

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 on September 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.

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 15, 2012

Is your cell phone on?

9:40 a.m.

VOLUNTARY *Five Short Pieces (1984)* Adrian Self

1. *Sarabande*
2. *Trio*
3. *Scherzo*
4. *Elegy*
5. *Postlude*

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 Stacey Midge

*HYMN #268 *God, Who Stretched* Holy Manna

*OUR NEED FOR GOD (*unison*)

Giver of all good gifts, help us to remember that you are the source of all we have and all we are. Forgive the ways we have forgotten your grace and strayed from the best of your creation. Give us clarity of vision that we might see your leading and recognize your work in those around us. 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 *Orphan Girl*

Gillean Welch
Sung by: Olivia Mancuso

I am an orphan on God's highway
But I'll share my travels if you go my way
I have no mother no father
No sister no brother
I am an orphan girl

I have had friendships pure and golden
But the ties of kinship I have not known them
I know no mother no father
No sister no brother
I am an orphan girl

But when He calls me I will be able
To meet my family at God's table
I'll meet my mother my father
My sister my brother
No more orphan girl

Blessed Savior make me willing
And walk beside me until I'm with them
Be my mother my father
My sister my brother
I am an orphan girl

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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Bradley Lewis

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

FIRST LESSON

Ephesians 1:3-14 (page 192)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND LESSON

Mark 6:14-29 (page 40)

SERMON

Blessings, Beheadings, and Other Biblical Oddities

Stacey Midge

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

*HYMN #361

How Firm a Foundation

Foundation

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Untitled

Olivia Mancuso

*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 #388

O Jesus, I Have Promised

Angel's Story

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Retrospect (1971)

Hebert Howells

*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:

Ida May Bacon and Mary Jane Hasler.

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 Leroy Jewett by his 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.

Flowers in the Columbarium are placed in loving memory of Kathryn Ball Matson by Virginia Robinson.

Celebratory or Memorial Flowers

There is a flower calendar on the right side of the Poling House entrance to the sanctuary. Choose a date for donating flowers to remember a loved one or to honor a special event. Please inform the office of your wishes so records can be kept correctly. The cost of the flowers is \$30 for the two bouquets. You may send your check payable to Chancel Guild, c/o Marlene Risseuw, 2140 Niskayuna Dr., Niskayuna, NY 12309-4126.

Jazz Vespers Every Sunday, 5pm

For most of July, the musicians themselves will be leading the worship services. Come hear them talk about faith and music.

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

July 22: Mike Lamkin, piano

July 29: Peg Delaney, piano

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.

SICM's Summer Lunch Program

When: July 16-20

Where: Steinmetz Park

Time: 11:50-1:50pm

When: August 20-24

Where: Jerry Burrell Park

Time: 11:20-1:30pm

We will need 4-6 volunteers each day. Please sign by emailing or calling the church office.

BBQ and Pool Party July 28

Where: Heather and Andy Chestnuts

Time: 12-4pm

Bring: Besides a swimsuit and towel (if you wish to get wet,) an appetizer, side dish, or dessert, and a beverage of your choice to share. Grilled food will be provided.

RSVP: Sign up on the sheet in Assembly Hall or call the church office.

Vacation Bible School

Our Summer VBS will involve our feet!

When: August 6 -10

Time: 3-5pm

Who: Children ages 5-95, bring your friends, neighbors and relatives!

RSVP: Call the church office to register or if any questions, contact Jamie Ipsen at 399-6848. Helpers are also needed.

More Information on Activities

You can find more information on our church activities by reading each month's First Things Newsletter. You can find copies in our information racks around the church.

