

## **Welcome to First Reformed Church**

*We are a welcoming and affirming congregation and 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.

### **Non Emergency Number**

Schenectady Police: 518-382-5200

First Sunday after the Epiphany

January 13, 2013

*Is your cell phone on?*

PRELUDE

Virginia Fossner, French horn;  
Nathaniel Fossner, English horn; Kristen Tuttman, piano  
*Six Studies in English Folk-Son* R. Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)  
*Adagio*  
*Andante sostenuto*  
*Larghetto*  
*Lento*  
*Andante tranquillo*  
*Allegro Vivace*

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

INTROIT

*This is the Spirit's Entry Now*

Azmon

This is the Spirit's entry now: the water and the word,  
the cross of Jesus on your brow, the seal both felt and heard.

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #292

*All Beautiful...*

Forest Green

OUR NEED FOR GOD

**God of grace, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. Help us to admit where we have gone astray. As you come to us in mercy, help us to turn back to you, receive forgiveness, and be transformed.**

GOD'S FORGIVING LOVE

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*from Our Song of Hope*)

**Christ places baptism in the world as a seal of God's covenant people, placing them in ministry, and assuring them of the forgiveness of sins. God knows those who are baptized in Jesus' name, guiding the church gently to lead us, calling us back when we go astray, promising life amid trials and death. Christ will wipe away every tear; death shall be no more. There will be a new heaven and a new earth, and all creation will be filled with God's glory.**

\*PASSING THE PEACE

ANTHEM *Jesus Christ, the Apple Tree* Frank Sargent  
Andy Chestnut, soloist

The tree of life my soul hath seen,  
Laden with fruit and always green;  
The trees of nature fruitless be  
Compar'd with Christ, the apple tree.

His beauty doth all things excel:  
By faith I know, but ne'er can tell,  
The glory which I now can see  
in Jesus Christ, the apple tree.

For happiness I long have sought,  
And pleasure dearly I have bought;  
I miss'd of all but now I see,  
Tis found in Christ, the apple tree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive,  
it keeps my dying faith alive;  
Which makes my soul in haste to be  
with Jesus Christ, the apple tree.

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

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

FIRST LESSON *Isaiah 43:1-7 (page 672)*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE  
*Grades K-8 are dismissed to church school.*

SECOND LESSON

*Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 (page 60)*

SERMON

*Fire and Water*

Stacey Midge

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

\*HYMN #409

*Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice*

Aberystwyth

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*Go Tell it on the Mountain*

Thursday Belles

arr. Andrew Duncan

\*HYMN #592

*Praise God, from Whom All...*

Doxology

\*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 #411 *Arise, Your Light Is Come!* Festal Song

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

*Regent Square Amen*

Parker S. Barnard

POSTLUDE (*Please be seated*)

Virginia Fossner, French horn;

Nathaniel Fossner, English horn; Kristen Tuttman, piano

*Trio, Op. 188*

Carl Reinecke (1824 -1910)

*Adagio*

\*The congregation may stand.

**Music Note**

Today's Prelude, Six Studies in English Folk Song, is a piece of chamber music written by English composer Ralph Vaughan Williams in 1926. It is a collection of six English folk songs originally set for cello and piano. Each song follows the same format: presentation of the tune in the solo line, followed by a full iteration of the folk song in the piano with an ornamented solo line.

## 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:

*Virginia Atherton, William Atherton, Dorothy Dykeman Clock, Clairmont Herman, Donald Middleton, Dorothy Murray, and Edna Wood.*

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

Maude Dunlap  
January 9, 2013

Service will be held at 2pm on Tues., Jan. 15 in the Poling Chapel.

### 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:** Covenanters/Missioners

**Jan. 20:** SCCC President;

Dr. Quintin Bullock

**Jan. 27:** Hydrofracking; Tour of Susquehanna County PA

### Faith Bookshop

The answer to last month's trivia question (What movie has the line "What separates us from the animals is the ability to accessorize.") is *Steel Magnolias*. Jewelry and neck ties, accessorizing favorites, are the Shop's current from-me-to-you fund raiser. We need donations! Please bring them to the Bookshop or church office.

Thank you to everyone who visited the Bookshop during the holiday season. Now, Happy New Year to you all.

### Jazz Vespers Every Sunday, 5pm

**Today:** 'Azzaam Hameed

**Jan. 20:** Peg Delaney, piano; Bill Delaney, bass; Tom D'Andrea, drums

**Jan. 27:** Dave Gleason, piano

### Junior & Senior High Youth Groups

The **JHYG** will meet at 5pm on Sundays (unless otherwise noted) for dinner, games, discussion, and other fun activities. Youth in grades 6-8 are welcome.

