

# 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. RSVP to the church office.

## **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 the Huntley Garden. 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.

**Trinity Sunday**  
**June 3, 2012**

*Is your cell phone on?*

9:40 a.m.

**VOLUNTARY**

*Atonal Variations on Trinity (1973)*

Hampson A. Sisler

*Settings of O Trinity of Blessed Light*

1. *Chorale Prelude (1956)*

Flor Peeters

2. *Prelude (1984)*

Lester H. Groom

10:00 a.m.

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

**GREETING**

Bill Levering

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**And also with you.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WORSHIP ORIENTATION**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Stacey Midge

**INTROIT**

*Choral Call*

Robert Campbell

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #132 *Come, Great God* Abbot's Leigh

\*OUR NEED FOR GOD (*unison*)

**O Lord our God, you know us better than we know ourselves. As we come before you now, believers and doubters alike, we all share a deep need. Search us, O God, and know our hearts, test us and know our troubled thoughts. Give us a desire for repentance. Forgive us all our wrongs and transform us by your Spirit we pray. Amen.**

\*GOD'S FORGIVING LOVE

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE #579 *Glory Be to the Father* Gloria Patri

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from the United Church of Canada)

**We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**

\*PASSING THE PEACE

ANTHEM *Creating God, Your Fingers Trace* Kedron

Creating God, your fingers trace the bold designs of farthest space;  
let sun and moon and stars of light and what lies hidden praise your might.

Sustaining God, your hands uphold earth's mysteries known or yet untold;  
let water's fragile blend with air, enabling life, proclaim your care.

Redeeming God, your arms embrace all now despised for creed or race;  
let peace, descending like a dove, make known on earth your healing love.

Indwelling God, your gospel claims one family with a billion names;  
let every life be touched by grace until we praise you face to face.

Jeffery Rowthorn

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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Carol Troost

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

FIRST LESSON *John 3:1-17 (page 93)*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND LESSON *Isaiah 6:1-8 (page 635)*

SERMON *Created, Called, Commissioned* Stacey Midge

\*HYMN #138 *Holy, Holy, Holy!* Nicaea

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Bread of the World* Ian Brentnall

Bread of the world in mercy broken, Wine of the soul in mercy shed,  
By whom the words of life were spoken, and in whose death our sins are dead.

Look on the heart by sorrow broken, look on the tears by sinners shed,  
and by thy feast to us the token that by Thy grace our souls are fed.

Reginald Heber

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

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

MINUTE FOR MISSION *Covenanter Program* Kseniya Zhuzha

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION Stacey Midge

COMMUNION PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise!**

SANCTUS (*sung in unison*) Carl Steubing

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord God of Hosts, Heav'n and earth are full of thy  
Glo - ry! Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord, Most High!

COMMUNION

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

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.**

\*HYMN

*Spirit, Life, Eternal Word*

Spir - it, God, E - ter - nal Word, what was that first  
 Let me raise my voice to you, be my theme song  
 Through the dark of doubt and fear let me feel you  
 With my tal - ents, skill, and time re - al - ize your  
 song you heard when the new - born plan - ets sang  
 all life through, love and mer - cy cap - ture me,  
 al - ways near. Cer - tain of your faith - ful - ness,  
 will sub - lime: let the world a - round me hear  
 and the vault of heav - en rang? In that choir en -  
 awe - some grace en - rap - ture me, songs of gra - ti -  
 know - ing you will heal and bless, I can lift my  
 wis - dom, hope, and Gos - pel cheer, and my love for  
 list me, too, to sing to you,  
 tude and praise fill all my days.  
 heart a - gain and sing A - men.  
 you re - main my life's re - frain.

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\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE *Twofold Amen*

Dresden

\*POSTLUDE *Trisagion on Nicaea (1956)*

Vernon Griffiths

\*The congregation may stand.

## Music Notes

Today's closing hymn was commissioned by the Chancel Choir in 2007 in honor of organist Charles Moose's 30th year of service.

## 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:

*Duane Anderson, Jean Bundy, William Dotter, Jean Hay, Alice Marcellus, Lora Marting, Julia Amelia Jackson Phillips.*

## In Memoriam

The chancel flowers today are placed in the sanctuary to the glory of God in loving memory of Jean Bundy from David Bundy and 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.

