

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 will resume Sept. 9. Until then, children will remain in the service to worship with the congregation.

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.

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 2, 2012

Is your cell phone on?

9:40 a.m.

VOLUNTARY

Meditation on Sacramentum Unitatis (1942)

Leo Sowerby

Adagio from Modale Suite (1939)

Flor Peeters

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 #478 *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* Lauda Anima

*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 *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*
Johann Sebastian Bach

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

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

FIRST LESSON *Psalm 92:1*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN #233 *Blest Are the Uncorrupt in Heart* Richmond

SECOND LESSON *1 Chronicles 23:5 (page 381)*

SERMON *Life As Song* Bill Levering

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Setting of an Irish Tune from County Derry (c. 1984)*
Noel Rawsthorne

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN #458 *Earth and All Stars* Dexter

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION Bill Levering

COMMUNION PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

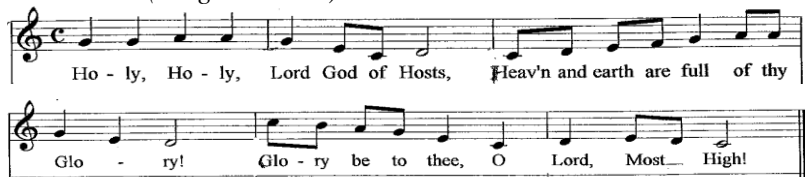
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise!

SANCTUS *(sung in unison)*

Carl Steubing



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

HYMN #170 *The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want*

Crimond

+ + + **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 #155 *Rejoice, the Lord Is King*

Darwall's 148th

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Grand Recessional (1971)*

Fred Bock

Quietly listening to the postlude while seated is encouraged.

*The congregation may stand.

Organist Charlie Moose Retires

Today our beloved organist will be with us for his last 'official' worship service. There will be a recognition for Charlie after worship on Oct. 14.

this congregation who entered eternal rest in previous years about this time: *Mary Grupe and Norma Peterson.*

In Memoriam

The chancel flowers today are placed in the sanctuary to the glory of God in memory of Norma Knapp Peterson by her daughter, Anne. 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.

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 members of

Faith Bookshop

Please see the September issue of *First Things* for news from the Bookshop.

Post Service Refreshments

When: Every Sunday after worship service.

Where: Beginning Sept. 16 we will be returning to Assembly Hall

We are always looking for volunteers to bring in food! There is a sign-up sheet in Assembly Hall. If any questions, please contact Heather Chestnut at 346-7887.

Jazz Vespers Every Sunday, 5pm

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

Sept. 9: 'Azzaam Hameed, piano

Sept. 16: Peg Delaney, piano; Bill Delaney, bass; Tom D'Andrea, drums

Sept. 23: Mike Lamkin, piano

Sept. 30: TBA

Breakfast Bible Bunch

When: Every Thurs. at 7:30am until 8:15am, for those that work

Where: Walton Conference Room

What: Dr. Levering leads this early morning bunch. The Bible study will review a text to be used the following Sunday.

Stitch Group

When: Beginning Sept. 6 at 10am and every Thurs. thereafter

Where: Poling Conference Room

Who: All are welcome

For more info call Joan Lindsay, 399-3153.

Welcome New Interim Organist

Who: Edward Heffron

When: Begins Sept. 9

You can learn more about Ed in the Sept. *First Things* newsletter.

Welcome Back Picnic

When: Sept. 9, right after worship

Where: Outside, weather permitting

What to Bring: A dish to share; barbecued food and drinks provided.

Volunteers are needed for set up and break down/clean up. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Leah Kidwell-Fernandes at 383-2167 or leah@upstateharpist.com.

Chancel Choir to Resume

When/Where: We will rehearse Sunday mornings beginning Sept. 9 at 9am in the Sanctuary and begin our weekly Thursday night rehearsals on Sept. 13 at 7:30pm in the downstairs choir room

What: All voice parts are welcome, high school and up.

Call Julie Panke at 370-5434 if you have any questions.

Consistory and Committee Meetings

When: Beginning Tues., Sept. 11 and every second Tues. of the month thereafter

Standing Committees meet at 6:30pm in various locations and **Consistory** meets at 7:30pm in Assembly Hall.

