



The First Church in Albany

Welcomes you

**Pentecost Sunday ~ June 5, 2022, 10am
Drive-In Worship Service**

Happy Birthday



Church

The First Church in Albany **(Reformed Church in America)**

Founded in 1642; Continuing in Ministry Today

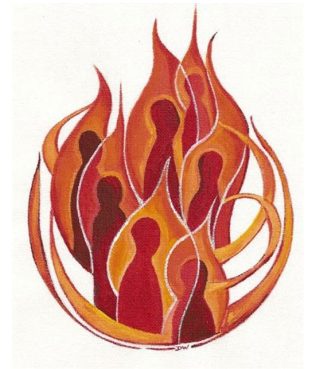
In response to God's unconditional love for all people made known to us in Jesus Christ, we are called to be a welcoming and affirming community. The First Church in Albany includes young and old, families, couples and singles, rich and poor, persons of various races, ethnicities, backgrounds, sexual 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.



Pentecost Sunday

June 3, 2022

Tune in to 87.9FM on your car radio



Prelude

“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”
Iteke Prins, keyboardist

arr. J. Carter

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 words from Rabanus Maurus (776-856 AD)*

Leader: Come Holy Ghost, Creator Blest!

People: In our hearts take up thy rest!

Leader: Come Fount of Life and Fire of Love!

People: Give us sweet anointing from above!

Leader: Come Holy Ghost and bestow,

People: all gifts that from you, the Christ's Spirit, flow!

Leader: Praise we the Lord, Father and Son,

People: and Holy Spirit with them one!

Leader: Let us praise the Spirit, the Giver of Life, on this Pentecost Sunday!

*Opening Hymn

Come, Holy Ghost

v. 1-3

Chords: Dm F C

1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, Cre - a - tor blest, and in our
 2 O Com-fort - er, to thee we cry, thou heaven - ly
 3 O Ho - ly Ghost, through thee a - lone, know we the
 4 Praise we the Lord: Fa - ther and Son, and Ho - ly

Chords: Gsus G Dm

hearts take up thy rest; come with thy grace
 gift of God most high; thou fount of life,
 Fa - ther and the Son; be this our firm
 Spir - it with them one; and may the Son

Chords: F C Gsus G

and heaven - ly aid to fill our hearts which thou hast made,
 and fire of love, and sweet a - noint - ing from a - bove,
 un - chang - ing creed, that thou dost from them both pro - ceed,
 on us be - stow all gifts that from the Spir - it flow,

Chords: Bb Fsus F

to fill our hearts which thou hast made.
 and sweet a - noint - ing from a - bove.
 that thou dost from them both pro - ceed.
 all gifts that from the Spir - it flow.

Refrain G *Dm Echo F

Be not a - fraid. Be not a - fraid.

Last time repeat as desired

C G Fine

Where you go there I am with you.

Dm B^b2 B^b Fsus F To stanzas

Optional instrumental interlude

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It begins with a Refrain in G major, featuring a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are 'Be not a - fraid.' The score includes an 'Echo' section and a 'Fine' section. The piano part has an 'Optional instrumental interlude' section. The score is marked with various chords: G, *Dm, F, C, G, Dm, B^b2, B^b, Fsus, and F. The lyrics are: 'Be not a - fraid. Be not a - fraid. Where you go there I am with you.' The score ends with 'To stanzas'.

Optional ending: bracketed portion of the stanza can be sung layered with the Refrain, coming in at the *asterisk.

Words and Music (BE NOT AFRAID 8.8.8.8 refrain 4.8.4.8): from *Veni Creator Spiritus*, attr. Rabanus Maurus (776-856), Bruce Benedict, Ray Mills, 2005, © 2006 Cardiphonia Music/Raymond G. Mills; arr. Diane Dykgraaf © 2012 Cardiphonia Music/Raymond G. Mills

Prayer of Confession

Spirit of God, on this Pentecost Sunday, we confess to taking the Lord's name in vain for we have become cynical and skeptical of what you, the Spirit, are capable of doing. And so we pray, like on the day of Pentecost, be a rush of violent wind in our hearts and minds; blow away the chaff of our melancholy, and make us ablaze in hope and love so that we might proclaim your goodness to all those you bring across our path. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Friends of Jesus Christ, the good news is in Peter's Pentecost sermon where he quotes the prophet Joel: "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon the enslaved, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy."

