

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.

Fourth Sunday in Easter

April 29, 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 *An Easter Suite (1990)* Charles Callahan
1. *Procession*
2. *An Easter Meditation*
Partita on O Sons and Daughters (1964) Wilbur Held

10:00 a.m.

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

GREETING Stacey Midge
Alleluia, Christ is Risen!
Christ is risen indeed, alleluia!

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WORSHIP ORIENTATION

CALL TO WORSHIP Stacey Midge

INTROIT *Jubilate Deo* Michael Praetorius

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #376 *Love Divine* Hyfrydol

*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 *Be Still and Know*

Ralph Johnson
Carrie Brooks, clarinet

“Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations,
I am exalted in the earth.”
For God alone my soul waits in silence,
for in God is my hope, who alone is my rock and salvation;
I shall not be shaken.

As a deer longs for flowing streams,
so my soul longs for you, O God.
My soul thirsts for you, O God.
When shall I come and behold your face?
I am the Lord, there is no other.
Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth!
You have put gladness in my heart;
I will give thanks to you, O lord.
Be exalted, O God. Be still.

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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Therese McCarty

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

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 148 (page 582)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SECOND LESSON

Genesis 1:1-31 (page 1)

SERMON

Creation Care for Complicated Lives

Stacey Midge

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

*HYMN (see insert)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Hallelujah

Leonard Cohen
Bob Ridgway, guitar

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS 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 #426 *Lord, Speak to Me* Canonbury

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE: *Twofold Amen* Greek

*POSTLUDE *An Easter Suite* Charles Callahan
3. Toccata on O Filii et Filiae

*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:

Harold Cassidy, Rev. Dr. J. Dean Dykstra, Patricia Dykstra, Dae Gillespie, Dorothy Greenwood, Leonard Grupe, Clarence H. Linder, Sr., Leroy Moody, Elizabeth Paine, and Katherine Studer.

In Memoriam

The chancel flowers today are placed in the sanctuary to the glory of God in loving memory of Janet Schwem from Carol and David 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.

Summer Post Service Sign-up

Beginning May 27, whenever possible, our post service refreshments will be served in the Huntley Garden. Please consider signing up for preparation, cleanup and refreshments by yourself or with a friend. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in Assembly Hall.

A sheet with "how to" suggestions is also posted. Please read these instructions prior to signing up as it is very important in that the set-up and clean-up is done differently. Any questions, please contact Heather Chestnut at 346-7887. Thank You!

Entered Into Eternal Rest

Charlotte Hubbard
April 20, 2012

First Forum

Today: Missioners & Covenanters; Penny Holmes, Senad Ademaj, Chris Henry, Erin Winn, and Kseniya Zhuzha

May 6: 332nd Congregational Meeting

May 13: Faith working through Music with Leah Kidwell-Fernandes and Johnny Willis

Faith Bookshop

In the May issue of First Things, we mention that the Bookshop welcomes donations of gently read books. With the guidelines, we neglected to include that donations should be marked "for the Bookshop."

In recognition of Earth Day, books relating to the environment are on sale. Tote bags help, and there are still a few left and are free with a book purchase of \$12 or more.

Jazz Vespers Every Sunday, 5pm

Today: Peg Delaney, piano; Bill Delaney, bass; Tom D'Andrea, drums

May 6: Nat Phipps, piano; Pete Toigo, bass; Tom D'Andrea, drums

May 13: 'Azzaam Hameed, piano

May 20: Peg Delaney, piano, Bill Delaney, bass; Tom D'Andrea, drums

May 27: Dave Gleason, piano

Nominating Committee's Slate

Deacons: Linnea D'Andrea, Bill Martin, Nancy Wainwright

Elders: Joyce Griggs, Bill Ward, Johnny Willis

New Discipleship Discussion

A new session of the Wednesday morning (aka Kerygma) group, which alternates by season between Bible study and book will meet May 2, 9, 16, 23 at 9:30am in the Poling Conference Room to discuss prayer. The concise classic, *Dimensions of Prayer*,

(available today in the Faith Bookshop) will be our guide book. Contact Daniel with any questions.

Justice Action Council Events, 7pm

Friday, May 4: *Gasland*. When filmmaker Josh Fox is asked to lease his land for Hydrofracking, he embarks on a cross-country odyssey uncovering this process.

Wednesday, May 9: Richard Kirsch, long-time activist and author of *Fighting For Our Health*, speaks about leading a coalition fighting for health reform legislation.

CROP Walk, May 6

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.

Group V

We will have our end of the year picnic on Monday, May 7 at the home of Maria Greskovich, 1229 Viewmont Dr. Niskayuna. Bring a Salad picnic. For more information please contact Maria (372-9522).

