

The First Church in Albany

Welcomes you



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**July 10, 2022, 10am
Drive-In Worship Service**



Give blood.

Every 2 seconds someone
in the U.S. needs blood.

American Red Cross



Blood Drive **First Church In Albany**

110 North Pearl Street, Albany, NY 12207
Zimmerman Hall

Wednesday, August 17, 2022
12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

To make an appointment call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit
redcrossblood.org. Keyword: FIRSTCHURCHALB

1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | redcrossblood.org | Download the Blood Donor App

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The First Church in Albany is committed
to the city and people of Albany NY.

This feeding ministry is
part of our commitment.

Pantry Hours

**Monday and
Wednesday
9am - 11:30am**

The pantry entrance is on Orange St.

518-463-4449

www.firstchurchinalbany.org

The First Church in Albany
110 North Pearl St.
Albany NY 12207

June Statistics for our Pantry:

116 households, 31 children, 128 adults, 26 Seniors, for a total of 4,134 meals for the month.
Thanks to all the dedicated volunteers who help make this happen.

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.

Graduate Recognition Sunday July 10, 2022

Tune in to 87.9FM on your car radio

Prelude

*"Tell Me the Stories of Jesus"
"Jesus and the Children"
Iteke Prins, keyboardist*

arr. I. Prins
G. M. Martin

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 25*

Leader: To you, O Lord, we lift up our souls.

People: Make your ways known, and teach us your truth.

Leader: Lead us and our world to salvation.

People: Reveal to us your steadfast love of old.

Leader: For all your paths are steadfast love and faithfulness.

People: Through your friendship with us, teach us these things.

Leader: Now we lift our eyes and gaze upon the Lord, our teacher and friend.

*Opening Hymn

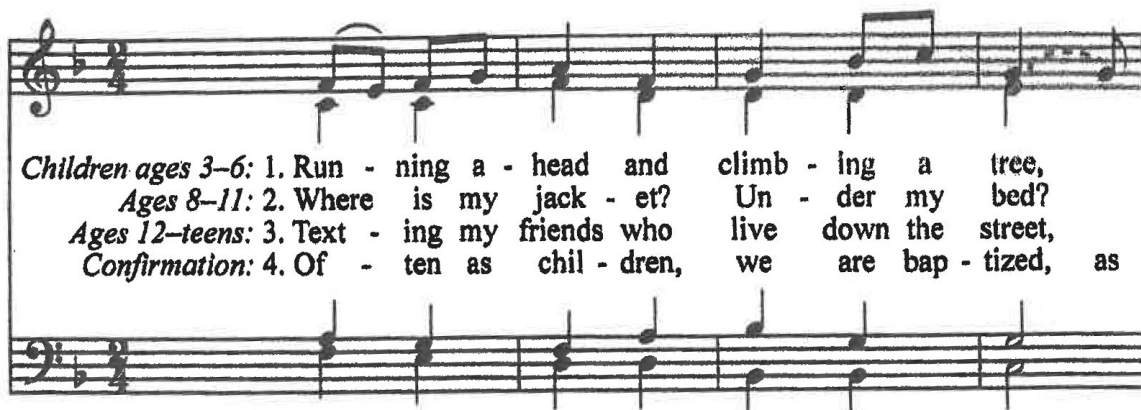
God Will Be with Us

CONFIRMATION


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R. Frederick Crider, Jr.

