

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 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.

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 gather in the library immediately following the Children's Message for a story. There will be time to check out books and then they will return to room 20 to meet parents after the service.

Other Sundays 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.

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.

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.

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.

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 25, 2012

“What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?” (Micah 6:8)

9:40 a.m.

VOLUNTARY *Settings of The Passion Chorale*

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| 1. <i>Chorale</i> | Johann Kuhnau |
| 2. <i>Chorale</i> | Dieterich Buxtehude |
| 3. <i>Two Chorale Preludes</i> | Johannes Brahms |
| 4. <i>Lenten Elegy</i> | Page C. Long |

10:00 a.m.

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

GREETING

The grace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Stacey Midge

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WORSHIP ORIENTATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bill Levering

INTROIT

*HYMN #371

Lift High the Cross

Crucifer

*OUR NEED FOR GOD (*unison*)

Gracious God, whose mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, and deeper than all our sin, hear again, we pray, your bewildered and broken people. Forgive our folly and excess, our coldness to human sorrow, and our passion for things of the moment. Change our hearts and turn our desires to your way, that we may love what you love and do what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*GOD'S FORGIVING LOVE

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

**What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul.
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!**

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(From the Belgic Confession)*

We all believe in our hearts and confess with our mouths that there is a single and simple spiritual being, whom we call God: the overflowing source of all good. We believe that God created human beings good, just, and holy; but they lost their excellent gifts which they had received from God. We believe that God, who is perfectly merciful, poured out goodness and mercy on us, who are guilty, giving to us a most perfect love, that is, Jesus Christ, in order that we might have immortality and eternal life.

*PASSING THE PEACE

ANTHEM *A Prayer of St. Columba* Richard Shephard

My dearest Lord ,
be Thou a bright flame before me
be Thou a guiding star above me
be Thou a smooth path beneath me
be Thou a kindly shepherd behind me, today and evermore.

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

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

FIRST LESSON *Psalm 51:1-12 (page 520)*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND LESSON *Jeremiah 31:31-34 (page 735)*

SERMON *The Promise of a Close Relationship* Bill Levering

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

*HYMN *Written On Our Heart to Rustington* Bill Levering
It's so hard to be obedient, even when we want to be.
All the rules and laws and standards stretch before us like the sea.
How can we, God's humble creatures, follow all and do our part?
God has placed the law within us. God has written on our heart.

When we pay attention closely we discover many wrongs.
We do note our sins morosely and know where the blame belongs.
It's a wonder that God's presence doesn't quickly just depart.
God has placed the law within us. God has written on our heart.

The true word of God is written in the life of Jesus Christ.
A new way has come before us: God wants us to be enticed.
Jesus calls us out of darkness, Jesus gives us a new start.
God has placed the law within us. God has written on our heart.

Punishment is not the high point, joy is the Creator's plan.
We are here to rediscover inner love that Christ began.
Join us brothers, sisters, join us in the dance of music, art.
God has placed the law within us. God has written on our heart.

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OFFERING

OFFERTORY *'Tis a Gift to be Simple* Thursday Belles

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

MINUTE FOR MISSION *Easter Offering* Joe Doolittle

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 #284 *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*
Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river,
I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.

Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son's story,
here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.

Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you, here his tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

I, the Lord, will bless and keep you, and give you peace.
I, the Lord, will smile upon you, and give you peace.
I, the Lord, will be your Father, Savior, Comforter, and Brother.
Go, my children, I will keep you, and give you peace."

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE *Onefold Amen* Livingston Gearhardt

*POSTLUDE *Cathedral Prelude and Fugue in E minor* J.S. Bach

*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:

Sylvia Ebeling, Leroy Jewett, Kenneth Mathes, and Elenora Schweizer.

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.

Memorial Services

All are invited Saturday, March 31

Raymond Fisher

Service: 2pm Poling Chapel

Reception: Dirck Romeyn room

Hans (Hansjeorg) Stern's memorial

Service: 4pm Poling Chapel

Reception: Assembly Hall

Entered into Eternal Rest

Helen E. Campbell
March 15, 2012

In Memoriam

The chancel flowers today are placed in the sanctuary to the glory of God in loving memory of F. David and Elenora Schweizer by Tod Schweizer. 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.

