

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

# Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 11, 2012

*Is your cell phone on?*

## PRELUDE

*The Coming of Autumn*

*Let All Things Now Living*

*Interlude*

*The Prayer*

Leah Kidwell-Fernandes

Susan Coughtry

Traditional Welsh folk tune

Susann McDonald

Alberto Testa, Tony Renis, Carole Bayer Sager,  
and David Foster

10:00 a.m.

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

## GREETING

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

Bill Levering

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WORSHIP ORIENTATION

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Bill Levering

## INTROIT

*Hallelujah*

Richard Warner

## \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #464

*Joyful, Joyful*

Hymn To Joy

## \*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 *Bring Forth The Kingdom* Youth

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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Rob Dickson

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

FIRST LESSON *Psalm 146 (page 581)*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND LESSON *1 Kings 17:8-16 (page 324)*

SERMON *The Window in Us* Bill Levering

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

\*HYMN # 408(vss. 1-4) *Where Cross the Crowded Ways* Germany

MINUTE FOR MISSION *Senior High Mission Trip (Pie Sale)*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *We Plough the Fields, and Scatter* J. A. P. Schulz

arr. John Rutter

We plough the fields, and scatter the good seed on the land,  
But it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand;

He sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain,  
The breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain:

All good gifts around us are sent from heav'n above,  
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all his love.

He only is the maker of all things near and far.  
He paints the wayside flower, he lights the evening star.  
The winds and waves obey him, by him the birds are fed;  
Much more to us his children, he gives our daily bread:

We thank thee then, O Father, for all things bright and good;  
The seedtime and the harvest, our life, our health, our food.  
No gifts have we to offer for all thy love imparts,  
But that which thou desirest, our humble thankful hearts:

M. Claudius, trans. Jane Campbell

\*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 #376                      *Love Divine*                      Hyfrydol

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE                      *Twofold Amen*                      Dale Wood

POSTLUDE                      *Processional*                      Linda Wood  
Leah Kidwell-Fernandes

\*The congregation may stand.

### **New Interim Organist**

First Reformed Church extends a warm welcome to Naphthali Rothrock as interim organist. To find out more about Naphthali please see the Nov. *First Things* which can be many locations around the church.

## **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:

*Alan D. Attanasio, Albert Holland, Richard McCary, Josephine Van Nest, and Marilyn Wemple.*

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.

## **In Memoriam**

The chancel flowers today are placed in the sanctuary to the glory of God and in loving memory of the anniversary of Melissa Greskovich's "new life", by her loving earth 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.

## **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.

## **Entered Into Eternal Rest**

Ted DeBoer  
October 30, 2012

## **Memorial Service Scheduled**

David Bain's service will be Monday, Dec. 10 at 1pm in the Sanctuary.

## **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**

**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

## **Faith Bookshop**

Two new booklets concerning the devastation Irene caused in the Schoharie area are available in the Bookshop: a collection of photos published by National Grid (proceeds go to flood relief) and victims' pictures and stories published by the Fulton Historical Society. Both can be found on the Bookshop desk.

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

**Today:** 'Azzaam Hameed, piano

**Nov. 18: Interfaith Jazz Festival**

See article below

**Nov. 25:** Mike Lamkin, piano

**Dec. 2:** Nat Phipps, piano; Pete Toigo, bass; Tom D'Andrea, drums

**Dec. 9:** 'Azzaam Hameed, 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:** Regular meetings

**Nov. 17:** Senior High Pie Baking Extravaganza, 10am at the church

**Nov. 18:** Regular meetings  
Senior High Pie Sale, please be at church to distribute pre-ordered pies.

**Nov. 25:** No Meetings

**Dec. 2:** Regular 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 Nov. 16, and pick them up on Sunday, Nov. 18 after the worship service. Homemade pumpkin and apple pies will be available for \$13 each.

### **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.

### **Midweek Evening Prayer**

Everyone is welcome each Wednesday at 7pm in Poling Chapel to this brief and gentle service intended to rekindle awareness of God's loving presence within us and all creation through song, silence, scripture and the Lord's supper. For more information Daniel Carlson may be contacted.

### **Caring for Another**

On Thursday, Nov. 15 at 7pm in the Dirck Romeyn room, the congregation is invited to hear David Olsen, Executive Director of Samaritan Counseling Center, address the challenge of how we may best care for another person...within the context of their family. This interactive talk by a highly regarded therapist and engaging presenter is sponsored by the Stephen Ministry program. No pre-registration is required.

### **Group VII**

We will meet on Friday, Nov. 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 of the Month**

The Mission & Benevolence Committee have designated the fourth Saturday of each month Mission Day. Every month a group will volunteer for a local cause. On Nov. 17, please meet at the church at 9am to volunteer in Rotterdam Junction, where many homes are still suffering the effects of last year's flooding.

