

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 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

Heritage Sunday

February 3, 2013

Is your cell phone on?

PRELUDE

Sonata #4

Allegro con brio

Andante Religioso

Allegretto

Naphtali Rothrock

Felix Mendelssohn

10:00 a.m.

GREETING

Daniel Carlson

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WORSHIP ORIENTATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bill Levering

INTROIT

Psalm 122:1

Franklin G'vnn

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #270 *O God, in a Mysterious Way* Dundee

*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.

***PASSING THE PEACE**

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

ANTHEM *From All That Dwell Below the Skies* Schenectady
Nehemiah Shumway

From all that dwell below the skies, let the Creator's praise arise;
let the Redeemer's name be sung, thro' ev'ry land by ev'ry tongue.

Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord, eternal truth attends Thy Word;
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set no more.

Your lofty themes, ye mortals, bring, in songs of praise divinely sing;
the great salvation loud proclaim, and shout for joy the Savior's name.

In ev'ry land begin the song; to ev'ry land the strains belong,
in cheerful sounds all voices raise, and fill the world with loudest praise.

Treatment of Psalm 117 by Isaac Watts

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

FIRST LESSON *Luke 4:12-30 (page 61)*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Kay Olan
Grades K-2 are dismissed to church school.

SECOND LESSON *1 Corinthians 13: 1-13 (page 175)*

SERMON *Collective Love* Bill Levering

***HYMN #504** *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether* Union Seminary

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Lord, You Call Us* Marty Haugen, arr. Burkhardt
Klokken Tower Ringers

Lord, You call us, as Your people, out of darkness into light.
You created and redeemed us, made us precious in Your sight.
Give us faith to trust You boldly and to love You steadfastly.
By Your Spirit may we ever faithful to our callings be.

Lord, You call us, as disciples, walking on Your pilgrim way.
Crucified and risen Saviour, You are with us ev'ry day.
Give us wisdom, give us courage as You teach us patiently.
By Your Spirit may we ever faithful to our callings be.

Lord, You send us to the harvest in Your Great Commission's call,
Reaching out to all the nations, bringing life and hope to all.

Give us boldness and compassion; bless us with Your eyes to see.
By Your Spirit may we ever faithful to our callings be.

Lord, You call us to new ventures to a pathway yet unknown.
Though we cannot see the ending, we will follow You alone,
Knowing that Your hand is guiding, and You love us faithfully.
By Your Spirit may we ever faithful to our callings be.

Lord, You call us, as Your people, joined in faith we sing Your praise.
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Alleluias to you raise.
Hold us in Your gracious power, blessed Holy Trinity,
That rejoicing we will ever faithful to our callings be.

*HYMN #592 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessing Flow* Doxology

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

Daniel Carlson

COMMUNION PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise!

SANCTUS (*sung in unison*)

Carl Steubing

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord God of Hosts, Heav'n and earth are full of thy
Glo - ry! Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord, Most High!

COMMUNION

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 #376 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*
Hyfrydol

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE *Twofold Amen* Dale Wood

POSTLUDE
Sonata #4
Allegro Maestoso e Vivace
Naphtali Rothrock
Felix Mendelssohn

*The congregation may stand.

Worship Note

As is fitting for Heritage Sunday, on the Lord's Table this morning stands the silver communion cup of the Rev. Johannes Lydius. Rev. Lydius was the minister of the First Church (Reformed) in Albany in the late 1600's, yet he often journeyed from Albany to Schenectady to serve the congregation the Holy Supper in the years following the death of the pastor of First, Schenectady and many other members of the congregation and the community in the Stockade Massacre.

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:

Virginia Cleveland, Raymond Fisher, Janice Flom, Lois Joyce Berner Mix, Janet Schwem, Herbert Stare, and George Stroebel.

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.

In Celebration

The chancel flowers today are placed in the sanctuary to the glory of God and in celebration of Ruth and Kenneth Roinos 45th Wedding Anniversary. 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.

First Forum

Today: Heritage Sunday. Schenectady and the Mohawk Nation with Kay Olan of the Kanatsiohareke Mohawk community.



Kay Olan Ionataiewas
(Mohawk/Wolf Clan),
Storyteller

Feb. 10: Sermon Talk Back

Feb. 17: Union Presbyterian &
FRC update

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

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.

Johnson Library

Those who still have video players can help themselves to the video cassettes on the adult display table this morning. The children's display table will feature music CDs appealing to teens. Take them and enjoy them!

Jazz Vespers Every Sunday, 5pm

Today: 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: 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. 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.

Heritage Sunday - Today

Please celebrate our 333rd anniversary with us, where we will be examining our long-running history of unity without uniformity. In honor of the Dutch colonial friendship with the Mohawk Nation, during this morning's service we welcome special guest 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. A text of the Mohawk sachems' speech will be available in the office and online for those who would like to review it.