| | This Sunday | Next Sunday |
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| Counting Deacons | Christine Daniels, Catherine Lewis | Claire Hughes, Bill Martin |
| Faith Bookshop | Committee Member | Committee Member |
| Flower Delivery | Cathy & Bradley Lewis, Karlyne & Nelson Drimalas | Crystal Mongillo, Linda Malgieri |
| Kinderwyck | Sarah Bachorik | Sarah Bachorik |
| Liturgist | Daniel Carlson | Stacey Midge |
| Preacher | Stacey Midge | Bill Levering |
| Processing Elders | Mary Jewett, Keith Muse, Christine Daniels, Carolyn Jones-Assini, Catherine Lewis, Linda Witkowski | Veronica Bartholic, Joyce Griggs, Jerry Griggs, Gay Doolittle, Peggy King, Tom Lindsay, |
| Reader | Bradley Lewis | Mary Jewett |
| Refreshments | Wisniewski Family | Gay Doolittle |
| Ushers | Del Pierce (head usher), Carol Troost, Karen Dickson, Rob Dickson, Doug Todd, Karen Norton | Earl Wainwright (head usher), Kip Arnold, Joanne Arnold, Philip Yourho, William Faulkner, Louis Acquasanta, Richard Davis |

Calendar for the Week of July 15, 2012

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| Sunday | 10:00 a.m. | Worship, Sanctuary |
| July 15 | 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 16 | 6:00 p.m. | African Drumming, Poling Chapel |
| Tuesday | 10:00 a.m. | Morning Prayer, Dykstra Chapel |
| July 17 | | |
| Wednesday | 10:00 a.m. | Summer Conversations, Dirck Romeyn Room |
| July 18 | | |
| Thursday | 7:30 a.m. | Breakfast Bible Bunch, Walton Conference Room |
| July 19 | | |
| Sunday | 10:00 a.m. | Worship, Sanctuary |
| July 22 | 11:00 a.m. | Post Service, Huntley Garden or Assembly Hall |
| | 5:00 p.m. | Jazz Vespers, Poling Chapel |

First Reformed Church Veterans

World War I

George Albert Abbe
Roger O. Ackerman
Albert V.V. Ball
Ronald P. Boardman
J. Scott Button
Charles G. Briggs
George A. Brown
Albert Edward Carmichael
Harold Bright Chrisler
Vere Ward Cleminshire
Garrett Marcellus Clowe
Harold Lee Clowe
S. Vedder Clute
William P. Faust
William J. Foster, Jr.
Deforest Van Slyck Gamsey
Lewis H. Gibbs
Stillman S. Ham
John W. Hoag
Pierre Hoag
Garrett V. Johnson
Leslie W. Jones
R. Faust Krueger
Frank E. Kruesi
John Kruesi
Walter E. Kruesi
Judson Stuart Landon
Edward P. Lawsing
Charles G. McMullen
William McMullen
Donald W. Moore
William T.B. Mynderse
Frank Edmund Robinson
Richard Ravenel Spring

Karl M. Stoller
Harman D. Swits
Jack D. Underhill
Lance Underhill
Oliver C. Underhill
Robert Johnson Van Epps
Harold Garrett Veeder
Edward Clifton Vrooman
Harold V.V. Vrooman
Alonzo P. Walton, Jr.
John Wendell
Howorth Young

World War II

Sanford L Archer
Robert A. Aussicker
Frank D. Barclay, Jr.
W. Garner Bee II
William B Biggs
C. William Bowman
Suvier Bralley
Walter Briggs
Thomas B Case
Charles F. Clowe
F. Howard Croninger
Mary R. Croninger
Richard Davis
William H. Dotter
John W Eddy
John H. Faber
Donald Flom
John A. Friday
John E. Glen
Romer Good
Richard Gordon

Douglas B. Hatmaker
John Howell
James N. Howie, Jr.
O.H. Junggren
Robert Kingsbury
H. Stetson Kinkaid
Ralph F. Krueger, Jr.
R.N. Landon
James F. Lawsing, Jr.
C. Beecher Lockwood
John N. Marcellus, Jr.
Peter Paul Miller, Jr.
Richard Moore
Edward P. Mure
Henry B. Parker, Jr.
Jesse Perkins
Noel F. Phillips
Clark V. Poling
Charles Rasher
William Rochelle, Jr.
Hans M. Rozendaal
Walter C. Ryon
Harrison S. Sayre
John L. Schoolcraft, Jr

Korean Conflict

R.N. Landon
Daniel J. Thuener
Charles VanWie

Iraq War

Alex Lindsay
Ronald P. Attanasio

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.

***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.



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Struggles and pain surround.

Tools and help abound.

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