

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.

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 18, 2011

Is your cell phone on?

9:40 a.m.

VOLUNTARY

Two Preludes and a Setting of So Nimm den meine Hande

Don Freudenburg

Prelude and Chorale on Abbott's Leigh

Carl D. N. Klein

Three Pieces

Robert Paoli

1. *Prelude*

2. *Prelude*

3. *Processional*

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

INTROIT

This is the Day

Lansom Demmings

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #476

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

Lyons

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

Canon of Praise

Johann Pachelbel
arr. Hopson

All within me bless the Lord,
All within me bless his holy name.
O hear, you righteous, know that the Lord is good.
We remember all his love,
He crowns our lives with hope and truth.
God the Lord is gracious, his mercy is the same forever.
As a father loves his children, so the Lord loves his own.
Those who know the Lord shall claim his ever- present help.
O bless the Lord, O all within me bless his holy name.

Psalm 103 adapted

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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Stacey Midge

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

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 16:2-15 (page 62))

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND LESSON

Jonah 1:1-2:9 (page 859)

SERMON

From the Belly of the Beast

Bill Levering

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

*HYMN #384

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

St. Margaret

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Paul Mastriani

*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.

*RECESSIONAL HYMN #281 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE *Twofold Amen* Rob Landes

*POSTLUDE *Fanfare March* Thomas Donahue

*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: *Patricia Herman, Thomas Teichner, and George Vlahides.*

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 thanks giving for 23 memorable years with special friends at First Reformed Church, from Ruthellen and Dick Phillips. 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.

Entered Into Eternal Rest

Allen John Wood
September 10, 2011

Post Service Refreshments

We are in need of volunteers to bring in food! It can be cookies, cheese and crackers, fruit, or anything you want. There is a sign-up sheet in Assembly Hall. Please bring your food around 9:30am, unless it is already set up on a platter.

Faith Bookshop

Parents, grandparents and anyone with young friends will find a wonderful selection of children's books on the front 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 Buechner Book Group are in and can be purchased today. A copy of the study guide for the Kerygma Bible study is on display for perusal.

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.

Justice Action Council

We will meet today, 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 eclaire63@gmail.com.

Jazz Vespers Every Sunday, 5pm

Today – Peg Delaney, piano; Bill Delaney, bass; Tom D'Andrea, drums
Sept. 25 – 'Azzaam Hameed, piano
Oct. 2 – Nat Phipps, piano; Pete Toigo, bass; Tom D'Andrea, drums
Oct 9 – Paul Mastriani, piano

Church School-Teachers Needed

We are looking for teachers. No experience needed! Training is provided. High school student helpers are also welcome to join us! If you can help by volunteering your time, please contact Jamie Ipsen at 399-6848 or e-mail to ipsens6@hotmail.com.

Below shows who is teaching and when we need your help:

Fall: September-
K-2: Claire Hughes
3-5: NEED YOUR HELP
6-8: NEED YOUR HELP for Sept.-Oct.
David Hjelmar (Nov. & Dec.)

Winter –
K-2: Jenifer Evans
3-5: Tani Breitenbach
6-8: Lorraine Cox

Spring –
K-2: Shannon Kerwin
3-5: NEED YOUR HELP
6-8: NEED YOUR HELP

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 Ringers - grades 3-8.

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

Junior & Senior High Youth Groups

Starts today, September 18 with a Welcome Back Picnic at 5pm. We will meet WEEKLY thereafter. 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.

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.

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.

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 no later than today, 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.

Today: 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: Every Member Connection Training

Every Member Connection

Join us October 2, during First Forum for Every Member Connection Training.

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.

Kerygma Bible Study Still Open

All are welcome to share in the warm fellowship and lively discussions every Wednesday this fall, 9:30-11am, in the Poling Conference room. The church's first history book, Acts, is the focus of our study. Study guides (\$20) are available today from group leader, Daniel Carlson. Participants 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 and Nurture opportunity may contact Daniel.

Sharing the Sacred Journey

Two short books revealing the spiritual autobiography of Fredrick Buechner will form the basis of a new group meeting for eight Wednesday evenings this fall, led by Cheryl and David Olsen with Mary and Daniel Carlson. The sessions, 7-8:30pm, will be held in the Dirck Romeyn room, beginning this Wednesday, September 21. For those who are interested but hesitant to

commit to the journey, 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 Buechner's writing as well as the invitation for each participant to reflect on and share related dimensions of their own respective sacred journey. The Faith Bookshop now has the books 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 catch-up 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) (extra copies of each forum are found in the Stephen Ministry mailbox outside Assembly Hall). Those Stephen Ministers unable to attend the September meeting should contact Stephen Leaders, Linnea D'Andrea or Daniel Carlson.

Prayer Shawl Knitting Group

Will meet on Thursday, September 22 9:30am at the home of Anne Robb. Please contact Anne 1358 Ruffner Rd, Niskayuna. All are welcome.

Breakfast Bible Bunch

Dr. Levering will be leading an early morning Bible study at **7:30am**

Thursday mornings 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. More if you are lucky. We will be finished 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.

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.

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/Taste Testers

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.

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.

Fourth Wednesday 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 evening classes. If you have a question about these food and fellowship events, contact Daniel Carlson.

Contemplative Communion

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

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.

FRC Missionary to the Roma - Carolyn Otterness Sunday October 2 at 6pm

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.

World Communion Served October 2

Celebrate the unity of Christendom in our traditional fashion on October 2. The Communion class children will prepare the bread, Elders and deacons will serve in a moving symbol of our service to each other.