New Kerygma Bible Study

When: Beginning Wed., Sept. 12, 9:30-11am and every Wed. thereafter

Where: Poling Conference Room

What: The Gospel according to John

Who: All are welcome

Copies of the required resource book, *John the Maverick Gospel* will be available in the Faith Bookshop by Sept. 9. Those with questions may contact Daniel Carlson.

Youth Music Groups

New! Carol Choir: grades K-3

Kirk Ringers: grades K-8

Youth Orchestra: anyone who has played their instrument for 2 years or longer.

High School Choir: grades 8 -12

Please contact Jamie Ipsen 399-6848 if you'd like to participate.

New Communion Class

Who: Our third graders and any older children who want to learn about and share in the Lord's Supper.

When: Classes will be Sept. 16 and Sept. 23 during church school

The students will help prepare the elements on Oct. 7 and will celebrate World Wide Communion with the congregation.

Please contact the church office if you'd like your child to attend.

Youth Groups

When: Beginning Sept. 16 at 5pm and unless otherwise noted, every Sunday thereafter

What: A kick-off party for **all youth in grades 6-12**. Thereafter JHYG at 5pm and SHYG at 7pm

Where: the church lawn (weather permitting), thereafter the Mezzanine.

First Forum

When: Most Sundays (noted below) at 11:15am

Where: Poling Chapel

Sept. 16: Meet our Covenanters

Sept. 23: General Synod Update
Stacey Midge

Sept. 30: Vicki Brooks, Union College
Campus Ministry

Support & Care Committee

When: Beginning, Tues., Sept. 18 at 11am and every third Tues. thereafter

Where: Poling Conference Room

Midweek Evening Prayer

When: Beginning Wed., Sept. 19 at 7pm and every Wed. thereafter

Where: Poling Chapel

What: Gentle silence, unhurried song, and the Lord's supper. Based on a creation-oriented Celtic Spirituality

Who: All are welcome

Stephen Ministry Meeting

When: Beginning Thurs., Sept. 20 at 7pm and every third Thurs. thereafter

Where: Dirck Romeyn Room

What: Community building, an overview of the program year and small group peer supervision.

More Information on Activities

You can find more information about 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	Leah Kidwell-Fernandes, Nancy Wainwright	Fred Daniels, Joan Lindsay
Faith Bookshop	Linda Witkowski	Roberta Blackmer
Flower Delivery	Katherine & George Trimarco, Phillip Yourno	Inga-Lise & Chuck Pangburn, Bill McColl
Kinderwyck	Sarah Bachorik	Sarah Bachorik
Liturgist	Stacey Midge	Daniel Carlson
Preacher	Bill Levering	Bill Levering
Processing Elders	Veronica Bartholic, Mary Jewett, Darwin Brudos, Catherine Lewis	Veronica Bartholic, Bill Ward, Roberta Blackmer, Peggy King, Catherine Lewis, Tom Lindsay, Del Pierce, Linda Witkowski
Reader	Carol Troost	Nancy Wainwright
Refreshments	Joyce Griggs, Marlene Risseeuw	
Offertory Deacons/ Ushers	Rachael Cox, Richard Davis, Linnea D'Andrea, Leah Kidwell-Fernandes, Claire Hughes, Nancy Wainwright, Caroline Welch	Del Pierce (head usher), Carol Troost, Karen Dickson, Rob Dickson

Calendar for the Week of September 2, 2012

Sunday 10:00 a.m. Worship with Communion, Sanctuary
 Sept. 2 11:00 a.m. Post Service, Huntley Garden or Assembly Hall
 11:30 a.m. Justice Action Council, Walton Conference Room
 5:00 p.m. Jazz Vespers, Poling Chapel

Monday Church Office Closed
 Labor Day
 Sept. 3

Tuesday 10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer, Dykstra Chapel
 Sept. 4 1:30 p.m. Worship Planning, Office

Thursday 7:30 a.m. Breakfast Bible Bunch, Walton Conference Room
 Sept. 6 10:00 a.m. Stitch Group, Poling Conference Room

Friday/Sat. Consistory Retreat, Lake Placid
 Sept. 7-8

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
 Sept. 9 10:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary
 11:00 a.m. Welcome Back Picnic, Outside
 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.



September 2, 2012

The wind of the spirit
moves through our hollowness
singing us into holiness

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