

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 one or two days following the service.

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 14, 2012

Is your cell phone on?

PRELUDE

Priere a Notre

Leon Boellmann
Robert Christensen

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

Open to Me the Gates

Eric Thiman

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #461 *God Is Here!* Abbot's Leigh

*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.***

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed (traditional)*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Greyson David Karl

PRESENTATION AND PROMISES OF THE PARENT

*PROMISE OF THE CONGREGATION

PRAYER AND BAPTISMAL COVENANT

*BLESSING AND WELCOME

Welcome our brother in Christ.

Joyfully we receive you.

**Join us to give witness in the world to the good news,
for we are all one in Christ Jesus.**

Alleluia!

*PASSING THE PEACE

ANTHEM

Sing Alleluia Forth

Eric Thiman

Sing Alleluia forth in dutious praise,

Ye citizens of heaven; O sweetly raise an endless Alleluia.

Ye Powers, who stand before th'Eternal Lights,

In hymning choirs re-echo to the heights an endless Alleluia.

The Holy city shall take up your strain,

And with glad songs resounding wake again an endless Alleluia.

In blissful antiphons ye thus rejoice

To render to the Lord with thankful voice an endless Alleluia.

Ye who have gain'd at length your palms in bliss,

Victorious ones, your chant shall still be this, an endless Alleluia.

There, in one grand acclaim, for ever ring

The strains which tell the honour of your King, an endless Alleluia.

While Thee, by whom were all things made, we praise

Forever, and tell out in sweetest lays an endless Alleluia.

Almighty Christ, to Thee our voices sing

Glory for evermore; to Thee we bring an endless Alleluia.

Amen. Amen.

J. Ellerton

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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Catherine Lewis

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

FIRST LESSON

Psalms 22:1-15 (page 500)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

+ + + The Response to the Word + + +

*HYMN

Spirit, God, Eternal Word

Spir - it, God, E - ter - nal Word, what was that first
 Let me raise my voice to you, be my theme song
 Through the dark of doubt and fear let me feel you
 With my tal - ents, skill, and time re - al - ize your

song you heard when the new - born plan - ets sang
 all life through, love and mer - cy cap - ture me,
 al - ways near. Cer - tain of your faith - ful - ness,
 will sub - lime: let the world a - round me hear

and the vault of heav - en rang? In that choir en -
 awe - some grace en - rap - ture me, songs of gra - ti -
 know - ing you will heal and bless, I can lift my
 wis - dom, hope, and Gos - pel cheer, and my love for

list me, too, to sing to you.
 tude and praise fill all my days.
 heart a - gain and sing A - men.
 you re - main my life's re - frain.

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Commissioned in honor of Charles Moose's 35th anniversary of service.

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 in memory of Don and Jean Buchanan from Robert Buchanan and Laurie and John Gutshaw. 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.

Celebratory or Memorial Flowers

A flower calendar is posted on the right side of the Poling House entrance to the sanctuary wherein you can 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 Risseeuw, 2140 Niskayuna Dr., Niskayuna, NY 12309.

Fall Frolic Today!

After Charlie's reception join other creation lovers for an easy, local, autumnal hike on the John F Brown Trail system in Niskayuna. See Daniel for directions.

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

Oct. 21: Consistory Update

Oct. 28: Soapbox, JAC

Sandy Kominoski will opine on the injustice of restaurant buffets that discriminate against vegetarians. Gay Doolittle will ask whether it should be so easy to buy guns at discount store chains. One objective is to have a good time; another is to get a sense what justice issues we at FRC are passionate about. Let us know what you want to rant about! Contact Claire Hughes with your name and intended topic, and we'll put you on the schedule: eclair@nycap.rr.com or 381-9241.

Faith Bookshop

The Bookshop welcomes published books written by people in our congregation or members of their family. Christine Walthers' father, Rev. Dr. Paul O. Boger, has recently published *Being There: A Pastor at Woodstock: Now, Then and Tomorrow*. Copies are available in the Bookshop. Books by former members of our congregation, *Those Things* by Joe Yang and *Prayers Through The Seasons* by David Middleton, are also for sale.

Jazz Vespers Every Sunday, 5pm

Today: 'Azzaam Hameed

Oct. 21: Peg Delaney, piano; Bill Delaney, bass; Tom D'Andrea, drums

Oct. 28: Dave Gleason, piano

Nov. 4: Nat Phipps, piano; Pete Toigo, bass; Tom D'Andrea, drums

Interfaith Jazz Festival Celebrates

To celebrate Thanksgiving on **Nov. 18** we will be having a Jazzy Thanksgiving fundraiser. We will have all your favorites in one spot for an evening of fine entertainment. Tickets are \$10 in advance, more at the door.

