

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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	This Sunday	Next Sunday
Counting Deacons	Leah Kidwell-Fernandes, Claire Hughes	Kim Burgoyne, Leah Kidwell-Fernandes
Faith Bookshop	Nancy Wainwright	Roberta Blackmer
First Forum	Report by SHYG Topic: Mission Trip	Coffee & Conversation
Flower Delivery	Chancel Guild	Chancel Guild
Kinderwyck	Sarah Bachorik	Sarah Bachorik
Liturgist	Daniel Carlson	Stacey Midge
Preacher	Bill Levering	Bill Levering
Procession Elders	Gene Zeltmann, Roberta Blackmer, Darwin Brudos, Art Casey, Catherine Lewis, Margaret Schadler, Del Pierce	Mary Jewett, Keith Muse, Christine Daniels, Peggy King, Tom Lindsay, William Rochelle
Reader	Carol Troost	Nancy Wainwright
Refreshments	Elena Grande	Easter Reception
Offertory Deacons	Rachael Cox, Richard Davis, Leah Kidwell-Fernandes, Claire Hughes, Joan Lindsay, Bill Martin, David Bundy, Rebecca Grande	Earl Wainwright (head usher), Kip Arnold, Joanne Arnold, Philip Youmo, William Faulkner, Louis Acquasanta

Calendar for the Week of April 1, 2012

Monday, April 2

9:00 am Men's News Group  
7:15 pm Tower Ringers,

Tuesday, April 3

10:00 am Morning Prayer  
1:30 pm Worship Planning

Wednesday, April 4

9:30 am Kerygma  
12:30 pm Thursday Belles  
6:00 pm **Christian Pot Luck Seder**  
State St. Pres Church

Maundy Thurs, April 5

7:30 am Breakfast Bible Bunch  
10:00 am Stitch Group  
6:00 pm Purls of Wisdom, Mezzanine  
7:30 pm **Tenebrae Service**, Sanctuary

Good Friday, April 6

12:00 pm **Combined Worship Service**

Easter Sunday, April 8

6:30am **Sunrise Worship**  
Niskayuna Reformed  
7:00 am Easter Breakfast  
Niskayuna Reformed  
10:00 am **Easter Sunday Service**  
11:00 am Easter Reception & Fellowship  
5:00 pm **Easter Vespers**

Monthly Meetings

Concern for Hungry, 1st Mon.  
Group V, 1st Mon., 11am  
Committees, 2nd Tues., 6:30pm  
Consistory, 2nd Tues., 7:30pm  
Support & Care, 3rd Tues., 9am  
Tues. Ladies, 3rd Tue.  
Archiving, 2nd Wed., 1pm  
Stephen Ministry, 3rd Wed. 7pm  
Wednesday Dialog, 3rd Wed., 12pm  
Prayer Shawl Knitting, 4<sup>th</sup>. Thur.  
Faith with a Twist, 4<sup>th</sup> Thur. 7pm  
Group VII, 3rd Fri., 10am  
Justice Action Council, 1st Sunday  
Membership, 2nd Sunday

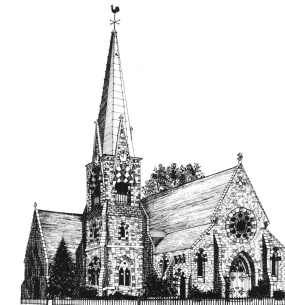
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Welcome to First Reformed Church

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 the perforated side panel, place it in the offering plate and join us after the service for coffee and refreshments.



## Palm Sunday—April 1, 2012

\* = standing

*Is your cell phone on?*

Voluntary .....Charles Moose  
 Greetings .....Daniel Carlson  
 Introit ..... Our King Draweth Nigh .....Chancel Choir  
 Call to Worship ..... Bill Levering  
 \*Hymn .....#89 ..... Hosanna, Loud Hosanna  
 Our Need for God (together)

**Loving God, in Jesus Christ you entered Jerusalem to save us. We confess we have not hailed you as ruler in our life, or gone before you in the world with praise. For brief faith that fades in trouble, for enthusiasms that fizzle out, for hopes we parade but do not pursue, have mercy on us. Forgive us, God, and help us live for justice and tell your loving-kindness. Amen.**

