

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.

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
July 29, 2012

Is your cell phone on?

9:40 a.m.

VOLUNTARY

Divertimento (1976)

Dominus Regit Me (1975)

A Soliloquy (1975)

Michael Nicholas
Christopher Dearnley
John Sanders

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

Bill Levering

***HYMN** *Here in This Place*

Here in this place, new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away.
See, in this space, our fears and our dreamings,
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in - the lost and forsaken,
gather us in - the blind and the lame.
Call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.
We are the young - our lives are a mystery,
we are the old - who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in - the rich and the haughty,
gather us in - the proud and the strong.
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.

continues...

Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth.
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you.
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.
Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away,
but here in this place, the new light is shining;
now is the Kingdom, now is the day.
Gather us in - and hold us forever,
gather us in - and make us your own.
Gather us in - all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

***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

Paul Mastriani

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

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

FIRST LESSON *2 Kings 4:42-44 (page 336)*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND LESSON *John 6:1-15 (page 97)*

SERMON *Pot Luck* Bill Levering

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

*HYMN #521(vss 1&5) *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart* Finest Wheat

OFFERING

OFFERTORY Paul Mastriani

*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 #540 *God Be with You Till We Meet Again* Randolph

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *Sortie (1992)* Noel Rawsthorne
In July and August we will be quietly listening to the postlude while seated.

*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:

Norma Peterson

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. 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

August 5: Nat Phipps, piano; Pete Toigo, bass; and Tom D'Andrea, drums

August 12: 'Azzaam Hameed, piano

August 19: Peg Delaney, piano; Bill Delaney, bass; Tom D'Andrea, drums

August 26: Dave Gleason, 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.

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.

SICM's Summer Lunch Program

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.

Name Tags

Please be patient, our name tag boards are under construction.

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
Counting Deacons	Darwin Brudos, Rebecca Grande	Richard Davis, Nancy Wainwright
Faith Bookshop	Bill Clock	Linda Witkowski
Flower Delivery	Jayne Steubing, Sharon & James McCullough	Linda Witkowski, Dan Ertel
Kinderwyck	Sarah Bachorik	Sarah Bachorik
Liturgist	Stacey Midge	Bill Levering
Preacher	Bill Levering	Bill Levering
Processing Elders	Gene Zeltmann, Darwin Brudos, Christine Daniels, Gay Doolittle, William Rochelle, Linda Witkowski	Mary Jewett, Keith Muse, Bob Beadle, Roberta Blackmer, Darwin Brudos, Eric Evans, Carolyn Jones-Assini, Del Pierce
Reader	Catherine deSalle	Carol Troost
Refreshments	Ellie Brudos, Lisa Etkin, Joanne Bedell	
Ushers	Harlene Bachorik (head usher), Nicholas Blinckmann, Louis Acquasanta, Jeff Cox, William Faulkner, Art Shultes	Rachael Cox, Richard Davis, Linnea D'Andrea, Nancy Wainwright, Lisa Etkin, Claire Hughes,

Calendar for the Week of July 29, 2012

Sunday July 29	10:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary 11:00 a.m. Post Service, Huntley Garden or Assembly Hall 5:00 p.m. Jazz Vespers, Poling Chapel
Monday July 30	9:00 a.m. Mens News Group, Poling Conference Room 6:00 p.m. African Drumming, Poling Chapel
Wednesday August 1	10:00 a.m. Summer Conversations, Dirck Romeyn Room
Thursday August 2	7:30 a.m. Breakfast Bible Bunch, Walton Conference Room
Sunday August 5	9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room 10:00 a.m. Worship with Communion, Sanctuary 11:00 a.m. Post Service, Huntley Garden or Assembly Hall 11:30 a.m. JAC, Walton Conference Room 5:00 p.m. Jazz Vespers, Poling Chapel

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THE CONSISTORY

Bill Levering, Senior Minister

Daniel Carlson, Associate Minister

Stacey Midge, Minister of Mission, Outreach, and Youth

Caroline Brooks, Keith Muse, Senior Elders

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ELDERS

Veronica Bartholic

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Jamie Ipsen, Director of Children's Ministry

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Judy Moore, Director of Klokken Tower Ringers

Sarah Bachorik, Director of Kinderwyk

Heather Chestnut, Hospitality Coordinator

Heather Scribner, Office Administrator

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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.



July 29, 2012

***An apple tree doesn't ask
Questions***

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