

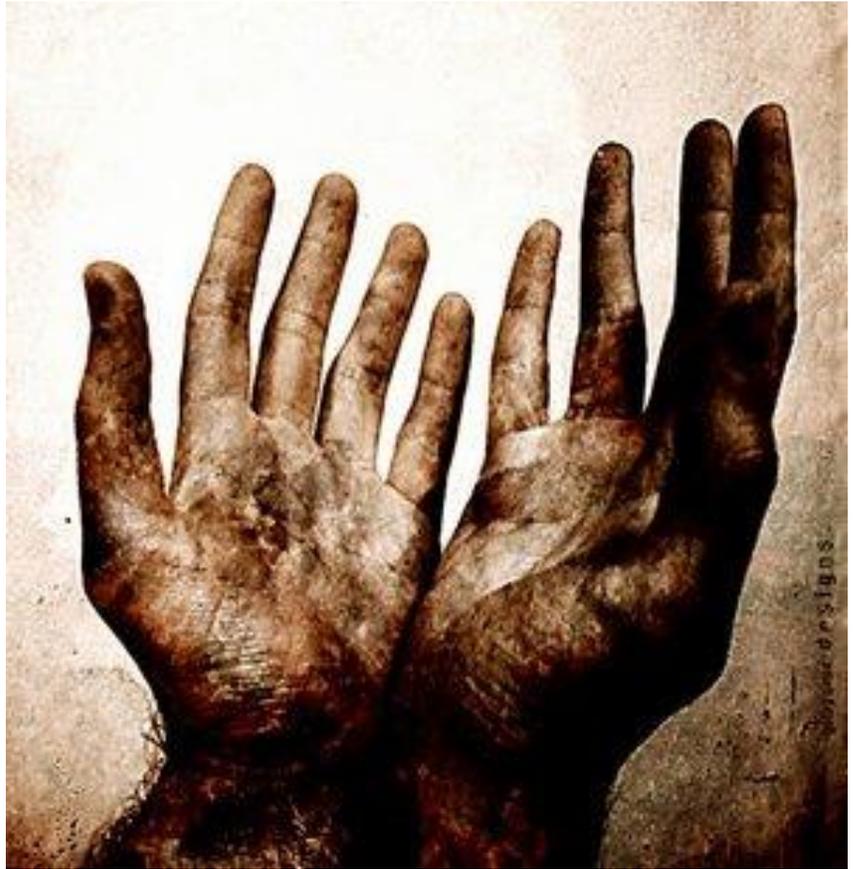
**The Covenant of Our  
Congregation  
Adopted in 1962**

*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.*



April 14, 2013

**First Reformed Church**  
8 North Church Street  
Schenectady, New York 12305  
(518) 377-2201 [www.1stReformed.com](http://www.1stReformed.com)

## **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. The welcome tables at the entrance to the sanctuary and in Assembly Hall have some helpful church information.

### **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.

### **Non Emergency Number**

Schenectady Police: 518-382-5200

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **Church School On Communion Sundays**

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.

### **Children's Worship Bulletins**

Special bulletins for children, ages 3-6 and 7-12 are available each Sunday. If the ushers are not handing them out, just ask for one.

### **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.

### **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 (at the front entrance of the church). If you have lost/misplaced an item at church, please check this basket.

# Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2013

\*The congregation may stand.

PRELUDE Andrew Janack, vibraphone

*A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

J.S. Bach, arr. Ney Rosauero

10:00 a.m.

GREETING Daniel Carlson

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**The Lord has risen indeed! Alleluia!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS & WORSHIP

ORIENTATION

CALL TO WORSHIP Stacey Midge

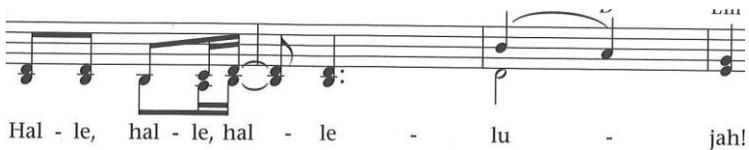
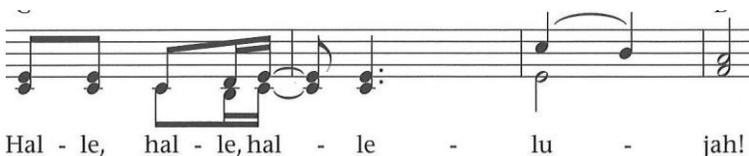
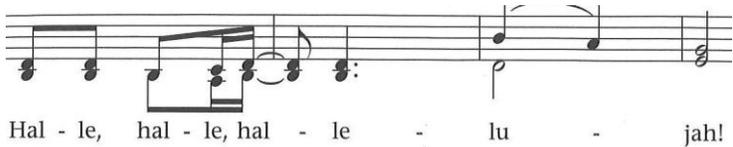
INTROIT *Sing to the Lord* Linda Hansen

