

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.

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

August 7, 2011

Is your cell phone on?

9:40 a.m.

VOLUNTARY *Five Improvisations on Communion Hymns (1994)*
D. Lasky

1. *Land of Rest*
2. *Holy Manna*
3. *Adoro te Devote*
4. *Picardy*
5. *Let Us Break Bread*

10:00 a.m.

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

GREETING Daniel Carlson

The grace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WORSHIP ORIENTATION

CALL TO WORSHIP Bill Levering

*HYMN #376 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* Hyfrydol

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

ANTHEM *Your Hand, Though Hidden, Guides Us* St. Theodulph

Your hand, though hidden guides us by ways unseen, unknown,
Through all our restless searching on paths we think our own.
With silent step you hasten to meet us where we stray.
Then patiently you lead us along our pilgrim way.

Your hand, though hidden, heals us, as then, in Galilee,
You touched the bound, the burdened with grace that set them free.
Come now, O Lord, with healing for grief and pain and sin.
Come touch our lives with mercy and make us whole again.

Your hand, though hidden, holds us when all support is gone,
When earth's best help is futile and human strength undone.
Then, though the night close round us and wind and wave assail,
You grasp us in the darkness with love that does not fail.

Herman Steumpfle

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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Christine Daniels

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

FIRST LESSON

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND LESSON

SERMON *Tales From the Lake* Bill Levering

*HYMN #333 *Seek Ye First* Lafferty

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Jesus Took the Cup* Scottish Tune
arr. H. Hopson

Jesus took the bread, He took the bread and blest it,
Then gave it to his disciples, He gave it to them saying:
"Take and eat this bread. This bread is my own body,
Do this and remember, remember me and eat."

Jesus took the cup, He took the cup, gave thanks,
Then gave it to his disciples He gave it to them saying:

“Take and drink this cup, this cup is my own blood,
Do this and remember, remember me and drink.”
Thanks to God forever.

I Corinthians 11: 24 - 26

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION

Bill Levering

COMMUNION PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise!

SANCTUS (*sung in unison*)

Carl Steubing

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord God of Hosts, Heav'n and earth are full of thy
Glo - ry! Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord, Most High!

COMMUNION

After the choir comes forward, please quietly follow them down the center aisle starting from all the FRONT pews. Return by way of the side aisles. The servers will bring the elements to any who choose to remain seated.

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

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 #441

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

St. Thomas

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Grand Choeur

Theodore Salomé

*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: *Miriam Carreker, Thomas S. Getty, Helen Huff Lord, Drew Mills, James A. Ramsey, and John Senn.*

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 Lorraine Schulte Ebeling by Elyne Schulte. 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 Risseuw, 2140 Niskayuna Dr., Niskayuna, NY 12309-4126.

Jazz Vespers Every Sunday, 5pm

Today – Nat Phipps, piano; Tom Charlap, bass; Tom D’Andrea, drums
August 14 – TBA

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.

Vacation Bible School

Summer VBS - Psalm Trees starts Monday, Aug 8-12 from 3 - 5pm. There will be games, skits, songs, crafts and a healthy snack each day. Ages 5-95 are welcome!

Summer Kerygma Catch-Up Aug. 10

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, August 10 at 10am. Cupcakes and coffee will be provided!

Wednesday Potluck Aug. 10

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

Contemplative Communion Aug. 10

All are welcome to the serenity of this brief service of song, silence and the Lord's supper on Wednesday August 10 at 7:30pm in the sanctuary chancel. Questions may be addressed to Daniel Carlson.

Welcome the Covenanters!

Beginning Monday, August 15, our Covenanters will be moving in and preparing to start their year of service and community living with us. Thanks to all of you who have offered your furnishings and housewares to make a comfortable home for these young people! We still need: a bed, dressers, nightstands, kitchen towels, lamps, curtains/blinds, and full-sized bedding. We can also use assorted kitchen appliances, such as a coffee maker, toaster, blender, etc. Please contact Stacey Midge if you are willing to donate any of these items.

We will be having a moving day on Sunday, August 14 to pick up all of these furnishings and deliver them to the new house. We will gather after coffee hour to assign tasks, and work until everything is in the house. Any amount of time that you have to help out is greatly appreciated.

Faith with a Twist August 25

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.

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.

New Fellowship Group

Starting Thursday, September 8 from 6-8pm and every Thursday evening thereafter we will meet in the Mezzanine. If you are interested, please drop by. All are welcome. Contact Alida Rice at 280-3903 or rice.alida@yahoo.com for more information.

	This Sunday	Next Sunday
Counting Deacons	Leah Kidwell-Fernandes, Catherine Lewis	Tom Burgoyne, Richard Davis
Communion	Veronica Bartholic, Katherine Trimarco	
Faith Bookshop	Linda Witkowski	Roberta Blackmer
Flower Delivery	Gertrude & Dan Ertel, Cindy Hamilton	Virginia Laumeister, Roberta & Richard Blackmer
Kinderwyck	Sarah Bachorik, Tani Breitenbach	Sarah Bachorik, Kerwin
Liturgist	Daniel Carlson	Daniel Carlson
Preacher	Bill Levering	Bill Levering
Procession Elders	Veronica Bartholic, Katherine Trimarco, Roberta Blackmer, Rob Dickson, Gay Doolittle, Maria Greskovich	Daniel Ipsen, Mary Alice Jewett, Keith Muse, Darwin Brudos, Jerry Griggs, Linda Witkowski
Reader	Christine Daniels	Leah Kidwell-Fernandes
Refreshments	Gay Doolittle	Alida Rice, Betty Bumgarner
Ushers	Richard Davis, Joan Lindsay, Leah Kidwell-Fernandes, Claire Hughes, Michael Beals, Catherine Lewis	Mike Beals (head usher), Cathy Allen, Robert Allen, Joe Gallagher, Maurice Robbins

Calendar for the Week of August 7, 2011

Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Communion, Sanctuary
August 7	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
August 8	3:00 p.m.	VBS
Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer, Dykstra Chapel
August 9	3:00 p.m.	VBS
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Kerygma, Dirck Romeyn Room
August 10	1:00 p.m.	Archives Group, Archives Room
	3:00 p.m.	VBS
	6:00 p.m.	Potluck, Assembly Hall
	7:30 p.m.	Contemplative Communion, Sanctuary
Thursday	3:00 p.m.	VBS
August 11		
Friday	3:00 p.m.	VBS
August 12		
Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary
August 14	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.



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

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