

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.

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 24, 2012

Is your cell phone on?

9:40 a.m.

VOLUNTARY

Two Voluntaries (c.1808)

Dalby's Fancy

James Hook

Herbert Howells

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

*HYMN #404

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Precious Lord

*OUR NEED FOR GOD (*unison*)

God our help, we confess that we have not looked for the many ways you can heal and deepen our lives. We have tried to make it on our own and it has made us lonely and isolated. Lift our sights, we pray, and help us see your helps and hopes in our life. 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.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

L. Ann Bish, Ruth Brondel, Elena Grande, Analine Hicks,
Adam Mason, Rebecca Mason, Patricia Mett, Nathaniel Phillips,
Alida Rice and Paul Sherameta

PRESENTATION AND PROMISES OF NEW MEMBERS

*PROMISE OF THE CONGREGATION

*BLESSING AND WELCOME

We are ambassadors for Christ. We are the salt of the earth;
we are the light of the world. Welcome our sisters and brother
in Christ.

**Joyfully we receive you. 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

MUSICAL OFFERING

Nat Phipps

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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Chris Fernandes

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

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 9:9-20 (page 493)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 6:1-13 (page 181)

SERMON

Helps for Bad Times

Bill Levering

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

*HYMN #363

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

Sojourner

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Nat Phipps

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

Union Presbyterian Church

We welcome our friends from Union Presbyterian Church this week and look forward to the many ways we can work together.

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.

Camp Fowler Golf Tournament

25 people are needed to contribute \$10 so First Reformed, Schenectady can sponsor a hole at this annual summer fundraising event on July 9 at the Edison Club. Sign up at the church office and pay up today or before Sunday, July 7. Contact John Van Oort (320-8454) for further details.

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, 3-5pm

Our Summer VBS will involve our feet! Yes, we'll be *Walkin' With Jesus!* With flip flops flopping we'll learn scripture, craft marvelous things (like duct tape sandals), have 'foot' races and games, and eat a healthy snack each day. On nice days we'll meet on the lawn under the tent. On not-so-nice days we'll meet in room 20. Children ages 5 - 95 are invited to walk with us. Bring your friends, neighbors and relatives! Helpers are also needed. Please call the church office to register or if any questions, 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.

Name Tag

If you do not have a name tag or need a replacement. Please write your name on a white pew card and we will have it ready for you to be picked up at the church office on the following Sunday.

	This Sunday	Next Sunday
Counting Deacons	Leah Kidwell-Fernandes, Bill Martin	Linnea D'Andrea, Joan Lindsay
Faith Bookshop	Nancy Wainwright	Committee Member
Flower Delivery	Rosemary & Del Pierce, Ruth & Ken Roinos	Margaret & Tom Kiesow, Donna & Dave Bundy
Kinderwyck	Sarah Bachorik, Shannon Kerwin	Sarah Bachorik, Joanne Bedell
Liturgist	Daniel Carlson	Stacey Midge
Preacher	Bill Levering	Stacey Midge
Processing Elders	Katherine Trimarco, Bob Beadle, Darwin Brudos, Gay Doolittle, Jerry Griggs, Tom Lindsay, William Rochelle, Linda Witkowski	Mary Jewett, Keith Muse, Roberta Blackmer, Catherine Lewis, Tom Lindsay
Reader	Chris Fernandes	Catherine deSalle
Refreshments	Claire Hughes	Chris & Leah Kidwell- Fernandes
Ushers	Tom Burgoyne (head usher), David Bundy, Chris Langdon, Joe Gotwals, Linda Stanhope, Alida Rice	Linnea D'Andrea, Joan Lindsay Leah Kidwell-Fernandes, Nancy Wainwright, David Bundy, Tom Burgoyne

Calendar for the Week of June 24, 2012

Sunday June 24	10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Worship, Sanctuary Post Service, Huntley Garden or Assembly Hall Jazz Vespers, Poling Chapel
Monday June 25	9:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Mens News Group, Poling Conference Room African Drumming, Poling Chapel
Tuesday June 26	10:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer, Dykstra Chapel
Wednesday June 27	10:00 a.m.	Summer Conversations, Dirck Romeyn Room
Thursday June 28	7:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Breakfast Bible Bunch, Walton Conference Room Purls of Wisdom, Mezzanine
Sunday July 1	10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Worship with Communion, Sanctuary Post Service, Huntley Garden or Assembly Hall Jazz Vespers, Poling Chapel

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Schenectady, New York

THE CONSISTORY

Bill Levering, Senior Minister
Daniel Carlson, Associate Minister
Stacey Midge, Minister of Mission, Outreach, and Youth
Caroline Brooks, Keith Muse, Senior Elders
Fred H. Daniels, Treasurer
Linnea D'Andrea, Clerk

ELDERS

Veronica Bartholic
Caroline Brooks
Joyce Griggs
Daniel Ipsen
Mary Jewett
Keith Muse
Katherine Trimarco
William Ward
Johnny Willis
Eugene Zeltmann

DEACONS

Darwin Brudos
Rachael Cox
Richard Davis
Linnea D'Andrea
Lisa Ettkin
Leah Kidwell-Fernandes
Claire Hughes
Bill Martin
Nancy Wainwright
Caroline Welch

MISSIONERS

Penny Holmes

COVENANTERS

Senad Ademaj
Daniel Kosten
Chris Henry

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
Linda Malgieri, Assistant Bookkeeper
Tani Breitenbach, Office Assistant
Lyn Gordon, Sunday Receptionist
Gary Nelson, Facility Supervisor
John Phillips, Sexton
Diana Wahid, Housekeeper

***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 24, 2012

Struggles and pain surround.

Tools and help abound.

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