

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 one or two days following the service.

Non Emergency Number

Schenectady Police: 518-382-5200

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 27, 2013

Is your cell phone on?

PRELUDE

10:00 a.m.

GREETING

Stacey Midge

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WORSHIP ORIENTATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bill Levering

INTROIT

This is the Day

Lansom Demmings

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #473 *For the Beauty of the Earth* Dix

*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.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Gary Falk, Susan Braidwood, Justine Mongillo, Valarie Ramsey, Susan Reed, and Katina & Ryan Saxton.

PRESENTATION AND PROMISES OF NEW MEMBERS

*PROMISE OF THE CONGREGATION

*BLESSING AND WELCOME

We are ambassadors for Christ. We are the salt of the earth;
we are the light of the world. Welcome our sisters and brother
in Christ.

**Joyfully we receive you. Join with us as we 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 touch on the shoulder or a smiling nod will
express our connection.)*

ANTHEM

Steal Away

Afro-American Spiritual

Arr. Daniel Kallman

Steal away, steal away, steal away to Jesus!
Steal away, steal away home, I ain't got long to stay here.
My Lord, He calls me, He calls me by the thunder,
The trumpet sounds within-a my soul!
I ain't got long to stay here.
Green trees are bendin', Poor sinner stands a tremblin',
The trumpet sounds within-a my soul!
I ain't got long to stay here.
My Lord, He calls me, He calls me by the lightning,
The trumpet sound within-a my soul!
I ain't got long to stay here.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Rob Dickson

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

FIRST LESSON

1 Corinthians 12:12-31 (page 174)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Jamie Ipsen

Grades K-8 are dismissed to church school.

SECOND LESSON

Luke 4:14-21 (page 61)

SERMON

Variety of Need

Bill Levering

*HYMN #332

Live Into Hope

Truro

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *In the Power of God's Own Spirit* Cyril Taylor

In the power of God's own Spirit Jesus entered Galilee;
with a fire divine aflame, unto Nazareth he came;
bade his people hear the scripture: "God's anointing Spirit is on me."

"God has sent me," said the prophet, "with goodness the poor to cheer,
news that captives will be free, news that eyes now blind will see.
Health for hearts all bruised and broken; God's own year of favor now
is here."

"True, this very day," said Jesus, "this the task I must fulfill."
Forth he went, and through the land, moved with liberating hand.
Even though men crucified him, God's unconquered love shone through
him still.

Lord, you tell us by your Spirit we all need this news today.
May our faith and service show all the gifts that you bestow--
joy and health and freedom giving, Lord, from you, the life, the truth,
the way.

Albert Bayly

*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 #438 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* Dennis

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE *Threefold Amen* Traditional

POSTLUDE

*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:

Rev. Bertram D. Atwood, Barbara Gifford, Caleb Paine, Herbert Strong, and William Tucker.

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 Risseuw, 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: Hydrofracking: A Pictorial Tour (see below article)

Feb. 3: Heritage Sunday – Schenectady and the Mohawk Nation – Tom Porter and Kay Olan of the Kanatsiohareke Mohawk community.

Hydrofracking JAC & CCC

Today during First Forum, Sandy and Craig Kominoski will present a real life photo journal of hydrofracking as it existed on Nov. 18, when they 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. Come to this overview on hydrofracking and see what to expect if it is allowed in New York State.

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: 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

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.

Today: Parents meeting at 11:30am in Poling Conference Room. Regular

JH meeting at 5pm. SH 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.

Midweek Evening Prayer

Here's a blessed opportunity 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!

Midwinter Contemplative Retreat

There are still a few rooms open! 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 – This Saturday!

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!

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 Kanatsiohareke Mohawk community in Fonda. During First Forum, we will discuss the condolence address offered to the English magistrates at Albany after the Schenectady massacre. Mr. Porter will discuss the significance of the condolence and the wampum offered. A text of the Mohawk sachems' 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: Covenants 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.

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.

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	Claire Hughes, Joan Lindsay	Richard Davis, Nancy Wainwright
Faith Bookshop	Linda Witkowski	Committee Member
Flower Delivery	Cynthia Hamilton, Laura Lee Linder	Ann Gotwals, Veronica Bartholic
Greeters	Shannon & Adam Kerwin	
Kinderwyck	Sarah Bachorik	Sarah Bachorik, Inge-Lise Pangburn
Liturgist	Stacey Midge	Daniel Carlson
Preacher	Bill Levering	Bill Levering
Processing Elders	Joyce Griggs, William Ward, Bob Beadle, Roberta Blackmer, Jerry Griggs, Margaret Schadler	Caroline Brooks, Keith Muse, Gene Zeltmann, William Brooks, Eric Evans, Catherine Lewis, Tom Lindsay, Del Pierce
Reader	Rob Dickson	Carol Troost
Refreshments		
Ushers/ Offertory Deacons	Tom Burgoyne (head usher), David Bundy, Joe Gotwals, Chris Langdon, Alida Rice, Linda Stanhope	Darwin Brudos, Richard Davis, Claire Hughes, Bill Martin, Nancy Wainwright, Caroline Welch, David Bundy, Joan Lindsay

