

The First Church in Albany

Welcomes you



Sunday, October 17, 2021, 10am

The First Church in Albany (Reformed Church in America)

Founded in 1642; Continuing in Ministry Today

In response to God's unconditional love for all people made known to us in Jesus Christ, we are called to be a welcoming and affirming community. The First Church in Albany includes young and old, families, couples and singles, rich and poor, persons of various races, ethnicities, backgrounds, sexual orientation and gender identities, differing physical and mental abilities, believers and seekers. We welcome into the full life of the church all those whom God sends us. Centered in Christ, we commit ourselves to breaking down dividing walls and building a community where we are loved.

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost National Coming Out Day (10/11) & General Synod Sunday October 17, 2021

We Gather in the Presence of God

Prelude

"Oh God, Thou Faithful God"
Margaret Randall, organist

J. Brahms

Welcome, Announcements & Blessing

"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all." 2 Corinthians 13:14

Call to Worship (*based on Psalm 104*)

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

People: Amen.

Leader: My God, you are so very great.

People: You are clothed with honor and majesty,

Leader: and gloriously wrap yourself with light!

People: You stretch out the heavens like a tent,

Leader: and make the clouds your chariot!

People: You fill the oceans with water,

Leader: and make the land full of creatures.

People: In your wisdom, O Lord, you have made everything.

Leader: Let us worship this God of glory and majesty!

D A G A D

1 The chur-ch's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth;
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der the world sees her op - pressed,
4 Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war,

F# G D A

she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the Word.
her char - ter of sal - va - tion: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
by schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more,

D G D Bm Em

From heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
One ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,

D Gmaj7 Em7 Asus A D

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.
and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.

5 Yet she on earth has union with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.

Words: Samuel J. Stone, 1866, P.D.

Music (AURELIA 7.6.7.6 D): Samuel S. Wesley, 1864, P.D.

Prayer of Confession

After National Coming Out Day, we confess and repent that the church has not always been a safe, welcoming, and celebratory place for all people, particularly for those who want to come out. Send the Advocate, your Holy Spirit, to empower your church to come out as advocates for the flourishing of all people. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

First Church, the good news is this: God who is Love did not stay closeted up in heaven. Rather, God revealed God's self as Jesus Christ who has shown us how to love our neighbors and ourselves. "From heaven he came and taught us, what perfect love can be; through life and death he sought us, and rose to set us free."



***Passing the Peace**

Leader: The peace of the Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us greet one another with a hand-sign of peace.

Touch your thumb to the tip of your ring finger, and wave to one another. This hand-sign makes Christ's gesture of blessing in a lot of iconography in the Orthodox Tradition.

Prayer of Blessing for the Children

Prayer of Illumination

Holy Father, guide us by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light. In the name of the Light of the World, Jesus Christ. Amen.



¹The heads of the ancestral houses of the clans of the descendants of Gilead son of Machir son of Manasseh, of the Josephite clans, came forward and spoke in the presence of Moses and the leaders, the heads of the ancestral houses of the Israelites; ²they said, “The Lord commanded my lord to give the land for inheritance by lot to the Israelites; and my lord was commanded by the Lord to give the inheritance of our brother Zelophehad to his daughters. ³But if they are married into another Israelite tribe, then their inheritance will be taken from the inheritance of our ancestors and added to the inheritance of the tribe into which they marry; so it will be taken away from the allotted portion of our inheritance. ⁴And when the jubilee of the Israelites comes, then their inheritance will be added to the inheritance of the tribe into which they have married; and their inheritance will be taken from the inheritance of our ancestral tribe.”

⁵Then Moses commanded the Israelites according to the word of the Lord, saying, “The descendants of the tribe of Joseph are right in what they are saying. ⁶This is what the Lord commands concerning the daughters of Zelophehad, ‘Let them marry whom they think best; only it must be into a clan of their father’s tribe that they are married,’ ⁷so that no inheritance of the Israelites shall be transferred from one tribe to another; for all Israelites shall retain the inheritance of their ancestral tribes. ⁸Every daughter who possesses an inheritance in any tribe of the Israelites shall marry one from the clan of her father’s tribe, so that all Israelites may continue to possess their ancestral inheritance. ⁹No inheritance shall be transferred from one tribe to another; for each of the tribes of the Israelites shall retain its own inheritance.”

¹⁰The daughters of Zelophehad did as the Lord had commanded Moses.

¹¹Mahlah, Tirzah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Noah, the daughters of Zelophehad, married sons of their father’s brothers. ¹²They were married into the clans of the descendants of Manasseh son of Joseph, and their inheritance remained in the tribe of their father’s clan.

¹³These are the commandments and the ordinances that the Lord commanded through Moses to the Israelites in the plains of Moab by the Jordan at Jericho.

