

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. After service join us in the Dirck Romeyn Room, to the left of the front of the sanctuary, for coffee and 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.

Child Care on Sunday

Childcare for babies through age four is available from 10am and noon in Kinderwyk, which is located in the building near the church office entry.

Church School

On Communion Sundays (the first Sunday of the month) youth in grades 3-8 remain in the service to participate in Communion while those in grades K-2 are welcome to go upstairs after the Children's Message for music and crafts.

Other Sunday's all children are welcome to join in our Church School activities by leaving immediately after the Children's Message. Parents can pick up their children at 11:15am on the 2nd floor at the top of the stairs.

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 Sunday 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 Assembly Hall. Visitors are welcomed and are particularly encouraged to visit the Dirck Romeyn Room to the left of the sanctuary for five or ten minutes.

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.

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 11, 2011

Is your cell phone on?

9:40 a.m.

VOLUNTARY

Duo for Flute and Piano (1971)

Flowing

Sonatine pour Flute and Piano (1937)

First Movement

Sicilienne

Jessie Brehm, Flute

Aaron Copland

Philippe Gaubert

Gabriel Fauré

10:00 a.m.

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

GREETING

The grace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Daniel Carlson

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WORSHIP ORIENTATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bill Levering

INTROIT

Psalm 122:1

Franklin G'vnn

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #115 *Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain*

OUR NEED FOR GOD (*unison*)

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, cleanse us from our frailties and failures. Deliver us from proud thoughts and empty desires, that with humble hearts we may draw near to you. Help us confess our faults, confide in your grace, and find refuge and strength for our lives. Amen.

*GOD'S FORGIVING LOVE

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE #579 *Glory Be to the Father* Gloria Patri

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Our Song of Hope*

In each year and in every place we expect the coming of Christ's Spirit. As we listen to the world's concerns, hear the cry of the

oppressed, and learn of new discoveries, God will give us knowledge, teach us to respond with maturity, and give us courage to act with integrity.

*PASSING THE PEACE

ANTHEM *Thou Knowest, Lord, the Secrets of Our Hearts*
Henry Purcell

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts;
shut not, shut not thy merciful ears unto our prayers;
but spare us, spare us Lord, most holy,
O God, O God, most mighty,
O holy and most merciful Father,
Thou most worthy Judge eternal,
suffer us not, suffer us not at our last hour for any pains of death,
for any pains of death to fall, to fall from Thee. Amen

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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Mary Alice Jewett
Guide us, O Lord, by your Word and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON *Exodus 14:19-31 (page 61)*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND LESSON *Mark 4:35-41 (page 39)*

SERMON *Shaking the Foundations* Bill Levering

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

*HYMN *When the Storms of Life Surround Me* Nettleton

When the storms of life surround me,
And the world seems dark and cold,
When the rain beats down upon me,
And the lightning stabs my soul,
I cry out to my Savior,
“Lord, help me, or I'll die!
Do you care not that the wind will
Push my frail boat toward the shoal?”
When the raging winds and tempest,

Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
God's voice that ruled them while he dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: begin the song of praise
On earth, believing, in the Lord on high;
Acknowledge hope in all thy words and ways,
Find yet a view beyond the passing sigh.
Be still, my soul: the Sun of life divine
Will break through clouds and ever brightly shine.

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE** Twofold Amen

***POSTLUDE** *Solemn Procession (1961)* Lloyd Webber

*The congregation may stand

Music Note

The last time this morning's anthem was sung by the Chancel Choir was ten years ago on Sunday, September 16, 2001. Henry Purcell wrote it as part of the music for the 1695 funeral of Queen Mary II, wife of William III who died in 1694. The words are from the Anglican burial service.

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:

Charlotte Ramsey and Richard L. Shuey.

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 memory of Norma Knapp Peterson by her daughter, Anne Peterson. 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.

Today! Church Wide Picnic

Everyone is invited to share in a delicious start of the new church school year. We will gather together following Worship! Drinks, hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided. Hope to see everyone there!