The flowers in Assembly Hall today are placed there in loving memory of Peter G. Ipsen by Joan Ipsen and her family.

Chancel Flowers

The Chancel Guild has a flower calendar for 2012 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. 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. You may send your check, payable to Chancel Guild, c/o Marlene Risseeuw, 2140 Niskayuna Drive, Niskayuna, NY 12309-4126.

Volunteers are also needed to prepare the Flowers for delivery. Please see Joyce Griggs, Marlene Risseeuw, or Sara Erickson with any questions.

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

First Forum

Today – Justice Action Council Topic: Hydrofracking

April 1 – Report by SHYG Mission trip to the Dominican Republic

April 8 - Coffee & Conversation

April 15 - Justice Action Council Conversation – On Welcoming and Affirming LGBT persons Joe and Gay Doolittle

Jazz Vespers Every Sunday, 5pm

Today – Dave Gleason, piano

April - is Jazz Appreciation Month, and the Schenectady Musicians Union will be providing extra musicians for the Vespers in April. Watch the Sunday Bulletin and the website for the schedule as it develops.

Mission Shareholders Dinner

The Senior High Youth Group extends a warm thank you to all who helped raise money for their mission trip to the Dominican Republic! For those who purchased Mission Shares, there will be a dinner tonight at 6pm in Friendship Hall. The youth will speak about their experiences, show a video and pictures of the trip, and serve a meal that is representative of some of the ethnic cuisine they encountered in the Dominican Republic.

It is never too late to purchase a Mission Share for \$25 to contribute to the mission trip fund and attend the dinner! Just contact Stacey Midge or any member of the youth group to donate at any time.

Faith Bookshop

During Lent, books with a spiritual message are featured on the front table. They are theological, historical, fictional and motivational. Many relate to Jesus and his life.

The Shop is also featuring items created by members of our congregation. Here are some of the things you will find: Note cards by Virginia Laumeister, exquisite beaded jewelry designed by Lyn Gordon, CDs with stories and music by Joe Doolittle and others, snowflakes crocheted by Kitty Trimarco, and lovely matted photos of FRC by Anne Petersen. Purchases help support worthy causes. Please stop in and look around.

Devotional Books

The Group V Daily Devotional book is a great gift at Easter to give to friends and family. It is a timeless gift which can be used over and over. It is available in the book store for a cost of \$7.

Junior & Senior High Youth Groups

Unless otherwise noted, the **JHYG** (grades 6-8) meets every Sunday at 5pm in Friendship Hall for dinner, games, and discussion. The **SHYG** (grades 9-12) meets every Sunday at 7pm in Friendship Hall for snacks, discussion, and games. Friends are always welcome.

March 25 - Mission Shareholders' Dinner. No Junior High meeting. Senior High should be at church at 4pm to prepare and serve dinner.

April 8 - Easter, No youth meetings

Wednesdays in Lent thru March 28

6pm: Dinner (no signup required)
7pm: Various Classes (see below)
8:15pm: Contemplative Communion

Lenten Classes

King of the Hill: T.V. and the Gospel

A class led by Dr. Bill Levering, will explore just one television show, *King of the Hill*, and its view of faith. We will watch an episode each week and discuss it. Join Hank and Peggy as they cope with the changes that arrive in Arlen, Texas. People of all ages are invited.

A Sampling of Protestant Thought

A class facilitated by Kitty Trimarco, will enable participants to understand the differences and similarities among five distinct yet related protestant communions - including our own. Each week a different minister will be on hand to speak about a particular denomination, including:

Mar. 28: Rev. Stacey Midge (Reformed)

Mar. 29: Father James McDonald (Episcopal)

To learn more about each speaker please see our refrigerator door.

Take this Bread: A Radical Conversion

A discussion of Sara Miles' book *Take This Bread*, led by Cheryl and David Olsen with Mary and Daniel Carlson. Well known author Anne Lamott, described this spiritual memoir of a (unlikely) twenty-first-century Christian as "*The most amazing book.*" A copy or two of the book may be available in the Faith Bookshop.

