

# 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 worship 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**

All children in grades K-8, are welcome to join in our Church School activities by leaving immediately after the Children's Message. Parents can pick up their children at 11:15am on the 2nd floor at the top of the stairs.

On Communion Sundays (the first Sunday of the month) youth in grades 3-8 remain in the service to participate in Communion while those in grades K-2 are welcome to go upstairs after the Children's Message for music and crafts.

## **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 Assembly Hall. 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](http://1stReformed.com) one or two days following the service.

**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**September 16, 2012**

*Is your cell phone on?*

PRELUDE

Nat Phipps

10:00 a.m.

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

GREETING

Daniel Carlson

The grace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WORSHIP ORIENTATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bill Levering

INTROIT

*Worship the Lord*

John Porter

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #376

*Love Divine*

Hyfrydol

\*OUR NEED FOR GOD (*unison*)

**O God, our home and help, we confess that our arms have not always been as open as yours. Fear has made us hide our hearts and close our fists. Our thoughts have not always been directed at inviting others to your love. Forgive us and help us, we pray.**

\*GOD'S FORGIVING LOVE

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE (*South African traditional melody*)

***God welcomes all, strangers and friends;***

***God's love is strong and it never ends.***

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*adapted from the Belhar Confession*)

**We believe in the triune God, who gathers, protects, and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. God has done this since the beginning of the world and will do it to the end. We believe that God wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people. God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry, frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind, supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows. God calls the church to follow in this: to stand by people in any form of suffering and need, and to strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.**

**\*PASSING THE PEACE**

ANTHEM                      *Come Sunday*                      Duke Ellington

Come Sunday, oh, come Sunday, that's the day.

Lord, dear Lord above, God Almighty, God of love,  
please look down and see my people through.

I believe that god put sun and moon up in the sky.

I don't mind the gray skies, 'cause they're just clouds passing by.

Heaven is a goodness time, a brighter light on high.

Do unto others as you would have them do unto you,  
and have a brighter by and by.

I believe God is now, was then, and always will be.

With God's blessing we can make it through eternity.

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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION                      Chris Fernandes

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

FIRST LESSON                      *Psalms 19 (page 498)*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND LESSON                      *James 3:1-12 (page 230)*

SERMON                      *Talking Trash*                      Bill Levering

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

\*HYMN #368                      *I've Got Peace Like a River*                      7.7.11

OFFERING

OFFERTORY                      Nat Phipps

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

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

MINUTE FOR MISSION                      *Narthex Displays*                      Wales Brown

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.**

\*RECESSIONAL HYMN #391

*Take My Life*

Hendon

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

*Threefold Amen*

Traditional

POSTLUDE

Nat Phipps

\*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:

*Thomas Teichner and George Vlahides.*

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.

### **Entered Into Eternal Rest**

Laurie Lyon Rochelle Bassett  
August 25, 212

### **In Memoriam**

The chancel flowers today are placed in the sanctuary to the glory of God in memory of Virginia Strong by her 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.

### **Post Service Refreshments**

We are always looking for volunteers to bring in food! It can be cookies, cheese and crackers, fruit, or anything you

want. There is a sign-up sheet in Assembly Hall. Food should be brought around 9:30am, unless it is already set up on a platter. If any questions, please contact Heather Chestnut at 346-7887.

### **First Forum**

We will meet in the Poling Chapel at 11:15am most Sundays.

**Today:** Meet our Covenanters

**Sept. 23:** General Synod Update, Stacey Midge

**Sept. 30:** Vicki Brooks, Union College Campus Ministry

### **New Communion Class**

Begins today and will run for 2 more weeks, through Sept. 30. This class, taught by Clair Hughes is offered to our third graders and any older children who want to learn about the Lord's Supper. The students will help prepare the elements on Oct. 7 and will celebrate World Wide Communion with the congregation.

### **Jazz Vespers Every Sunday, 5pm**

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

**Sept. 23:** Mike Lamkin, piano

**Sept. 30:** Dave Gleason, piano

### **Youth Groups**

Both groups will meet today with a kick-off party for all youth in grades 6-12 at 5pm on the church lawn (weather permitting). After the kick-off, both youth groups, unless otherwise noted, will be meeting every Sunday, the JH at 5pm and SH at 7pm.

## **Church School**

We are in need of teachers. There are nine spots to choose from (see below). You do not need to have teaching expertise or scholarly biblical knowledge, everything is provided for you - ideas, materials (even the snack). We can do a group teacher orientation or one-on-one, whichever you prefer. We have WONDERFUL kids at church and here is the perfect opportunity to get to know them!

### **Fall: Sept – Nov**

Grades: K-2; 3-5; 6-8

### **Winter: Dec – Feb**

Grades: K-2; 3-5; 6-8

### **Spring: Mar – May**

Grades: K-2; 3-5; 6-8

If teaching isn't your thing, there are lots of other ways for you to be involved - (look for the list posted upstairs on the bulletin board outside room 20). Contact Jamie Ipsen 399-6848 to let her know where you can best help or if you have any questions.

