

## **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](http://1stReformed.com) one or two days following the service.

## Second Sunday of Easter

April 15, 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

*Meditation sur O Filii et filiae (1993)*

Denis Bédard

*Partita on Salve feste dies (1999)*

Charles Callahan

10:00 a.m.

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

### GREETING

Daniel Carlson

Alleluia, Christ is Risen!

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WORSHIP ORIENTATION

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Bill Levering

### INTROIT

*Alleluia*

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #113 *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

\*OUR NEED FOR GOD (*unison*)

**God of new life, we lift our hearts in thanksgiving for the hope  
you have brought us in Jesus Christ. Deepen our shallowness  
with the message of your love. Amen.**

\*GOD’S FORGIVING LOVE

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

**Halle, Halle, Hallelujah! (x3)**

**Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

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\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*from Our Song of Hope*)

**God’s life-giving Word and Spirit conquer the powers of sin and  
death, bitterness and hatred. God will enable us to live in a new  
way and open new possibilities of life for all people.**

\*PASSING THE PEACE

ANTHEM                      Easter Paean                      Austin Lovelace

Sing, for Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia.  
Death no more may hold us in its sway,  
O sing ye, Alleluia.  
Gone the power of sin for aye, Alleluia.

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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION                      Lynne Gilgore

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

FIRST LESSON                      *1 John 1:1-4 (page 238)*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND LESSON                      *John 20:19-31 (page 115)*

SERMON                      *The Role of Doubt*                      Bill Levering

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

\*HYMN #399    *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight*    Dunlap's Creek

OFFERING

OFFERTORY    *Rondeau (Sinfonies De Fanfares) (1729)*  
Jean Joseph Mouret

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

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

MINUTE FOR MISSION                      *Feinstein Challenge*                      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.**

\*RECESSIONAL HYMN #118 *The Day of Resurrection* Lancashire

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE *Twofold Amen* Robert Bennett

\*POSTLUDE *Fugue on O filii (1954)* Jean Langlais

\*The congregation may stand

### **Prayers of the People**

As part of our prayers this morning, we remember with thanks-giving members of this congregation who entered eternal rest in previous years about this time:

*Kouan Fong, Kathryn Pontius,  
Iris Read, Marcia Todd, and  
Barbara Weber.*

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.

### **Chancel Flowers**

There is a flower calendar for 2012 on the right side of the Poling House entrance to the Sanctuary. Choose an open date for donating Memoriam or Celebratory flowers.

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.

### **In Memoriam**

The chancel flowers today are placed in the sanctuary to the glory of God in loving memory of Susan Shepherd from the Welch family. 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.

### **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  
Conversation on welcoming and affirming LGBT. Room for All update with Joe and Gay Doolittle

**April 22** - Sermon feedback and dialog with Rabbi Mathew Cutler

**April 29** - Update on Interfaith Ministry with Victoria Brooks, Chaplain, Union College

**May 6** - Annual Meeting of the Congregation

### **Jazz Vespers Every Sunday, 5pm**

**Today** – Peg Delaney, piano; Bill Delaney, bass; Rich Rosoff, trombone; Tom D'Andrea, drums

**April 22** - Lee Russo, sax; Dave Gleason, piano; Mike Lawrence, bass; Tom D'Andrea, drums

**April 29** - Peg Delaney, piano; Tom D'Andrea, drums

### **Seeking Spirituality Anew**

A seven-week, Eastertide, opportunity for community, education and worship on Wed., 7-8:30pm begins April 18 in the Dirck Romeyn Room. We'll begin with some informal conversation, leading to a discussion of *An Altar in the World* by Barbara Brown Taylor, and conclude with a time of reflective silence, prayers, communion and Christ's peace. Contact Daniel Carlson or the church office to sign-up or to find out more about this new venture. New discounted copies of this New York Times bestseller are available in the Faith Bookshop. Those attending should read the first two chapters for this Wednesday's session.

### **Justice Action Council, 7pm**

**April 18** - A showing of the film *Waiting for Superman* in Poling Chapel. The film highlights the challenges facing American education.

### **Group VII**

On Friday, April 20 at 10am meet at 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

### **Select Earth Week Events**

#### **Walk on John Brown Trail – April 17**

Join others in the congregation and community this Tues., at 9:30am, for a local, lovely Spring walk sponsored by ECOS. Meet at trailhead at the end of Whitmyer Dr. (from the intersection of River Rd. and Balltown, take River Rd. east about 3 miles to Whitmyer on left, follow to the end). No preregistration required.