The Spirit of God is for all people, even us. So, open yourself to the outpouring of the Spirit on your life, and live in peace.



***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

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me. Mold me. Fill me. Use me. Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me!

Sermon Text Romans 8:14-17

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.


Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

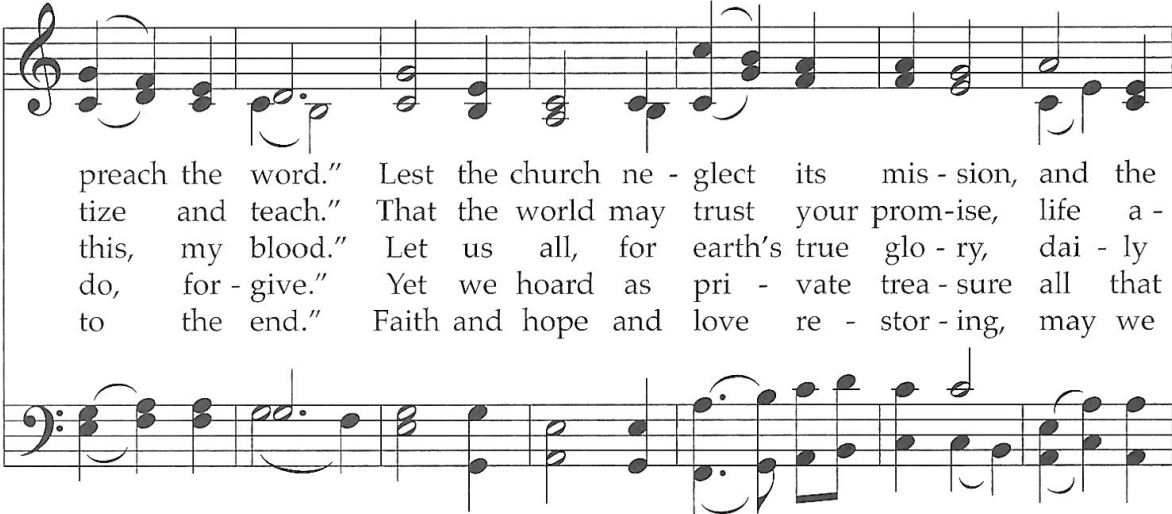
Sermon: When We Cry

A Prayer of Blessing on the Word

Lord, You Give the Great Commission



1 Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the sick and
2 Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my name bap -
3 Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This, my bod - y;
4 Lord, you show us love's true mea - sure: "Fa - ther, what they
5 Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: "I am with you



preach the word." Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion, and the
tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom - ise, life a -
this, my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo - ry, dai - ly
do, for - give." Yet we hoard as pri - vate trea - sure all that
to the end." Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing, may we



gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness to your
bun - dant meant for each, give us all new fer - vor,
lift life heav - en - ward, ask - ing that the world a -
you so free - ly give. May your care and mer - cy
serve as you in - tend, and, a - mid the cares that

continued

pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty:
draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty:
round us share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty: with the Spir - it's
lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty:
claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty:

gifts em - power us for the work of min - is - try.

United by the refrain after each stanza, this text relies on passages from Matthew and Luke to highlight various dimensions of the church's mission and ministry in the world. It was written for use with this tune, composed in the village near Bristol, England, for which it is named.

Communion Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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**

*“Lord, You Give the Great Commission”
Iteke Prins, keyboardist*

arr. M. Burkhardt

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*Thank you for worshiping with us today!
After a brief Congregational Meeting in Clee Park,
all are invited to remain with us in Clee Park for our Lemonade Lull
Have a blessed week!*

Worship Leadership:

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Mashona Walston

Liturgist: Jean Lamere

Keyboardist: Iteke Prins

Technical Team: Joshua Bliss, and Stephen Reohr

**Do summer sports and games have you feeling a little
competitive, First Church?**

Get Ready!

The First Annual, First Church Lawn Chair Set-up Competition



That's right. Bring your lawn chair,
decorate it, give it a theme,
and make a summer furniture
fashion statement.

