

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.

Reformation/All Saints Sunday

October 28, 2012

Is your cell phone on?

PRELUDE

Sounds of Nightfall

Krg-Elert
Robert Christensen

10:00 a.m.

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

GREETING

Bill Levering

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WORSHIP ORIENTATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Daniel Carlson

INTROIT

Alleluia

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #260 *A Mighty Fortress* Ein' Feste Burg

*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 *Sing Praise to God* **Mit Freuden Zart (1566)**

Sing praise to God Who reigns above, the God of all creation,
The God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled and every faithless murmur stilled:
To God all praise and glory.

What God's almighty power hath made His gracious mercy keepeth,
By morning glow or evening shade His watchful eye ne'er sleepeth;
Within the kingdom of His might, Lo! all is just and all is right:
To God all praise and glory.

The Lord is never far away, but through all grief distressing,
An ever present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing.
As with a mother's tender hand, God gently leads the chosen band:
To God all praise and glory.

Thus, all my toilsome way along, I sing aloud Thy praises,
That earth may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart, both soul and body bear your part:
To God all praise and glory.

Johann J. Shütz (1640-1690)

+ + + The Word of God + + +

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

FIRST LESSON *Psalm 24: 1-6 (page 502)*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND LESSON *Hebrews 12:1-2 (page 226)*

SERMON *We Remember with Thanksgiving* **Daniel Carlson**

+ + + The Response to the Word + + +

***HYMN #526** *For All the Saints* **Sine Nomine**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *The Morning Trumpet* B.F. White, Sacred Harp
Arr. Kallman

Oh when shall I see Jesus and reign with him above?
And shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning.
And from the flowing fountain, drink everlasting love,
And shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning.

Oh, shout, glory, glory! I shall mount above the skies
When I hear the trumpet sound in that morning.

When shall I be deliver'd from this vain world of sin?
And shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning.
And with my blessed Jesus drink endless pleasures in
And shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning?

Through grace I feel determined to conquer, though I die.
And shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning.
And then away to Jesus on the wings of love I'll fly
And shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning.

*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 #386 *O for a World* Azmon

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE *Threefold Amen* Danish

POSTLUDE *Highland Cathedral* Traditional Piping Tune
Robert Christensen

*The congregation may stand.

Music Notes

Today's anthem is a setting of the German hymn tune written almost 50 years after Martin Luther started the German Reformation and 25 years after John Calvin returned to Geneva, Switzerland after having been expelled over his views regarding the sacrament of communion. We also acknowledge our fellow Presbyterian reformers with today's organ Postlude: Highland Cathedral. This very popular bagpipe song was written by two German composers for the Highland Games held in Germany in 1982 and has been proposed as the national anthem to replace unofficial Scottish anthems. John Knox established the Presbyterian Church in 1572, a year after the first synod of Dutch Reformed leaders was held in the Netherlands.

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:

John Schmulbach and F. David Schweizer.

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.

In Memoriam

The chancel flowers today are placed in the sanctuary to the glory of God in loving memory of David Collins and Jean Collins by William R. Collins. 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

Today: Soapbox, JAC

Sandy Kominoski will opine on the injustice of restaurant buffets that discriminate against vegetarians. Gay Doolittle will talk about the unfairness of young people being pushed into playing dangerous sports like football. 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.

Nov. 11: Reflections on key National issues post-election. Roundtable moderator: Joe Doolittle & Mens News Group

Nov. 18: M&B Committee: Program update and dialogue

Chancel Guild

Please join in for their fall business meeting today immediately following worship in the Dykstra Chapel.

Faith Bookshop

Selected hard cover books are on sale today for \$12 plus tax. They are on the first round table in the Shop.

Johnson Library

Devotions For Leaders: Living Your Faith in a 9-5 World, by Harriet Crosby. Written for leaders in all capacities, this little book provides timeless selections and commentary for anyone involved in any group in the workplace or any gathering anywhere.

Nobel Peace Prize winner Desmond Tutu, the conscience of South Africa, has written *God is Not a Christian and Other Provocations*. This is a collection of the best of Titu's speeches, interviews, sermons and letters. His voice can be heard in any instance of injustice in the world.

Halloween continues to be the theme on the children's display table this morning.

New Member Class Today

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.

Jazz Vespers Every Sunday, 5pm

Today: 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.

