

The First Church in Albany

*Welcomes you*

Fifth Sunday of Easter  
May 15, 2022, 10am  
Drive-In Worship Service

*Just as*  
**I HAVE  
LOVED  
YOU,**

*you also should  
love one another.*

# Today's Preacher

## Rev. Eric Fagans



**Rev. Eric Fagans** is a member of the Presbytery of Albany and a retired Presbyterian Minister. Rev. Eric lives with his wife Deb in the South End neighborhood of Albany and is very involved in community outreach, including serving on the board of the **Wizards Wardrobe**, a tutoring program for elementary students in Albany NY.

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# **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.*

## **The Fifth Sunday of Easter** **May 15, 2022**

**Tune in to 87.9FM on your car radio**

**Prelude**

*"Come Into His Presence"*  
Martha Deyo, keyboardist

*L. Baird*

### **Welcome, Announcements, & Blessing**

Leader: Praise the Lord!

**People: Praise the Lord from the heavens!**

Leader: Praise God from the skies!

**People: Praise God, sun and moon!**

Leader: Praise God, all you twinkling stars!

**People: Praise God, skies above!**

Leader: Let every created thing give praise to the God,

**People: for God issued his command, and they came into being.**



# \*Opening Hymn Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

v. 1-3

## Descant

4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore

F Am B $\flat$  C7

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a -  
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous - ly reign -  
 3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros-per your work and de - fend  
 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore

him! All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be -

F Am B $\flat$

tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal -  
 ing, shel-tering you un - der his wings, oh, so gent - ly sus -  
 you; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at -  
 him! All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be -

fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

C7 F B $\flat$  F

va - tion! Come, all who hear; broth - ers and  
 tain - ing. Have you not seen all that is  
 tend you. Pon - der a - new what the Al -  
 fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

peo - ple a - gain. Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

C F Dm Gm C F

sis - ters, draw near, join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
 need - ful has been sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?  
 might - y can do as with his love he be - friends you.  
 peo - ple a - gain. Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

*Chord symbols represent a simplified harmony.*

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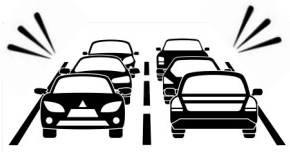
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## Prayer of Confession

**Holy One, though in you we live and move and have our being, we fall far short of being the kind of people we believe you would have us be. This is troubling, but most troubling of all is that we rarely give it much thought. Enable us to be more aware of your priceless, forgiving love. Free us from habits and actions which demean and bring harm to others and to your wider world. And release us to become the ambassadors of your grace. Amen.**

## Assurance of Pardon

The One whom we worship and to whom we pray... Now we know that this God's grace expands and expands until there is no beyond, there is only this amazing undeniable truth: You are loved. You are loved. We are loved.



### **\*Passing the Peace**

**Leader:** The peace of Christ be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Leader:** Let us greet one another with a honk of the horn or hand-sign of peace.

## Prayer for Illumination

**Open now the eyes of those blinded to your truth and the ears that have been closed to the cries of others, that the earth shall be filled with your mercy from sea to shining sea. Amen.**

### Sermon Text

John 13:31-35

When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ!

### Sermon

Tell Me If You've Heard This Before

## A Prayer of Blessing on the Word

### \*Hymn of Response & Offering

### Will You Come and Follow Me

v. 1,2,5

The musical score is written for a hymn in 3/4 time. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The first system has five measures with lyrics underneath. The second system has six measures with lyrics underneath. Chord symbols are written above the treble staff in each measure.

Chord symbols: F, C7, Dm, Gm7, Csus, C, F, C7, Dm, Gm7, B<sup>b</sup>/C, F.

Lyrics:

1 Will you come and fol - low me, if I but call your name?  
2 Will you leave your-self be-hind, if I but call your name?  
3 Will you let the blind-ed see, if I but call your name?  
4 Will you love the 'you' you hide, if I but call your name?  
5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?  
> Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er be the same?  
Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?  
Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

F C7 Dm Gm7 Csus C

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F C7 Dm Gm7 B<sup>b</sup>/C F

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Gm7 B<sup>b</sup> Gm7 Am7 B<sup>b</sup>6 Csus C

Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?  
 > Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.