Midweek Evening Prayer

All are welcome each Wed. 7 - 7:45pm to our candlelit Poling Chapel for a

peaceful service intended to gently rekindle an awareness of God's presence within us and all creation through song, scripture, silence, and the Lord's supper. For more information Daniel Carlson may be contacted.

Junior & Senior High Youth Groups

JHYG will meet at 5pm every Sunday, unless otherwise noted for dinner, games, discussion, and other fun activities. Youth in grades 6-8 are welcome.

SHYG will meet separately every Sunday at 7pm, unless otherwise noted. All youth in grades 9-12 are welcome, and snacks will be provided.

Today: Regular meetings

Lisa Etkin will be coming to speak with the youth group. She's a deacon and serves on the membership and youth education committees.

10/19-10/20: Junior High Overnight begins at 6pm at the church. Bring a sleeping bag and snacks to share.

10/21: No Junior High meeting. Senior High Haunted Hayride trip to Double M in Ballston Spa. The cost is \$20 and includes admission to the Scare House and Psycho Path maze as well as the hayride. We will leave church at 6pm. Those who don't enjoy scary things can sit in the middle and close their eyes with Stacey. Please let Stacey Midge know if you will be coming, as reservations are needed.

10/28: Both groups attend SAFE Inc. Bowl-a-thon at Boulevard Bowl. Meet at the bowling alley at noon. Cost is \$20 and you must let Stacey know that you are going by Oct. 1. No regular meetings.

Archives and Historical Concerns

Please join the Archives and Historical Concerns committee for a brown bag lunch meeting to plan Heritage Sunday on Tuesday, Oct. 16 from 12-2pm in

the Samaritan Counseling office. We will be examining the settlers' friendship with the Mohawk at the time of the Massacre.

Tuesday Ladies

We will meet on Oct. 16 at 7:30pm at the home of Inge-Lise Pangburn. All ladies are welcome. If any questions or for directions contact Inge-Lise at 399-1027.

Stephen Ministry Meeting

All active Stephen Ministers are expected at our October meeting this Thurs., 7pm, in the Dirck Romeyn Room.

Group VII

We will be meeting Friday, Oct. 19 at 10am in Dirck Romeyn Room.

Program: Umbrella Program, co-hostesses: Maude Dunlap, Sue Sheldon, and Evelyn Johnson.

Mission Days

The fourth Saturday of each month has now been designated Mission Day! Members of FRC will engage in a monthly work project at various local sites. On Oct. 27 we will be painting and setting up at Patty's Place, a soon-to-open drop-in center that will offer services and referrals to prostitutes and sex workers in Schenectady. We will meet at the church at 10am and carpool to the site. Wear your work clothes and bring your painting supplies for a day of fun, fellowship, and helping out a new organization in need.

New Member Class Oct 28

If you are interested in finding out more about the church or know someone who is, this is just the meeting for you! Dr. Levering and Rev. Carlson meet people interested in joining and help them get to know the church. Class

begins at 2pm starting in the church office.

SAFE Bowl-a-Thon

Project SAFE will be hosting its annual Bowl-a-Thon fundraiser at Boulevard Bowl on Oct. 28. Registration begins at noon. Sign up to bowl in a team for \$100 per lane, or donate to a bowler.

Many members of our youth group will be participating! If you're not a bowler, feel free to stop by and browse the silent auction taking place during the Bowl-a-Thon. SAFE Inc. is an emergency shelter and outreach program for young people who are engaged in or at risk of sexual exploitation. Contact Stacey Midge for more details.

Midnight Run to New York City

FRC will be doing our Midnight Run on Saturday, Nov. 3. We will meet at 6pm to assemble the meals and pack the van, and then head to the city to deliver them. The van can take 10 volunteers to help with the delivery; would you like to be one of them? Contact Stacey Midge to volunteer.

We also need donations of items to deliver, especially: socks, new underwear, hygiene items, and clothing, particularly large men's hoodies and sweatshirts in dark colors, pants, and shoes. Donations can be dropped off in Stacey's office.

Group V

Will meet on Monday, Nov. 5. Our speaker will be Mary Carlson. Mary has a certificate in Spiritual Direction. She will be sharing her new practice with us. We welcome the women of the church to come at 11am and to bring a sandwich or lunch to eat together in the Dirck Romeyn room after the meeting. Call Maria Greskovich with questions 372-9522.

Mission and Benevolence committee

We are making plans for our Alternative Christmas Free Trade Fair on Dec. 2. If anyone would like a table or knows of a NON-PROFIT group who would like to be included, please call Peggy Ridgway 280-4269 or Dan Ipsen 399-6848.

Schoharie Public Library

The Church School decided to work together to bring/buy books for the Schoharie Public Library, especially the Children's Section that got ruined last summer. We're going to try to make a stack that reaches from the floor to the ceiling in Room 20. Feel free to help with our goal and leave books marked "church school" in Room 20 at the top of the stairs or in the church office.