## **Johnson Library**

While browsing I found *The Life of Christ: Images From the Metropolitan Museum of Art*, compiled by Barbara Burn. Then, there is *Rockwell Kent's Forgotten Landscapes*, text by Scott Ferris and Ellen Pearce. Given to the library in memory of Charlotte Ramsey, is *American Stories, Paintings of Everyday Life, 1765-1915* edited by Weinberg and Barratt. For those who like handwork, there is *Patchwork and Quilting* by Better Homes and Gardens, two volumes of how-to do that craft.

## **Tuesday Ladies**

We will meet on Sept. 18 at 7:30pm at Ellis McClellan Rehab or Jan Crandell's home. Contact Connie Young 393-7061 closer to date for location.

## **Faith Bookshop**

The five books selected as candidates for Schenectady County Public Library's *One County, One Book* community read project are available in the Bookshop today. Each costs under \$12.

## **Midweek Evening Prayer**

All are welcome each Wed. at 7pm in Poling Chapel to this briefer, quieter service of worship. It is our intent to gently rekindle an awareness of God's presence within us and all creation through song, silence, and the Lord's supper. For more information Daniel Carlson may be contacted.

## **Stephen Ministry Meeting**

All active Stephen Ministers are expected at our Thurs. Sept. 20 meeting at 7pm in the Dirck Romeyn Room. Those unable to attend should contact Ann Gotwals, Maria Greskovich or Daniel Carlson.

## **Group VII**

On Friday, September 21 at 11:30am Group VII will meet for a luncheon at the Mohawk Golf Club. If any questions, please contact Ronnie Bartholic at 393-7679.

## **Group V**

We will meet at 11am on Monday, October 1 in the Dirck Romeyn Room. Veronica Bartholic will discuss Congregational Support and Care. Please call Maria Greskovich at 372-9522 or Sandy Moynihan at 654-6569 with any questions.

### 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.

### Flower Creation Celebration

Oct. 5-7; brochures available on the green space bulletin board in Assembly Hall.

### Musicians of Ma'alwyck

*Ma'alwyck 300* a celebration of Scotia's Ma'alwyck House and from which the ensemble takes its name, was built in 1712 will perform on Friday, Sept. 28 at 5pm at FRC. The program features music from 1712, 1762, 1812, 1862, 1912 and 2012 and includes music of Handel, Arne, Brahms, Debussy and the world premiere of Thomas Savoy's *Songs for Jack*. Performers include Ann-Marie Barker Schwartz, violin; C. F. Schwartz, countertenor; Petia Kassarova, Violoncello; Anne Agresta Dugan, soprano; and Thomas Savoy, piano. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$10 for students are available at 377-3623.

	<b>This Sunday</b>	<b>Next Sunday</b>
<b>Counting Deacons</b>	Caroline Welch, David Bundy	Rachael Cox, Christine Daniels
<b>Faith Bookshop</b>	Roberta Blackmer	Nancy Wainwright
<b>Flower Delivery</b>	Karen & Rob Dickson, Peggy King	Gay & Joe Doolittle, Elsa & Dave Hjelm
<b>Kinderwyck</b>	Sarah Bachorik, Gay Doolittle	Sarah Bachorik, Joanne Bedell
<b>Liturgist</b>	Daniel Carlson	Daniel Carlson
<b>Preacher</b>	Bill Levering	Bill Levering
<b>Processing Elders</b>	Caroline Brooks, Rob Dickson, Gene Zeltmann, William Brooks, Jerry Griggs, Carolyn Jones-Assini, Margaret Schadler	Veronica Bartholic, Mary Jewett, William Ward, Christine Daniels, Rob Dickson, Peggy King, Bill Rochelle, Margaret Schadler, Linda Witkowski
<b>Reader</b>	Chris Fernandes	Mary Jewett
<b>Refreshments</b>	Vernetta Thuener	Betty Bumgarner
<b>Ushers</b>	Earl Wainwright (head usher), Kip Arnold, Joanne Arnold, Philip Yourno, William Faulkner, Louis Acquasanta, Richard Davis	Harlene Bachorik (head usher), Nicholas Blinckmann, Louis Acquasanta, Jeff Cox, William Faulkner, Art Shultes

## Calendar for the Week of September 16, 2012

<b>Sunday</b> Sept. 16	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:15 a.m. 4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room Worship, Sanctuary Coffee & Refreshments, Assembly Hall First Forum, Poling Chapel Youth Orchestra, Sanctuary Jazz Vespers, Poling Chapel J&SHYG Kick-Off-Party, Outside (weather permitting)
<b>Monday</b> Sept. 17	9:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Mens News Group, Poling Conference Room African Drumming, Poling Chapel Klokken Tower Ringers, Poling Conference Room
<b>Tuesday</b> Sept. 18	10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer, Dykstra Chapel Support & Care Committee, Poling Conference Room
<b>Wednesday</b> Sept. 19	9:30 a.m. 12:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Kerygma Bible Study, Walton Conference Room Thursday Belles, Poling Conference Room Midweek Evening Prayer, Poling Chapel
<b>Thursday</b> Sept. 20	7:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Breakfast Bible Bunch, Walton Conference Room Stitch Group, Poling Conference Room Boy Scouts, Assembly Hall Stephen Ministry, Dirck Romeyn Room Chancel Choir, Choir Room/Sanctuary
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***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 16, 2012

*We gather together  
to ask the Lord's blessing;  
He chastens and hastens  
His will to make known.  
The wicked oppressing  
now cease from distressing.  
Sing praises to His Name;  
He forgets not His own.*

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