Faith Bookshop

Between hot dogs today you might enjoy browsing in the Bookshop. Parents, grandparents and anyone with young friends will find a wonderful selection of children's books on the back table. These new, unused books, many of them long-time favorites, were a donation to the Bookshop. You'll love the prices.

Books for the Wednesday evening Beuchner Book Group are in and can be purchased today. A copy of the study guide for the next Kerygma series is on display for perusal.

Schenectady Remembers Moving Toward Peace

9/11 Memorial Interfaith Commemoration Sunday, today, September 11 at 2 pm Veteran's Park (across from the Schenectady County Court House). This hour service, sponsored by the Schenectady County Clergy Association, will focus on the needs for peace. Islamic, Jewish, Hindu, and Christian leaders will participate. In case of rain, the service will be held at First United Methodist Church on 603 State Street.

Covenanters

Most of our Covenanters arrived and are moved in and ready to start their year of serving in local agencies in Schenectady. They are living together in a house at 1405 Union St.

Please welcome Chris Henry, Erin Winn and Kseniya Zhuzha as they join our community. Senad Ademaj will be arriving in October to complete the team.

Jazz Vespers Every Sunday, 5pm

Today – Paul Mastriani, piano
Sept. 18 – Peg Delaney, piano; Bill Delaney, bass; Tom D'Andrea, drums
Sept. 25 – 'Azzaam Hameed, piano

Church School-Starts Next Sunday

We are looking for teachers for the following: Fall: Grades 3-5 and Sept/Oct middle school - spring: grades 3-5 and middle school. No experience needed! Training is provided. High school student helpers are also welcome to join us! Call Jamie Ipsen if you are interested 399-6848.

Youth Music

We are looking for musicians! Any of the following groups are ready to absorb your talent and help you develop it in the process:

High School Choir, Youth Orchestra - all grades, but must have 2 yrs of lessons behind you.

Kirk Rings - grades 3-8.

Please contact Jamie Ipsen at 399-6848 or e-mail ipsens6@hotmail.com.

Fall for the bells at FRC!

The Handbells of FRC are getting ready to ring in the fall season with rehearsals beginning Monday, September 12 in the evenings. We gather to assign music, ringing positions and catch up with each other following the summer vacation. There continues to be possibilities for you to be part of this music program and now is the time to let us know your interest! All levels of music skills are invited to explore this exciting area of our music. On the job training is available and happily offered! Please contact Judy Moore at 383-6533 or moorebells@gmail.com.

New Kerygma Bible Study Starts Wednesday September 14

This fall a study of the church's first history book will be our focus: *The Acts of the Apostles*. All are welcome to share in the warm fellowship and lively discussions every Wednesday this fall, 9:30-11am, in the Poling Conference room. This Wednesday, September 14 the study guides, *Acts for Everyone*, written by N.T. Wright, will be available at the first class for \$20. Participants of this study should plan on completing seven short (daily) readings each week, which will become the grist for our Wednesday discussions. A sample copy of the study guide is available in the Faith Bookshop. Those with questions regarding this adult education opportunity may contact leader, Daniel Carlson.

Breakfast Bible Bunch Starts September 15

Dr. Levering will be leading an early morning Bible study Thursday mornings at 7:30am in the Walton Conference room. The Bible study will review a text to be used the following Sunday, expose a little background of the passage and mostly delve into its relevance to us. Coffee and carbs will be served. We will finish at 8:15 for those who work.

New Fellowship Group

Bring your crafts and join us in the Mezzanine from 6-8pm every Thursday evening. If you are interested, please drop by any Thursday. All are welcome. Contact Alida Rice at 280-3903 or rice.alida@yahoo.com for more information.

Thursday Stitch Group

We meet in the Poling Conference Room at 10am every Thursday. Dig out all those unfinished projects (crewel, cross-stitch, needle-point, tapestry, and quilting) or start a new project and stitch them to completion with others who like to stitch. Anyone wanting to darn socks or sew on buttons is welcome to join our group. Get your projects done in good company. No need to RSVP. For more info call Joan Lindsay at 399-3153.

