

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.

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 1, 2012

Is your cell phone on?

9:40 a.m.

VOLUNTARY	<i>Orgelsvit No.2 (1955)</i>	Daniel Olson
	<i>Duo and Interludium</i>	
	<i>Sursum Corda (1946)</i>	Waldemar Ahlen
	<i>Psalmus Vespertinus (1946)</i>	Gunnar Thyrestam
	<i>Toccata</i>	J. Krieger

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 Stacey Midge

*HYMN #289 *O God of Every Nation* Llangloffan

*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.

*PASSING THE PEACE

MUSICAL OFFERING *Let the Bright Seraphim* G.F Handel
Margaret VanNorden

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

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

FIRST LESSON *2 Samuel 1:17-27 (page 275)*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND LESSON *Lamentations 3:22-33 (page 766)*

SERMON *Stories From Synod* Stacey Midge

*HYMN #261 *God of Compassion* O Quanta Qualia

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Ave Maria* Charles Gounod
Margaret VanNorden

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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

*Come down the center aisle starting from all the FRONT pews.
Return by way of the side aisles. The servers will bring the
elements to any who choose to remain seated.*

+ + + **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 #335

Though I May Speak

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*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Fanfare (1961)

Craig Sellar Lang

*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:

Marjorie Frick, Chuck Greskovich, and Dorothy Sanderson.

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.

Celebratory or Memorial Flowers

There is a flower calendar on the right side of the Poling House entrance to the sanctuary. We encourage you to choose an open date for donating flowers to remember a loved one or to honor a special event. After signing up on the calendar, please inform the office of your wishes so records can be kept correctly. If the date you want is already taken, it may be possible to share the chosen date by consulting with the other donor. The cost of the flowers is \$30 for the two bouquets unless something special is requested. You may send your check for \$30 payable to Chancel Guild, c/o Marlene Risseuw, 2140 Niskayuna Dr., Niskayuna, NY 12309-4126.

Jazz Vespers Every Sunday, 5pm

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

July 8: 'Azzaam Hameed

July 15: Peg Delaney, piano; Bill Delaney, bass; Tom D'Andrea, drums

Faith Bookshop

Today, and for the rest of the summer, the Bookshop will be open briefly after the Sunday service. The Shop will resume taking personal book orders in September.

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.

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. Anyone interested in putting together a foursome for the tournament should contact John Van Oort or log onto CampFowler.org for more information. Sign up at the church office and pay up today or before Sunday, July 7. Contact John Van Oort (320-8454) for further details.

Military Service List

We are starting to compile a list of those who have served in the armed forces in order to honor them well. If you know of someone who should be added to the list please let us know either on a white pew card or call the church office 377-2201.

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	Linnea D'Andrea, Joan Lindsay	Joan Lindsay, Therese McCarty
Faith Bookshop	Roberta Blackmer	Linda Witkowski
Flower Delivery	Margaret & Tom Kiesow, Donna & Dave Bundy	Virginia Laumeister, Clair Hughes
Kinderwyck	Sarah Bachorik, Joanne Bedell	Sarah Bachorik, Linda Stanhope
Liturgist	Stacey Midge	Daniel Carlson
Preacher	Stacey Midge	Stacey Midge
Processing Elders	Mary Jewett, Keith Muse, Roberta Blackmer, Catherine Lewis, Tom Lindsay	Joyce Griggs, Rob Dickson, Jerry Griggs, Peggy King, Del Pierce, William Rochelle
Reader	Catherine deSalle	Mary Jewett
Refreshments	Chris & Leah Kidwell- Fernandes	
Offertory Deacons Ushers	Linnea D'Andrea, Joan Lindsay, Leah Kidwell- Fernandes, David Bundy, Tom Burgoyne	Bill Clock (head usher), Cathy Allen, Robert Allen, Louis Acquasanta, Joe Gallagher, Maurice Robbins, William Faulkner

Calendar for the Week of July 1, 2012

Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Communion, Sanctuary
July 1	11:00 a.m.	Post Service, Huntley Garden or Assembly Hall
	5:00 p.m.	Jazz Vespers, Poling Chapel
Monday	9:00 a.m.	Mens News Group, Poling Conference Room
July 2	6:00 p.m.	African Drumming, Poling Chapel
Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer, Dykstra Chapel
July 3	1:30 p.m.	Worship Planning, Office
Wednesday		Office Closed
Independence Day		
July 4		
Thursday	6:00 p.m.	Purls of Wisdom, Mezzanine
July 5		
Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary
July 8	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.



July 1, 2012

Struggles and pain surround.

Tools and help abound.

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