The **SHYG** will meet on Sundays at 7pm (unless otherwise noted). All youth in grades 9-12 are welcome, and snacks will be provided.

### New Kerygma Session!

During this season of Epiphany we are exploring an ancient way of engaging Scripture, called *lectio divina*. Participants will discuss *Gathered in the Word*, Norvene Vest, as well as practice this prayerful method of

reading the scriptures. We meet each Wednesday, 9:30-11am, Jan. 16 – Feb. 13. *Gathered in the Word* is available in the Faith Bookshop.

### **Midweek Evening Prayer**

Here's a blessed opportunity in the new year for all who long to rekindle awareness of God's loving presence within, among, and beyond us. Held each Wednesday, 7-7:40pm in Poling Chapel, Midweek Evening Prayer includes gentle singing, guided reflection, engaging Scripture, shared prayers, and the Lord's supper. Come share the peace of God's light!

### **Mindfulness for Everyone**

The Stephen Ministry of FRC invites all members and friends of the congregation to attend an introductory presentation on Mindfulness Theory and Practice with Oona Edmands, Thursday, Jan. 17, 7-8:30 pm, in the Dirck Romeyn Room. Oona is a trained Mindfulness instructor, who recently taught a well attended, eight week course on this research based, stress-reduction practice at FRC and anticipates teaching another course this spring. For those with questions about this event or anything about our one-to-one confidential caring Stephen Ministry program, call any of our Stephen Leaders: Maria Todd (882-6555); Ann Gotwals (372-5089); or Daniel Carlson (377-2201).

### **Group VII**

On Friday, January 18 we will meet at 10am in the Dirck Romeyn Room. Program: Support & Care Committee by Veronica Bartholic, and Stephen Ministry by Ann Gotwals. Co-hostesses: Carol Schweizer, and Anne Robb.

### **Justice Action Council (JAC)**

The JAC is soliciting issues that you would like the committee to explore. Following the church service you can jot your ideas on the large poster boards in Assembly Hall. If you think of an idea this week you will find the poster boards in the Poling Conference room until Jan. 20. You can also write your ideas on a pew index card by labeling it JAC and place it in the collection plate. Thank you for your participation.

### **Head Usher Meeting**

A meeting will be held Tues., Jan. 22 at 7pm for all head ushers. We will discuss the development of an emergency response policy to be a guide for ushers during the 10am worship service. We will be developing policy guidelines, training, implementation, and equipment. Please give this some serious consideration and bring your ideas to the meeting. Call Bill Clock 641-2585 with any concerns and questions.

### **Chili Cook-Off and Auction**

The annual Chili Cook-off and Auction will be held on Saturday, Jan. 26 at 5pm. If you have a fabulous chili recipe you'd like to share, or a service or item to donate for our silent or live auctions, please contact Stacey Midge or a member of the youth group. Then please join us to taste the chili and bid on a great selection of auction items! All proceeds from this event support the Senior High Youth Group on their mission trip to Staten Island, where they will be helping with Hurricane Sandy recovery efforts.

### **Creation Care Committee and JAC**

At First Forum on Jan. 27, Sandy and Craig Kominoski will give a real life photo journal of hydrofracking as it

existed on Nov. 18, when we received a citizens tour of Susquehanna County PA. The hydrofracking issue is of great concern to us as residents of Pennsylvania have spoken out as to what has happened to them and that NYS is next on the radar for shale gas development. Our mission is to give you an overview on hydrofracking and what to expect if it is allowed in New York State.

### **Mission Trip Parent Meeting**

Held on Jan. 27 at about 11:15am in the Poling Conference Room. Please let Stacey Midge know if you will be available to attend. Also, feel free to send along any questions you may have about the trip.

### **Story Sunday**

Jan. 27 from 5 – 8pm, at the Glen Sanders Mansion; Three Spirits: Stories of Coincidence, Wonder & Shared Joy with Kent Busman, Joe Doolittle and Harlan Ratmeyer

Join us for an evening of fine food, fellowship and super stories. We will spin tales sure to take the edge off winter's chill and bring a warm feeling to the heart.

