

Welcome

*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 by leaving right 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 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 activities.

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. For a more personal welcome, visitors are encouraged to visit the Dirck Romeyn Room to the left of the sanctuary for information.

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.

Non Emergency Number

Schenectady Police: 518-382-5200

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 20, 2013

Is your cell phone on?

PRELUDE

Nat Phipps

GREETING

Daniel Carlson

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WORSHIP ORIENTATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bill Levering

INTROIT

Holy, Holy, Holy!

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #138

Holy, Holy, Holy!

Nicaea

*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

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE #579

Glory Be to the Father

Gloria Patri

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(from the Confession of 1967)*

The church gathers to praise God, to hear God's word for humankind, to baptize and to join in the Lord's Supper, to pray for and present the world to God in worship, to enjoy fellowship, to receive instruction, strength, and comfort, to order and organize its own corporate life, to be tested, renewed, and reformed, and to speak and act in the world's affairs as may be appropriate to the needs of the time.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

McKenna Connor

PRESENTATION AND PROMISES

Stacey and John Connor

PRAYER AND BAPTISMAL COVENANT

BLESSING AND WELCOME

Welcome our sister in Christ.

Joyfully we receive you. Join us to give witness in the world to the good news, for we are all one in Christ Jesus. Alleluia!

***PASSING THE PEACE**

Due to germs of the season, a smiling nod will express our connection.

ANTHEM *Sanctify Me* V. Michael McKay

Sanctify me. Fill me with your Spirit. Sanctify my body, my mind, and my soul. I want to be used by thee, Lord. Sanctify all of me. I'm available; I'm available. My heart is fixed, my mind's make up: I want to be used by thee; yes, I'm available.

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

FIRST LESSON 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

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

SECOND LESSON Luke 4:14-21

SERMON *Unity and Justice* Bill Levering

*HYMN #498 *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise* Kingdom

OFFERING

OFFERTORY Nat Phipps

*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 #371 *Lift High the Cross* Crucifer

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE *Amen* African American

POSTLUDE Nat Phipps

*The congregation may stand.

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:

Douw Kunhardt Beekman, Donald Mackintosh, Mary McCarty, Mary Louise Martin-Stern, Marguerite Wellborn, and Richard Vandercar.

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

Dr. Ming Lee
January 12, 2013

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.

Welcome

We welcome our brothers and sisters from Union Presbyterian Church who are joining us in worship today.

First Forum

Today: SCCC President;
Dr. Quintin Bullock

Jan. 27: Hydrofracking; Tour of
Susquehanna County PA

Feb. 3 – Heritage Sunday –
Schenectady and the Mohawk nation –
Tom Porter and Kay Olan of the
Kanataiohareke Mohawk community.

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.

Jazz Vespers Every Sunday, 5pm

Today: Peg Delaney, piano; Bill

Delaney, bass; Tom D'Andrea, drums

Jan. 27: Dave Gleason, piano

Feb. 3: Nat Phipps, piano; Pete Toigo,
bass; Tom D'Andrea, drums

Feb. 10: a3 (acoustic guitar trio)

Feb. 17: Peg Delaney, piano; Bill
Delaney, bass; Tom D'Andrea, drums

Feb. 24: Scott Bassinson, piano

Johnson Library

Children stopping by the library display table this morning will see books telling about Bible events and people whose stories have come down to us through the centuries. Do you know who was found in a basket in the reeds, or who wore a special "dreamcoat"? For the answers, you can check out *A Basket in the Reeds*, by Raphael Saporta, and *Joseph the Dreamer*, by Clyde Robert Bulla. Other questions can be answered by reading *I Want to Know about the Bible* by Rick Osborne and K. Christie Bowler.

Books displayed for the observance of Martin Luther King Day are gathered on the adult display table.

Junior & Senior High Youth Groups

Unless otherwise noted (see below), the Youth Groups meet every Sunday, Junior High (grades 6-8) at 5pm and Senior High (grades 9-12) at 7pm. Friends are always welcome.

Jan. 27: Parents meeting at 11:30am in Poling Conference Room. Regular Junior High meeting at 5pm. Senior High will meet with Niskayuna Reformed youth in preparation for the mission trip.

Feb. 3: No meetings

Feb. 10: Regular meetings. The SH will be meeting with the Niskayuna Reformed youth in preparation for the upcoming mission trip.

Feb. 17: No meetings for Junior High. Senior High will meet at 9:30am to load the van for the mission trip, and leave after being commissioned in the worship service.

Mission Shares Available

FRC has a rich history of sending youth on mission trips where they have the opportunity to help people in need while also experiencing diverse cultures and circumstances, building community, and learning about how they relate to the wider world. Your support is invaluable as the SHYG prepares for this year's trip to Staten Island, where they will work with the Rebuild Staten Island project to repair homes damaged in Hurricane Sandy, as well as volunteering with Project Hospitality, an ongoing ministry that provides food, shelter, clothing, addiction services, and care for people with HIV/AIDS. Please support the Youth Group and participate in their journey by purchasing a Mission Share

from any member of the youth group, or from Stacey Midge, for only \$25. Mission Shareholders will also be invited to a dinner on April 14 to hear directly from the youth about their experience and enjoy food inspired by the cultures encountered on the trip.

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. 23 – 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!

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.