More than Jellybeans: Lent for Kids

Jamie Ipsen will be leading a class for children in grades K-8 full of art projects, music, and stories.

Holy Spirit Class

What is a Holy Ghost?

The Third person of the Trinity is often misunderstood or at best incompletely understood. What is the role of the Holy Spirit? Is it an "it," a "he," a "she?" What's the difference between a gift of the Spirit and the fruit of the Spirit? If I let the Spirit control my life, will I become a Pentecostal? Where do I turn when I'm not sure what to do next? If any of these questions resonated with you, join us. If you have another question about the Holy Spirit, bring that and we'll look into the person, work and role of the Holy Spirit together.

Lenten Contemplative Communion

Every Wednesday of this season all are welcome to share in a brief service of song, silent and spoken prayer and the Lord's Supper held in the sanctuary chancel from 8:15-8:45pm.

Holy Week

Palm Sunday, April 1

10am: Service

Holy Wednesday, April 4

6pm: Christian Seder at State St. Presbyterian Church

Maundy Thursday, April 5

7:30pm: Tenebrae Service

Good Friday, April 6

12pm: Combined Service in Sanctuary

Easter, April 8

6:30am: Sunrise Service at Niskayuna Reformed Church

7am: Breakfast at Niskayuna Reformed

10am: Service at First Reformed in Schenectady

Easter Offering

The Mission & Benevolence Committee has selected Stepping Stone Ministry for the Easter Offering. The New Ministry led by former Missioner Rev. Art Hudak at Trinity Reformed Church.

Easter Reception

We need volunteers for our Easter reception in Friendship Hall, people to help set up on Saturday, as well as people to make food. We would like deviled eggs, cheese and crackers, dip and chips, and cookies and candies. Please call the Church office 377-2201 to join in on the fun.

Easter Flowers

Each Easter, members of Chancel Guild adorn our church with beautiful Easter Flowers. Your family can contribute to remember a loved one or honor a loved one. Please send your suggested donation of \$20 to Chancel Guild c/o Marlene Risseeuw, 2140 Niskayuna Drive, Niskayuna, NY 12309 **and** contact the Church Office with the name of the person the flowers are in honor or memory of. Even if you have donated in previous years, please place an order for 2012 **by** Monday, April 2.

Membership Committee Meeting

We will meet on Sunday, April 1 at 12pm in the Walton Conference Room. Thereafter, we will continue to meet

every second Sunday of the month, same time, and same place. If any questions, please contact Bill Martin at 758-9094.

Thursday Musical Club April 1

The Thursday Musical Club Chorus directed, by Julie Panke and accompanied by Michael Clement, will present its Spring Concert on Sunday, April 1 at 3pm in the church Sanctuary. Guest artists are the Troy Children's Chorus under the direction of Maury Castro.

Church families are especially encouraged to attend. Complimentary tickets are available from Julie Panke or Jamie Ipsen. A reception will follow the concert.

Group V

We will meet Monday, April 2 in the Dirck Romeyn Room at 11am. Program: Support & Care by Linda Ward. Hostess: Ilah DePaoli

Wednesday Dialog April 11

Join us at noon for lunch (\$5) in Assembly Hall and hear about: Industrial Supercomputing.

Simulation-based Engineering & Science are increasingly important in advancing science and product design. In some cases physical experimental processes are being significantly reduced or even completely replaced by virtual models that run on highly advanced computers. Presented will be some of the drivers for this trend, challenges ahead, and kinds of problems being solved with HPC (high performance computers).

Richard (Rick) Arthur leads the Advanced Computing Lab at GE Global Research in Niskayuna, NY. His lab is

responsible for helping GE's wide range of businesses leverage emerging and disruptive computing hardware and software technologies to be globally competitive. He represents GE on several councils including the U.S. Council on Competitiveness' HPC for Manufacturing Advisory Council. Rick holds an MBA, and a B.S. and M. Eng. in Computer Engineering. He has worked for GE since 1990.