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #108 *Christ Is Alive*

\*PRAYER (*unison*)

**God of new life, we lift our hearts in thanksgiving for the hope you have brought us in Jesus. Deepen our lives with the message of your love. Amen.**

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE



\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**The Lord has risen indeed! Alleluia!**

\*PASSING THE PEACE

MUSICAL OFFERING

*A Little Prayer*

Andrew Janack

Evelyn Glennie

FIRST LESSON

Charles Van Wie

Guide us, O Lord, by your Word and Holy

Spirit. **Amen.** *Acts 9:1-20 (page 127)*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*Grades K-8 are dismissed for Church School.*

SECOND LESSON *John 20:19-31 (page 115)*

SERMON *Unrecognizable* Stacey Midge

\*HYMN #122 *Thine Is the Glory*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Land of Rest

*O Risen Christ, You Search Our Hearts*

Johnny Willis, soloist

O Risen Christ, you search our hearts

With love's all seeing eye

And ask us, "Do you love me most?"

And wait for our reply.

"Yes, Lord, we love you!" we protest,

"Have you not heard our praise,

Nor seen that we have followed you

And served you all our days?"

"Friend, do you love me more than these—

Than comfort, praise, and wealth?

And do you love me more than this---

Your closely guarded self?"

"Yes, Lord, we love you," we reply,

"Beyond all other good;

But tempted, tested, still we fail

To serve you as we should."

Christ, help us live the love we speak,

Our sacred vows to keep,

To hear and answer when you call,

"Now go, and feed my sheep!"

John 21: 1 - 19

\*HYMN #592 *Praise God...* Doxology

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER (*unison*)

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.

\*HYMN #343 *Called as Partners*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE *Regent Square Amen*  
Parke S. Barnard

**Please be seated for the Postlude.**

POSTLUDE Andrew Janack, vibraphone  
*Brazilian Landscape* Ney Rosauero

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### Music Note:

Today's Musical Offering was written for marimba by Dame Evelyn Glennie, an internationally acclaimed percussionist who has been deaf since the age of 12 and has taught herself to 'hear' with other parts of her body. She makes a living as a full-time percussionist and owns over 1800 percussion instruments from all over the world.

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### 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:

*Kouan Fong, Kathryn Pontius, Iris Read, Susan Shepherd, and Barbara Weber*

### 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 chancel 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.

### 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 contact Heather Chestnut 346-7887.

### First Forum

**Today:** United Presbyterian Church

**April 21:** Dr. Mathew Fox- Continuation of Faith Formation weekend and sermon talk back.

**April 28:** JAC: Practicing Social Justice - Members will lead a brief orientation and then guide participants in writing a letter or two to policy makers and legislators. Bring a pen.

### Cape Cod Retreat Meeting Today

Everyone interested in our May 3-5 adult retreat, *Finding your branch on the Tree of Life*, should attend today's brief informational meeting in Poling Conference Room beginning at 11:20am. Today is the deadline to register for the retreat; a deposit is also due.

### **Mission Shareholders Dinner Tonight**

For those who purchased Mission Shares for the SHYG's mission trip to Staten Island, there is a dinner tonight at 6pm in Friendship Hall. The youth will speak about their experiences, show a video and pictures of the trip, and serve a meal.

### **Johnson Library**

Several volumes of American Poetry are on display outside the library today, including selections from Wendell Berry and *The Swan*, by Mary Oliver. *The Swan*, a timely book for spring, is filled with Ms. Oliver's wonderful poems on nature.

The children's table features easy picture books, and for older readers, the enchanting story of *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon*. All these beautifully illustrated selections feature stories about our Asian cousins.

### **Faith Bookshop**

Donated jewelry, ranging from whimsical to elegant, is now available for purchase in the Bookshop. Proceeds from these priced-to-sell pieces will go to a worthy community endeavor. We welcome more jewelry donations and, also, gently-read books to sell in the Shop.

### **Jazz Appreciation Month Every Sunday, 5pm**

**Today:** Dave Gleason, piano; Erik Johnson, bass; Alex Slomka, trombone; Tom D'Andrea

**April 21:** 'Azzaam Hameed, piano; Pete Toigo, bass; Eric Walentowicz, sax; Tom D'Andrea

**April 28:** Peg Delaney, piano; Bill Delaney, bass; Jim Corigliano, sax; Tom D'Andrea, drums

### **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:** Mission Shareholders' Dinner. Senior High should be at church at 4pm to cook and set up. The dinner starts at 6pm. Junior High will not meet, but you are all welcome to attend the dinner.

