

# 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.

**Second Sunday after Pentecost**

**June 10, 2012**

*Is your cell phone on?*

9:40 a.m.

**VOLUNTARY**

*Prelude*

Henry Purcell

*Canzona*

Andrea Gabrieli

*Ricercare*

Giovanni Palestrina

*Ave Maris Stella*

Jean Titelouze

*Basse et Dessus de Trompette*

Louis Clerambault

*Fugue on the Kyrie*

Francois Couperin

10:00 a.m.

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

**GREETING**

Daniel Carlson

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**

Bill Levering

**INTROIT**

*Enter Into His Gates*

Tom Benjamin

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #473 *For the Beauty of the Earth* Dix

\*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     *Apostles' Creed (traditional)*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

CONFIRMATION

Welcome our new brother and sisters in Christ. (*Amanda Bogatka, Nicholas Brown, Samantha Hjelm, and Alexis Wisniewski*)

**Joyfully we receive you into the body of Christ.**

**Join with us as we give witness in the world to the good news, for we are all one in Christ Jesus. Alleluia!**

\*PASSING THE PEACE

ANTHEM

*The Earth Adorned*

Waldemar Ahlén

The earth adorned in verdant robe  
Sends praises upward surging,  
While soft winds breathe on fragrant flow'rs  
From winter now emerging.  
The sunshine bright gives warmth and light  
To budding blossoms tender,  
Proclaiming summer splendor.

From out the wood, the birds now sing  
And each its song now raises,  
To join with all the universe  
In voicing thankful praises.  
With hope and joy their songs employ  
A rapturous exultation  
In praise of God's creation.

O God, amid these joys of life,  
Creation's glory beaming,  
Grant us the grace to keep your word  
And live in love redeeming.  
All flesh is grass, the flowers fade,  
And time is fleeting ever:  
God's word remains forever.

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

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

FIRST LESSON *Psalm 138 (page 577)*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND LESSON *2 Corinthians 4:13; 5:1 (page 181)*

SERMON *Invisible and Permanent* Bill Levering

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

\*HYMN #263 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* St. Denio

OFFERING

OFFERTORY Dave Gleason

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

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

MINUTE FOR MISSION *Albany Pride* Wales Brown

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 #268 *God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens* Holy Manna

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE *Threefold Amen* Traditional

\*POSTLUDE *Grand Recessional (1971)* Fred Bock

\*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:

*Bernetta Cronk, Mandalay Grems,  
Helen P. Lindsay, Edwards Murray,  
and Grance Vandewater.*

## In Memoriam

The chancel flowers today are placed in the sanctuary to the glory of God in loving memory of Bill Dotter from Elsie Dotter, Diane and Maury Robbins. 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:** Income Equality Conversation continued with Bill Levering

**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.

## Jazz Vespers Every Sunday, 5pm

**Today:** 'Azzaam Hameed, piano

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

**June 24:** Dave Gleason, piano

## Faith Bookshop

Books and gift items appropriate for young folks are available on the back table today. Donated, almost-like-new

books are now available, too: soft cover - \$1, hard cover - \$2. Thank you to everyone who has brought in books. We welcome more.

## 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.



## Pride Parade Today

Join us at noon at Washington Park in Albany. Each year in

early June, the Capital Area's GLBT community gathers to share and celebrate the growing inclusion and acceptance of GLBT persons in American life. Area 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.** Carpooling is available via our FRC van.

## Summer Conversations

Have you read a good book lately, seen a provocative film, or experienced something that you want to talk about? Join other adults any Wednesday morning this summer, 10-11am in the Dirck Romeyn Room where you can share what you've experienced and talk about how it fits with our faith, hope, and love.

### **Habitat for Humanity**

Please join us at The Stockade Inn on Thursday, June 14 for a Habitat Mystery Theatre Dinner and Silent Auction to benefit Habitat's 2012 work in Schenectady County. Jazz Cocktail Hour beginning at 5:30pm, play and program begins at 6:30. Sit down dinner. Cost \$75pp/\$125per couple. To make reservations, call Mrs. Hayes 395-3412, ext 1#, M-F between 10-5.

### **Group VII**

On Friday, June 15 at 11:30am Group VII will meet at the home of Diane Ontkush (1202 Viewmont Dr. in Niskayuna) for our annual picnic. Co-hostesses: Sue Zeltmann, Ginny McDermott, Ann Gotwals, and Linda Witkowski. If there are any questions please contact Ronnie Bartholic at 393-7679.