Group VII

On Friday, September 16, 11:30am Group VII will meet for a luncheon at the Edison Club. Please contact Mary Jane Fisher 374-0964 if any questions.

Junior & Senior High Youth Groups

We will begin meeting WEEKLY on September 18 at 5pm with a Welcome Back Picnic. There will be games and mixers for the youth, and the parents will have an introductory meeting after we eat. All youth in grades 6-12 and their parents are invited to attend and asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Unless otherwise noted on the calendar, the **Junior High Youth Group** will meet at 5pm every Sunday for dinner, games, discussion, and other fun activities. Youth in grades 6-8 are welcome.

The Senior High Youth Group will meet separately on Sundays at 7pm beginning on September 25. All youth in grades 9-12 are welcome, and snacks will be provided.

Justice Action Council

Our next meeting is September 18 at noon in the Walton Conference Room. If you have ideas and the energy to support issues, or just want to learn more, please join us as we begin our second year. For more information, contact Claire Hughes 381-9241 or eclair63@gmail.com.

New Fall Bible Study

Wednesday evenings, October 5 – November 16, for a new Bible Study about choice and simplicity, called *Climbing the Sycamore Tree*. Based on the New Testament story of Zacchaeus, this course will help us explore a life of gratitude in response to the teachings of Jesus. Lynne Gilgore will lead fun activities, weekly reading, group discussion and time to get to know each other in new ways. Course will be held in the Walton Conference Room from 7-8:30pm (No class October 12). Please register by September 18 so books can be ordered for class. Sign-up sheet in Assembly Hall.

First Forum

We continue offering stimulating after worship speakers and programs tied to issues of contemporary social relevance, FRC's Mission and Ministry in the world and community, as well as, time to acknowledge special occasions within the church year.

Presentations begin in Poling Chapel at 11:15am, following coffee and conversation in Assembly Hall.

Sept. 18: FRC Missioner, Ms. Penny Holmes, new Executive Director, Hamilton Hill Arts Center.

Sept. 25: Seeking the Welfare

of our City – Covenanters Introduction and shared perspectives by Rev. Stacey Midge. Meet and dialogue with the energetic young folks, enthusing a new FRC Ministry.

Oct. 2: Coffee & Conversation
Note: 11:30am Every Member Connection Training

Every Member Connection

This fall, our congregation will engage on a challenging program to come together in faith. We are planning an exciting program that will connect with every member of the church.

We will talk about our connections to God, to our mission, and to each other. In a large, active congregation like ours, it is important to take the time to connect as often as we can.

We will get to know each other and also talk about our mutual support of the church. Already, lots of people have readily agreed to contact other people to talk about our life together.

Our theme for the program comes from Hebrews 10:24 "Let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together."

We hope that you will help with the program too by volunteering to contact just a few people and get to know them better. Of course a small percentage of our talk will be about our church budget and our mutual support, but that important part is not our entire focus. Really.

This fine effort is being headed up by chairman Andy Chestnut and archangels Walt Robb and Anne Putnam.

Tuesday Ladies

We will begin on September 20 at 7:30pm at Connie Young's home and every third Tuesday thereafter. Contact Connie 393-7061 if any questions.

Sharing the Sacred Journey

Two short books revealing the spiritual autobiography of Fredrick Beuchner will form the basis of a new group meeting for eight Wednesday evenings this fall, led by Cheryl and David Olsen and Mary and Daniel Carlson. The sessions, 7-8:30pm, will be held in the Dirck Romeyn room, beginning September 21. The first session will feature a DVD introducing this contemporary Christian author and teacher. Subsequent sessions presume participants will have read an assigned chapter in *Sacred Journey* or *Telling Secrets*, and will include discussions of Beuchner's writing as well as the invitation for each participant to reflect on and share related dimensions of their own respective sacred journey. Our Faith Bookshop now has a limited number of new copies at a discounted price. Questions regarding this journey may be directed to any of the leaders.

