

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.

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 16, 2011

Is your cell phone on?

9:40 a.m.

VOLUNTARY

Organ Music of David Lasky

Processional Fanfare

Cantilena

Impromptu

Pastorale

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

Enter Into His Gates

Tom Benjamin

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #478 *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*
Lauda Anima

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 *Baited, the Question Rose* Mercer Street
Soloists: Linda Richards and Dan Ertel

Baited, the question rose from somewhere in the crowd:
"Teacher, you truly know God's way; is paying tax allowed?"
Jesus perceived their trap: "Why do you test me so?
Bring here the coin the tax requires, and see what it will show."

"Whose image does it bear, whose name and titles tell?"
"Caesar's of course," they smugly said and thought they answered well.
"Give Caesar what is his; God, what is God's alone."
Strong words, convincing and profound, like truth already known.

May we discern, O God, your daily gifts of grace;
Show us your image freshly coined in ev'ry heart and face.
Help us fit tribute yield through prayers and hymns we raise,
But most of all by deeds of love to give you thanks and praise.

Carl Daw

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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Lynne Gilgore
Guide us, O Lord, by your Word and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON *Psalm 99 (page 552)*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND LESSON *Matthew 22:15-22 (page 24)*

SERMON *Rendering* Bill Levering

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

*HYMN #333 *See Ye First* Lafferty

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Grazioso* Georg Philipp Telemann
Edited for handbells by Donald Allured

*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 #539

Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise Ellers

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*
arr. Linda Lamb

*POSTLUDE *Trumpet Tune in C* David Lasky

*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:

Anne B. Coggeshall, Marie Pletenik, and Marion Rickard.

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 David N. Collins and Jean C. Collins by William R. Collins. 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.

Chancel Flowers

If you would like to order celebratory or memorial flowers for the chancel, please call the church office. You may send your check for \$30 payable to Chancel Guild, c/o Marlene Risseeuw, 2140 Niskayuna Drive, Niskayuna, NY 12309-4126.

Entered Eternal Rest

Lauralee Moore
October 12, 2011

Music Notes

Grazioso (Offertory title) means Gracefully, which is evident in this slow and elegant arrangement of George Philipp Telemann. While much of our handbell music is filled with techniques and embellishments, this particular piece is simply stated in a way that is sometimes more difficult to skillfully perform. We invite you to listen to Grazioso as a meditation of moving voices, nuances and grace.

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

Today we'll be open from 11:30 to 12 so items unique to the Bookshop can be purchased and donated Christmas ornaments dropped off. Otherwise, see you at the Book Fair in Assembly Hall!

Johnson Library

On the library display table this morning are two new books about raising children: Stephen James and

David Thomas have written, *Wild Things, the Art of Nurturing Boys*. The authors say that "boys don't need to be tamed-they need to be understood, loved, challenged and encouraged." See *Jane Win for Girls, A Smart Girl's Guide To Success*, was written by Dr. Sylvia Rimm. Dr. Rimm wanted to find out how women become confident capable and strong. This book has ideas for girls to start using now to shape their own futures.

For those at the other end of the life spectrum, there is *Healthy Aging: A Life Long Guide To Your Physical and Spiritual Well-Being*, by Andrew Weil, M.D. The physical and spiritual aspects of aging are discussed in thought full detail from medical and holistic viewpoints.

Jazz Vespers Every Sunday, 5pm

Today – Peg Delaney, piano; Bill Delaney, bass; Tom D'Andrea, drums
Oct. 23 – 'Azzaam Hameed, piano
Oct. 30 – Peg Delaney, piano

FRC's Got Talent

Is coming to the FRC stage! Please sign up on the poster at the bottom of the church school stairs if you have an act/talent that you'd like considered. This is a church wide event with venues for everyone. Proceeds will go to SHYG. Help them get to the DR! Questions? See or call Jamie Ipsen 399-6848.