**April 21:** Junior High will meet as usual. Senior High will have a game night at the Heim's house.

### **Midweek Evening Prayer**

Join us any Wednesday of April and May, 7-7:45pm, for an Eastertide service in Poling Chapel that includes gentle singing accompanied by guitar, guided reflection on the resurrection; joyful sharing of the Lord's Supper (homemade bread; wine or juice,) praying aloud or in silence, and extending a sign or word of Christ's peace. All who wish to rekindle their awareness of God's loving presence within, among, and beyond us are welcome.

### **Tuesday Ladies**

Meetings are every third Tuesday at 7:30pm. Our next meeting on April 16 is at Connie Young's home. Come and make new or renew old connections. Contact Connie at 393-7061 for more information.

### **Prayer Shawl Knitting Group Date Change**

We will be meeting at 9:30am on Thursday, April **25 not the 18** at the home of Ronnie Bartholic. We welcome anyone. Please contact Ronnie at 393-7679 with any questions.

### **Group VII**

On Friday, April 19 at 11:30am we will have small group lunches in the homes of Gay Doolittle, Ann Gotwals, and Connie Young. Members will be contacted by the Hostesses. If any questions, contact Ronnie Bartholic at 393-7679.

### **Occupy Christianity: A New Reformation**

Internationally-known theologian and author, Dr. Matthew Fox, will be in Schenectady next weekend April 19-21. Fox will be lecturing on Friday at the Unitarian Universalist Association, teaching on Saturday at St. George's Episcopal, and preaching on Sunday right here. Due to our funding of this program, First Reformed folk may attend any or all of his presentations free of charge (registration online [www.crtc.org](http://www.crtc.org) or by phone, 426-2470, is still required).

### **Volunteers Needed**

The M&B Committee is looking for up to 10 volunteers to work on a Habitat for Humanity house, Saturday April 20. We will meet in the church parking lot at 8:30am, and work from approximately 9 to 3pm. Please contact Dan Ipsen at 399-6848 for additional details.

### **Almost Earth Day Celebration**

The Creation Care Committee invites you to join in the good times at the Sustainable Living Center located at the Central Park Greenhouses from 10-2 on April 20th. There will be free children's activities, demonstrations of water conservation using rain barrels, and composting, vermin-composting, recycled container gardening. Take a garden tour; bring your paper to shred, buy vegetables, herbs, and house plants from Master Gardeners; check out the herb jars and dried tea from Roots and Wisdom; enjoy beverages sold by Schenectady County 4-H and get your soil tested for \$5.

### **Understanding the Teenage Brain**

Samaritan counselors Oona Edmands, LCSW, and Katina Saxton, LMSW, will present a free hour long workshop for parents here on Wednesday, April 24 at 7pm. They will highlight recent research on the development of the brain, which can assist parents in more realistic expectations of their teenagers and help in addressing common issues experienced within families.

### **Rev. Midge Away**

Stacey will be away from April 22 - May 9 on a combination of study leave and vacation.

### **Movie Night ~ Save the Date**

It's the movie event we've all been waiting for! On Saturday, April 27, join in the fun for a night out at the Bowtie Cinema in Schenectady to see the crime drama *The Place Beyond the Pines*. The home of our own Andy and Heather Chestnut appears in the movie, and word has it that Heather herself makes an appearance as well. For those who wish, there will be opportunities to

gather at local Schenectady eateries before and after the film. Detailed information for this event will be available on the church website beginning Tuesday, April 23.

### **CROP Walk**

On Sunday, May 5, the annual Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty (CROP) walk will take place at 12:30pm, beginning at Emmanuel Friedens Church and winding 5k through Schenectady. The proceeds support hunger-fighting efforts around the world, with 25% going to local food pantries, Community Crisis Network, and Senior Meals. Want to walk? Get a donation form from Stacey Midge. Non-walkers can drop off their donations at the church office. Checks should be made out to "CWS/CROP."

### **Group V**

We will have our end of the year picnic on Monday, May 6 at the home of Maria G. Todd, 1229 Viewmont Dr. Niskayuna. Bring a Salad picnic. For more information please contact Maria (882-6555).

### **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.

### **Memorial Services**

Phyllis Demont memorial service will be on Saturday, June 8 at 11am in Poling Chapel.

### **Name Tags**

If you do not have a name tag and would like one, please fill out a white pew card and place it in the offering basket.

## Consistory Nominations

The Nominating Committee of First Reformed Church is charged to nominate Elders and Deacons to serve two-year Consistory terms. The Committee begins its work soliciting recommendations from the congregation for Elder and Deacon Candidates. Those being recommended and those making recommendations must be members of First Reformed Church. Candidates for Consistory should be representative of the congregation, have vision, leadership skills, and be active participants in the worship and activities of this church.

