

***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.*



*May 26, 2013*

***First Reformed Church***  
8 North Church Street  
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## **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 Basket**

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.

# Trinity Sunday

May 26, 2013

\*The congregation may stand.

PRELUDE John Norton

*Fugue #6 in D Minor, WTC Book I* J.S. Bach  
*Partita #1 in B-Flat* J.S. Bach  
*2. Allemande*

10:00 a.m.

GREETING Daniel Carlson

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you. **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS & WORSHIP  
ORIENTATION

CALL TO WORSHIP Stacey Midge

INTROIT *Creator of the Stars of Night*  
Plainsong

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #263  
*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* St. Denio

\*OUR NEED FOR GOD (*unison*)  
In the wideness of your grace, our narrow vision is revealed. Where we see scarcity, you provide enough for all. Where we cling to what is ours, you invite us to share. Where we divide and exclude, you welcome all. Where we focus on ourselves and our own wants, you ask us to tend to the needs of others. God of goodness, renew us. Turn our shortcomings to new beginnings, open to the leading of your Spirit. Amen.

\*GOD'S FORGIVING LOVE

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE #579  
*Glory Be to the Father* Gloria Patri

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*unison*)  
(*from the United Church of Canada*)

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

\*PASSING THE PEACE

ANTHEM *Sing All The Earth*  
Roc O'Connor, S.J.

Sing to the Lord a new song all the earth.  
Raise your hymn of gladness!

Come with your melody and song to God,  
bless the Lord of our longing who makes  
our pathways straight.

Join now to celebrate the deeds,  
the deeds of God, tell the stories of mercy,  
the faithful works,  
the works of God.

God, you have heard my cry, you answered me.

Therefore I shall praise you.

Based on Psalm 96

FIRST LESSON Catherine deSalle  
Guide us, O Lord, by your Word and Holy Spirit. **Amen.** *Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31*  
(page 590)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND LESSON *Romans 5:1-5* (page 155)

SERMON Stacey Midge  
*Searching for God in Tornadoes and Bombings*

\*HYMN #384      *O Love...*      St. Margaret

## OFFERING

OFFERTORY      John Norton  
Improvisation on the song *Yearning*  
JCN/Basia Trzetrzelewska

\*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.

\*RECESSIONAL HYMN #404  
*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*      Precious Lord

## \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE      *Threefold Amen*  
Robert Bennett

POSTLUDE      John Norton  
*Partita #5 in*      J.S Bach  
*1. Preambule*

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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:

*Chester Buchanan, Helen Costanzo, Beverly Fasake, Chi Hua Fong, Frederick Junker, Marie Metcalf, Edmund Sanderson, and Virginia Stare*

If you are aware of a departed member, whose name has not been noted near the anniversary of their death, please contact the church office.

## 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 Risseeuw, 2140 Niskayuna Dr., Niskayuna, NY 12309.

## Grades K-8

**Today:** NO Church School

**June 2:** Communion 3-8 stay in worship.

**June 9 – August: Summer Church School:**

Children in grades K-8 are welcome to meet in room 20 after the Children's Message for fun and games! We promise your children will leave smarter than when they arrived!

## 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. Beginning June 9, whenever possible, our post service refreshments will be served in the Huntley Garden. Please consider signing up for set-up, refreshments, and clean-up by yourself or with a friend. If any questions contact Heather Chestnut 346-7887.

## First Forum

**Today:** Rev. Carlson's Extended Study Leave

**June 2:** Annual Meeting

**June 9:** Appreciation, Celebration and Reflections with our Covenanters and Missioners

### **Faith Bookshop**

The Bookshop recently received a donation of men's accessories: cuff links, tie clips, and some mystery pieces. Some of these furnishings may be antique. Come in and take a look - to purchase or to simply view out of curiosity.

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

**Today:** David Gleason, piano

**June 2:** 'Azzaam Hameed

**June 9:** Nat Phipps, piano; Pete Toigo, bass;  
Tom D'Andrea, drums

**June 16:** Peg Delaney, piano; Bill Delaney, bass;  
Tom D'Andrea, drums

**June 23:** Dave Gleason, piano

**June 30:** Scott Bassinson, piano

### **Junior & Senior High Youth Groups**

Normal youth group programming will be on hiatus for the summer, but stay tuned for special events in the warm weather!

### **Midweek Evening Prayer**

Join us any Wednesday of May, 7-7:45pm, for the final service until Fall featuring lively singing accompanied by guitar, guided reflection on scripture; 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.

