

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.

Sixth Sunday in Easter

May 13, 2012

9:40 a.m.

VOLUNTARY *Variations on an American Hymn*
Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing (1997)

Robert Hebble

10:00 a.m.

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

GREETING

Bill Levering

Alleluia, Christ is Risen!

Christ is risen indeed, alleluia!

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WORSHIP ORIENTATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bill Levering

INTROIT

From the Rising

Michael Tebbano

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #298 *There's a Wideness* In Babilone

*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 #579 *Glory Be to the Father* Gloria Patri

*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 *Praise the Lord, Our God, Forever*

W. A. Mozart, arr. Walter Ehret

Praise the Lord, our God, forever. Praise the Lord, our God, forever.
Let us rejoice with heart and voice, and sing His praise forevermore.

The Lord in Zion ever reigns and o'er the land
His rule He does maintain. O praise, O praise.

With joy let all our alleluias ring. Alleluia, alleluia.
Sing praise unto the Lord forever. Praise the Lord for forevermore.

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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Catherine deSalle

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

FIRST LESSON

Acts 10:44-48 (page 130)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND LESSON

John 15:9-17 (page 109)

SERMON

God as Friend

Bill Levering

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

*HYMN #403

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Converse

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

David Gleason

*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 #540

God Be with You

Randolph

Junior & Senior High Youth Groups

Today: No Meetings

May 20: Youth Service, those participating be at church at 9:30am. PLUS, end of the year party at 5pm.

Wed. AM Discipleship Discussion

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

Wednesday Dialogue May 16

Following a noon lunch (\$5) in Assembly Hall, George and Carol Possin will present: Oil Depletion: What Are Our Energy Options?

Stephen Ministry Meetings

Our monthly Continuing Education and Supervision meeting will be held on May 16 in Assembly Hall at 7pm.

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.

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 join the fun at the annual church picnic. Burgers, veggie burgers, hotdogs, and beverages will be provided 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!

Young Adults: Faith with a Twist

Got questions? Bring your ideas, doubts, and wonderings and join this stimulating conversation on Thursday, May 24 at 7pm at the Van Dyck. Discuss God, faith, and all things spiritual while getting to know new people. Contact Stacey Midge to be added to the email list or for more information.

Pentecost, May 27

Wear red to church as we are celebrating the Spirit's presence, power, and peace among members old and new.

Save The Dates

June 22: Movie Night

Where: Leah & Chris Fernandes

Time: 6:30pm (serving pizza)

July 28: Barbeque & Pool Party

Where: Heather & Andy Chestnuts

Time: 12-4pm

Finishing Fowler's Office

Help is needed to complete the exterior siding of the new office on the front of the ARC at Fowler. Please contact John Van Oort (o: 869-7800 ext. 11; j.vanoort@studiosevenarchitects.com) if you can help this Thursday, Friday, or Saturday.

Support and Care Committee

To provide support and meet the needs of our church members, the following services are available.

Medical Transportation

Ronnie Bartholic 393-7679
Inge-Lise Pangburn 399-1027
Ann Walraven 374-4646

Prayer Chain

Ann Gotwals 372-5089
Vernetta Theuner 355-2543

Meal Assistance

Kim Burgoyne 399-1337

Stephen Ministry

Daniel Carlson 377-2201
Linnea D'Andrea 371-8313

The Support and Care Committee is always happy to accept volunteers to assist with Sunday flower delivery, transportation, and preparing an occasional meal.

To help in any way, please call one of the above, or Chairs, Linda Ward (377-2377) or Joan Lindsay (399-3153).

	This Sunday	Next Sunday
Counting Deacons	Rachael Cox, Rebecca Grande	Fred Daniels, Douglas Todd
Faith Bookshop	Committee Member	Committee Member
First Forum	Faith working through Music, with Leah Kidwell-Fernandes and Johnny Willis	Congregational Picnic
Flower Delivery	Karen & Rob Dickson, Janet & Richard Gardner	Janet & Richard Gardner, Allison & Walter Yang
Kinderwyck	Sarah Bachorik, Inge-Lise Pangburn	Sarah Bachorik, Linda Stanhope
Liturgist	Bill Levering	Youth
Preacher	Bill Levering	Stacey Midge
Procession Elders	Bob Beadle, Roberta Blackmer, Darwin Brudos, Rob Dickson, Gay Doolittle, Phil Falconer, Peggy King, William Rochelle	Mary Jewett, Keith Muse, Carol Jones-Assini, Gene Zeltmann, Maria Greskovich, Jerry Griggs, Margaret Schadler, Linda Witkowski
Reader	Catherine deSalle	Youth
Refreshments	Alida Rice, Deborah Troost	Church Picnic
Ushers	Bill Clock (head usher), Cathy Allen, Robert Allen, Louis Acquasanta, Joe Gallagher, Maurice Robbins, William Faulkner	Del Pierce (head usher), Carol Troost, Karen Dickson, Rob Dickson, Doug Todd, Karen Norton

Calendar for the Week of May 13, 2012

Sunday Mother's Day May 13	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	
Monday May 14	9:00 a.m.	Mens Newsgroup, Poling Conference Room
Tuesday May 15	10:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer, Dykstra Chapel
Wednesday May 16	9:30 a.m.	Discipleship Discussion, Poling Conference Room
	12:00 p.m.	Dialog, Assembly Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Seeking Spirituality, Dirck Romeyn Room
	7:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry, Assembly Hall
Thursday May 17	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
Sunday May 20	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.	Congregational Picnic, Outside
	5:00 p.m.	Jazz Vespers, Poling Chapel
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Groups End of Year Party, 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.



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The bird, the heart,
the silent stars
all sing
with God

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