Today: Both groups attend SAFE Inc. Bowl-a-thon at Boulevard Bowl. Meet at the bowling alley at noon. Cost is \$20. 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.

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

Group V will meet at 11am on Monday, Nov. 5 in the Dirck Romeyn Room. Mary Carlson will be talking on Spiritual Direction. Bring a sandwich if you'd like to have lunch. Please call Maria Greskovich at 372-9522 or Sandy Moynihan at 654-6569 with any questions.

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 Harvest Celebration

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.

Group VII

We will meet on Friday, November 16 at 10am in the Dirck Romeyn Room. Program: Dan Kosten and Courtney Van Norden, our Covenanters; Co-hostesses: Mary Jan Dike and Pat Mett.

Mission & Benevolence Committee

We are making plans for our Alternative Gift 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.

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.

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

A drop off box is located in Assembly Hall.

Operation Christmas Child

Bring joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world through gift-filled shoe boxes and the Good News of God's love. People of all ages can be involved in this simple, hands-on mission project while focusing on the true meaning of Christmas—Jesus Christ.

Please help us reach our goal of preparing 50 boxes! Checks can be made payable to FRC of Schenectady indicating O.C.C. in the memo line. We especially need \$7 shipping per box. All cash donations are tax deductible. We can always use items for the boxes; acceptable items include:

Toys

small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, small Etch A Sketch®, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky®, etc.

School Supplies

pens, pencils and sharpener, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pad sets, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

Hygiene Items

toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth, etc.

Other

hard candy and lollipops (please double bag all candy), mints, gum, T-shirts, socks, ball caps; sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries), etc.

Why not pack a box from your family? You can include a note and photo, and if you include your address you might even receive a note back from the child who received your box! All Boxes are due Nov. 11.

We'll be handing out O.C.C. brochures with instructions and labels after church services, as well as red and green boxes to fill. Items and boxes can be dropped off to our blue bin in the church lobby by Nov. 11.

For more information visit:
www.samaritanspurse.org

Questions? Contact Shannon Kerwin
374-2542 or shan2112@yahoo.com
THANK YOU!!!



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, Joan Lindsay	Rachael Cox, Nancy Wainwright
Faith Bookshop	Bill Clock	Committee Member
Flower Delivery	Cindy Gallagher, Karen & John Norton	Ruth & Ken Roinos, Nancy Teichner
Kinderwyck	Sarah Bachorik	Sarah Bachorik
Liturgist	Bill Levering	Stacey Midge
Preacher	Daniel Carlson	Bill Levering
Processing Elders	Veronica Bartholic, Joyce Griggs, Jerry Griggs, Bob Beadle, Art Casey, Tom Lindsay	Caroline Brooks, Bill Brooks, Mary Jewett, Keith Muse, Gene Zeltmann, Rob Dickson, Gay Doolittle, Catherine Lewis
Reader	Chris Fernandes	Carol Troost
Refreshments	Alida Rice & Debbie Troost	Betty Bumgarner, Gerry Myers
Ushers/ Offertory Deacons	Del Pierce (head usher), Carol Troost, Karen Dickson, Rob Dickson, Victoria McGowan, Michael Horan	Rachael Cox, Richard Davis, Lisa Etkin, Claire Hughes, Bill Martin, Nancy Wainwright, Kimberly Burgoyne, Tom Burgoyne

Calendar for the Week of October 28, 2012

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
	11:00 a.m.	Chancel Guild, Dykstra Chapel
	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
	12:00 p.m.	Membership Committee, Walton Conference Room
	2:00 p.m.	New Members Class, Office
	4:00 p.m.	Youth Orchestra, Sanctuary
	5:00 p.m.	Jazz Vespers, Poling Chapel
Monday	9:00 a.m.	Mens News Group, Poling Conference Room
Oct. 29	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. 30		
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	Kerygma Bible Study, Poling Conference Room
Oct. 31	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
Nov. 1	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
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
Nov. 4	9:15 a.m.	High School Choir, Upstairs, Room 20
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Communion, Sanctuary
	11:00 a.m.	Coffee & Refreshments, Assembly Hall
	11:15 a.m.	Kirk Ringers, Upstairs, Room 20
	11:30 a.m.	Dedication Luncheon, Glen Sanders Mansion
	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

***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 28, 2012

*For all the saints who shared your love
in how they lived and where they moved
for mindful women, caring men,
accept our gratitude, again.*

John Bell

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