### **Annual Meeting, June 2**

Immediately following worship, there will be a meeting of the congregation for the purposes of receiving annual reports and the election of officers.

This year's Nominating Committee's slate of officers-bearers are:

**Elders:** Peggy King, Rob Dickson

**Deacons:** Bill Rochelle, Gay Doolittle,  
Vicky McGowan, George Trimarco

### **Evensong Service June 2**

The Chancel Choir of FRC and the choir at St. George's Episcopal Church, 30 N. Ferry St., will jointly sing a service of Evensong at St. George's at 5pm on Sunday, June 2. Julie Panke will direct, Andrew Krystopolski will play the organ, and Naphtali Rothrock will play the Prelude. All are invited.

### **Group VII**

On Friday, June 14 at 11:30am Group VII will meet at the home of Diane Ontkush (1202 Viewmont Dr. in Niskayuna) for our annual picnic. Co-hostesses: Martha Winchester and Ronnie Bartholic. If there are any questions please contact Ronnie at 393-7679.

### **Yoga at FRC**

Douglas Goodbee certified in Kripalu/Hatha E-RYT and athletic yoga teaches every Thursday at 6:45pm in Assembly Hall. These classes are free for FRC members, \$10 a class for non-members. Learn yoga postures and breathing and have fun doing it. Drop in when you can. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a mat. This class is for everyone at any level; singles, families, and seniors. (Children must be with a parent or guardian.) Questions: contact Douglas 229-7291 or dagoods1@gmail.com.

### **Kinderwyk**

Kinderwyk is shy of volunteers (18 & over per FRC's child protection policies.) Please find one Sunday this year to devote to this important child care from 9:45am - noon. No experience is required. You can find signup sheets, outside room 20 and Kinderwyk, or fill out a white pew card letting us know you would like to be on the list of volunteers.

	<b>This Sunday</b>	<b>Next Sunday</b>
<b>Counting Deacons</b>	Joan Lindsay, Carol Troost	Leah Kidwell-Fernandes, Nancy Wainwright
<b>Faith Bookshop</b>	Veronica Bartholic	Committee Member
<b>Flower Delivery</b>	Carol De La Marter, Loraine Aumic & David Bogatka	Virginia & Mark McDermott, Roberta & Richard Blackmer
<b>Greeters</b>	Joan & Tom Lindsay	Karen & Robert Dickson
<b>Kinderwyck</b>	Sarah Bachorik	Sarah Bachorik
<b>Liturgist</b>	Daniel Carlson	Stacey Midge
<b>Preacher</b>	Stacey Midge	Bill Levering
<b>Processing Elders</b>	Joyce Griggs, Gay Doolittle, Phillip Falconer, Jerry Griggs, Thomas Lindsay, William Rochelle	Mary Jewett, Keith Muse, Roberta Blackmer, Darwin Brudos, Christine Daniels, Peggy King, Thomas Lindsay, Delbert Pierce
<b>Reader</b>	Catherine deSalle	Chris Fernandes
<b>Refreshments</b>		
<b>Ushers</b>	William Clock (head usher), Cathy Allen, Robert Allen, Louis Acquasanta, Joe Gallagher, Maurice Robbins	Richard Davis, Lisa Etkin, Leah Kidwell-Fernandes, Claire Hughes, Bill Martin, Nancy Wainwright, Caroline Welch, Tom Burgoyne

## First Reformed Church Veterans

### World War I

George Albert Abbe  
Roger O. Ackerman  
Albert V.V. Ball  
Ronald P. Boardman  
J. Scott Button  
Charles G. Briggs  
George A. Brown  
Albert Edward Carmichael  
Harold Bright Chrisler  
Vere Ward Cleminshire  
Garrett Marcellus Clowe  
Harold Lee Clowe  
S. Vedder Clute  
William P. Faust  
William J. Foster, Jr.  
Deforest Van Slyck Garnsey  
Lewis H. Gibbs  
Stillman S. Ham  
John W. Hoag  
Pierre Hoag  
Garrett V. Johnson  
Leslie W. Jones  
R. Faust Krueger  
Frank E. Kruesi  
John Kruesi  
Walter E. Kruesi  
Judson Stuart Landon  
Edward P. Lawsing  
Charles G. McMullen  
William McMullen  
Donald W. Moore  
William T.B. Mynderse  
Frank Edmund Robinson  
Richard Ravenel Spring  
Karl M. Stoller  
Harman D. Swits  
Jack D. Underhill  
Lance Underhill  
Oliver C. Underhill  
Robert Johnson Van Epps  
Harold Garrett Veeder  
Edward Clifton Vrooman  
Harold V.V. Vrooman  
Alonzo P. Walton, Jr.  
John Wendell  
Howorth Young