## First Forum

**Today:** Justice Action Council: Implications of the Growing Gap in income equality. Claire Hughes and Bill Levering

**June 10:** Coffee & Conversation

**June 17:** Justice Action Council Health Care Reform Update: Is there a moral imperative in reforming Healthcare?

Speakers: Joe Doolittle, Carol DeLaMarter, Carolyn and John Assini, MDs.

## Summer Refreshments

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 since the summer procedure is slightly different. Any questions, please contact Heather Chestnut at 346-7887.

## Jazz Vespers Every Sunday, 5pm

**Today:** Nat Phipps, piano; Pete Toigo, bass; Tom D'Andrea, drums

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

**June 10:** 'Azzaam Hameed, piano

## New Members Class

Today right after worship in the Dirck Romeyn Room. The session should last an hour and a half. We will go over the basics of church membership and beliefs. Folks who attend this meeting are not assumed to be joining, so people can come just to check things out. To complete the process of joining, there is a meeting with consistory, June 12 at 7:30pm and a welcome in worship on Sunday, June 24.

## Jeanne Shoulder Celebration

Reminder of today's celebration as Jeanne leaves us: 4-7pm at Bob and Peggy Ridgway's, 1105 Rosehill Blvd, Niskayuna. Burgers (veggie and meat,) hotdogs, ice tea and lemonade will be served. Please bring side dish and/or favorite drink to share. RSVP to Sarah Howes 618-7297.

	<b>This Sunday</b>	<b>Next Sunday</b>
<b>Counting Deacons</b>	Bill Martin, Caroline Welch	Lisa Etkin, Douglas Todd
<b>Faith Bookshop</b>	Roberta Blackmer	Committee Member
<b>Flower Delivery</b>	Roberta & Richard Blackmer Audrey & David Bain	Becky Draffen-Grande, Barbara Landon
<b>Kinderwyck</b>	Sarah Bachorik, Linda Stanhope	Sarah Bachorik, Shannon Kerwin
<b>Liturgist</b>	Bill Levering	Daniel Carlson
<b>Preacher</b>	Stacey Midge	Bill Levering
<b>Procession Elders</b>	Veronica Bartholic, Mary Jewett, Carol Jones-Assini, Keith Muse, Rob Dickson, Eric Evans, Catherine Lewis, Del Pierce	Gene Zeltmann, Bob Beadle, Roberta Blackmer, Darwin Brudos, Maria Greskovich, Tom Lindsay, Margaret Schadler, Linda Witkowski
<b>Reader</b>	Carol Troost	Nancy Wainwright
<b>Refreshments</b>	Mary Jewett	Nancy Martin
<b>Offertory Deacons Ushers</b>	Tom Burgoyne, Rachael Cox, Richard Davis, Leah Kidwell- Fernandes, Bill Martin, Caroline Welch, David Bundy, Kimberly Burgoyne	Harlene Bachorik (head usher), Nicholas Blinckmann, Louis Acquasanta, Jeff Cox, William Faulkner, Art Shultes

### Calendar for the Week of June 3, 2012

<b>Sunday</b> June 3	9:00 a.m.	Chancel Choir, Choir Room
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Communion, Sanctuary
	11:00 a.m.	New Members Class, Dirck Romeyn Room
	11:00 a.m.	Post Service, Huntley Garden or Assembly Hall
	11:15 a.m.	First Forum, Poling Chapel
	5:00 p.m.	Jazz Vespers, Poling Chapel
<b>Monday</b> June 4	9:00 a.m.	Mens News Group
<b>Tuesday</b> June 5	10:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer, Dykstra Chapel
	1:30 a.m.	Worship Planning, Office
<b>Wednesday</b> June 6	9:30 a.m.	Discipleship Discussion, Poling Conference Room
<b>Thursday</b> June 7	6:00 p.m.	Purls of Wisdom, Mezzanine
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts, Assembly Hall
<b>Sunday</b> June 10	9:00 a.m.	Chancel Choir, Choir Room
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Communion, Sanctuary
	11:00 a.m.	Post Service, Huntley Garden or Assembly Hall
	12:00 p.m.	Membership Committee, Walton Conference Room
	5:00 p.m.	Jazz Vespers, Poling Chapel

***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.*



June 3, 2012

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Unity in Three  
Wholes  
Full of Life***

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