

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.

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 5, 2012

Is your cell phone on?

9:40 a.m.

VOLUNTARY *At Your Service (1989)*

Robert Hebble

1. *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*
2. *Holy God, We Praise Your Name*
3. *Thee We Adore*
4. *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*
5. *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

10:00 a.m.

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

GREETING

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

*HYMN #281 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

Rhondda

*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

ANTHEM *Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me* Arr. K. Lee Scott

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be;
Help me now thy grace to see, I would be like thee;
And, with words that help and heal, thy life would mine reveal;
And, with actions bold and meek, for Christ, my Savior, speak.
Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be;
Help me now thy truth to see, I would be like thee;
And, with wisdom kind and clear, thy life in mine appear;
And, with actions brotherly, speak Christ's sincerity.
Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be;
Show thy mercy tenderly, make me more like thee;
Separate from sin, I would and cherish all things good,
And whatever I can be give him who gave me thee.
Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be;
Help me now thy pow'r to see, I would be like thee;
'Gainst all weapons hell can yield, be thou my strength and shield;
Let my word my weapon be, Lord, Thine the victory.
Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would be like thee!

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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Charles Van Wie
Guide us, O Lord, by your Word and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON *Psalm 78:23-29 (page 538)*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND LESSON *John 6:24-35 (page 98)*

SERMON *Wonder Bread* Bill Levering

*HYMN #521 *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart* Finest Wheat

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *To Thy Table, Lord* Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.
Emily Peterson, flautist

To thy table, Lord, for the bread to share;
Feed us, O Son of our Father.
Sinful and unworthy we humbly kneel before thee,
Lord, we are not worthy, but only say the word and we will be healed!
To thy table, Lord, we come, bread and wine to share;
O teach us to love thee more.
To thy table, Lord, we humbly bow before thee. Amen.

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

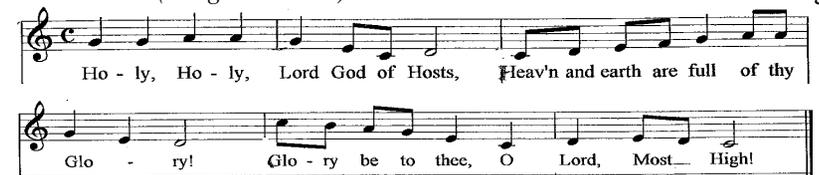
SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION Bill Levering

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



COMMUNION

Calendar for the Week of August 5, 2012

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
Monday August 6	9:00 a.m.	Mens News Group, Poling Conference Room
	3:00 p.m.	Vacation Bible School, Class Rooms
	6:00 p.m.	African Drumming, Poling Chapel
Tuesday August 7	10:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer, Dykstra Chapel
	3:00 p.m.	Vacation Bible School, Class Rooms
Wednesday August 8	10:00 a.m.	Summer Conversations, Dirck Romeyn Room
	3:00 p.m.	Vacation Bible School, Class Rooms
	6:00 p.m.	African Drumming, Poling Chapel
Thursday August 9	7:30 a.m.	Breakfast Bible Bunch, Walton Conference Room
	3:00 p.m.	Vacation Bible School, Class Rooms
Friday August 10	3:00 p.m.	Vacation Bible School, Class Rooms
Sunday August 12	9:00 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
	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

***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.



August 5, 2012

*An apple tree doesn't ask
Questions*

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