

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.

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 17, 2011

9:40 a.m.

VOLUNTARY

Elegy

Trio

Prelude in G Minor

Master Tallis's Testament

Robin Orr

Peter Racine Fricker

John Gardner

Herbert Howells

10:00 a.m.

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

GREETING

Stacey Midge

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 #127

Come, O Spirit

Boundless Mercy

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

Stacey Midge

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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Anne Putnam

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

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 51:10-12 (page 520)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND LESSON

Romans 8:1-11 (page 157)

SERMON

Liberated for Life

Daniel Carlson

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

*HYMN #316

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Trentham

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Stacey Midge

*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 #411

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

Festal Song

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Fanfare

Kenneth Leighton

*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: Ida May Bacon and Marvin Humphrey.

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 our brother, Fred Wescott and stepmother, Claribel Wescott Linder by Ann and Emile Walraven and Clarence Linder. 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 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.

Jazz Vespers Every Sunday, 5pm

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

July 24 – 'Azzaam Hameed, piano

July 31 – Peg Delaney, piano

August 7 – Nat Phipps, piano

August 14 – Yuko Kishimoto, piano

August 21 – Paul Mastriani, piano; Bill Delaney, bass; Tom D'Andrea, drums

August 28 – 'Azzaam Hameed, piano

Faith Bookshop

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

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.

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	Joan Lindsay	
Faith Bookshop	Nancy Wainwright	Veronica Bartholic
Flower Delivery	Donna & Dave Bundy, Rhonda & John Phillips	Christine & Fred Daniels, Marilyn & Bob Beadle
Kinderwyck	Sarah Bachorik, Evans	Sarah Bachorik, Tani Breitenbach
Liturgist	Stacey Midge	Stacey Midge
Preacher	Daniel Carlson	Stacey Midge
Procession Elders		
Reader	Anne Putnam	Therese McCarty
Refreshments	Elaine Springsted, Betty Bumgarner	
Ushers	Harlene Bachorik & Bill Clock (head ushers), Nicholas Blinckmann, Louis Acquasanta, Jeff Cox, William Faulkner, Art Shultes	Mike Beals, Karlyne Drimalas, Nelson Drimalas Jeanne Shoulder, Griffin Laycock, Steve Breitenbach

Calendar for the Week of July 17, 2011

Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary
July 17	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 18		
Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer, Dykstra Chapel
July 19	7:30 p.m.	Tuesday Ladies, Connie Young's Home
Thursday	11:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting, Walton Conference Room
July 21		
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	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

Caroline Brooks, Linda Ward, Senior Elders

Fred H. Daniels, Treasurer

Joan Lindsay, Clerk

Elders

Carolyn Jones-Assini

Veronica Bartholic

Caroline Brooks

William Brooks

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Mary Alice Jewett

Keith Muse

Katherine Trimarco

Linda Ward

Eugene Zeltmann

Deacons

Darwin Brudos

Thomas Burgoyne

Rachael Cox

Richard Davis

Lisa Ettkin

Leah Kidwell-Fernandes

Claire Hughes

Joan Lindsay

Bill Martin

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.



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

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