Elders and Deacons together with the Ministers form the Consistory, which is the governing body of this congregation. Elders exercise particular concern for the interior life and programs of the church (Worship, Fellowship, Education, and Congregational Care). Deacons exercise

particular concern for the outreach of the church (Mission and Benevolence, Finance, Justice Advocacy, and Historical Concerns). Elders and Deacons will be elected at the annual meeting of the congregation on **June 2, 2013**.

The names of recommended candidates for Elder and Deacon may be submitted on a **white pew card or a yellow nomination form** and delivered to the church office or given to any member of the Committee: Joe Gallagher, Lyn Gordon, Rebecca Grande, Hans Erickson, Jennifer Evans; Senior Elders, Caroline Brooks, Keith Muse; Ministers, Bill Levering, Daniel Carlson, or Stacey Midge. The Nominating Committee would appreciate your response as soon as possible.

## Help Decipher FRC Marriage Records

You can look over a copy of the records after service in Assembly Hall the first three Sundays in April.

	<b>This Sunday</b>	<b>Next Sunday</b>
<b>Counting Deacons</b>	Fred Daniels, Douglas Todd	Lisa Etkin, David Bundy
<b>Faith Bookshop</b>	William Clock	Roberta Blackmer
<b>Flower Delivery</b>	Veronica Bartholic, Donna & David Bundy	Carolyn & Calvin Welch, Christine & Fred Daniels
<b>Greeters</b>	Wisniewski Family	Catherine & Bradley Lewis
<b>Kinderwyck</b>	Sarah Bachorik, Linda Stanhope	Sarah Bachorik
<b>Liturgist</b>	Daniel Carlson	William Levering
<b>Preacher</b>	Stacey Midge	Rev. Matthew Fox
<b>Processing Elders</b>	Veronica Bartholic, Arthur Casey Caroline Brooks, Robert Beadle, William Brooks, Maria G. Todd	Mary Jewett, Keith Muse, William Ward, Roberta Blackmer, Phillip Falconer, Peggy King
<b>Reader</b>	Charles Van Wie	Choir
<b>Refreshments</b>		Rebecca Mason
<b>Ushers</b>	Delbert Pierce (head usher), Carol Troost, Karen Dickson, Robert Dickson, Douglas Todd, Michael Horan, Victoria McGowan	Earl Wainwright (head usher), Hendrick Arnold, Joanne Arnold, Philip Yourno, Louis Acquasanta, Richard Davis, Daniel Stone

## Calendar for the Week of April 14, 2013

<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 a.m. ....	Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
April 14	9:15 a.m. ....	High School Choir, Upstairs, Room 20
	10:00 a.m. ....	Worship, Sanctuary
	10:15 a.m. ....	Church School, Upstairs Room 20
	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
	11:15 a.m. ....	Cape Code Retreat, Poling Conference Room
	12:00 p.m. ....	Confirmation Class, Office
	4:00 p.m. ....	Youth Orchestra, Sanctuary
	4:00 p.m. ....	SHYG, Set up & Cook for Dinner, Friendship Hall
	5:00 p.m. ....	Jazz Vespers, Poling Chapel
	6:00 p.m. ....	Mission Shareholders Dinner, Friendship Hall
<b>Monday</b>	9:00 a.m. ....	Mens News Group, Poling Conference Room
April 15	6:00 p.m. ....	African Drumming Instruction, Library
	7:00 p.m. ....	Samaritan Mindfulness, Assembly Hall
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00 a.m. ....	Morning Prayer, Dykstra Chapel
April 16	11:00 a.m. ....	Administrative Staff Meeting, Office
	11:00 a.m. ....	Support & Care, Poling Conference Room
	7:00 p.m. ....	Schenectady Nijkerk, Assembly Hall
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:30 a.m. ....	Kerygma Class, Poling Conference Room
April 17	1:00 p.m. ....	Archives, Archives Room
	7:00 p.m. ....	Midweek Evening Prayer, Poling Chapel
<b>Thursday</b>	7:30 a.m. ....	Breakfast Bible Bunch, Walton Conf. Room
April 18	10:00 a.m. ....	Stitch Group, Poling Conference Room
	6:45 p.m. ....	Yoga, Assembly Hall
	7:00 p.m. ....	FRC Troop 1 Boy Scouts, Office
	7:00 p.m. ....	Stephen Ministry, Dirck Romeyn Room
	7:30 p.m. ....	Chancel Choir, Choir Room/Sanctuary
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 a.m. ....	Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
April 21	9:15 a.m. ....	High School Choir, Upstairs, Room 20
	10:00 a.m. ....	Worship, Sanctuary
	10:15 a.m. ....	Church School, Upstairs Room 20
	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. ....	Confirmation Class, Pastor's Office
	4:00 p.m. ....	Youth Orchestra, Sanctuary
	5:00 p.m. ....	Jazz Vespers, Poling Chapel
	5:00 p.m. ....	JHYG, Mezzanine