Group VII

On Friday, May 18 at 11:30am we will have small group lunches in the homes of Ronnie Bartholic, Mary Jane Fisher, Mary Jewett, and Connie Young. If any questions, contact Ronnie at 393-7679.

Wednesday Dialog, May 16

Oil Depletion: What Are Our Energy Options?

Our country runs on oil. However, oil will be markedly depleted over the next few decades, threatening our economy and our way of life. How will we fuel our cars, heat our homes, and run our industries without oil? Research and development into new technologies will determine how we replace oil with alternative energy sources. This talk will outline our options and the tough decisions ahead. Carol and George Possin will share their research on this timely topic. Join us for a delicious \$5 lunch followed by the presentation and dialogue!

Youth Take Over

On May 20, the youth of the church are taking over! The youth will be doing the readings, prayers, and music that morning and our graduating seniors Briana Bogatka, Camila Grande, and Heather Ipsen will all be speaking at the service. Please plan to attend and support our youth.

Church Picnic, May 20

After worship come and join the fun at the annual spring picnic sponsored by the Youth Education and Nurture Committee. We will provide burgers, veggie burgers, hotdogs, and beverages for all. Please bring a side dish, dessert, or snack to share. In addition to food and conversation, games will be available for the children. Bring a friend to share in the fun! See you there!

	This Sunday	Next Sunday
Counting Deacons	Therese McCarty, Douglas Todd	Kimberly Burgoyne, Bill Martin
Faith Bookshop	Committee Member	Committee Member
Flower Delivery	Diane & Peter Ontkush, Joe Gallagher	Charlotte & Roger Greenwood, Laura Linder,
Kinderwyck	Sarah Bachorik, Joanne Bedell	Sarah Bachorik, Gay Doolittle
Liturgist	Stacey Midge	Daniel Carlson
Preacher	Stacey Midge	Bill Levering
Procession Elders	Mary Jewett, Bob Beadle, Gay Doolittle, Phil Falconer, Maria Greskovich, Peggy King, Margaret Schadler, Linda Witkowski	Mary Jewett, Keith Muse, Carol Jones-Assini, Gene Zeltmann, Eric Evans, Christine Daniels, Catherine Lewis, Del Pierce
Reader	Therese McCarty	Christine Daniels
Refreshments	Nancy Martin	
Ushers Offertory Deacons	Tom Burgoyne (head usher), David Bundy, Chris Langdon, Joe Gotwals, Alida Rice, Linda Stanhope	Tom Burgoyne, Richard Davis, Lisa Etkin, Leah Kidwell-Fernandes, Claire Hughes, Bill Martin, Caroline Welch, Kimberly Burgoyne

Calendar for the Week of April 29, 2012

Sunday April 29	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.	Post Service, 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
	7:00 p.m.	SHYG, Friendship Hall
Monday April 30	9:00 a.m.	Mens Newsgroup, Poling Conference Room
Tuesday May 1	10:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer, Dykstra Chapel
	1:30 p.m.	Worship Planning, Office
Wednesday May 2	9:30 a.m.	Discipleship Discussion, Poling Conference Room
	7:00 p.m.	Seeking Spirituality, Dirck Romeyn Room
Thursday May 3	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
Friday May 4	7:00 p.m.	Justice Action Council, Assembly Hall
Sunday May 6	9:00 a.m.	Chancel Choir, Choir Room
	9:15 a.m.	High School Choir, Room 20
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Communion, Sanctuary
	11:00 a.m.	Post Service, Assembly Hall
	11:15 a.m.	Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary
	11:15 a.m.	Kirk Ringers, Room 20
	12:00 p.m.	Justice Action Council, Walton Conference Room
	4:00 p.m.	Youth Orchestra, Sanctuary
	5:00 p.m.	Jazz Vespers, Poling Chapel
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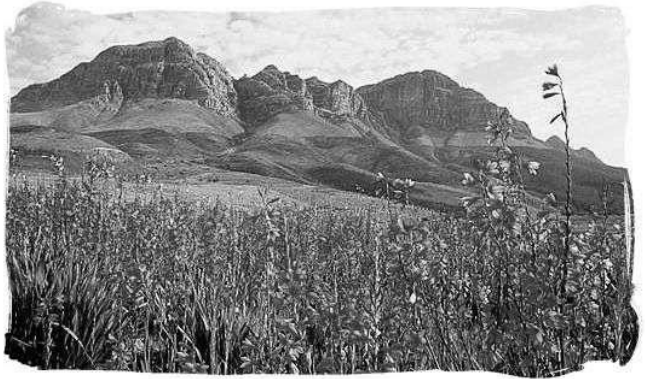
***The Covenant of Our
Congregation
Adopted in 1962***

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.



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OF CREATION
DECLARES
THE GLORY OF
GOD***

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