### World War II

Sanford L Archer  
Robert A. Aussicker  
Frank D. Barclay, Jr.  
W. Garner Bee II  
William B Biggs  
C. William Bowman  
Suvier Bralley  
Walter Briggs  
Thomas B Case  
Charles F. Clowe  
F. Howard Croninger  
Mary R. Croninger  
Richard Davis  
John W Eddy  
John H. Faber  
Donald Flom  
John A. Friday  
John E. Glen  
Romer Good  
Richard Gordon  
Wayne H. Harvey  
Douglas B. Hatmaker  
John Howell  
James N. Howie, Jr.  
O.H. Junggren  
Robert Kingsbury  
H. Stetson Kinkaid  
Ralph F. Krueger, Jr.  
R.N. Landon  
James F. Lawsing, Jr.  
C. Beecher Lockwood  
John N. Marcellus, Jr.  
Peter Paul Miller, Jr.  
Richard Moore  
Edward P. Mure  
Henry B. Parker, Jr.  
Jesse Perkins  
Noel F. Phillips  
William W. Piper  
Clark V. Poling  
Charles Rasher  
William Rochelle, Jr.  
Hans M. Rozendaal  
Walter C. Ryon  
Harrison S. Sayre  
John L. Schoolcraft, Jr.  
David G. Schwenker  
Grant Smith  
Roy Stratton  
Mills Ten Eyck, Jr.  
Peter Van A Ten Eyck

Horace S Van Voast, Jr.  
Horace S Van Voast, III  
Kenneth T. Vedder  
Garrett A. Veeder  
David V. Vrooman  
John J. Vrooman, Jr.  
George C. Von Borstel  
Stewart C. Wagoner  
Clark Wemple  
Arthur W. Wheeler  
Arthur W. Wheeler, Jr.  
William McKim White  
Malcolm Wilson, Jr.  
Glenn H. Winchester  
William T Winne  
Frederick A. Wyatt  
John McM. Yates

### Korean Conflict

William Clock  
William R. Collins  
R. N. Landon  
Thomas Lindsay  
Daniel J. Thuener  
Charles VanWie

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A. William Clock  
William R. Collins  
R.N. Landon  
Thomas Lindsay  
Daniel J. Thuener  
Charles VanWie

### Vietnam War

Clarence Linder

### Afghanistan War

Max Della Pia

### Iraq War

Alex Lindsay  
Ronald P. Attanasio

### Military Service List

We are starting to compile a list of those who have served in the armed forces in order to honor them well. If you know of someone who should be added to the list please let us know either on a white pew card or call the church office 377-2201.

**Sunday, May 26**

- 9:00 am ..... Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 am ..... Worship
- 11:00 am ..... Coffee & Refreshments
- 11:00 am ..... Membership Committee
- 11:15 am ..... First Forum
- 5:00 pm ..... Jazz Vespers

*“We live in the midst of alarms; anxiety be clouds the future; we expect some new disaster with each new paper we read.”*  
 ~Abraham Lincoln

**Monday, May 27 ~ Memorial Day**  
**Office Closed**

*“When a man arrives at great prosperity God did it: when he falls into disaster he did it himself”*  
 ~Mark Twain

**Tuesday, May 28**

- 10:00 am ..... Morning Prayer
- 6:30 pm ..... M&B Meeting

*“There's no disaster that can't become a blessing, and no blessing that can't become a disaster”*  
 ~Richard Bach

**Wednesday, May 29**

- 7:00 pm ..... Midweek Evening Prayer

*“God loves each of us as if there were only one of us.” ~St. Augustine*

**Thursday, May 30**

- 7:30 am ..... Breakfast Bible Bunch
- 10:00 am ..... Stitch Group
- 6:45 pm ..... Yoga
- 7:30 pm ..... Chancel Choir

*“Certain thoughts are prayers. There are moments when, whatever be the attitude of the body, the soul is on its knees.” ~Victor Hugo*

**Sunday, June 2**

- 10:00 am ..... Worship with Communion
- 11:00 am ..... Coffee & Refreshments
- 11:15 am ..... First Forum
- 12:00 pm ..... JAC Meeting
- 5:00 pm ..... Jazz Vespers

*“Let God's promises shine on your problems.”*  
 ~Corrie Ten Boom

