

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 and join us in the room to the left of the front of the sanctuary after the service 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.

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.

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.

After Worship

Typically after worship, people stop for a chat and a cookie in Assembly Hall before going to a learning opportunity that lasts until noon. Visitors are welcome to join in and are particularly encouraged to visit the Dirck Romeyn Room to the left of the sanctuary for five or ten minutes.

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.

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

October 21, 2012

Is your cell phone on?

PRELUDE

One of Us

Eric M. Bazilian

Ring Them Bells

Bob Dylan

Andy Chestnut, Bob Ridgway, Johnny Willis

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

Let Your Light Shine

Tom Benjamin

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #288

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Ellacombe

*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 (*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 *You're Our Strength and Motivation* Nettleton

You're our strength and motivation, Christ, you send us out to serve.
We hold back, but your salvation gives us energy and nerve.
You still fill us with your Spirit, lift us up on eagle's wings.
Give your call, we gladly hear it, in your work our spirit sings.
You make us rejoice in serving, giving strength where we had none;
Certain tasks had seemed unnerving, but you've proven you're the one
Who gives gifts of love and power, confidence and self-control.
Fill us now, this very hour; help us reach your kingdom's goal.
Holy spirit, you are always in our hearts and in our lives;
Leading both in ease and hard days, working so that God's love thrives.
Make us all you have intended; lay our hesitance aside,
Help us give till life has ended, so that Christ is glorified.
Darryl Bell

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

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

FIRST LESSON *Psalm 104:1-9, 24 (page 554)*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND LESSON *Job 38 (page 484)*

SERMON *Answer to Job* Bill Levering

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

***HYMN #192** *God, Our Help and Constant Refuge* Michael

MINUTE FOR MISSION

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

God's Lighthouse

Bob Ridgway

Andy Chestnut, Bob Ridgway, Johnny Willis

At times there's so much joy.

You can see so clearly, you can see so clearly.

You are one with Him.

These times so full of delight,

You can see so clearly, you can see so clearly.

You are one with Him.

You can see God's Lighthouse, shining o'er the sea.

When you see God's Light House off in eternity

Sometimes the storm rolls overhead.

The waves toss and turn, you're looking for the lighthouse.

You feel alone and spurned.

Like a hurricane inside your head,

The waves toss and turn, you're looking for the lighthouse.

Still, you feel alone and spurned.

But you're in God's lifeboat helping you through the storm.

When you're in God's lifeboat, He keeps you safe and warm.

God is with us every day. As we live as one with His everlasting love.

Together now, through the years, we'll see the beauty of this world.

Even in dark days, His love will hold us still.

Together we see God's Lighthouse, shining o'er the sea.

Together in God's lifeboat all for eternity.

*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.

*RECESSIONAL HYMN #289 *O God of Every Nation* Llangloffan

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Threefold Amen

Vincent Persichetti

POSTLUDE

A Place On The Earth

Fernando Ortega

Andy Chestnut, Bob Ridgway, Johnny Willis

*The congregation may stand.

Music Note

Today's organist is Curtis Funk.

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:

Loretta Bloomquist, Alice Harrington, Virginia Mills, and Marie Pletenik.

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

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. 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.

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

Today: 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 and former members. Christine Walthers' father, Rev. Dr. Paul O. Boger, has recently published *Being There: A Pastor at Woodstock: Now, Then and Tomorrow. Those Things* by Joe Yang and *Prayers Through The Seasons* by David Middleton, are also for sale.

Johnson Library

What better time than Autumn days to enjoy the mountains! Displayed on the Johnson Library table this morning are photographs that will soothe the soul and delight the eye: *Adirondacks* by Carl E. Heilman, and, *The Adirondacks* by Nathan Farb.

A history of the region from its earliest days is *Adirondack Country* by William Chapman. It includes an account of Champlain's encounter with the Iroquois. Will you be taking children for camping and hiking? Check out *Kids on the Trail; Hiking with Children in the Adirondacks*, by Rose Riveggi and David Trithart.

Jazz Vespers Every Sunday, 5pm

Today: 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

Nov. 11: 'Azzaam Hameed, piano

Nov. 18: Interfaith Jazz Festival
Tickets (can be purchased in the office) are \$10 in advance, more at the door.

Nov. 25: Mike Lamkin, piano

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.

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

Today: 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.

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.

11/4: Regular meetings

11/11: Regular meetings

11/17: Senior High Pie Baking Extravaganza, 10am at the church

11/18: Regular meetings

Senior High Pie Sale, please be at church to distribute pre-ordered pies.

11/25: No Meetings

Pie Sale

The Senior High Youth Group will be having its annual pie sale just in time for Thanksgiving! Order your pies from a youth group member before November 16, and pick them up on Sunday, November 18 after the worship service. Homemade pumpkin and apple pies will be available for \$13 each.