A Benefit for Roots & Wisdom and the Central Park Greenhouse, (Schenectady) Restoration

**Cost:** \$32/person (includes entertainment, dinner, tax and tip)

**Menu Selection:** Chicken Alexander, or Beef Tenderloin, or Butternut Squash Ravioli

**Sponsor Level:** \$50 + per person – additional support welcome and appreciated

**Reservations:** Joe Doolittle (518) 384-1700 or [aldenjoe@nycap.rr.com](mailto:aldenjoe@nycap.rr.com)

**Sponsor Support and contributions payable to:** c/o Doolittle, 112

Maplewood Drive, Scotia, New York 12302. Thank you.

### **Midwinter Contemplative Retreat**

Amidst the chill and darkness of this season come away Jan. 29-31 to our favorite lodge in the Adirondacks to be warmed and enlightened! Daniel and Mary Carlson will offer retreatants a variety of opportunities to learn and engage in spiritual practices - indoors and out - that have blessed seekers for centuries, including spiritual direction. During these days and nights we'll balance our contemplative focus with opportunities for conversation, music, games, food and drink around the blazing hearth. For further information see the fliers on the Adult Ed bulletin board; cost: \$150 (financial assistance is available.) To register visit Fowler's website: [www.campfowler.org](http://www.campfowler.org) and click retreats.

### **Adult Winterfest**

On Feb. 2, Doug and Maria G. Todd will graciously offer their abode (Fox Hill Farm, 6003 Parkis Mills Rd., Galway) as the location for our annual adult winter outing. For the adventurous: skating, cross country skiing, snowshoeing, or a muddy winter hike begin 3pm. The food, beverage, fellowship and laughter indoors around the various blazing hearths of the farmhouse begin at 5:30pm with appetizers and drinks; a dinner of hearty soups, sides, salads, and desserts will follow. To offset the cost of this event, we ask each person attending to contribute \$5. Please also bring some food to share (beverages and soup provided). A signup sheet is posted in Assembly Hall; alternatively, call the church office to indicate you'll attend. Our most musical minister, Stacey Midge, will be singing and strumming following the feast. The

Fellowship Committee is happy to assist with the cost of childcare for this annual event; please simply note this need on the sign-up sheet or with the church office. Carpooling is encouraged to ease our pollution of the planet and parking at the party. Contact Heather Chestnut (346-7887) or Daniel Carlson if you have any questions; the Todd's for directions (882-6555). Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow!

### **Group V**

We will meet on Feb. 4 at 11am in the Dirck Romeyn Room. Program: Covenanters Program by Annie Reilly. Hostesses: Maria G. Todd 372-9522. Come with your questions and a sandwich to eat at noon together. All women of the church are invited.

### **Colonial Festival Dinner**

#### **Thursday, Feb 7**

To Benefit Schenectady County Community College's Community Archaeology Program and the Early History of Schenectady

For the Colonial Festival Dinner, SCCC's Community Archaeology Program is bringing Michael Roets, Chief Archaeologist for the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Bureau of Historic Sites, to describe how storms Irene and Lee brought the discovery of the real Fort Hunter, Queen Anne's Chapel, and other features of the original settlement at Schoharie Crossing. He will tell how early Schenectady families were moving west along the Mohawk River, intermingling and settling there with Mohawk Iroquois.

The dinner will take place at the Glen Sanders Mansion. Watch for posters about the event on FRC bulletin boards, and invitations in our information racks. Plan on attending and support the Community

Archaeology Program. Fill a table(s) to represent FRC.

### **Helpers Needed For Lenten Dinners**

Volunteers are needed to assist with set up and clean up for the Wednesday evening Lenten dinners, which will begin on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 13 through March 20. Those interested in helping out should contact Heather Chestnut at 346-7887.

### **Building Entrance Code**

For security reasons most of the building entrance key pad numbers have changed. Please check your number if any questions please contact Gary Nelson.

### **Offering Envelopes**

2013 Offering Envelopes are available for pick up in the Church Office. We have extra envelopes available for anyone who would like a box.

### **Lost and Found**

We have a lost and found basket in the Narthex. If you have lost/misplaced an item at church, please check this basket.

### **Youth Leadership Forum**

On **Feb. 18-20** (during Presidents Week recess) the NY State Council of Churches will sponsor a leadership forum for students in grades 9-12. The group will visit the United Methodist Seminar Office at the United Nations for a 2-day interactive seminar on peacemaking at home and abroad. The seminar will include a guided tour of the U.N. The cost for the trip will be **\$325** which includes transportation, housing, seminar costs and 3 group meals. For more information, contact the Rev. Brooke Newell, Director of Public Policy Advocacy for the NY State Council of Churches at 518-946-2573 or [brooke@cjgreen.net](mailto:brooke@cjgreen.net).