F C7 Dm Gm7 B<sup>b</sup>/C F

will you let my life be grown in you, and you in me?  
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you, and you in me?  
 > and ad - mit to what I mean in you, and you in me?  
 through my sight and touch and sound in you, and you in me?  
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you, and you in me.

## Prayers of the People

### 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.**

### \*Charge & Blessing

### \*Postlude

*“Majesty”  
Martha Deyo, keyboardist*

J. Hanford

*We give thanks for everyone involved in our Children and Worship Ministry  
as they begin their summer hiatus. We will see you in the fall!*

*Thank you for worshiping with us today!  
All are invited to join us in Clee Park for our Lemonade Lull  
Have a blessed week!*

### Worship Leadership:

**Guest Preacher:** Rev. Eric Fagans

**Liturgist:** Pete Pagerey

**Keyboardist:** Martha Deyo

**Technical Team:** Joshua Bliss, and Stephen Reohr



# THE *Lemonade* LULL IS BACK!



**SUNDAYS  
IN CLEE PARK  
FOLLOWING THE  
DRIVE-IN SERVICE**

Enjoy refreshments and fellowship.

If you are interested in hosting a future Lull,  
please contact the office at 518-463-4449 or  
email [office@firstchurchinalbany.org](mailto:office@firstchurchinalbany.org).

We have a checklist for anyone who might like to host the Lemonade Lull. There is a sign-up sheet either at the Lull Table or on the table in the work-room.

## HELLO *Spring*

### **Planting Day - Saturday May 21**

May 21, 9:30am, we will be planting flowers for the upcoming season. Last week, we had a great time clearing and preparing the garden beds for the season. Many hands make quick work. Green thumb or no, we would love for you to join us. We will have a light lunch available for the crew.

Please RSVP to the office at  
[office@firstchurchinalbany.org](mailto:office@firstchurchinalbany.org).

Thanks to Kathleen Claydon for sharing her creative gifts and creating the wreaths that are hanging on the front doors of the Sanctuary. Spring has hit First Church!



## Last chance to offer suggestions for Elder and Deacon!

We are currently accepting suggestions for nominations for First Church DEACONS and ELDERS. Forms will be available at the Sunday service and may be put in the offering plate. There is also a link to an online nomination form (below list of current Officers). You may nominate yourself or another individual. Ordination and Installation will take place in early summer for our new officers as well as those accepting an additional term. Thank you in advance for your suggestions.



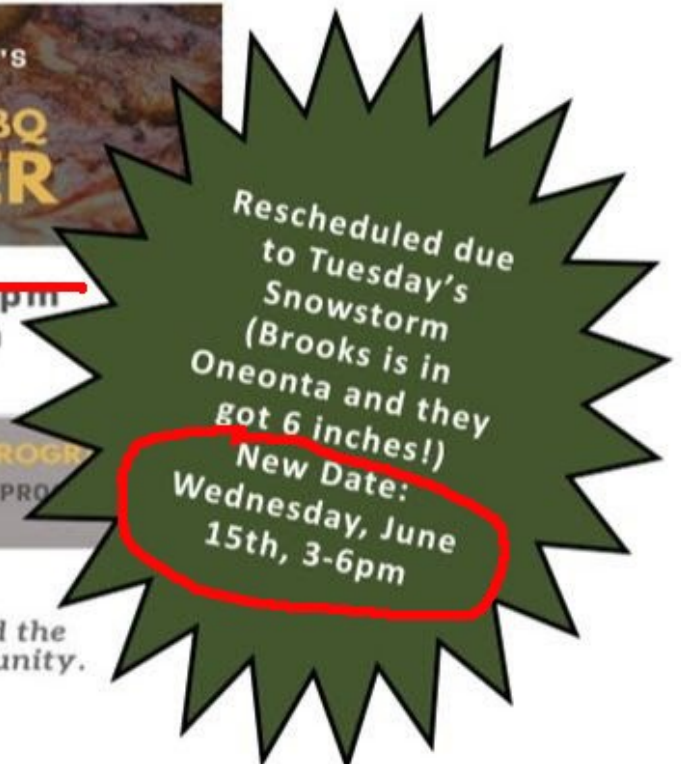
~~Tuesday, April 19 from 3-6 pm~~  
Delmar Reformed Church  
386 Delaware Ave, Delmar

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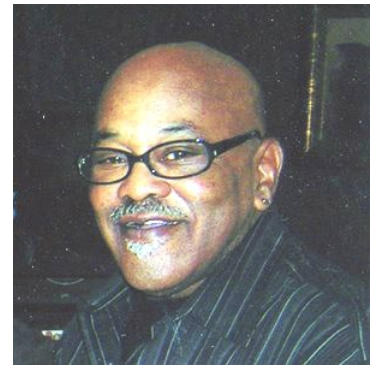
Together we can feed the hungry in our community.