Stephen Ministry Meeting

All active Stephen Ministers are expected at the first meeting of our program year, Wednesday, September 21 at 7pm in Assembly Hall. Some community building, an overview of the program year and small group peer supervision are on the schedule for the evening. All Stephen Ministers with Care Receivers should bring their confidential updated (blue) contract record sheet(s) as well as their (yellow) check-in statement(s). Those Stephen Ministers unable to attend September's

meeting should contact Stephen Leaders, Linnea D'Andrea or Daniel Carlson. Regularly scheduled meetings will be held the third Wednesday of each month except Lent which is in March.

Faith with a Twist September 22

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.

Banket Bakers

In order to serve this delicious Dutch treat to our guests at the Stockade Walkabout, help is sought for shaping and baking the banket this Friday, September 23, from 6:30pm until about 9 or so in Assembly Hall. Those wishing to assist (and, of course, taste test) should contact Mary Alice Jewett 355-8059 or Gay Doolittle 399-0499.

Potluck Supper

Anyone desiring to share a supper with other members and friends is welcome to this informal monthly meal 6-7pm, in Assembly Hall, on September 28, October 26, and November 30. Registration is not required; simply bring some food you would enjoy sharing. As in years past, we'll clean up after ourselves in time for those wishing to attend the Sacred Journey class. If you have a question about these church suppers, contact Daniel Carlson.

Stockade Walkabout and FRC

Our church will be open Saturday, September 24 for the 52 Annual Stockade Walkabout from 11am-5pm. Come help welcome visitors to our architectural and historical landmark. Greeters/guides are needed for 3-hour shifts: 9:30-12:30, 12-3, 2:30-5:30, which includes help setting up, closing, and running taped background music. It's a great day of outreach, of sharing our story with hundreds of interested guests. Sign-up sheets and Walkabout brochures are on bulletin boards and hallway tables. Or call Laura Lee Linder 882-6866. Volunteers of at least 2½ hours will earn a free Walk Through History ticket.

Contemplative Communion

Beginning Wednesday, September 28, our intimate service of song, silence, and the Lord's supper held in the candlelit sanctuary chancel, resumes. Everyone is welcome to this time of quite individual contemplation followed by shared communion (with Perreca's bread, wine and grape juice) and prayers around the table any Wednesday this fall, from 8:30-9pm. Curious but tentative? Contact Daniel Carlson.

Boy Scouts of America

Our Troop 1 meets in Assembly Hall every Thursday at 7pm. We have monthly outings and are always looking for young men age 10.5 or older. The troop is led by Mike Collins, Bill Levering, and Shaun Paul Manore. Our troop does not discriminate on any basis and celebrates the international character of scouting. We also never sell stuff.

October 2 Jazz Vespers Celebration and Fund Raiser

If you have never come to a Jazz Vespers, this is the one for you! We will have all your favorites in one spot for a longer evening of fine entertainment. Peg, Bill, Natt, Pete, Paul, Tom. All the talent in the area will be present for a wiz bang time.

Carolyn Otterness

Sunday October 2 at 6pm Pot Luck

For the last four years, Rev. Dick Otterness and his wife Carolyn, (members of FRC) have been ministering to the Roma people. The Roma are among the poorest people on earth, and represent the largest ethnic minority (12 million) in Central and Eastern Europe. The Otternesses work in partnership with the Hungarian Reformed Church, with a primary goal of encouraging attitude changes and steps towards reconciliation in churches, organizations and individuals where ethnic and racial conflict exists either overtly or covertly between Roma and others. Join us for a time of informing conversation and fellowship, after Jazz Vespers.

Group V

Meeting: In the Dirck Romeyn room on Monday, October 3 at 11am, with speaker and sandwich lunch to follow. *Topic:* Archives and Historical Concerns. Laura Linder will speak to us about the use of our archives by many researchers. She will update us on the activities and needs of the committee. We will help with some photo identification. Bring a sandwich and dessert will be provided by the co hostesses. Contact Maria Greskovich or Mary Carlson with Questions. All women of the church and guest are welcome.