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.

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.

Chancel Guild

Please join in for their fall business meeting on Oct. 28 immediately after worship in the Poling House Conference Room.

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

We 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.

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.

Fowler Celebration Gala

Join the festivities of all things Fowler at 6pm Monday, Nov. 5 at the Glen Sanders Mansion. In addition to a silent auction, hors d'oeuvres, dinner, stories of summer, music and conversation, there will be a honoring of our own John Van Oort, Cal Welch and Peter Ontkush and all other FRC volunteers who assisted these lead builders of the beautiful new office addition on the ARC. Reservations for the evening are required; seats are still available at several tables sponsored by FRC members. Please contact Joe Doolittle (384-1700 or aldenjoe@nycap.rr.com) for more information and to secure a seat.

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.

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 Verneeta 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.

Worship Note

Mark and Shannon Karl are the proud parents of Grayson David Karl, who was baptized last week.

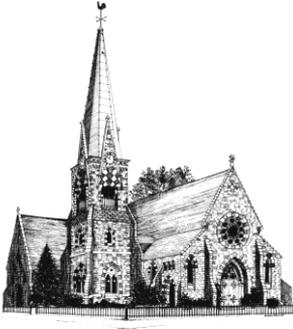
Hamilton Hill Art Center

Below is our supplies *wish list* which is going to be used for the Hamilton Hill Art Center's after school program. Most of the children that we service don't have basic school supplies. We are so very thankful that First Reformed is willing to give so that these children can benefit, learn and grow.

Wish List

construction paper, crayons, markers, pencils, rulers, erasers, copy paper, clay, tape, scissors, glue, calculators, chalk, notebooks, lanyard, wax

Drop off box located in Assembly Hall.



First Reformed Church of
Schenectady

Dedication Luncheon

Sunday, November 4, 2012
11:30 am (following worship)
Glen Sanders Mansion

All Members and Friends are Encouraged
to Attend this Celebration



Featuring

Dr. Stephen Ainlay
President, Union College

Menu

Hors d'Oeuvres

*fresh vegetables, sliced fruit, white bean Hummus with Pita, Hot Artichoke
Spinach Dip with Crostini*

Soup

Vegetable Bisque Soup with Herbed Crostini

Entrees

Chicken Normandy

*Boneless Breast of Chicken stuffed with Apple, Herb & Sage Stuffing.
Served with Crispy Risoli Potatoes & Roasted Fresh Vegetables*

Eggplant Rollatini (vegetarian)

thinly sliced rolled eggplant with marinara sauce

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

This luncheon is presented without charge by your Stewardship Committee, but
an offering to defray the cost will be taken.

	This Sunday	Next Sunday
Counting Deacons	Caroline Welch, Douglas Todd	Leah Kidwell-Fernandes, Joan Lindsay
Faith Bookshop	Nancy Wainwright	Bill Clock
Flower Delivery	David Bogatka, Linnea & Tom D'Andrea	Cindy Gallagher, Karen & John Norton
Kinderwyck	Sarah Bachorik	Sarah Bachorik
Liturgist	Daniel Carlson	Bill Levering
Preacher	Bill Levering	Daniel Carlson
Processing Elders	Mary Jewett, William Ward, Linda Ward, Del Pierce, Maria Greskovich, Gay Doolittle	Veronica Bartholic, Joyce Griggs, Jerry Griggs, Bob Beadle, Art Casey, Tom Lindsay
Reader	Catherine deSalle	Leah Kidwell-Fernandes
Refreshments	Betty Bumgarner	Alida Rice & Debbie Troost
Ushers	Bill Clock (head usher), Cathy Allen, Robert Allen, Louis Acquasanta, Joe Gallagher, Maurice Robbins, William Faulkner	Del Pierce, Carol Troost, Karen Dickson, Rob Dickson, Doug Todd

Calendar for the Week of October 21, 2012

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
Monday	9:00 a.m.	Mens News Group, Poling Conference Room
Oct. 22	5:30 p.m.	African Drumming, Dirck Romeyn Room
	7:00 p.m.	Creation Care Committee, Walton Conference 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. 23		
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	Kerygma Bible Study, Poling Conference Room
Oct. 24	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. 25	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
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir, Choir Room/Sanctuary
Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Mission Days, Parking Lot
Oct. 27		
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
Oct. 28	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
	12:00 p.m.	JH&SHYG, SAFE Inc. Bowl-a-thon at Boulevard Bowl
	2:00 p.m.	New Members Class, Office
	4:00 p.m.	Youth Orchestra, Sanctuary
	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.



October 21, 2012

“Part of doing something is listening.
We are listening.
To the sun. To the stars.
To the wind.”

Madeleine L'Engle

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