

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 one or two days following the service.

**Third Sunday after Pentecost
June 17, 2012**

Is your cell phone on?

9:40 a.m.

VOLUNTARY

Organum Triplex

Veni Creator

Pavanne

Elevation

Les Cloches

Perotin Le Grand

Jean Titelouze

Jacques De Chambonnieres

Francois Couperin Le Grand

Nicolas Le Begue

10:00 a.m.

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

GREETING

Stacey Midge

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

Daniel Carlson

*HYMN #469

Morning Has Broken

Bunessan

*OUR NEED FOR GOD (*unison*)

Holy God of love, we have sinned against you and one another in thought, word, and deed, in what we have done and what we have left undone. We ask you to forgive our past failures, empower our present efforts, and guide our future intentions, so that we might delight in your will and walk in your ways. 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.

ORDINATION and INSTALLATION

Bill Levering

Deacons: Linnea D'Andrea, Nancy Wainwright

Elders: Joyce Griggs, William Ward, Johnny Willis

*PASSING THE PEACE

MUSICAL OFFERING *All Creatures of Our God and King*

Francis of Assisi; translated by William Henry Draper

Music: Geistliche Kirchengesäng, 1623

All Creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along,
O sing ye! Alleluia!
Thou rising mourn, in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening find a voice!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Leah Kidwell-Fernandes

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

FIRST LESSON

Psalms 92:1-4; 12-15 (page 548)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND LESSON

Mark 4:30-32 (page 38)

SERMON

Always Green and Full of Sap

Daniel Carlson

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

*HYMN #274

O God of Earth and Space

Leoni

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

American Folk Melody; arranged by Sunita Staneslow

My Shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is His name.
In pastures fresh He makes me feed, beside the living stream.
He brings my wandering spirit back, when I forsake His ways;
And leads me, for His mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;
O may Your House be my abode, and all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;
No more a stranger, or a guest, but like a child at home.

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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 #293

This Is My Father's World

Terra Beata

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Chaconne

Louis Couperin

*The congregation may stand.

Music Note

The arrangement of All Creatures of Our God and King is in part inspired by Patty Griffin's recording of this hymn on her CD *Downtown Church*, and is dedicated to the Decorah, Iowa bald eagles. The harp interlude in the hymn is arranged by Sunita Staneslow.

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:

Roland Carreker, Walter Kozak, Dorothy Van Leeuwen, and Rev. Donald Troost.

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.

In Memoriam

The chancel flowers today are placed in the sanctuary to the glory of God and in loving memory of Robert and Helen Lindsay by Tom and Joan Lindsay. 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.

Entered Into Eternal Rest

John Brown
June 13, 2012

First Forum

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

June 24: Dave Gleason, piano

July 1: Nap Phipps, piano; Pete Toigo, bass; tom D'Andrea, drums

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.

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.

Inter-Faith Worship Service

Advocates for Welcoming Congregations and Room for All will celebrate LGBT Pride Month with the annual Interfaith Pride Celebration, under the theme *Reflecting Light: A Celebration of Solstice, Pride and Spirit* on Tuesday, June 19 at 7pm at First Reformed Church in Albany (110 North Pearl Street.) All are welcomed to this free event that will include music by Leah Kidwell-Fernandes and John Norton, worship, stories and a dessert reception. Rev John Paarlberg of the First Church in Albany will speak on the process of graceful engagement used by the congregation to adopt a Welcoming and Affirming Statement. For more information contact Joe Doolittle at aldenjoe@nycap.rr.com or 588-2801.

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 this summer, 10-11am in the Dirck Romeyn Room to share what you've taken in and consider how it fits with our faith, hope, and love. Contact Daniel Carlson for further details.

Stephen Ministry Picnic June 18

All active and inactive Stephen Ministers and their respective spouse/significant other are invited to a 6pm picnic at Daniel and Mary Carlson's home (2060 Grand Blvd.). Contact Daniel to indicate you'll attend and what you'll bring.

Movie Night This 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.

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.

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; contact Jamie Ipsen at 399-6848.

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.

	This Sunday	Next Sunday
Counting Deacons	Richard Davis, Rebecca Grande	Leah Kidwell-Fernandes, Bill Martin
Faith Bookshop	Veronica Bartholic	Committee Member
Flower Delivery	Virginia & Mark McDermott, June & Charles Van Wie	Rosemary & Del Pierce, Ruth & Ken Roinos
Kinderwyck	Sarah Bachorik, Gay Doolittle	Sarah Bachorik, Shannon Kerwin
Liturgist	Stacey Midge	Daniel Carlson
Preacher	Daniel Carlson	Bill Levering
Processing Elders	Veronica Bartholic, Daniel Ipsen, Mary Jewett, Carol Jones-Assini, Keith Muse, Christine Daniels, Rob Dickson, Tom Lindsay	Katherine Trimarco, Bob Beadle, Darwin Brudos, Gay Doolittle, Jerry Griggs, Tom Lindsay, William Rochelle, Linda Witkowski
Reader	Leah Kidwell-Fernandes	Chris Fernandes
Refreshments	Elena Grande	Claire Hughes
Ushers	Glenn Blinckmann (head usher), Karlyne Drimalas, Nelson Drimalas, Griffin Laycock, Steve Breitenbach	Tom Burgoyne (head usher), David Bundy, Chris Langdon, Joe Gotwals, Linda Stanhope, Alida Rice

Calendar for the Week of June 17, 2012

Sunday	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
Monday	9:00 a.m.	Mens News Group, Poling Conference Room
June 18	6:00 p.m.	African Drumming, Assembly Hall
Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer, Dykstra Chapel
June 19		
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Summer Conversations, Dirck Romeyn Room
June 20		
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	Breakfast Bible Bunch, Walton Conference Room
June 21	6:00 p.m.	Purls of Wisdom, Mezzanine
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts, Assembly Hall
Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary
June 24	11:00 a.m.	Post Service, Huntley Garden or Assembly Hall
	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 17, 2012

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

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