Communion Class

For third graders and up will begin November 6 at the regular church school time. Please see Jamie Ipsen if you are interested in having your child learn more about this special sacrament.

Kindergarten-2nd grade DADS

You are invited to volunteer to read a story to your child's class on the first Sunday of each month in the library. Signup sheet is upstairs in room 20.

Junior & Senior High Youth Groups

JHYG will meet at 5pm every Sunday for dinner, games, discussion, and other fun activities. Youth in grades 6-8 are welcome.

SHYG will meet separately on Sundays at 7pm. All youth in grades 9-12 are welcome, and snacks will be provided.

Wednesday Dialog October 19

Non Profits I have Known
by Edwin D. Reilly, Jr., Ph.D.

Edwin Reilly is Emeritus Professor of Computer Science at the University at Albany. He is past president of the Freedom Forum and of the Friends of the Library, the current president of the Schenectady County Historical Society, a trustee of the Edison Tech Center and of the Schenectady County Library, and has been a regular monthly contributor to the Sunday Gazette opinion page for the last eight years. He holds the B.S, M.S., and Ph.D. in physics, all from RPI. After his first graduation, he worked for two years at the National Security Agency in Washington as a Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force. He returned to this area to work for nine years at KAPL and then 26 years at SUNY Albany where he founded its computing center and its computer science department. Concurrently, he served as Supervisor of the Town of Niskayuna for 18 years.

New Fall Bible Study

Wednesday evenings, through November 16, 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.

Contemplative Communion

Everyone is welcome to this intimate serve of guided individual contemplation followed by shared communion (with Preccas bread, wine and grape juice) and prayers around the Lord's Table every Wednesday this fall, 8:30-9pm in the Sanctuary.

Fund Raiser

There will be a spaghetti dinner to benefit historic sites in Montgomery County damaged by Tropical Storm Irene on Monday, October 17 from 4 to 8pm at the Rolling Hills Country Club, Route 5 in Fort Johnson. Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site is among the historic sites that this dinner will help. This is where Tricia Shaw works as the education coordinator, where Joe Doolittle has told stories and where Laura Lee Linder has lectured. There will also be a 50-50 raffle and a silent auction. Tickets are only \$12 and are available in advance by calling 829-7516.

Tuesday Ladies

This group meets every third Tuesday at Connie Young's home. All ladies are welcome. Contact Connie 393-7061 if any questions.

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.

Purls of Wisdom

Join us in the Mezzanine from 6-8pm every Thursday evening. Come when you can and stay as long as you like. This group is for those that work during the day, or just want another group to join! Bring your crafts of all types and have fun chatting with others. Coffee and tea will be provided, and you can bring snacks to share. Contact Alida Rice at rice.alida@yahoo.com or 280-3903 if you have any questions. She is also available before and after services.

Embracing Life In Facing Death

Beloved Interfaith Chaplain, Sue Kohler-Arsenalut, of Community Hospice, returns Wednesday, October 19, 7-8:30pm in Poling Chapel, to speak about living vitally until the end of our days. Using guided imagery and personal reflection Sue will lead us to consider what matters most in our lives through the lens of our mortality. This presentation, sponsored by our Stephen Ministry, is open to all members and friends of the congregation. No registration is required; refreshments will be provided.

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 this 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 the meeting for you! Dr. Levering meets with people interested in joining and helps them get to know the church. 2-4pm starting in the office.

Chancel Choir to Sing

Evening of Praise, Sunday, October 23 at 7pm at the Lisha's Kill Reformed Church, 2131 Central Avenue. The service will feature choral and instrumental ensembles and the church's newly dedicated organ. Julie Panke will be one of the conductors for an ecumenical choir and Charles Moose will accompany. The community is cordially invited. A freewill offering

will benefit "TruJoy", which offers education and support for women with cancer.

Fourth Wednesday Potluck

Anyone desiring to share a supper with other members and friends is welcome to this informal monthly meal 6-7pm, in Assembly Hall, on 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 questions, please contact Daniel Carlson.