Assurance of the Pardon

\*Response of Praise .....#579..... Glory Be to the Father

\*Affirmation of Faith (together) .....from Our Song of Hope

**Our only hope is Jesus Christ. He was born of the virgin Mary, sharing our genes and our instincts, entering our culture, speaking our language, fulfilling the law of our God. Being united to Christ's humanity, we know ourselves when we rest in Him. Jesus Christ is the hope of God's world.**

\*Passing the Peace

Anthem ..... Antiphonal Hosanna ..... Kirk Choir  
 First Lesson..... Psalm 118:19-29..... Carol Troost  
 Children's Message.....Jamie Ipsen  
 Second Lesson .....Mark 11:1-11..... Bill Levering  
 Message ..... *But You Promised!* ..... Bill Levering  
 \*Hymn .....#88 ..... All Glory, Laud, and Honor  
 Offering

Offertory ..... The Feast of Palms .....Allan Bullard

\*Doxology (#592) and Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer.....Stacey Midge

\*Hymn .....#145 ..... Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

\*Benediction and Choral Response

Postlude .....Processional (1954) .....Charles Moose

### Prayers of the People

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: Virginia Bard, Roy Peters, and William Rickard.

### Easter Offering

We have selected Stepping Stone Ministry of Trinity Reformed Church. The approach is an opportunity to meet the needs of persons recovering from alcohol and substance abuse, and for church revitalization.

### Easter Flowers

Each Easter, members of Chancel Guild adorn our church with beautiful Easter Flowers. You may contribute to remember a loved one or honor a loved one by sending \$20 the church office with the name of the person for whom the flowers are in honor or memory of by tomorrow. Volunteers are needed to deliver the flowers next Sunday to those who are recently bereaved or homebound.

### Easter Reception

We need volunteers for our Easter reception in Friendship Hall to help set up on Saturday, as well as people to make food. Sign up in Assembly Hall or call the office 377-2201 to join in on the fun.

### Readers Needed

Folks to read scripture on Maundy Thursday are still needed. Please call Stacey Midge at 533-8000.

### Joining in Prayer

If you are interested in being added as a participant in our prayer chain or if you have a prayer request, please contact Daniel Carlson, Ann Gotwals (372-5089), or Vernetta Thuener (355-2543).

**The Membership Committee** meets today after worship.

### Film Screening

The Justice Action Council will sponsor a showing of the film *Waiting for Superman* in Poling Chapel at 7pm on Wednesday, April 18. The film highlights the challenges facing American education.

### First Reformed Covenant Internships

Young people age 21 and over who are interested in spending 9-12 months living in community and serving in local non-profit agencies are invited to get more information and apply online at [www.covenantfund.org](http://www.covenantfund.org).

### Books!

After worship, you are invited to browse our library and bookstore on your way to Assembly Hall. Both have lots to offer your mind and your heart.

### Stephen Ministry Convocation

A special meeting of all active and inactive Stephen Ministers is set for 7pm, Wednesday, April 11 in the Dirck Romeyn Room to discuss the past, present and future of this important ministry.

### Earth Week Work Party

On Saturday, April 21, our Creation Care Committee is leading a work day to assist our neighboring earthlings in Rotterdam Junction with painting, flooring, dry-walling, doing yard work or whatever is needed. Contact Craig Kominoski (399-3207) with any questions or to sign up; required volunteer forms are posted in Assembly Hall.

### Mission and Benevolence to Ellis

On Monday April 2 at 6:30pm M&B will visit the Chaplaincy program at Ellis Hospital and meet Rev Paula Gravelle to listen to how she and many volunteers meet the needs of our community for Pastoral Care at Ellis. All are invited, by today please let Carrie Brooks or Dan Ipsen know you are planning to attend.

## Welcome

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

- I am a visitor.
- Please add me to the mailing list.
- I am interested in joining.
- Please update my information.
- Please note nominations below.

## Nominations

Elders and Deacons will be elected at the annual meeting of the congregation on May 6. The Nominating Committee would appreciate names of recommended people for church leadership by April 15. Please tear off this section and place it in the offering including your name at the top.

I nominate:

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for elder  for deacon

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for elder  for deacon

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for elder  for deacon

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for elder  for deacon