

## **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 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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **Non Emergency Number**

Schenectady Police: 518-382-5200

# Transfiguration Sunday

February 10, 2013

*Is your cell phone on?*

## PRELUDE

*Show The Way*

*Mine*

*Song of the Singing Horseman*

Bob Ridgway

David Wilcox

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Jimmy McCarthy

10:00 a.m.

## GREETING

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

Bill Levering

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WORSHIP ORIENTATION

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Daniel Carlson

## INTROIT

*Let Your Light Shine*

Tom Benjamin

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #75 *O Wondrous Sight* Deo Gracias

## \*OUR NEED FOR GOD

**God of compassion, in Jesus you reveal the dazzling light of your glory, but we regularly miss your radiance, distracted by our own anxiety, ambition, or apathy. We confess that we often speak when we should listen and wait when we should act. Strengthen us by your Spirit to follow in the way of your beloved Son, Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## \*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.**

**\*PASSING THE PEACE**

*In this flu season, a touch on the shoulder or a smiling nod will suffice.*

**ANTHEM**

*Shine Jesus Shine*

Cliff Richard

Lord the Light or Your Love is shining, In the midst of the darkness  
shining, Jesus light of the world shine upon us, Set us free by the truth You  
now bring us, Shine on me. Shine on me.

*refrain*

Shine Jesus shine Fill this land with the Father's glory Blaze, Spirit blaze,  
Set our hearts on fire Flow, river flow Flood the nations with grace and  
mercy Send forth Your word Lord and let there be light.

Lord I come to Your awesome presence, From the shadows into Your  
radiance, By the blood I may enter Your brightness, Search me, try me,  
consume all my darkness, Shine on me. Shine on me.

*refrain*

As we gaze on Your kindly brightness. So our faces display Your likeness.  
Ever changing from glory to glory, Mirrored here may our lives tell Your  
story.

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

Chris Fernandes

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

**FIRST LESSON**

*Luke 9:28-36 (page 69)*

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

*Grades K-8 are dismissed to church school.*

**SECOND LESSON**

*2 Corinthians 3:12-4:1 (page 180)*

**SERMON**

*Acting With Great Boldness*

Daniel Carlson

**\*HYMN #266**

*Thank You, God, for Water, Soil, and Air*

Amstein

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

*O nata lux de lumine*

Andrea Angelin

O nata lux de lumine, Jesu redemptor saeculi, dignare clemens  
supplicum laudes preces que sumere.

Qui carne quondam contegi dignatus es pro perditis. Nos membra  
confer effici, tui beati corporis.

**Translation:**

O Light born of Light, Jesus, redeemer of the world, with loving-  
kindness deign to receive suppliant praise and prayer.

Thou who once deigned to be clothed in flesh for the sake of the lost,  
grant us to be members of thy blessed body.

\*HYMN #592 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessing Flow* 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 #274 *O God of Earth and Space* Leoni

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE *Threefold Amen* Traditional

POSTLUDE

*Creation Song (Glory to the Lamb)*

Bob Ridgway

John Andrew Schreiner

Eddy Duhan

\*The congregation may stand.

### Musical Notes

The Prelude selection, *Mine* is based on children's message that Bill Levering gave about possessions. Bill had based his message on an anonymous internet blog called *Toddler's Rules of Possession*. The Offertory text, *O nata lux de lumine* comes from an anonymous hymn from the tenth century. The hymn served the Office of Lauds during the morning of the Feast of the Transfiguration. The Transfiguration recalls the moment in the Gospels when the disciples suddenly receive a vision of Jesus, shimmering with light and robed in angelic garb, conversing with the similarly radiant figures of Moses and

Elijah. This version, written in 2000 by Andrea Angelini, has retained the mystical intensity of earlier versions including that of Thomas Tallis, by incorporating some dissonance.

### 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:

*Wayne Harvey, Bernice Stratton, and Myrtle Wilson.*

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.

### **Today's Chancel Flowers**

The chancel flowers today are placed in the sanctuary to the glory of God and in memory of Jean Kemp Bundy and George Bashor given by Donna and David Bundy. 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.

### **Scout Sunday**

Today we celebrate these fine youth organizations. Uniforms are encouraged and patches for those in uniform will be available. Our church troop is one of the first in the nation to assert its non-discrimination policy.