### **Tuesday Ladies**

We will meet at the home of Connie Young (1400 Keys Ave, Niskayuna) on June 19 at 6pm for a Salad Supper. If any questions, please contact Connie at 393-7061.

### **Movie Night Friday June 22**

Come out for an evening of fun at the home of Chris and Leah Fernandes (4 Candiwood Court, Clifton Park). Pizza will be served at 6:30pm, followed by a showing of the film *The Tree of Life*. Feel free to bring along your favorite movie snack. Please RSVP by Wednesday, June 20 at 383-2167 or [leah@upstateharpist.com](mailto:leah@upstateharpist.com).

### **Vacation Bible School**

#### **August 6 -10**

Each afternoon from 3-5pm there will be crafts, games, skits, readings and a healthy snack. Kids from ages 5-95 are invited to participate. Call the church office to register 377-2201. Helpers are also needed.

### **BBQ and Pool Party July 28**

Heather and Andy Chestnut once again welcome us all to their home (1286 Wendell Ave.) from 12-4pm for some great summer fun! Besides a swimsuit and towel (if you wish to get wet,) bring an appetizer, side dish, or dessert, and a beverage of your choice to share. Grilled food will be provided. Reservations are required, so sign up on the sheet in Assembly Hall or call the church office.

### **Special Offerings**

As you know, Mission & Benevolence selects a recipient for special offerings taken up each year at Christmas and Easter. The committee invites you to nominate any group you feel would be a good beneficiary. Please contact Stacey Midge or Dan Ipsen. The committee will be organizing its selection process starting in the fall, so make your nomination by September 1. In suggesting an organization, please provide the name of the person to get in touch with in the organization and their contact information.

	<b>This Sunday</b>	<b>Next Sunday</b>
<b>Counting Deacons</b>	Lisa Etkin, Douglas Todd	Richard Davis, Rebecca Grande
<b>Faith Bookshop</b>	Committee Member	Committee Member
<b>Flower Delivery</b>	Rebecca Grande, Barbara Landon	Virginia & Mark McDermott, June & Charles Van Wie
<b>Kinderwyck</b>	Sarah Bachorik, Shannon Kerwin	Sarah Bachorik, Gay Doolittle
<b>Liturgist</b>	Daniel Carlson	Stacey Midge
<b>Preacher</b>	Bill Levering	Daniel Carlson
<b>Procession Elders</b>	Gene Zeltmann, Bob Beadle, Roberta Blackmer, Darwin Budson, Maria Greskovich, Tom Lindsay, Margaret Schadler, Linda Witkowski	Veronica Bartholic, Daniel Ipsen, Mary Jewett, Carol Jones-Assini, Keith Muse, Christine Daniels, Rob Dickson, Peggy King
<b>Reader</b>	Nancy Wainwright	Leah Kidwell-Fernandes
<b>Refreshments</b>	Nancy Martin	Elena Grande
<b>Ushers</b>	Harlene Bachorik (head usher), Jeff Cox, Nicholas Blinckmann, William Faulkner, Louis Acquasanta, Art Shultes	Glenn Blinckmann (head usher), Karlyne Drimalas, Nelson Drimalas, Jeanne Shoulder, Griffin Laycock, Steve Breitenbach

### Calendar for the Week of June 10, 2012

<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Chancel Choir, Choir Room
June 10	10:00 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary
	11:00 a.m.	Post Service, Huntley Garden or Assembly Hall
	11:15 a.m.	First Forum, Poling Chapel
	12:00 p.m.	Membership Committee, Walton Conference Room
	5:00 p.m.	Jazz Vespers, Poling Chapel
<b>Monday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Mens News Group, Poling Conference Room
June 11		
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer, Dykstra Chapel
June 12	2:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting, Walton Conference Room
	6:30 p.m.	Standing Committees, Various Locations
	7:30 p.m.	Consistory, Assembly Hall
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00 a.m.	Christian Conversations, Dirck Romeyn Room
June 13	1:00 p.m.	Archives Group, Archives Room
<b>Thursday</b>	7:30 a.m.	Breakfast Bible Bunch, Walton Conference Room
June 14	6:00 p.m.	Purls of Wisdom, Mezzanine
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts, Assembly Hall
<b>Sunday</b>	10:00 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary
June 17	11:00 a.m.	Post Service, Huntley Garden or Assembly Hall
Father's Day	11:15 a.m.	First Forum, Poling Chapel
	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 10, 2012*

***One  
Unity in Three  
Wholes  
Full of Life***

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