Faith and Climate Change

All are invited to hear the perspectives of a rabbi and reverend on the religious mandate to protect and care for creation at a free presentation this Wed., Jan. 23, 7:30pm at the Jewish Community Center; 2565 Balltown Rd. Rabbi Linda Motzkin and Rev. Henry Frueh are board members of NY Interfaith Power and Light, a coalition of congregations focusing on environmental stewardship, education, and advocacy.

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.

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

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

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 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 signup 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!

Heritage Sunday

Please celebrate our 333rd anniversary with us on Feb. 3, when we will be examining our long-running history of unity without uniformity. In honor of the Dutch colonial friendship with the Mohawk nation, during the 10am service we will have special guests Tom Porter and Kay Olan of the kanataiohareke Mohawk community in Fonda. During First Forum, we will discuss the condolence address offered to the Dutch after the Schenectady massacre. Mr. Porter will discuss the significance of the condolence and the wampum offered. A text of the Mohawk sachem's speech will be available in the office and online in advance for those who would like to review it early.

Jazz vespers will also follow the theme of unity without uniformity on heritage Sunday.

Four Chaplains Interfaith Service

Sunday, Feb. 3 at 3pm a Four Chaplains Memorial Service will be held in Poling Chapel, named for Clark Poling, the Reformed Church minister of the Four Chaplains, and a pastor of FRC. Please join us for this special service, which will include a story of Clark Poling and his beguiling smile. Congressman Paul Tonko will posthumously present the Four Chaplains Humanitarian Award to Father Anthony Sidoti, whose actions reflected "Unity without Uniformity".

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

Artifacts from a related site in the Stockade, excavated by the archaeology program, will be on exhibit at the dinner. There will also be a silent auction.

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. Posters about the event are on FRC bulletin boards and invitations are in our information racks. Plan on attending and support the Community Archaeology Program. Help fill a table(s) representing FRC. Please note "FRC Table" on your RSVP, and then add your names to the CFD list in our office.

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.

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.

Cape Cod Retreat

The Adult Education and Nurture Committee is planning a May 3-5 retreat to be held in Orleans, Cape Cod, at the Community of Jesus, an ecumenical Christian community in the Benedictine tradition composed of laity, clergy, singles, couples, and families, located on the Rock Harbor bay. The focus and format of the retreat are being developed to include opportunities to be blessed by: consideration of one's current location within the tree of life; the natural beauty of Cape Cod; the visual and musical gifts of this intriguing community; the pastoral leadership of Daniel Carlson, the spiritual direction of Mary Carlson, and the fellowship of one and--we hope--former members of FRC who now live at "First Schenectady, East" Further details forthcoming; for now, simply save the date!

Hurricane Sandy Relief

Deliveries are still being made approximately weekly to areas affected by Hurricane Sandy. Items currently needed include: fans, dehumidifiers, sponges, goggles, P100 respirator masks and filters, Moldex, rubber gloves, work gloves, brushes, hand warmers, tools, and gift cards for Lowe's and Home Depot. Donations can be dropped off in Stacey's office. Financial contributions are always appreciated and can be made through the church by making checks out to First Reformed Church with "Hurricane Relief" in the memo line.

	This Sunday	Next Sunday
Counting Deacons	Darwin Brudos, Claire Hughes	Claire Hughes, Joan Lindsay
Faith Bookshop	Nancy Wainwright	Linda Witkowski
Flower Delivery	Margaret & Harvey Schadler, Thea & Reinhart Brandenburg	Cynthia Hamilton, Judy & Richard Arthur
Greeters	Sharon & Jim McCullough	Shannon & Adam Kerwin
Kinderwyck	Sarah Bachorik	Sarah Bachorik
Liturgist	Daniel Carlson	Stacey Midge
Preacher	Bill Levering	Bill Levering
Processing Elders	Veronica Bartholic, Art Casey, Mary Jewett, Phil Falconer, Peggy King, Del Pierce	Joyce Griggs, William Ward, Bob Beadle, Roberta Blackmer, Jerry Griggs, Margaret Schadler
Reader	Nancy Wainwright	Rob Dickson
Refreshments	Peggy Ridgway	
Ushers	Glenn Blinckmann (head usher), Steve Breitenbach, Griffin Laycock, Gerry Myers	Tom Burgoyne (head usher), David Bundy, Joe Gotwals, Chris Langdon, Alida Rice, Linda Stanhope

Calendar for the Week of January 20, 2012

Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Jan. 20	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
Monday		Office Closed
Martin Luther King, Jr.		
Day		
Jan. 21		
Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer, Dykstra Chapel
Jan. 22	7:00 p.m.	Head Ushers Meeting, Walton Conference Room
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	Kerygma Class, Poling Conference Room
Jan. 23	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
Jan. 24	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	5:00 p.m.	Chili Cook-off
Jan. 26		
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Jan. 27	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
	11:15 a.m.	Youth Group Parents Meeting, Poling Conf. Room
	12:00 p.m.	Elders Meeting, Walton Conference Room
	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

First Reformed Church

Schenectady, New York

THE CONSISTORY

Ministers: Bill Levering, Daniel Carlson, Stacey Midge

Senior Elders: Caroline Brooks, Keith Muse

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Linnea D'Andrea, Clerk

ELDERS

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Daniel Ipsen

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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 20, 2013

voices, images, dreams
linger in timelessness
calling us to the future

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