Jesus of Nazareth, as the Holy Spirit at work in our world. Our Lord speaks to us now through the inspired Scriptures. Christ is with us day by day.

*PASSING THE PEACE

MUSICAL OFFERING

Cliff Brucker

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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Nancy Wainwright

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

FIRST LESSON

Matthew 13:1-9 (page 13)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 13:10-23 (page 14)

SERMON

OPEN

Daniel Carlson

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

*HYMN

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your
Word. Lord, let my heart be good soil, where
love can grow and peace is un-der-stood. When my heart is hard,
break the stone a-way. When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.
When my heart is lost, lead me on your way. Lord, let my heart,
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Cliff Brucker

*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 #391

Take My Life

Hendon

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Saraband

Barry Ferguson

*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: *Elmer Baldwin, Mary Jane Hasler, Roy Hershey, John Metcalf, III, Jim Shapland, Susan Staffa and Anne Shepherd Wemple.*

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 of your wishes so records can be kept correctly. If the date you want is already taken, it may be possible to share the chosen date by consulting with the other donor. 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.

Faith Bookshop

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

Jazz Vespers Every Sunday, 5pm

Today – Yuko Kishimoto, piano

July 17 – Peg Delaney, piano; Bill Delaney, bass; Tom D'Andrea, drums

July 24 – 'Azzaam Hameed, piano

July 31 – Peg Delaney, piano

Summer Refreshment Sign-up

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

Empty Containers

If you have brought something in a container and left it behind please come pick it up. You will find these empty containers in Assembly Hall.

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 under fundraising.

Summer Kerygma Catch-Up July 13

Any Wednesday Kerygma participants who would enjoy an informal time of sharing what you've been reading, seeing, considering this summer are invited to join Daniel Carlson in the Dirck Romeyn room, Wednesday, July 13 at 10am. Cupcakes and coffee will be provided!

Wednesday Potluck July 13

All are invited to bring something edible to share and join us in Assembly Hall at 6pm for a leisurely meal.

Contemplative Communion July 13

All are welcome to the serenity of this brief service of song, silence and the Lord's supper on Wednesday July 13 at 7:30pm in the sanctuary chancel. Another service will be held in August, the date TBA. Questions may be addressed to Daniel Carlson.

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.

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: Picnic food, lawn chairs, bug spray, binoculars, and blankets, etc.

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

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.

Summer Lunch Volunteers

Its summer, and that means that once again we'll be volunteering to feed hungry kids through SICM's Summer Lunch program! We will be covering one week this year: July 18-22 at Wallingford Park. We will need 2-4 volunteers each day, from approximately 11:30-1:30pm. Please sign up by emailing or calling the church office.

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.

Capital Region Theological Center (CRTC) News

Empathy in Action: Intro to Pastoral Care, with Rev. William Grosch, M.D., Lynnwood Reformed, begins September 8. A Lay Theological Education Program 20-hour course.

Canoeing Through Creation, with Rev. Kent Busman, Mon, Sept. 12-Thursday Sept. 15, Camp Fowler. Get away into the beautiful Adirondacks for hiking, canoeing, and theological reflection on the care of God's good creation.

Save the Date! Monday, October 3 CRTC's Fall Event at Glen Sanders Mansion in Scotia! Keynote Speaker Barbara Wheeler, Director of the Center for the Study of Theological Education (CSTE) and Former President, Auburn Seminary, Author and Award-winning Educator. A great time- Don't miss it!

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 2011. Scholarships and group discounts available for most classes; please contact us for an application.

	This Sunday	Next Sunday
Counting Deacons	Lisa Etkin, Leah Kidwell-Fernandes	
Faith Bookshop	Committee Member	Nancy Wainwright
Flower Delivery	Sarah & Michael Collins, Erika Zampella	Donna & Dave Bundy, Rhonda & John Phillips
Kinderwyck	Sarah Bachorik, Kerwin	Sarah Bachorik, Evans
Liturgist	Bill Levering	Stacey Midge
Preacher	Daniel Carlson	Daniel Carlson
Procession Elders	Rob Dickson, Phillip Falconer, Jerry Griggs, Dan Ipsen, Peggy King	
Reader	Nancy Wainwright	Anne Putnam
Refreshments	Alida Rice. Deborah Troost	Elaine Springsted, Betty Bumgarner
Ushers	Earl Wainwright (head usher), Kip Arnold, Joanne Arnold, Philip Yourno, William Faulkner, Louis Acquasanta	Harlene Bachorik & Bill Clock (head ushers), Nicholas Blinkmann, Louis Acquasanta, Jeff Cox, William Faulkner, Art Shultes

Calendar for the Week of July 10, 2011

Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary
July 10	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
July 11		
Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer, Dykstra Chapel
July 12		
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Kerygma, Dirck Romeyn Room
July 13	1:00 p.m.	Archives Group, Archives Room
	6:00 p.m.	Wednesday Potluck, Assembly Hall
	7:30 p.m.	Contemplative Communion, Sanctuary
Saturday	6:30 p.m.	Summer Cultural Frolic
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***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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