### **FRC Troop 1 Holiday Wreaths**

This year Troop 1 is taking orders for holiday greenery in efforts to purchase a tow behind trailer for transporting equipment on camp outings and other scouting needs. Orders may be placed by any of the scouts on Sunday or using the order sheets located on the Refrigerator Door and in the Church Office. Pickup date is Dec. 2.

### **Alternative Gift Fair**

Back by popular demand, your M&B Committee is once again sponsoring an Alternative Gift Fair on Dec. 2 from 11 – 3pm. Several of our favorite vendors are returning, including Mayan Hands, Mango Tree Imports, Joan Nicole Prince jewelry, Zonta Lucinda House pins, and Roots & Wisdom. There will be a variety of Fair Trade products offered as well; what could be better than coffee and chocolate? Mission shares for a variety of excellent causes are also being arranged. If you have another idea or cause to support, please contact Dan Ipsen (399-6848).

### **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.

### **Concerned for the Hungry**

Please remember Concerned for the Hungry food drive during this holiday season. Monetary donation bags are available at the entrances of the church. Directions are stapled to the bags; you can mail donations to the church or place in the offering plate. Thank you for helping make this holiday season joyful for all.

### **Support & Care Committee**

If lack of transportation is keeping you from attending Sunday services, help is on the way. You can call Veronica Bartholic, 393-7679, Connie Young 393-7061, or Ginny Laumeister 381-4201. A ride will be arranged for you.

In order to do this, drivers will be needed. Those willing and able to drive once a month can call the people listed above to be placed on the drivers list. In this way it is hoped we will again see faces we have been missing!

### **Christmas Flowers**

As we prepare for the Holiday season, remember a loved one by participating in the Christmas Memorial Flowers. Each year the church is decorated with plants and greens during the holiday season. Your loved ones will be remembered in the bulletin on Dec. 24 and 25. The donation is \$20.

Even if you have donated in previous years, you must place a new order for Christmas 2012. Please call the church office **no later than Tuesday, Dec. 18**, to make arrangements. Send payment to Chancel Guild, c/o Marlene Risseuw, 2140 Niskayuna Drive, Niskayuna, NY 12309.

### **Operation Christmas Child**

National Collection Week is Nov. 12-16, thus all boxes are due at the church today, Nov. 11. If you would like to donate monetarily see Shannon Kerwin.

## Hurricane Sandy Relief

First Reformed Church is acting as a donation hub for the Capital Region during recovery efforts following Hurricane Sandy. The needs in the affected areas change daily, so the most effective way to help is to donate money. Checks can be made out to First Reformed Church, with "hurricane relief" in the memo line. Some items are consistently needed, including: hygiene supplies, NEW socks, underwear, and sweatsuits, bleach, antibacterial wipes, sponges, work gloves, and N95-rated face masks. Please, no more used clothing is needed at this time. Stacey Midge will be making deliveries to affected areas approximately once a week and donations can be dropped off in her office.

There is also a work trip scheduled for Black Friday, Nov. 23. We will depart from the church at 7am and return around 9pm. The current plan is to work on homes in Staten Island, although participants should be aware that the plan may change depending on the most current needs. Volunteers should dress in warm clothes than can get dirty and sturdy boots or shoes. Please contact Stacey if you would like to participate.

	<b>This Sunday</b>	<b>Next Sunday</b>
<b>Counting Deacons</b>	Fred Daniels, Joan Lindsay	Catherine Lewis, Douglas Todd
<b>Faith Bookshop</b>	Linda Witkowski	Veronica Bartholic
<b>Flower Delivery</b>	Sandy & Tom Merten, Joyce Cowin	Nancy & Ken Rimany, Sue & Gene Zeltmann
<b>Kinderwyck</b>	Sarah Bachorik	Sarah Bachorik, Linda Stanhope
<b>Liturgist</b>	Bill Levering	Bill Levering
<b>Preacher</b>	Bill Levering	Stacey Midge
<b>Processing Elders</b>	Bob Beadle, Roberta Blackmer, Art Casey, Eric Evans, Tom Lindsay, Margaret Schadler	Darwin Brudos, Del Pierce, Maria Greskovich, Catherine Lewis, William Rochelle, Linda Witkowski
<b>Reader</b>	Rob Dickson	Catherine deSalle
<b>Refreshments</b>	Joyce Beland	Nancy Bumgarner
<b>Usher</b>	Earl Wainwright (head usher), Kip & 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 November 11, 2012