Tonight, Jazz Vespers will also follow the theme of "Unity without Uniformity."

Four Chaplains Interfaith Service

Today 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".

Narthex Cases

See the exhibits in the Narthex display windows. One presents information about Heritage Sunday's events. The other is in honor of Boy Scout Sunday.

Sixty-five Years Ago February 1, 1948

On this sub-zero Sunday afternoon, our fifth building, the 1863 architectural landmark church designed by Edward Tuckerman Potter was devastated by fire. The fire raged into the night, leaving only three exterior stone walls. The church was rebuilt from these three walls.

Photographs of Potter's church may be seen on the walls at either end of the church narthex. Some pictures of the fire may be seen in the Heritage Room, just located past Dirck Romeyn Room.

Midweek Evening Prayer

Rekindle your awareness of God's loving presence within, among, and beyond us this Wednesday, 7-7:40pm in Poling Chapel through a informal service of worship service that includes gentle singing, guided reflection,

engaging Scripture, shared prayers, and the Lord's supper. All are invited to share the peace of God's light!

Union Presbyterian Men's Breakfast

Will meet on Feb. 9 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.

Scout Sunday February 10

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.

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!

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. 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 former members of FRC who now live at "First Reformed, 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.

Take a Stand on the Soapbox

Is there some social issue that makes your blood boil? A concern about our community that you'd like to voice your opinion about? Then get on the Justice Action Council Soapbox. This is your chance to make a 10-minute rant and spark some lively conversation among a friendly crowd. We have just a few rules:

10-minute limit per speaker.

Your topic must deal with some social injustice.

No profanity.

Rants should not be aimed at any individual. Nor should an individual be named as part of the larger problem.

The Soapbox takes place on an occasional basis in Poling Chapel after Sunday service. We've got openings for ranters coming up on March 3 and May 19. If you've got something to say, contact Claire Hughes at 381-9241 or eclair@nycap.rr.com.

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 6pm

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.

Service 7:15pm

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.

Dinners 6pm; Classes 7pm

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.

Lent For Kids

Jamie Ipsen

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

Evening Prayer 8:15pm

Our worship includes simple songs accompanied by guitar, unhurried reflection on the day, guided listening for God's word to you in Scripture, reverent sharing of the Lord's Supper, honest praying aloud or in silence, and sharing Christ's peace before departing before 9pm.

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, February 13 through March 20. Those interested in helping out should contact Heather Chestnut at 346-7887.

	This Sunday	Next Sunday
Counting Deacons	Therese McCarty, Nancy Wainwright	Fred Daniels, Rebecca Grande
Faith Bookshop	Roberta Blackmer	Veronica Bartholic
Flower Delivery	Ann & Joe Gotwals, Ruth & Ken Roinos	Connie Young
Greeters	Cox Family	Van Oort Family
Kinderwyck	Sarah Bachorik, Inge-Lise Pangburn	Sarah Bachorik, Linda Stanhope
Liturgist	Daniel Carlson	Bill Levering
Preacher	Bill Levering	Daniel Carlson
Processing Elders	Caroline Brooks, Keith Muse, Gene Zeltmann, William Brooks, Eric Evans, Catherine Lewis, Tom Lindsay, Del Pierce	Veronica Bartholic, Mary Jewett, Bob Beadle, Christine Daniels, William Rochelle, Linda Witkowski
Reader	Carol Troost	Chris Fernandes
Refreshments		Nancy Martin
Offertory Deacons/ Ushers	Darwin Brudos, Richard Davis, Claire Hughes, Therese McCarty, Nancy Wainwright, Caroline Welch, David Bundy, Rebecca Grande	Bill Clock (head usher), Cathy Allen, Robert Allen, Louis Acquasanta, Joe Gallagher, Maurice Robbins, William Faulkner

Calendar for the Week of February 3, 2013

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	
Monday Feb. 4	9:00 a.m.	Mens News Group, Poling Conference Room
	11:00 a.m.	Group V, Dirck Romeyn Room
	6:00 p.m.	African Drumming Instruction, Assembly Hall
Tuesday Feb. 5	10:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer, Dykstra Chapel
	11:00 a.m.	Administrative Staff Meeting, Office
	1:30 p.m.	Worship Planning, Office
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Education Meeting, Mezzanine
Wednesday Feb. 6	9:30 a.m.	Kerygma Class, Poling Conference Room
	1:00 p.m.	Thursday Belles, Poling Conference Room
	7:00 p.m.	Midweek Evening Prayer, Poling Chapel
Thursday Feb. 7	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
Sunday 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	

***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.*



Mohawk Tree of Peace

Rings of a tree
Years of an idea
Acts of our love
We grow to the Son

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