Prayer Shawl Knitting Group

Will meet on Thursday, September 22
9:30am at the home of Anne Robb.

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.

CRTC News

Register online at www.capitalrtc.org or by phone at 462-2470. Watch our website for information on these and many other courses. Scholarships and group discounts available for most classes; please contact us for an application.

Faithful Consumption: The Choices We Make

Plan now to take part in the fall Congregational Workshop, Adult Education, to be held at church on Saturday, October 22 from 9am-3pm.

Local leaders Kent Busman and Becky Hudak will help us examine how our daily choices as consumers are impacted by our faith, affecting not only the world around us, but also shaping who we are as followers of Jesus Christ. By taking greater care with our choices, can we grow in spiritual maturity? Come get to know your church family better, have some fun and explore new ways to grow in faith. Lunch will be provided. Sign up in Assembly Hall, or call the church office.

Flooding in the Synod of Albany

We have all become aware of the devastation our region has experienced because of Hurricane Irene. We are beginning to receive first hand reports of how this storm has impacted many of our congregations, pastors and their communities, especially in Schoharie, Middleburg, and Prattsville. In order that we might more comprehensively support these sisters and brothers the Regional Synod of Albany will share updated information through our synod website at www.albanysynod.org under the events section. You can also check the new Facebook page under the username Albany Synod.

Reformed Church World Service has begun receiving donated funds to help with the hurricane aftermath. In order to remain efficient in our response we have asked RCWS to begin to collect all contributions for this response. The Synod will then work with RCWS to disburse these funds as needed.

To contribute, you may donate online on the RCA website at www.rca.org, or write a check payable to Reformed Church World Service and drop it in the offering plate or give it to Stacey Midge to be mailed collectively.

50 Things You Can Do To Help Flood Victims

- Grab a bucket and haul mud out of homes
- Donate to the Red Cross
- Work a volunteer sign-in table
- Pry nails out of walls
- Go door-to-door to ask people's needs
- Buy a clear plastic bin (or two, or more)
- Wash mud off of salvageable items
- Carry ruined furniture out of houses
- Listen to people who lost cherished photos and heirlooms
- Get a magnetic pick-up tool and sweep a street for nails
- Make meals for people without power
- Counsel troubled victims
- Volunteer at a shelter
- Donate bleach
- Call a friend whose home was hit
- Pray
- Post a call for volunteers on Facebook
- Demolish damaged walls and ceilings
- Serve meals to volunteers
- Get a friend out of the disaster zone for some relaxation
- Donate antibacterial wipes
- Mail a check to the Schoharie Reformed Church
- Take a walk down a street that was flooded and just look
- Ask how someone is doing - really
- Stock up on canned goods to restock the food pantries when they reopen
- Buy work gloves and masks for volunteers
- Use Facebook, 1streformed.com, or albansynod.org to stay updated on needs
- Offer your home to someone in need of a place to stay/escape/shower
- Bring bottled water to workers
- Lend out your generator
- Shovel piles of what used to be walls and ceilings
- Clean out a devastated church in Prattsville or Schoharie
- Donate to the Prattsville Reformed Church
- Write an encouraging email
- Give 5-gallon buckets
- Deliver a hot meal to people who spent all day working on their house
- Buy a crowbar or sledge hammer for a work team
- Donate household supplies when they are being accepted
- Use a shop vac
- Bring coffee to a work site
- Sweep and mop floors
- Power-wash
- Help rebuild
- Say thank you to a volunteer
- Remind your friends to contribute to relief efforts
- Donate a dehumidifier or fan.
- Sort clothing at a collection center
- Host volunteers from other areas
- Join a work team - even if you can't lift a pound