Prayer Shawl Knitting Group

We meet every fourth Thursday at someone's home. For information, please contact Ronnie Bartholic at 393-7679

Faith with a Twist October 27

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.

Black History Series

The Black History Series in the Capital District will be starting their 2011-2012 sessions with a class at FRC on Saturday, October 29 from 10-noon in the Poling Chapel. We will be discussing the roles of FRC and Second Reformed of Schenectady in the history of the Black community. For

more information contact Laura Lee Linder at 882-6866.

Mission Fair

Who are we supporting? Why? What do these groups do?

Why does the Interfaith Community of Schenectady concern us?

How has Bethesda House changed over the years?

What is our connection with Union College's Campus Protestant Ministry?

Who receives care from Haven Grief Counseling?

Come to the Mission Fair on Oct.30th during Second Hour and find the answers. We will have four of our mission recipients there to give a brief explanation, followed by a Q & A from you, their generous supporters.

Project SAFE Bowl-a-Thon

Project SAFE will be hosting its annual Bowl-a-Thon fundraiser at Boulevard Bowl on October 30. Sign up to bowl in a team for \$100 per lane, or donate to a bowler. Many members of our youth group will be participating! SAFE Inc. is an emergency shelter and outreach program for young people who are engaged in or at risk of sexual exploitation. Contact Stacey for more details or to register your bowling team!

Flood Relief Efforts

With nearly a month passed, the devastation our region experienced during and after Hurricane Irene is far from over. Supplies and volunteers are still much needed for the thousands of people whose homes are being demolished, restored, and rebuilt. You can find comprehensive information about the damage in our area on the Regional Synod of Albany website at www.albanysynod.org. FRC also

continues to send out work groups as often as there are volunteers. Check our constantly updated schedule and information online at 1streformed.com, or talk to Stacey Midge if you would like to volunteer or donate to the flood relief efforts.

Songs, Stoles and Stories – Benefit Concert:

Room for All cordially invites you to a benefit concert on Friday, November 4 at 7:30pm at The First Church in Albany, 110 N. Pearl St., featuring the popular Albany Gay Men's Chorus, widely known for their rich harmonies, varied musical repertoire and positive contributions to the greater Capital region. In addition to musical selections, a few members of the choir will share their experience of being gay in the context of their faith communities. The "Shower of Stoles" will also be displayed; this collection of liturgical stoles represents the lives and gifts of LGBT people of faith who serve their faith communities, or have been barred from serving because of their sexual orientation or gender identity. The event is free and open to all; a freewill offering will be taken to benefit Room for All, and organization of Reformed Church in America members supporting, educating and advocating for the full inclusion of LGBT persons in that denomination. For information, call 462-6040.

Harvest for the Pantry

Schenectady Inner City Ministry (SICM) will be holding its annual Harvest for the Pantry dinner to raise funds for the Emergency Food Program on November 6 at 5pm. In addition to a fabulous meal, there will be a silent auction. Purchase tickets from Stacey Midge or by contacting the SICM office at 374-2683.

Make a Connection

On November 6, dozens of 'connectors' will be visiting EVERY local member and adherent in the congregation to talk about the church and our life together. The connections will take place at church or in homes or wherever people can get together. They will go over the information the church has to be sure it's correct, share the good news of what's happening now and confidentially receive an estimate of giving for 2012. Our congregation hasn't done this in a generation and it's time for a census like this as a chance to build connections. It's a con-census. We are still looking for connectors, and if you are interested, contact Andy Chestnut, Anne Putnam, Walt Robb, or any of the 50 folks who are already on the connection team.

Group V

We will meet Monday, November 7, at 11am in the Dirck Romeyn Room. The program is Pastoral Care presented by Daniel Carlson. For more information, please contact Maria Greskovich at 372-9522.