Stephen Ministry Convocation

Calling all active and inactive Stephen Ministers and Stephen Leaders! Your presence is requested at a special meeting on 7 p.m., Wednesday, April 11, in the Dirck Roymen Room. This meeting will feature an interactive review of our significant history and an assessment of our present situation, thus enabling us to plan for a vital future of this important ministry.

Anyone who as ever served as a Stephen Minister is urged to attend.

Please contact Stephen Leaders, Daniel Carlson or Linnea D'Andrea, to indicate your intention to participate.

Group VII

We will meet on Friday, April 20 at 10am at 1st Presbyterian Church (115 Union St., Schenectady) for a tour. At conclusion of tour; lunch (bring own lunch) at FRC in Assembly Hall. Co-Hostesses: Peg Norton and Mary Jane Fisher.

Israel: A Biblical Journey

There will be an informational meeting with a slide presentation on April 22 following the worship service. If you would like to attend this meeting, please RSVP to Stacey Midge.

Prayer Shawl Knitting Group

We will be meeting at 9:30am on Thursday, April 26 at the home of Ronnie Bartholic. We welcome anyone interested in joining us. Please contact Ronnie (393-7679) with any questions.

Young Adults:

Faith with a Twist

Got questions? Bring your ideas, doubts, and wonderings and join this stimulating conversation on Thursday, April 26 at 7pm at the Van Dyck. Discuss God, faith, and all things spiritual while getting to know new people. This new group will meet monthly on the fourth Thursday of each month. Contact Stacey Midge to be added to the email list or for more information.

Communion Helpers

Mary Alice Jewett is preparing communion and invites people to help her. It only requires being here at 9am on a communion Sunday of your choice. This would be a great activity for a family or a group of friends and does not require a long term commitment. Call the church office to sign up.

Summer at Camp Fowler

Registration is now open for summer camp 2012! The theme is "If God is Love..." Campers are students in grades 3-12; Fowler also offers a family camp. Volunteers are also needed as cabin counselors and kitchen and maintenance staff. You can find more information on the website at campfowler.org or by contacting Stacey Midge (377-2201), who serves on the Fowler Program Committee and will be spending a week as chaplain for the senior high campers.

College Bound?

Applications for the Rev. Al Smith Education Scholarship are available through the Church Office. Please submit your completed application to the Church Office by May 15th. Questions can be directed to Sara Erickson at 374-4161 or ericksonhs@aol.com.

Creation Care Committee (CCC)

Please join the CCC on Saturday April 21 as we celebrate earth day one day early. Forty families in Rotterdam Junction have not been able to return to their homes due to flood damage sustained last August. Habitats for Humanity volunteers have been restoring these homes and we would like you to participate on this day from 9 to 3pm. You may be painting, installing floor or wall coverings, yard work or whatever is needed. Wear your work clothes, bring a lunch and assemble at St. Margaret of Cortona Church parking lot located at 1228 Main Street in Rotterdam Junction, turn in a completed volunteer form (volunteers should be at least 16 years of age), receive your assignment and reassemble at the work site. Direct questions to Craig Kominoski at 399-3207 or by e-mail at ckominoski@nycap.rr.com. If the April 21 date is not doable but you would like to help work is organized every Wednesday and Saturday at the same time and place (office in the white house behind the church).

Volunteer forms will be attached to the bulletin board in the Assembly Hall.

Please consider making a donation to Habitat for Humanity marked FLOOD RELIEF and send to 115 North Broadway, Schenectady, NY 12305.

Money for construction materials and supplies are very low.

African Drumming

Zorkie Nelson is a master percussionist, traditional flutist, and African vocalist. Born in Ghana, and studying music since the age of 7, Zorkie became a master drummer. He has collaborated with the likes of jazz musician, Wynton Marsalis, We Su Ma, and Gballoi from The Prophet Ban. African drumming with Zorkie teaches you how to create rhythms and sounds of the African continents. The workshop focuses on performance and music education as a pathway to expression and creativity.

African drumming provides a great opportunity to experiment with percussive instruments.