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.

Blessing the Pets October 9

We celebrate the love God has for all of creation and desire to be a church family where the peace and justice between God, people, and all creation is sought and celebrated. In that spirit,

we will recognize the special place our animal companions hold in our lives with a Blessing of the Animals on Saturday, October 9 at 4pm, on the church lawn. Last year we blessed dogs, cats, a ferret, and a snake - all are welcome! Refreshments for God's creatures, human and otherwise, will be available after the service.

FRC Book Sale October 16

Downsizing? Out of space?

Looking for a good home for books you'd like to share 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.

Group VII

On Friday, October 21 at 10am Group VII will meet in the Dirck Romeyn Room. Program: *Umbrella Program*. October Co-hostesses are Janet Gardner, Anne Robb. All are welcome.

Faithful Consumption: The Choices We Make

Plan now to take part in the Adult Education and Nurture Workshop to be held at church on Saturday, October 22, 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, but also shaping who we are as followers of Jesus. Come learn how by taking greater care with our choices, we can grow in spiritual maturity! Get to know your church family better, have some fun, and explore new ways to grow in faith. Lunch will be provided. Sign up on the bulletin board in Assembly Hall, or call the church office.

New Member Class Oct 23

If you are interested in finding out more about the church or know someone who is, this is just the meeting for you! Dr. Levering meets with people interested in joining and helps them get to know the church.

CRTC News

The Apostle Paul taught that we must "be transformed by the renewing of our minds." We are encouraged to be intentional about finding ways to grow in our faith, our understanding, and our desire to know Christ better. CRTC can help by offering a wide variety of courses to aid in your ministries and spiritual growth! Connect with others as you explore your faith.

CRTC Classes

Spirit, Grace and Power: Acts of the Apostles, with Rev. Dr. Richard Carlson, Siena College, Thursday and Friday, October. 20 and 21, 9am-3pm. This popular professor is back to help us rediscover the grace and power of the Spirit at work in the early church as well as our own.

Opening the Doors: Welcoming the Differently-Abled, with Rev. Catherine Patterson, NYS OPWDD, Thursday, October 27, 9am-3pm. Designed to help faith leaders reach out to individuals and families of individuals with developmental disabilities who wish to belong to a faith community.

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.

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	Leah Kidwell-Fernandes, Joan Lindsay	Christine Daniels, Chris Van Oort
Faith Bookshop	Nancy Wainwright	Bill Clock
First Forum	FRC Missioner, Penny Holmes	Seeking the Welfare of our City
Flower Delivery	Harlene Bachorik, Nancy & Earl Wainwright	Gay & Joe Doolittle, Jane & Phil Falconer
Kinderwyck	Sarah Bachorik, Cathy Wisniewski	Sarah Bachorik, Joanne Bedell
Liturgist	Daniel Carlson	Stacey Midge
Preacher	Bill Levering	Bill Levering
Procession Elders	Mary Alice Jewett, Carol Jones-Assini, Keith Muse, Linda Ward, Gene Zeltmann, Christine Daniels	Caroline Brooks, Daniel Ipsen, Christine Daniels, Gay Doolittle, Eric Evans, William Rochelle
Reader	Stacey Midge	
Refreshments		Betty Bumgarner
Ushers	Mike Beals (head usher), Karlyne Drimalas, Nelson Drimalas, Jeanne Shoulder, Griffin Laycock, Steve Breitenbach	Tom Burgoyne (head usher), David Bundy, Chris Langdon, Joe Gotwals, Linda Stanhope

Calendar for the Week of September 18, 2011

Sunday Sept. 18	9:00 a.m.	Chancel Choir, Choir Room
	9:15 a.m.	High School Choir, Room 20
	10:00 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary
	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship, Assembly Hall
	11:15 a.m.	Forum, Poling Chapel
	11:20 a.m.	Kirk Ringers, Room 20
	12:30 p.m.	Justice Action Council, Walton Conference Room
	3:30 p.m.	Youth Orchestra, Ipsen's Home
	5:00 p.m.	Vespers, Poling Chapel
	5:00 p.m.	JH/SH Youth Picnic & Parent Meeting, Friendship Hall
Monday Sept. 19	9:00 a.m.	Men's Newsgroup, Poling Conference Room
	7:00 p.m.	Klokken Ringers, Poling Conference Room
Tuesday Sept. 20	10:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer, Dykstra Chapel
Wednesday Sept. 21	9:30 a.m.	Kerygma Bible Study, Poling Conference Room
	1:00 p.m.	Thursday Belles, Poling Conference Room
	2:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting, Walton Conference Room
	7:00 p.m.	Sharing the Sacred Journey, Dirck Romeyn Room
	7:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry, Assembly Hall
Thursday Sept. 22	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. 23	7:00 p.m.	Banket Bakers, Assembly Hall
Saturday Sept. 24	11:00 a.m.	Stockade Walkabout
Sunday Sept. 25	9:00 a.m.	Chancel Choir, Choir Room
	9:15 a.m.	High School Choir, Room 20
	10:00 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary
	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship, Assembly Hall
	11:15 a.m.	Forum, Poling Chapel
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	3:30 p.m.	Youth Orchestra, Ipsen's Home
	5:00 p.m.	Vespers, Poling Chapel
	5:00 p.m.	JHYG, Friendship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	SHYG, Friendship Hall

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

Daniel Ipsen

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

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