**Thanksgiving Jazz Festival
November 20**

Over a dozen Jazz performers who have graced our worship spaces are gathering on November 20 at 5 for a very special Jazz Vespers. This unprecedented gathering of local talent will hold forth for a longer presentation and we are selling tickets to the thing to support the Vespers program. The artists in attendance: Brian Patenaude, Nat Phipps, Pete Toigo, Tim Coakley,

Mike Benedict, Mike Lawrence, Lee Russo, Tom D'Andrea, Peg Delaney, Bill Delaney, Rick Rosoff, Mark Anthony. Tickets are \$10 in advance from the church office or at a Jazz Vespers.

	This Sunday	Next Sunday
Counting Deacons	Darwin Brudos, Douglas Todd	Leah Kidwell-Fernandes, Chris Van Oort
Faith Bookshop	Roberta Blackmer	Committee Member
First Forum	Book Fair	A Different Way In-Reading – Based at FRC this innovative effort is producing real improvement in children's reading and lives.
Flower Delivery	Eleanor & Darwin Brudos, Linda & Bill Ward	Christine & Fred Daniels, Lisa Etkin
Kinderwyck	Sarah Bachorik	Sarah Bachorik, Cathy Wisniewski
Liturgist	Daniel Carlson	Daniel Carlson
Preacher	Bill Levering	Bill Levering
Procession Elders	Veronica Bartholic, Carol Jones-Assini, Keith Muse, Gay Doolittle, William Rochelle, Linda Witkowski	Veronica Bartholic, Gene Zeltmann, Christine Daniels, Rob Dickson, Emile Walraven, Linda Witkowski
Reader	Lynne Gilgore	George Trimarco
Refreshments	Book Sale Volunteers	Gerry Meyers, Karlyne Drimalas
Ushers	Del Pierce (head usher), Glenn Blinckmann, Carol Troost, Karen Dickson, Rob Dickson, Doug Todd	Earl Wainwright (head usher), Kip Arnold, Joanne Arnold, Philip Yourno, William Faulkner, Louis Acquasanta

Calendar for the Week of October 16, 2011

Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary
Oct. 16	11:00 a.m.	Book Fair, Assembly Hall
	11:20 a.m.	Kirk Ringers, Room 20
	3:00 p.m.	Consistory Retreat, FRC
	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
	7:00 p.m.	Musicians of Ma'alwckk, Sanctuary
	Monday	9:00 a.m.
Oct. 17	7:15 p.m.	Tower Ringers, Poling Conference Room
Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer, Dykstra Chapel
Oct. 18	11:00 a.m.	Support & Care, Poling Conference Room
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	Kerygma Bible Study, Poling Conference Room
Oct. 19	12:00 p.m.	Wednesday Dialog, Assembly Hall
	1:00 p.m.	Thursday Belles, Poling Conference Room
	2:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting, Walton Conference Room
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Bible Study, Walton Conference Room
	7:00 p.m.	Sharing the Sacred Journey, Dirck Romeyn Room
	7:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry, Poling Chapel
	8:30 p.m.	Contemplative Communion, Sanctuary
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	Breakfast Bible Bunch, Walton Conference Room
Oct. 20	10:00 a.m.	Stitch Group, Poling Conference Room
	6:00 p.m.	Purls of Wisdom, Mezzanine
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts, Assembly Hall
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir, Choir Room
Friday	10:00 a.m.	Group VII, Dirck Romeyn Room
Oct. 21		
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Faithful Consumption, Assembly Hall
Oct. 22		
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Chancel Choir, Choir Room
Oct. 23	9:15 a.m.	High School Choir, Room 20
	10:00 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary
	11:00 a.m.	Refreshments & Fellowship, Assembly Hall
	11:15 a.m.	Forum, Poling Chapel
	11:20 a.m.	Kirk Ringers, Room 20
	1:00 p.m.	Lauralee Moore Memorial, Poling Chapel
	2:00 p.m.	New Members Class, Office
	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

***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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