Joining the Prayers

We're currently reforming--and renaming--our congregation's prayer chain, i.e., those members who are updated on requests for prayer and pray for others as needed. If you are interested in being added this circle of intercession or have questions about the same, please contact Daniel Carlson (377-2201), Ann Gotwals (372-5089), or Vernetta Thuener (355-2543).

Back to the Past of FRC

Are you curious about the life of the Church in the 70's and 80's? Come check out the mystery photograph display in the new Heritage Room, located in the old bookstore next to the Dirck Romeyn Room. You, your family, and your friends might be in these pictures. They might bring back some touching or funny memories, and we want to know about them! See the pink binder for information about how to share these stories.

One in Spirit and Purpose

We need you!

*You are invited to a lunch
after church November 4
at the Glen Sanders Mansion
to hear about the congregation's plans for
2013 and to consider your financial support.*

*Please fill out a pew card to let us know if
you are coming.*

Interfaith Gathering

On Tuesday, Oct. 23 at 7pm, the Community Methodist Church in Slingerlands is sponsoring a jazz concert in support of the inclusion of GLBT persons in religious communities. The program “*Living through the Turbulence – And all That Jazz*” will feature the jazz music of our “Poling Trio”, Nat Phipps, Pete Toigo, and Tom D’Andrea, as well as Brian Axford, Organist at Community UMC. For more information contact Joe Doolittle at 588-2801.

	This Sunday	Next Sunday
Counting Deacons	David Bundy, Fred Daniels	Caroline Welch, Douglas Todd
Faith Bookshop	Bill Clock	Nancy Wainwright
Flower Delivery	Loraine Kilgallen, Lynn Wilkanowski	David Bogatka, Linnea & Tom D’Andrea
Kinderwyck	Sarah Bachorik	Sarah Bachorik
Liturgist	Daniel Carlson	TBA
Preacher	Bill Levering	Bill Levering
Processing Elders	Bob Beadle, Christine Daniels, Darwin Brudos, Catherine Lewis, Margaret Schadler, Linda Witkowski	Mary Jewett, William Ward, Linda Ward, Del Pierce, Maria Greskovich, Gay Doolittle
Reader	Catherine Lewis	Catherine deSalle
Refreshments	Charlie Moose’s Celebration	Betty Bumgarner
Ushers	Tom Burgoyne (head usher), David Bundy, Chris Langdon, Joe Gotwals, Linda Stanhope, Alida Rice	Bill Clock (head usher), Cathy Allen, Robert Allen, Louis Acquasanta, Joe Gallagher, Maurice Robbins, William Faulkner

Calendar for the Week of October 14, 2012

Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
Oct. 14	9:15 a.m.	High School Choir, Upstairs, Room 20
	10:00 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary
	11:00 a.m.	Charlie Moose Reception, Assembly Hall
	11:15 a.m.	Kirk Ringers, Upstairs, Room 20
	4:00 p.m.	Youth Orchestra, Sanctuary
	5:00 p.m.	Jazz Vespers, Poling Chapel
	5:00 p.m.	JHYG, Mezzanine
	7:00 p.m.	SHYG, Mezzanine
Monday	9:00 a.m.	Mens News Group, Poling Conference Room
Oct. 15	5:30 p.m.	African Drumming, Dirck Romeyn Room
	7:00 p.m.	Klokken Tower Ringers, Poling Conference Room
	7:00 p.m.	Samaritan Mindfulness, Assembly Hall
Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer, Dykstra Chapel
Oct. 16	11:00 a.m.	Support & Care, Poling Conference Room
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	Kerygma Bible Study, Poling Conference Room
Oct. 17	1:00 p.m.	Thursday Belles, Poling Conference Room
	7:00 p.m.	Midweek Evening Prayer, Poling Chapel
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	Breakfast Bible Bunch, Walton Conference Room
Oct. 18	10:00 a.m.	Stitch Group, Poling Conference Room
	6:30 p.m.	Purls of Wisdom, Walton Conference Room
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts, Assembly Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry, Dirck Romeyn Room
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir, Choir Room/Sanctuary
Friday	6:00 p.m.	JHYG Overnight Campout, Church
Oct. 19	10:00 a.m.	Group VII, Dirck Romeyn Room
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
Oct. 21	9:15 a.m.	High School Choir, Upstairs, Room 20
	10:00 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary
	11:00 a.m.	Coffee & Refreshments, Assembly Hall
	11:15 a.m.	Kirk Ringers, Upstairs, Room 20
	11:15 a.m.	First Forum, Poling Chapel
	4:00 p.m.	Youth Orchestra, Sanctuary
	5:00 p.m.	Jazz Vespers, Poling Chapel
	6:00 p.m.	SHYG Haunted Hay Ride meet at church

***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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