#### **Earth Week Work Party – April 21**

On Saturday from 9-3pm our Creation Care Committee (CCC) is coordinating a work day to assist our neighbors in Rotterdam Junction with painting, flooring, dry walling, doing yard work or whatever would be helpful. Additional church workers (16 or older) are needed! Required volunteer forms are posted in Assembly Hall. Bring this form, work clothes, gloves, a lunch and hydration with you to the FRC parking lot at 8:30am Saturday and car-pool to the site, or transport yourself to St. Margaret of Cortona Church 1228 Main St. Rotterdam Junction by 9. Contact Craig Kominoski (399-3207; ckominoski@nycap.rr.com) with any questions or to sign up by Wednesday April 18.

#### **Electronics Recycling – April 21**

Recycle your electronics in a way that does not further degrade God's creation. This Saturday from 7-1pm, WNYT will sponsor another free, environmentally friendly electronics drop off program in the parking lot of Taft Furniture, 1960 Central Ave. Last year's event processed over 250 ton of recovered equipment! See the list of acceptable items posted on CCC's Green Space bulletin board in Assembly Hall.

### **Gathering of Local Greening Teams**

On Earth Day, April 22 our CCC will host a potluck for those in other area congregations of all faiths who seek to help the members of their respective faith communities be better stewards of the earth. The intent of the meal and meeting is to increase our outreach, awareness and effectiveness within this vital area of ministry.

### **Temple Gates Pulpit Exchange**

Stacey Midge will be preaching to the congregation at Temple Gate on Friday, April 20. Rabbi Mathew Cutler will be preaching here on Sunday, April 22 at 10am.

### **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.

### **CROP Walk**

On Sunday, May 6, the annual Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty walk will take place at 12:30pm, beginning at Emmanuel Friedens Church and winding 5k through Schenectady. The proceeds support hunger-fighting efforts around the world, with 25% going to local food pantries, Community Crisis Network, and Senior Meals. Want to walk? Get a donation form from Stacey Midge.

	<b>This Sunday</b>	<b>Next Sunday</b>
<b>Counting Deacons</b>	Richard Davis, Fred Daniels	Leah Kidwell-Fernandes, Claire Hughes
<b>Faith Bookshop</b>	Bill Clock	Linda Witkowski
<b>Flower Delivery</b>	Carol Troost, Ann Gotwals	Christine & Wilhelm Lund, Sandra & Craig Kominoski
<b>Kinderwyck</b>	Sarah Bachorik, Inge-Lisa Pangburn	Sarah Bachorik, Gay Doolittle
<b>Liturgist</b>	Daniel Carlson	Daniel Carlson
<b>Preacher</b>	Bill Levering	Rabbi Matt Cutler
<b>Procession Elders</b>	Carol Jones-Assini, Bob Beadle, Darwin Brudos, Art Casey, Gay Doolittle, Phil Falconer, Catherine Lewis, Margaret Schadler	Veronica Bartholic, Keith Muse, Gene Zeltmann, Rob Dickson, Tom Lindsay, Del Pierce, William Rochelle, Linda Witkowski
<b>Reader</b>	Lynne Gilgore	Catherine deSalle
<b>Refreshments</b>	Nancy Martin	
<b>Ushers</b>	Harlene Bachorik (head usher), Nicholas Blinckmann, Louis Acquasanta, Jeff Cox, William Faulkner, Art Shultes	Del Pierce (head usher), Karlyne Drimalas, Nelson Drimalas, Jeanne Shoulder, Griffin Laycock, Steve Breitenbach

## Calendar for the Week of April 15, 2012

Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Chancel Choir, Choir Room
April 15	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.	Creation Care Committee, Walton 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
Monday	9:00 a.m.	Mens Newsgroup, Poling Conference Room
April 16	7:15 p.m.	Tower Ringers, Poling Conference Room
Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer, Dykstra Chapel
April 17	11:00 a.m.	Support & Care, Poling Conference Room
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Seeking Spirituality, Dirck Romeyn Room
April 18	7:00 p.m.	Justice Action Council, Poling Chapel
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	Breakfast Bible Bunch, Walton Conference Room
April 19	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	11:00 a.m.	Group VII, Assembly Hall
April 20		
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	11:15 a.m.	Kirk Ringers, Room 20
	12:30 p.m.	Creation Care Pot Luck, Assembly Hall
	4:00 p.m.	Youth Orchestra, Sanctuary
	5:00 p.m.	Jazz Vespers, Poling Chapel
	5:00 p.m.	JHYG, Friendship Hall
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***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.*



*April 15, 2012*

*Untrapped,  
Unable to understand  
all of it  
Wonderful*

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