We want to get everyone out of their
cars and into the best looking lawn
chairs Albany has ever seen!

On June 26th,
we will announce the winner!!!

NOMINATIONS

LIST OF INDIVIDUALS NOMINATED FOR OFFICE AT THE FIRST CHURCH IN ALBANY

FOR ELDER - Joanne Farrell, Barbara Andrews

FOR TRUSTEE - Edward Monthie (current trustee), Joyce Recene (current trustee),
Raymond Van Epps (current trustee), Monica Marsh, Karen Van Epps

The Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, June 5th,
after the Drive-In Service.

Prayers how can we be praying for you?

- For the friends and family of Jean Reohr, Jay Reohr's mother
- For Becky Hudak
- For Dee and Ani
- For Mia and Wim Westman
- For Barbara W., dear friend of Barb & Dave Andrews and Donna Jones
- For friends and family of Edward Baskerville Sr.
- John Utley, brother of Judith Utley Suess
- For the friends and family of Annie Holt, daughter of First Church member Mamie Holt.
- Beverly, a friend of Clarice Milliken
- For Clarice Milliken in the loss of a family member
- Family and friends of Shirley Nash
- Steve Hoffman
- Harold Bushnell
- Cheri Jones
- Frank Jeffries (son of Norma McClement)
- Rev. Susan Vincent Cox for the passing of her mother Barbara
- Norma McClement
- Becky Gardner
- Norma and Leo, neighbors of Audrey Ming
- Ralph McNeil, brother of Norma Jean Ballou
- For Cheri Scully, friend of the Persons family
- Family of Nathaniel Marable
- 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)
- Carol LaBatte
- Anthony, of the Brown Family
- Jane, sister of Donna Schultz
- Elaine and Jim Jenks, Rose Hunsberger's parents
- Jeff Curry
- Haleigh Bliss
- Mary Weijola
- Neil Keen
- Fran Carr Morton
- Harriet Stockhoff
- Kathy Stallmer (Monthie family)
- Cheryl Gowie
- Ada Harris
- Gwen, friend of Becky Gardner
- Charles Welge
- Olivia Gaydushek
- Clergy, staff and leaders of the First Church in Albany
- For all those impacted by gun violence, most recently for the school shooting in Uvalde, Texas, prayers as they grieve and heal.

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



HOT DOG THURSDAY WITH CLEEO

Our Summer Outreach to All of Our Neighbors



**Each Thursday in June
11:30am—12:00pm**

in Clee Park

**Volunteers Needed
Contact the office
or use online link in
Wednesday's EBlast**

Help us cover those weeks when our long-time volunteers might be out of town on holiday this summer.

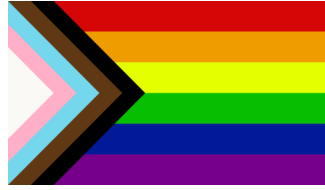
Sign up with a friend or family member. Volunteer together!

A man wearing a red t-shirt and a red baseball cap is smiling and holding a large cardboard box filled with various groceries, including lettuce, bread, bananas, and corn. A tomato is floating in the air above him.

FCIA FOOD PANTRY
**NEEDS VOLUNTEERS
FOR THE SUMMER**
Please connect with pantry
director Lorraine Houk
lorraine@focuschurches.net
The FCIA Food Pantry is open
Monday and Wednesday,
9am-11:30am


This Week at the First Church in Albany

June is Pride Month



- Sunday 6.5 10am Drive-in Worship, also on Zoom followed by Congregational Meeting
- Monday 6.6 9am Food Pantry
- Tuesday 6.7 12pm Adult Scripture Study
- 6:30pm Consistory Meeting
- Wednesday 6.8 9am Food Pantry
- 12pm AA Meeting
- 12pm Centering Prayer

Upcoming Events

- Sunday 6.12 Pride Sunday 
The City of Albany will be hosting the Capital Area Pride Parade. Feel free to join the festivities.

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

GROUP & MINISTRY LEADERS, SEND US YOUR

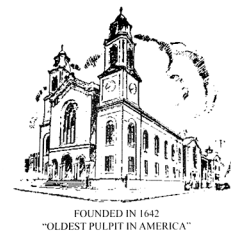
CALENDAR UPDATES

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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