Calendar for the Week of January 27, 2012

Sunday Jan. 27	9:00 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
	9:15 a.m.	High School Choir, Upstairs, Room 20
	10:00 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary
	10:15 a.m.	Church School, Upstairs Class Rooms
	11:00 a.m.	Coffee & Refreshments, Friendship Hall
	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	
Monday Jan. 28	9:00 a.m.	Mens News Group, Poling Conference Room
	6:00 p.m.	African Drumming Instruction, Assembly Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Creation Care Committee, Walton Conference Room
Tuesday Jan. 29	10:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer, Dykstra Chapel
	11:00 a.m.	Administrative Staff Meeting, Office
Wednesday Jan. 30	9:30 a.m.	Kerygma Class, Poling Conference Room
	1:00 p.m.	Thursday Belles, Poling Conference Room
	7:00 p.m.	M&B Meeting, Poling Conference Room
	7:00 p.m.	Midweek Evening Prayer, Poling Chapel
Thursday Jan. 31	7:30 a.m.	Breakfast Bible Bunch, Walton Conference Room
	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 Feb. 2	3:00 p.m.	Adult Winterfest, Doug & Maria G. Todd's Home
Heritage Sunday Feb. 3	9:00 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
	9:15 a.m.	High School Choir, Upstairs, Room 20
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Communion, Sanctuary
	10:15 a.m.	Church School, Upstairs Class Rooms
	11:00 a.m.	Coffee & Refreshments, Assembly Hall
	11:15 a.m.	First Forum, Poling Chapel
	11:15 a.m.	Kirk Ringers, Upstairs, Room 20
	12:00 p.m.	JAC, Walton Conference Room
	3:00 p.m.	Four Chaplains Memorial, Poling Chapel/Assembly Hall
	4:00 p.m.	Youth Orchestra, Sanctuary
5:00 p.m.	Jazz Vespers, Poling Chapel	

The Lenten Schedule

Ash Wednesday Feb. 13

6pm Dinner

7:15pm Service

Wednesdays in Lent thru Mar. 20

6pm Dinner

7pm Classes

8:15pm Evening Prayer

Dinner at 6

Feast on sumptuous soup and fresh bread at 6pm any Wednesday of Lent. You don't need to register or bring anything every week, but a sign-up sheet is posted in Assembly Hall to help set up, bring food, or clean up.

Classes at 7

Original Blessings

Rev. Daniel Carlson &
Kitty Trimarco

In anticipation of the visit of internationally known theologian Matthew Fox to Schenectady and FRC in April, we'll discuss one of Fox's most influential books, *Original Blessing*.

Lenten Study on Prayers

Rev. Ruth Kuo

This Lenten Study on Prayers will provide discussion and practice of a few prayer models for pausing in our hectic lives.

Articles of Faith

Rev. Dr. Bill Levering

In this class, we will literally hand out newspapers and discuss where the Gospel might apply. Issues of justice and social witness will be addressed and social problems will be attacked from a Christian perspective.

Learn the Art of Pysanky

Rev. Abby Norton-Levering

Decorating eggs the Ukrainian way. The slow process of creating the intricate designs on these colorful eggs is both meditative and satisfying. No previous experience is necessary.

For Kids

Jamie Ipsen

There will be an exciting class for kids with drama and art and music and goodies.

Evening Prayer at 8:15

Our worship includes simple songs accompanied by guitar, unhurried reflection on the day, guided listening for God's word to you in Scripture, reverently sharing the Lord's Supper, reverent praying aloud or in silence, and finally, the gracious sharing of a sign or word of Christ's peace.

See February First Things for more details regarding our Lenten Schedule.

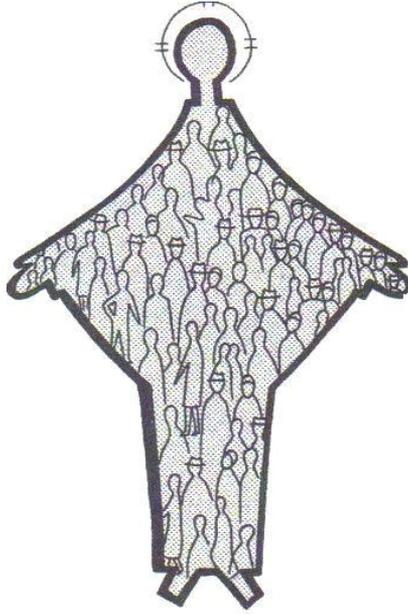
***The Covenant of Our
Congregation
Adopted in 1962***

*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.*



the body of christ
the wounds of the world
healing
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the body of christ

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