Leader: Word of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon Notes

Trouble in the text:

Trouble in our world:

God in the text:

God in our world:

Ways that God is moving in me:

A Prayer of Blessing on the Word

***Hymn of Response**

9C Come, Sing to God with All Your Heart

The musical score is written in 4/4 time and consists of three systems. Each system has a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. Chords are indicated above the treble staff.

System 1:

Chords: Fm, Eb, Fm

Lyrics:
 1 Come, sing to God with all your heart; give
 2 For, Ho - ly One, you take our part; your
 3 You are a shel - ter for the poor, a

System 2:

Chords: C7, Fm

Lyrics:
 thanks to God, Most High, who makes the ruth - less
 ways are al - ways just. You stop the ty - rants
 strong-hold in dis - tress. You care for all who

System 3:

Chords: Cm7, Fm, Db, Cm7, Fm

Lyrics:
 fall from power and res - cues those who cry.
 in their tracks and turn their names to dust.
 trust in you and all who are op - pressed.

Offering & Offertory *“Hear My Prayer, O Lord”* Antonin Dvorak
Rose Hunsberger, vocalist and Margaret Crandall, organist

Doxology #591

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

Prayers of the People

Leader: O Lord,

People: Hear our prayer.

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.**

*Sending Hymn

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Go, My Children, with My Blessing

Descant

3 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.

F B \flat Gm C B \flat 2 C F

1 Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
2 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
3 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.

F B \flat Gm C B \flat 2 C F

Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.
Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you; you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.

B \flat Gm7

In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for -
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry; here you touched him, saw his
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you; here his ten - der com - fort

stilled you. Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free.
 Csus C F B^b Gm C B^b2 C7 F

ev - er. Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing; you are my own.
 glo - ry. Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
 stilled you. Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free.

Words: Jaroslav J. Vajda (b. 1919) © 1983 Concordia Publishing House
 Music (AR HYD Y NOS 8.4.8.4.8.8.4): Welsh melody (ca. 1794); desc. Hal Hopson (b. 1933) © 1992 GIA Publications, Inc.

*Charge & Blessing

Postlude

"God, Our Help in Ages Past"
 Margaret Crandall, organist

H. Willan

Worship Leadership:

Preacher: Rev. Trey Tirpak

Guest Organist: Margaret Crandall

Vocalist: Rose Hunsberger

Technical Team: Joshua Bliss, and Stephen Reohr



We lift up
Rev. Dr. Mashona Walston,
 and all participants in
RCA General Synod 2021
 October 14-19 in Tucson, Arizona



FIRST CHURCH PRAYER LIST

- Jane, sister of Donna Schultz
- Elaine and Jim Jenks, Rose Hunsberger's parents
- Bruce and Bridget Cook, for the loss of their daughter Myrica Cook (friends of the Persons)
- Imani Brewer
- Jeff Curry
- Itke Prins, in memory of her husband Harry R. Prins
- Barb Andrews
- Haleigh Bliss
- Mary Weijola
- Neil Keen
- Ian and Edi Leet
- RB with a recent diagnosis
- Kenneth Carr (Fran's brother) and Angela Venable, for the loss of their daughter
- Harriet Stockhoff
- Kathy Stallmer (Monthie family)
- Cheryl Gowie
- Steve Hoffman
- Ada Harris
- Ginger
- Charles Welge
- Olivia Gaydushek
- Our government officials, first responders and health care workers as we continue to manage the Covid-19 pandemic
- Countries like Haiti, recovering from natural disasters, and Afghanistan, dealing with political upheaval. For these and others, we pray for the humanitarian crises that accompany uncertainty and strife.
- Staff and Leaders of The First Church in Albany

Prayer Concerns? If you would like your church family to join you in prayer, please share your concerns and joys with us.

Call the office at 518-463-4449 or email office@firstchurchinalbany.org

This Week at the First Church in Albany



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| • Sunday | 10.17 | 9am | Drive-In Worship |
| | | 10am | Sanctuary Worship & Children and Worship |
| • Monday | 10.18 | 9am | Food Pantry |
| • Tuesday | 10.19 | 12pm | Adult Bible Study |
| • Wednesday | 10.20 | 9am | Food Pantry |
| | | 12pm | AA Meeting |
| | | 12pm | Centering Prayer |
| | | 5:45pm | Dutch Settlers' Meeting |

Other upcoming dates...

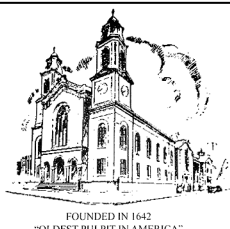
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| • Sunday | 10.31 | 10am | Mission Sunday—Youth Report from July Work Trip |
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All Saints Day is November 1st

- On Sunday, Nov. 7, we will remember our loved ones lost in 2020. Please email or call the office with the names of church members and friends who have passed. We will include these in the bulletin and the names will be read in memory.

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