

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.

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.

Church School

Church school has ended and will resume again on Sept 9. Children will remain in the service to worship with the congregation. Don't forget Vacation Bible School August 6-10!

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.

Youth Sunday

May 20, 2012

Is your cell phone on?

9:40 a.m.

VOLUNTARY

Trumpet Tunes

Youth Orchestra

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

INTROIT

Christ Has Risen

High School Choir

*HYMN (insert)

Step by Step

*OUR NEED FOR GOD

Elizabeth Gallagher

God of our past, our present, and our future, guide us as we learn to follow Christ in this world. Transform our lives with your love, and help us reflect your grace to those we encounter. Amen.

*GOD'S FORGIVING LOVE

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Halle, Halle, Halle

Ha lay ha lay ha lay loo yah. (3x)

Halleluia! Ha lay loo yah.

*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

God of Wonders

High School Choir

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

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

FIRST LESSON *Colossians 1:9-14* Nicholas Blinckmann

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

TEACHER RECOGNITION

Tani Breitenbach, Lorraine Cox, Jennifer Evans, Dave Hjelmar,
Claire Hughes, Anna Ipsen (snack chef), Heather Ipsen, Shannon Kerwin
Becky Mason and Erin Winn.

SECOND LESSON *Mark 12:28-31* Sarah Bobok

SENIORS SPEAK Camila Grande and Heather Ipsen

SONG *Cannon/Seek Ye First* Kirk Ringers (chimes)

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

*HYMN #525 *Here I Am, Lord*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Tambourin* Youth Orchestra

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Briana Bogatka

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.

*CLOSING HYMN (insert) *Will You Come and Follow Me*

*BENEDICTION

*SONG OF RESPONSE Youth

*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:

William George, Ricard Lawton, Arthur Lord, Edward Lustenader, Jr., Edmund Sanderson, and Martha Wallender.

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.

Thank you Teachers

Several members generously gave their time, gifts and energy to our church school children this year. They successfully carried on the excitement of our new curriculum. We are thankful for their dedicated service.

Church Picnic Today!

After worship come and join the fun at the annual church picnic sponsored by the Youth Education and Nurture Committee. We will provide burgers, veggie burgers, hotdogs, and beverages for all. In addition to food and conversation, games will be available for the children.

Jazz Vespers Every Sunday, 5pm

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

May 27: Mike Lamkin, piano

June 3: Nat Phipps, piano; Pete Toigo, bass; Tom D'Andrea, drums

June 10: 'Azzaam Hameed, piano

June 17: Peg Delaney, piano; Bill Delaney, bass; Tom D'Andrea, drums

June 24: Dave Gleason, piano

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 with "how to" suggestions. Please read these instructions and if any questions, please contact Heather Chestnut at 346-7887. Thank You!

Johnson Library

The children's display table continues the tribute to Maurice Sendak, beloved children's author, who died recently. His *Where The Wild Things Are*, became popular with children, but some adults felt uneasy with the rambunctious characters, the way they looked and the departure from sweeter, children's stories that didn't ruffle feathers. Sendak realized that childhood has its dark corners and isn't always easy to navigate.

The Christian Century is a periodical the Johnson Library receives every two weeks. It never fails to include discussions of timely and sometimes controversial topics, as well as book reviews and poetry. An article, *Locked Up, Locked Out* in the May 16 issue, discusses the problem of race and criminal justice and notes that the U.S. has only 6% of the world's population, but 25 % of the world's prisoners. The magazines are located above the adult display table and may be checked out.

Pentecost, May 27

Wear something red as we are celebrating the Spirit's presence, power, and peace among us.

Musicians of Ma'alwyck Concert

Friday, June 1 7pm in the Sanctuary of the First Reformed Church, Musicians of Ma'alwyck presents its final subscription concert of the 2011-2012, *A Musical Travelogue* and features works of Handel, Dvorak, Respighi and Berwald for voice and strings. Guest artist Kara Cornell, mezzo soprano, is a nationally recognized up and coming young opera singer who will be performing the title role in Carmen this summer with the Opera Theater of Pittsburgh.

Free tickets available to church members, call church office.

Final Fowler Work Week

Workers are needed to complete the exterior work on Fowler's new office addition. Contact John Van Oort (h:320-8454, o:869-7800 ext. 11; j.vanoort@studiosevenarchitects.com) if you can help any day this next week.

Save These Dates for Fellowship

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
What To Bring: Whatever (pool-side) food and drink to share. Hamburgers, hotdogs, and beverages will be provided

August 3: Summer Outing to see Cirque de la Symphony at SPAC

When: Friday, August 3
Where: Meet at SPAC box office at 6:30pm
How To Sign Up: Call Leah Kidwell-Fernandes 383-2167 or e-mail leah@upstateharpist.com.

