

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.

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 14, 2011

Is your cell phone on?

9:40 a.m.

VOLUNTARY

Herr Christ, der einig Gottes Sohn

Dietrich Buxtehude

Largo from Concerto in D Minor

Vivaldi/Bach

Fantasy in C Major

J.S. Bach

Fantasy in A Minor

J.S. Bach

10:00 a.m.

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

GREETING

Dan Bailey

The grace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WORSHIP ORIENTATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bill Levering

*HYMN #416 *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

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

ARTISTIC OFFERINGS

Cliff Brucker, Dan Bailey

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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Leah Kidwell-Fernandes

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

FIRST LESSON

Psalms 67 (page 529)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 15:10-20, 21-28 (page 17)

SERMON

Eating Our Words

Bill Levering

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

*HYMN #357

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

Maryton

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 #389

O Jesus, I Have Promised

Nyland

*FAREWELL BLESSING

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Hornpipe

G.F. Handel

*The congregation may stand

Guest Organist

Edee Silva, a Colleague of the American Guild of Organists, will play while Charles Moose is on vacation.

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: *Lorraine Ebeling and Claribel Westcott Linder.*

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 Robert and Helen Lindsay by Tom and Joan Lindsay. 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.

Farewell From The Phillips

Dear Friends at FRC,
As this is our last Sunday worshipping in your midst as residents of the area, we wanted to say more than just, Good-bye. You have been an important part of our lives these past 23 years and we value having been part of this community of faith. We have enjoyed worshipping, studying and serving with you. Thank you for your love and support in so many ways.
Shalom,
Ruthellen & Dick

Our new contact information is:

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Jazz Vespers Every Sunday, 5pm

Today – Paul Mastriani, piano
August 21 – Paul Mastriani, piano; Bill Delaney, bass; Tom D’Andrea, drums
August 28 – ‘Azzaam Hameed, piano
September 4 – Nat Phipps, piano; Pete Toigo, bass; Tom D’Andrea, drums

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.

Summer Vacation

Rev. Carlson will be out of the office August 15 - September 6.

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 today, 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 Forming

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.

Welcome Back Picnic

September 11 after Church

Get your red hots right here! Hot dogs, hamburgers, and drinks are supplied. Our traditional kick-off picnic will be a chance to check in with old friends and get to know the new folks. Please bring a dish to share.

Climbing the Sycamore Tree Adult Bible Study

In these challenging economic times, God speaks. Let's listen together for his word and guidance, in the upcoming Adult Bible Study called *Climbing the Sycamore Tree*. Do we make everyday economic decisions based on our faith and the values Jesus taught, or have we been

influenced by the materialism of our culture? We'll explore gratitude, intentionality and the concept of simplicity, using the story of Zacchaeus as our inspiration— what you discover may surprise you!

This six-week course, led by Lynne Gilgore, will be held on Wednesday evenings from October 5-November 16 (excluding October 12), from 7:00-8:30pm in the Walton Conference Room.

BOOK REQUIRED— we'll read Chapter 1 before the first class. Class will include some home reading, group discussion, fun activities and a chance to get to know one another (and perhaps ourselves!) a little better. Sign up on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall or call the church office by September 19 in order to have your book in time.

FRC Book Sale October 16

Downsizing? Out of space? Looking for a good home for books you'd like to share with and pass on to others? Then donate your books to our book sale where, of course, you'll pick up more. Directly after church service on Sunday, October 16, Assembly Hall will be transformed into an autumn setting. Bring the books to the cloak room opposite Assembly Hall. One provision however, no text or computer books please! Because we need the week before this event to set it up, please donate your books by Sunday October 9. The sale is a lovely fall festival that we have enjoyed for many years.

We'll need people to help with sorting, setting up, helping on sale day, and providing refreshments. At our last sale the goodly number of volunteers made

quick work of the Saturday set up. If you want to help sort, set up, sell, and clean up, please call Linda Witkowski 374-7904.

Workshop Date Change

Plan to take part in the fall Congregational Workshop, called Faithful Consumption, which will be led by Kent Busman and Becky Hudak. Please note a change in date for the workshop: it will be held on Saturday, October 22, 2012, from 9am-3pm (not October 1, as earlier planned). We'll look at ways in which our daily choices as consumers are tied directly to our faith lives, affecting not only the world around us, but also who we are as followers of Jesus Christ. By taking greater care with our choices, can we grow in spiritual maturity? Stay tuned for more details.

Audio System Gift

We have received a generous anonymous gift to match any donation to upgrading the audio system. We are looking to raise about \$7,000 so this is a way of doubling your help.

Pictures for bulletin

We feature different pictures on our bulletin cover. If you have an inspirational favorite, send it in.

***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.



Spirit Island, Maligne Lake, Jasper National Park Canada

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

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