### **First Forum**

**Today:** Sermon Talk Back

**Feb. 17:** Union Presbyterian & FRC update

**Feb. 24:** JAC Schenectady Health Survey and Community based initiatives. Wales Brown

### **Faith Bookshop**

The Bookshop has treats for all ages: fair trade chocolates, music and stories on CDs, and notable books for young and older children. Also, books that stimulate spiritual thinking during this Lenten season are on display for perusal and purchase.

### **Johnson Library**

A nod is given to Lincoln's birthday this morning on the library's display tables with Doris Kearns Goodwin's *Team of Rivals*, along with other biographies. If you saw the movie, "Lincoln" and would like an expanded version, this is the book for you.

On the table across the way are new books, *How God Became King: The Forgotten Story of the Gospels*, by Anglican bishop and theologian N.T. Wright. The story of an entirely different kind of theologian is told in *Brigham Young: Pioneer Prophet*, by John Turner. Turner describes how "an impoverished and obscure life was electrified by the Mormon faith."

### **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:** 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:** 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.

**Feb. 24:** Senior High returns from the mission trip around 4pm. No meetings for Junior High.

### **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. 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.

### **Union Presbyterian Men's Breakfast**

Reschedule to Feb. 16 at 8am for the usual nutritious breakfast and an interesting presentation given by Rev. Craig Hoffman of First Reformed Church Scotia. Craig will tell us about

the 500-mile walk that he and his son John made on the Camino de Santiago (Way of Saint James) in Spain. FRC members are encouraged to attend and bring a friend. There is a sign up in the church office.

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**Lent Starts Wed., Feb. 13, see "The Lenten Schedule" page.**

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### **Kerygma During Lent**

There's a few places left at the Poling Conference Room table from 9:30-11am each Wednesday of Lent. We are continuing our practice of *Lectio Divina* as we seek to discern God's invitation to ongoing reformation in who we are and what we do. Please contact Daniel Carlson if you wish to join this group Feb. 13-March 27.

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

Volunteers are needed to assist with set up, bring food, and clean up for the Wednesday evening Lenten dinners, Wednesday, Feb. 20 through March 20. Sign-up sheet will be located in Assembly hall. If any questions contact Heather Chestnut at 346-7887.

### **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 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.

### **Tuesday Ladies**

Meetings are every third Tuesday at 7:30pm. Feb. 19 meeting is at Margy Schadler's home (4024 Windsor Dr. Niskayuna). Come and make new or renew old connections. Please e-mail; **no calls please** Margy at mhschadler@aol.com for more information.

### **Prayer Shawl Knitting Group**

We will be meeting at 9:30am on Thursday, February 21 at the home of Ronnie Bartholic. We welcome anyone interested in joining us. Please contact Ronnie (393-7679) with any questions.

### **Game Night For Everyone**

Please join us for an evening of grub and games in Assembly Hall on **March 2 at 6pm**. Tired of crushing your family in Connect Four or Cadoo? Come and enjoy food, fellowship, and beating someone else's sister or grandpa in a variety of non-combative board games. Sign-up in Assembly Hall to let us know you're coming. Last names beginning with A-K please bring a main dish to share and last names beginning with L-Z please bring a dessert or side dish. Don't forget to bring a game too!

### **Group V and Group VII**

Both groups will meet on Friday, March 15 at 10am in the Dirck Romeyn Room. Co-hostesses: Millie Casey and Ronnie Bartholic; Program: Regional Food Bank.

### **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.

### **Facilities Use Form(s)**

For church groups using the churches facilities please make sure a Facilities Use Form is submitted to the church office no later than one week in advance. The forms are available in the church office, on line at [www.1streformed.com](http://www.1streformed.com), and in the Facility Use Forms mail-box out in the hallway.

### **College Bound?**

Applications for the Rev. Al Smith Education Scholarship are available through the Church Office. Please submit your completed application to the Church Office by Wednesday, May 15th. Questions can be directed to Sara Erickson at 374-4161 or [ericksonhs@aol.com](mailto:ericksonhs@aol.com).

### **Childcare In Kinderwyck**

We are looking for people to entertain toddlers and rock babies from 9:50am-noon on Sundays. Please call the church office if you are willing and able. Thank you.

**Office Closed Feb. 18 for  
Presidents Day**

## The Lenten Schedule

### **Ash Wednesday Feb. 13**

**6pm Dinner:** Everyone is welcome to this simple supper at the beginning of this holy season.

**7:15pm Service:** Join us in Poling Chapel to mark the start of this Lenten season with an evening service of readings, song, reflection, and the traditional imposition of ashes, suitable for all ages.