Additional information can be found in our June First Things issue.

Capital Pride Parade

When: June 10

Time: Noon

Where: Washington Park in Albany
RCA church members are invited to walk together in the Capital Pride Parade. The invitation comes from Room for All and FRCs Justice Action Council. **All are invited to walk.** The FRC Team will leave post worship. Reservations are suggested by calling Gay Doolittle 399-0499. Car pooling via our FRC van will be available.

	This Sunday	Next Sunday
Counting Deacons	Fred Daniels, Douglas Todd	Lisa Etkin, Leah Kidwell-Fernandes
Faith Bookshop	Nancy Wainwright	Veronica Bartholic
First Forum	Congregational Picnic	Coffee & Conversation
Flower Delivery	Janet & Richard Gardner, Allison & Walter Yang	Patricia & Fred Mett, Victoria McGowan & Michael Horan
Kinderwyck	Sarah Bachorik, Linda Stanhope	Sarah Bachorik
Liturgist	Youth	Stacey Midge
Preacher	Seniors	Bill Levering
Procession Elders	Mary Jewett, Keith Muse, Carol Jones-Assini, Gene Zeltmann, Maria Greskovich, Jerry Griggs, Linda Witkowski, Margaret Schadler	Darwin Brudos, Peggy King, Rob Dickson, Gay Doolittle, Phil Falconer, Del Pierce, William Rochelle, Linda Witkowski
Reader	Youth	Catherine deSalle
Refreshments	Church Picnic	Virginia McDermott, Inge-Lise Pangburn
Ushers	Del Pierce (head usher), Alida Rice, Karen Dickson, Rob Dickson, Doug Todd, Karen Norton	Earl Wainwright (head usher), Kip Arnold, Joanne Arnold, Philip Youno, William Faulkner, Louis Acquasanta

Calendar for the Week of May 20, 2012

Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Chancel Choir, Choir Room
May 20	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
Monday	9:00 a.m.	Mens News Group, Poling Conference Room
May 21		
Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer, Dykstra Chapel
May 22		
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	Discipleship Discussion, Poling Conference Room
May 23	7:00 p.m.	Seeking Spirituality, Dirck Romeyn Room
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	Breakfast Bible Bunch, Walton Conference Room
May 24	6:00 p.m.	Purls of Wisdom, Mezzanine
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts, Assembly Hall
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Chancel Choir, Choir Room
May 27	10:00 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary
Pentecost	11:00 a.m.	Post Service, Huntley Garden or Assembly Hall
	5:00 p.m.	Jazz Vespers, Poling Chapel

First Reformed Church

Schenectady, New York

THE CONSISTORY

Bill Levering, Senior Minister

Daniel Carlson, Associate Minister

Stacey Midge, Minister of Mission, Outreach, and Youth

Caroline Brooks, Linda Ward, Senior Elders

Fred H. Daniels, Treasurer

Joan Lindsay, Clerk

ELDERS

Carolyn Jones-Assini

Veronica Bartholic

Caroline Brooks

William Brooks

Daniel Ipsen

Mary Jewett

Keith Muse

Katherine Trimarco

Linda Ward

Eugene Zeltmann

DEACONS

Darwin Brudos

Thomas Burgoyne

Rachael Cox

Richard Davis

Lisa Etkin

Leah Kidwell-Fernandes

Claire Hughes

Joan Lindsay

Bill Martin

Caroline Welch

MISSIONERS

Penny Holmes

Tashano Jenkins

COVENANTERS

Senad Ademaj

Chris Henry

Erin Winn

Kseniya Zhuzha

CHURCH STAFF

Jamie Ipsen, Director of Children's Ministry

Julie Panke, Director of Music

Charles Moose, Organist

Jamie Ipsen, Director of Children's Music

Judy Moore, Director of Klokken Tower Ringers

Sarah Bachorik, Director of Kinderwyk

Heather Chestnut, Hospitality Coordinator

Heather Scribner, Office Administrator

Tani Breitenbach, Office Assistant

Lyn Gordon, Sunday Receptionist

Gary Nelson, Facility Supervisor

Diana Wahid, Housekeeper

John Phillips, Sexton

***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.



May 20, 2012

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

First Reformed Church

8 North Church Street – Schenectady, New York 12305
(518) 377-2201 www.1stReformed.com

Ministers: Daniel Carlson, Bill Levering, Stacey Midge