## 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.

	<b>This Sunday</b>	<b>Next Sunday</b>
<b>Counting Deacons</b>	Fred Daniels, Douglas Todd	Darwin Brudos, Claire Hughes
<b>Faith Bookshop</b>	Bill Clock	Nancy Wainwright
<b>Flower Delivery</b>	Diane & Maurice Robbins, Nancy Ellen & Dale Swann	Thea & Reinhart Brandenburg, Margaret & Harvey Schadler
<b>Greeters</b>	Christina & Vilhelm Lund	Sharon & Jim McCullough
<b>Kinderwyck</b>	Sarah Bachorik, Inge-Lise Pangburn	Sarah Bachorik
<b>Liturgist</b>	Daniel Carlson	Daniel Carlson
<b>Preacher</b>	Stacey Midge	Bill Levering
<b>Processing Elders</b>	Caroline Brooks, Bob Beadle, William Brooks, Maria G. Todd, Margaret Schadler, Linda Witkowski	Veronica Bartholic, Art Casey, Gay Doolittle, Phil Falconer, Peggy King, Del Pierce
<b>Reader</b>	Carol Troost	Nancy Wainwright
<b>Refreshments</b>		
<b>Ushers</b>	Harlene Bachorik (head usher), Nicholas Blinckmann, Louis Acquasanta, Jeff Cox, William Faulkner, Art Shultes	Glenn Blinckmann (head usher), Steve Breitenbach, Griffin Laycock, Gerry Myers

## Calendar for the Week of January 13, 2012

<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 a.m.	JAC Breakfast, Assembly Hall
Jan. 13	9:00 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
	9:15 a.m.	High School Choir, Upstairs, Room 20
	10:00 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary
	11:15 a.m.	First Forum, Poling Chapel
	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.	Junior High Youth, Mezzanine
	7:00 p.m.	Senior High Youth, Mezzanine
<b>Monday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Mens News Group, Poling Conference Room
Jan. 14		
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer, Dykstra Chapel
Jan. 15	11:00 a.m.	Support & Care, Poling Conference Room
	2:00 p.m.	Dunlap Memorial Service, Poling Chapel
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Ed Meeting, Mezzanine
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:30 a.m.	Kerygma Class, Poling Conference Room
Jan. 16	7:00 p.m.	Midweek Evening Prayer, Poling Chapel
<b>Thursday</b>	7:30 a.m.	Breakfast Bible Bunch, Walton Conference Room
Jan. 17	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.	Mindfulness/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
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Schenectady, New York

## THE CONSISTORY

Bill Levering, Senior Minister  
Daniel Carlson, Associate Minister  
Stacey Midge, Minister of Mission, Outreach, and Youth  
Caroline Brooks, Keith Muse, Senior Elders  
Fred H. Daniels, Treasurer  
Linnea D'Andrea, Clerk

## ELDERS

Veronica Bartholic  
Caroline Brooks  
Joyce Griggs  
Daniel Ipsen  
Mary Jewett  
Keith Muse  
Katherine Trimarco  
William Ward  
Johnny Willis  
Eugene Zeltmann

## MISSIONERS

Daniel Stone  
John Terry

## DEACONS

Darwin Brudos  
Rachael Cox  
Linnea D'Andrea  
Richard Davis  
Lisa Etkin  
Claire Hughes  
Leah Kidwell-Fernandes  
Bill Martin  
Nancy Wainwright  
Caroline Welch

## COVENANTERS

Isaiah Buchanan  
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## CHURCH STAFF

Jamie Ipsen, Director of Children's Ministry  
Julie Panke, Director of Music  
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Judy Moore, Director of Klokken Tower Ringers  
Sarah Bachorik, Director of Kinderwyk  
Naphtali Rothrock, Interim Organist  
Heather Chestnut, Hospitality Coordinator  
Heather Scribner, Office Administrator  
Linda Malgieri, Assistant Bookkeeper  
Tani Breitenbach, Office Assistant  
Lyn Gordon, Sunday Receptionist  
Gary Nelson, Facility Supervisor  
Diana Wahid, Housekeeper  
John Phillips, Sexton

***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.*



*January 13, 2013*

*In a raging blaze  
or a furious, devout drench  
We are cleaned  
and changed*

*First Reformed Church*

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