## A First Church passing to note...

Our sympathies and prayers to friends and family of First Church member Edward Baskerville Sr.

Calling hours will be Monday, May 16 from 3pm-7pm at Newcomer Cremations & Funerals, 343 New Karner Rd., Colonie NY 12205. A graveside ceremony will be held at Calvary Cemetery, 481 Rt. 9W, Glenmont, NY 12077 on Saturday, May 21 at 10:30am.



## Prayers how can we be praying for you?

- For John Utley, brother of Judith Utley Suess
- For the family of Annie Holt, daughter of First Church member Mamie Holt. Annie passed recently.
- For Beverly, a friend of Clarice Milliken
- For Clarice Milliken for the loss of family and safety as she travels to attend services
- For Family and friends of Shirley Nash
- For Steve Hoffman
- For Harold Bushnell
- For Cheri Jones
- For Frank Jeffries (son of Norma McClement)
- For Rev. Susan Vincent Cox for the passing of her mother Barbara
- For Norma McClement
- For Becky Gardner
- For Norma and Leo, neighbors of Audrey Ming
- For Ralph McNeil, brother of Norma Jean Ballou
- For Joe Vasta, friend of the Persons family
- For Family of Nathaniel Marable
- For Mary Ann Selmer
- For Katherine's grandmother
- For the family of Danielle as they mourn her passing, for her children (Melvin, Traekwon, Antonio, Julius, Brandon, and Christopher)
- For Carol LaBatte
- For Anthony, of the Brown Family
- For Jane, sister of Donna Schultz
- For Elaine and Jim Jenks, Rose Hunsberger's parents
- For Peter, Karen Van Epps' brother
- For Jeff Curry
- For Haleigh Bliss
- For Mary Weijola
- For Neil Keen
- For Fran Carr Morton
- For Harriet Stockhoff
- For Kathy Stallmer (Monthie family)
- For Cheryl Gowie
- For Ada Harris
- For Gwen, friend of Becky Gardner
- For Charles Welge
- For Olivia Gaydushek
- For Staff and leaders of the First Church in Albany
- For Prayers for the people and leaders of Ukraine. For the countries accepting those fleeing the violence. For thoughtful and productive resolution immediately.

*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](mailto:office@firstchurchinalbany.org)*



# This Week at the First Church in Albany

- Sunday 5.15 10am Drive-in Worship, also on Zoom  
Final Children & Worship of the season  
11am Trustees Meeting
- Monday 5.16 9am Food Pantry
- Tuesday 5.17 12pm Adult Scripture Study
- Wednesday 5.18 9am Food Pantry  
12pm AA Meeting  
12pm Centering Prayer  
12:30pm May Weathervanes Luncheon
- Saturday 5.21 9:30am FCIA Garden Flower Planting Day

## Upcoming Events

- Sunday 5.22 11:30pm After worship, First Church walks Albany Skyway
- Tuesday 5.24 5:15pm FCIA hosts Albany Classis Meeting
- Sunday 6.5 10:45am **Congregational Meeting** after worship

*Meeting Schedules are subject to change.  
Watch your email for updates if you are a part of these gatherings.*

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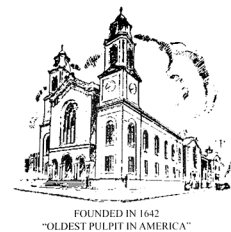
## CALENDAR UPDATES

ONE-TIME EVENTS  
OR RECURRING MEETINGS

PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE WITH YOUR  
SCHEDULED GATHERINGS SO THAT WE CAN PUT  
THEM ON THE CHURCH EVENT AND  
OPERATIONAL CALENDARS.



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