Starting Monday, March 26 in Assembly Hall; 5 Sessions for \$85, Drop-in session \$20, 6pm-7:30pm

Consistory Nominations

The Nominating Committee of First Reformed Church is charged to nominate **Elders and Deacons** to serve two-year Consistory terms. The Committee begins its work soliciting recommendations from the congregation for Elder and Deacon Candidates. Those being recommended and those making recommendations must be members of First Reformed Church. Candidates for Consistory should be representative of the congregation, have vision, leadership skills, and be active participants in the worship and activities of this church.

Elders and Deacons together with the Ministers from the Consistory, which is the governing body of this

congregation. Elders exercise particular concern for the interior life and programs of the church (Worship, Fellowship, Education, and Congregational Care). Deacons exercise particular concern for the outreach of the church (Mission and Benevolence, Finance, Justice Advocacy, and Historical Concerns). Elders and Deacons will be elected at the annual meeting of the congregation on **May 6, 2012**.

The names of recommended candidates for Elder and Deacon may be submitted on a **white pew card or yellow nomination form** and delivered to the church office or given to any member of the Committee: Joanne Bedell, Elsa Hjelmar, Anne Walraven, Constance Young, Senior Elders Caroline Brooks and Linda Ward, Bill Levering, Daniel Carlson, or Stacey Midge. The Nominating Committee would appreciate your response as soon as possible.

	This Sunday	Next Sunday
Counting Deacons	Tom Burgoyne, Rachael Cox	Leah Kidwell-Fernandes, Claire Hughes
Faith Bookshop	Nancy Wainwright	Nancy Wainwright
Flower Delivery	Joyce Cowin, Gail & Glenn Blinckmann	Chancel Guild
Kinderwyck	Sarah Bachorik, Cathy Wisniewski	Sarah Bachorik
Liturgist	Stacey Midge	Daniel Carlson
Preacher	Bill Levering	Bill Levering
Procession Elders	Mary Jewett, Roberta Blackmer, Darwin Brudos, Rob Dickson, Peggy King, William Rochelle	Carol Jones-Assini, Gene Zeltmann, Roberta Blackmer, Darwin Brudos, Art Casey, Catherine Lewis, Margaret Schadler, Del Pierce
Reader	Chris Fernandes	Carol Troost
Refreshments	Tricia Shaw	Elena Grande
Ushers Offertory Deacon	Del Pierce (head usher), Carol Troost, Karen Dickson, Rob Dickson, Doug Todd, Karen Norton	Rachael Cox, Richard Davis, Leah Kidwell-Fernandes, Claire Hughes, Joan Lindsay, Bill Martin, David Bundy, Rebecca Grande

Calendar for the Week of March 25, 2012

Sunday March 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.	Coffee & Refreshments, Assembly Hall
	11:15 a.m.	First Forum, Poling Chapel
	11:15 a.m.	Kirk Ringers, Room 20
	4:00 p.m.	Youth Orchestra, Sanctuary
	5:00 p.m.	Jazz Vespers, Poling Chapel
	6:00 p.m.	Mission Shareholders Dinner, Friendship Hall
Monday March 26	9:00 a.m.	Mens Newsgroup, Poling Conference Room
Tuesday March 27	10:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer, Dykstra Chapel
Wednesday March 28	9:30 a.m.	Kerygma, Poling Conference Room
	12:30 p.m.	Thursday Belles, Poling Conference Room
	6:00 p.m.	Lenten Dinner, Assembly Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Classes, Various Locations

	8:15 p.m.	Lenten Contemplative Communion, Sanctuary
Thursday March 29	7:30 a.m.	Breakfast Bible Bunch, Walton Conference Room
	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
Saturday March 31	2:00 p.m.	Ray Fisher Memorial Service
	4:00 p.m.	Hans Stern Memorial Service
Sunday April 1	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.	Coffee & Refreshments, Assembly Hall
	11:15 a.m.	First Forum, Poling Chapel
	11:15 a.m.	Kirk Ringers, Room 20
	12:00 p.m.	Justice Action Council, Walton Conference Room
	12:00 p.m.	Membership Committee, Poling Conference Room
	4:00 p.m.	Youth Orchestra, Sanctuary
	5:00 p.m.	Jazz 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.



March 25, 2012

***A journey to holiness
travels rocky mountains
smooth paths
and headings without roads***

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