	This Sunday	Next Sunday
Counting Deacons	Richard Davis, Jeanne Shoulder	Leah Kidwell-Fernandes, Joan Lindsay
Faith Bookshop	Committee Member	Nancy Wainwright
First Forum	Church Picnic	FRC Missioner, Penny Holmes
Flower Delivery	Vernetta Thuener, Rosemarie & Del Pierce	Harlene Bachorik, Nancy & Earl Wainwright
Kinderwyck	Sarah Bachorik, Gay Doolittle	Sarah Bachorik, Cathy Wisniewski
Liturgist	Daniel Carlson	Daniel Carlson
Preacher	Bill Levering	Bill Levering
Procession Elders	Daniel Ipsen, Carol Jones-Assini, Linda Ward, Rob Dickson, Maria Greskovich, Linda Witkowski	Mary Alice Jewett, Carol Jones- Assini, Keith Muse, Linda Ward, Gene Zeltmann, Christine Daniels
Reader	Mary Alice Jewett	
Refreshments	Church Picnic	
Ushers	Harlene Bachorik & Bill Clock (head ushers), Nicholas Blinckmann, Louis Acquasanta, Jeff Cox, William Faulkner, Arthur Shultes	Mike Beals (head usher), Karlyne Drimalas, Nelson Drimalas, Jeanne Shoulder, Griffin Laycock, Steve Breitenbach

Calendar for the Week of September 11, 2011

Sunday Sept. 11	9:00 a.m.	Chancel Choir, Choir Room
	10:00 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary
	11:00 a.m.	Welcome Back Picnic, Outside Front Lawn
	5:00 p.m.	Vespers, Poling Chapel
Monday Sept. 12	9:00 a.m.	Men's Newsgroup, Poling Conference Room
	7:00 p.m.	Klokken Ringers, Poling Conference Room
Tuesday Sept. 13	10:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer, Dykstra Chapel
	6:30 p.m.	Standing Committees, Various Locations
	7:30 p.m.	Consistory, Friendship Hall
Wednesday Sept. 14	11:00 a.m.	Primary Elections
	9:30 a.m.	Kerygma, Poling Conference Room
	1:00 p.m.	Archives Group, Archives Room
	1:00 p.m.	Thursday Belles, Poling Conference Room
2:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting, Walton Conference Room	
Thursday Sept. 15	7:30 a.m.	Breakfast Bible Bunch, Walton Conference Room
	10:00 a.m.	Stitch Group, Poling Conference Room
	6:00 p.m.	Fellowship Group, Mezzanine
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts, Assembly Hall
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir, Choir Room
Friday Sept. 16	11:30 a.m.	Group VII, Edison Club
Sunday Sept. 18	9:00 a.m.	Chancel Choir, Choir Room
	10:00 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary
	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship, Assembly Hall
	11:15 a.m.	Forum, Poling Chapel
	12:30 p.m.	Justice Action Council, Walton Conference Room
	5:00 p.m.	Vespers, Poling Chapel
5:00 p.m.	JH/SH Youth Group Picnic & Parent Meeting	

***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.



Adirondack photo by George Lovelace

Fall, back
to schedules and calendars
and paying
attention to time
and time again
God is with us.

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First Things

A Newsletter of the First Reformed Church, Schenectady, New York

A Newsletter and a Worship Bulletin

There is so much happening this month and so much that needs our attention about the recent flooding, that we are mailing this bulletin to all our households. If you get an extra one, please pass it on to a friend.

Thanks to Flood Workers

Many thanks to the dozens of people from our congregation who have worked in one way or another to help those who have been washed away and discouraged by our recent weather. If you are interested in helping, see the list Stacey has developed in this bulletin and call her about the regular work crews she organizes.

Contributions for Flooding

First Reformed has already spend thousands in flood relief to victims of flooding in the Stockade and in the area. If you are interested in contributing to this fund, please make the checks payable to First Reformed and clearly mark the check for **'Disaster Relief.'** We are currently providing cleaning supplies to residents affected. If you know of any particular need, please let us know.

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