<b>Sunday</b>	10:00 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary
<b>Veterans Day</b>	11:00 a.m.	Coffee & Refreshments, Assembly Hall
Nov. 11	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
	5:00 p.m.	JHYG, Mezzanine
	7:00 p.m.	SHYG, Mezzanine
<b>Monday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Mens News Group, Poling Conference Room
Nov. 12	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
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer, Dykstra Chapel
Nov. 13	6:00 p.m.	Archives, Archives Room
	6:30 p.m.	Standing Committees, Various Locations
	7:30 p.m.	Consistory, Assembly Hall
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:30 a.m.	Kerygma Bible Study, Poling Conference Room
Nov. 14	1:00 p.m.	Archives, Archives Room
	1:00 p.m.	Thursday Belles, Poling Conference Room
	2:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting, Walton Conference Room
	7:00 p.m.	Midweek Evening Prayer, Poling Chapel
<b>Thursday</b>	7:30 a.m.	Breakfast Bible Bunch, Walton Conference Room
Nov. 15	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
<b>Friday</b>	10:00 a.m.	Group VII, Dirck Romeyn Room
Nov. 16		
<b>Saturday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Mission of the Month, Meet at the church
Nov. 17		
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
Nov. 18	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
	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Jazz Festival, Sanctuary</b>
	5:00 p.m.	JHYG, Mezzanine
	7:00 p.m.	SHYG, Mezzanine

# First Reformed Church Veterans

## World War I

George Albert Abbe  
Roger O. Ackerman  
Albert V.V. Ball  
Ronald P. Boardman  
J. Scott Button  
Charles G. Briggs  
George A. Brown  
Albert Edward Carmichael  
Harold Bright Chrisler  
Vere Ward Cleminshire  
Garrett Marcellus Clowe  
Harold Lee Clowe  
S. Vedder Clute  
William P. Faust  
William J. Foster, Jr.  
Deforest Van Slyck Gamsey  
Lewis H. Gibbs  
Stillman S. Ham  
John W. Hoag  
Pierre Hoag  
Garrett V. Johnson  
Leslie W. Jones  
R. Faust Krueger  
Frank E. Kruesi  
John Kruesi  
Walter E. Kruesi  
Judson Stuart Landon  
Edward P. Lawsing  
Charles G. McMullen  
William McMullen  
Donald W. Moore  
William T.B. Mynderse  
Frank Edmund Robinson  
Richard Ravenel Spring  
Karl M. Stoller  
Harman D. Swits  
Jack D. Underhill  
Lance Underhill  
Oliver C. Underhill  
Robert Johnson Van Epps  
Harold Garrett Veeder  
Edward Clifton Vrooman

Harold V.V. Vrooman  
Alonzo P. Walton, Jr.  
John Wendell  
Howorth Young

## World War II

Sanford L. Archer  
Robert A. Aussicker  
Frank D. Barclay, Jr.  
W. Garner Bee II  
William B Biggs  
C. William Bowman  
Suvier Bralley  
Walter Briggs  
Thomas B Case  
Charles F. Clowe  
F. Howard Croninger  
Mary R. Croninger  
Richard Davis  
William H. Dotter  
John W Eddy  
John H. Faber  
Donald Flom  
John A. Friday  
John E. Glen  
Romer Good  
Richard Gordon  
Wayne H. Harvey  
Douglas B. Hatmaker  
John Howell  
James N. Howie, Jr.  
O.H. Junggren  
Robert Kingsbury  
H. Stetson Kinkaid  
Ralph F. Krueger, Jr.  
R.N. Landon  
James F. Lawsing, Jr.  
C. Beecher Lockwood  
John N. Marcellus, Jr.  
Peter Paul Miller, Jr.  
Richard Moore  
Edward P. Mure  
Henry B. Parker, Jr.

Jesse Perkins  
Noel F. Phillips  
William W. Piper  
Clark V. Poling  
Charles Rasher  
William Rochelle, Jr.  
Hans M. Rozendaal  
Walter C. Ryon  
Harrison S. Sayre  
John L. Schoolcraft, Jr.  
David G. Schwenker  
Grant Smith  
Roy Stratton  
Mills Ten Eyck, Jr.  
Peter Van A Ten Eyck  
Horace S Van Voast, Jr.  
Horace S Van Voast, III

## Korean War

A. William Clock  
William R. Collins  
R.N. Landon  
Thomas Lindsay  
Daniel J. Thuener  
Charles VanWie

## Vietnam War

## Persian Gulf War

## Afghanistan War

## Iraq War

Alex Lindsay  
Ronald P. Attanasio

## Military Service List

We are trying to compile a list of those who have served in the armed forces in order to honor them well. If you know of someone who should be added to the list please let us know either on a white pew card or call the church office 377-2201.



# **A Jazz Thanksgiving for All**

**November 18, 2012  
at 5 pm**

**Featuring musicians from many religious traditions**

**'Azzaam Hameed, piano  
Mike Tremante, guitar  
Tom D'Andrea, drums  
Nat Phipps, piano  
Keith Pray, sax  
Pete Toigo, bass  
Tim Coakley, drums  
Mike Lamkin, piano  
John Hines, trumpet  
Bill Delaney, bass  
Mark Anthony, drums  
Dave Gleason, piano  
Peg Delaney, piano**

sponsored by Musicians Union 85-133, First Reformed Church of Schenectady,  
Schenectady County Clergy Association

**Tickets: \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door, \$5 for students**

***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.*



*November 11, 2012*

**A dark emptiness hides  
A bright hope awaits**

***First Reformed Church***

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