### **Wednesdays Feb. 20 thru Mar. 20**

**6pm Dinner**

**7pm Classes**

**8:15pm Evening Prayer**

#### **Dinner 6pm**

Share with others a simple meal at 6pm any Wednesday of Lent in Assembly Hall. You don't need to register or bring something every week, but a sign-up sheet will be posted in Assembly Hall to help set-up, bring food, or clean up. If any questions, please contact Heather Chestnut at 346-7887.

#### **Classes 7pm**

##### **Original Blessing**

Rev. Daniel Carlson &  
Kitty Trimarco; Poling Chapel

In anticipation of the visit of the internationally known theologian Matthew Fox to Schenectady and FRC in April, we'll discuss one of Fox's most influential books, *Original Blessing*. Copies may be purchased (\$12) at any Wednesday dinner.

##### **Lenten Study on Prayers**

Rev. Ruth Kuo; Dirck Romeyn Room

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;  
Poling Conference Room

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;  
Walton Conference Room

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.

**Because this course is limited to ten participants, sign up on the bulletin board in Assembly Hall is required.**

Please don't sign-up unless you can reasonably expect to attend all six sessions.

##### **Lent For Kids**

Jamie Ipsen; Classrooms

A class for children in grades K-8 full of art projects, music, and stories.

##### **Lenten Evening Prayer 8:15pm**

Our worship includes songs accompanied by guitar, guided reflection on the day, partaking of the Lord's Supper, praying aloud or in silence, and sharing Christ's peace, departing before 9pm.

	<b>This Sunday</b>	<b>Next Sunday</b>
<b>Counting Deacons</b>	Fred Daniels, Rebecca Grande	Bill Martin, Douglas Todd
<b>Faith Bookshop</b>	Veronica Bartholic	Linda Witkowski
<b>Flower Delivery</b>	Carol Troost, Veronica Bartholic	Joyce & Jerry Griggs, Breitenbach Family
<b>Greeters</b>	Van Oort Family	Breitenbach Family
<b>Kinderwyck</b>	Sarah Bachorik, Linda Stanhope	Sarah Bachorik
<b>Liturgist</b>	Bill Levering	TBA
<b>Preacher</b>	Daniel Carlson	Bill Levering
<b>Processing Elders</b>	Veronica Bartholic, Mary Jewett, Bob Beadle, Christine Daniels, William Rochelle, Linda Witkowski	William Ward, Roberta Blackmer, Rob Dickson, Maria G. Todd, Carolyn Jones-Assini, Margaret Schadler
<b>Reader</b>	Chris Fernandes	Nancy Wainwright
<b>Refreshments</b>	Nancy Martin	
<b>Ushers</b>	Bill Clock (head usher), Louis Acquasanta, Joe Gallagher, Maurice Robbins, William Faulkner	Del Pierce (head usher), Carol Troost, Karen Dickson, Rob Dickson, Douglas Todd, Michael Horan, Victoria McGowan

## Calendar for the Week of February 10, 2013

<b>Sunday</b> Feb. 10	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, Assembly Hall
	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.	JHYG, Mezzanine
7:00 p.m.	SHYG, Mezzanine	
<b>Monday</b> Feb. 11	9:00 a.m.	Mens News Group, Poling Conference Room
	6:00 p.m.	African Drumming Instruction, Assembly Hall
<b>Tuesday</b> Feb. 12	10:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer, Dykstra Chapel
	11:00 a.m.	Administrative Staff Meeting, Office
	6:00 p.m.	Archives, Archives Room
	6:30 p.m.	Standing Committees, Various Locations
7:30 p.m.	Consistory, Assembly Hall	
<b>Ash</b> <b>Wednesday</b> Feb. 13	9:30 a.m.	Kerygma Class, Poling Conference Room
	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
	6:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Dinner, Assembly Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Covenanter Committee Meeting, Walton Conf. Room
	7:15 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service, Poling Chapel
<b>Thursday</b> Feb. 14	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
<b>Sunday</b> Feb. 17	9:30 a.m.	Senior High Youth Group, Leave for Mission Trip
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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

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Fred Daniels

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Bill Martin

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Caroline Welch

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Isaiah Buchanan

Daniel Kosten

Annie Reilly

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## CHURCH STAFF

Naphtali, Rothrock, Organist

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Sarah Bachorik, Director of Kinderwyk

Jamie Ipsen, Director of Children's Music

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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.*



*February 10, 2013*

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