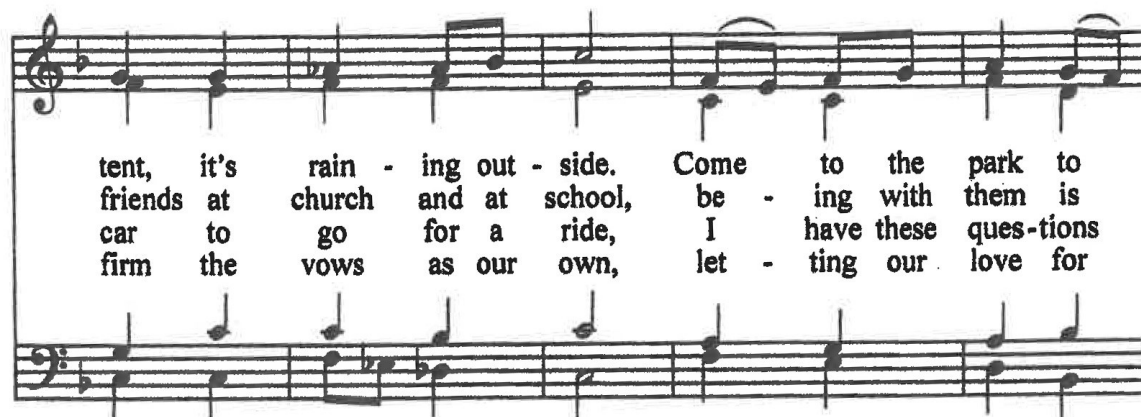
Iteke Prins



Children ages 3-6: 1. Run - ning a - head and climb - ing a tree,
Ages 8-11: 2. Where is my jack - et? Un - der my bed?
Ages 12-teens: 3. Text - ing my friends who live down the street,
Confirmation: 4. Of - ten as chil - dren, we are bap - tized, as



trip - ping and fall - ing and skin - ning my knee— let's make a
I have a test to cram in - to my head. I see my
raid - ing the kitch - en for some-thing to eat, want - ing the
par - ents com - mit to help and to guide. Now we con -



tent, it's rain - ing out - side. Come to the park to
friends at church and at school, be - ing with them is
car to go for a ride, I have these ques-tions
firm the vows as our own, let - ting our love for

Refrain

swing and to ride.
so ver - y cool.
deep down in - side. God will be with us where - ev - er we go,
Christ be - come known.

guid-ing and help-ing and watch-ing us grow, as will our par-ents, our

teach-ers and friends. I'll be in God's path-way, be - gin-ning to end.

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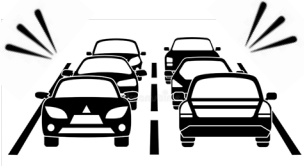
Prayer of Confession *Based on Sir Ken Robinson's thought regarding schooling, imagination, and creativity*

Mysterious God and “overflowing source of all good,” we confess that at times we have made church merely about learning “right” information, as if we are passive onlookers in a lecture hall. Send your Spirit to enliven our imagination, so we might apply our faith in all the creative activity you are doing in our vicinity. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Sir Ken Robinson, someone who is helping reshape education and what it is for, says this: “Imagination is what makes us human...” and “creativity is imagination applied.” Friends of Jesus Christ, learning is not about putting more information into our memories, it is about growing our imagination and applying it in order to create a better world. To truly learn what it means to be a Christian, we must join in the creative work the Spirit is doing in our vicinity, and when we do, we will know the peace of Christ.

***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

Life giving God, teach us this new way of seeing the world, so that we might also receive and create a renewed world with all those we encounter. Amen.

Sermon Text

Acts 3:1-11

One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, at three o'clock in the afternoon. And a man lame from birth was being carried in. People would lay him daily at the gate of the temple called the Beautiful Gate so that he could ask for alms from those entering the temple. When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked them for alms. Peter looked intently at him, as did John, and said, “Look at us.” And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them. Peter said, “I have no silver or gold, but what I have I give you; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, stand up and walk.” And he took him by the right hand and raised him up, and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. Jumping up, he stood and began to walk, and he entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. All the people saw him walking and praising God, and they recognized him as the one who used to sit and ask for alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple, and they were filled with wonder and astonishment at what had happened to him.

While he clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's Portico, utterly astonished.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

A Prayer of Blessing on the Word

Practice the Presence of God

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R. Frederick Crider, Jr.

Iteke Prins

1. Prac - tice the pres - ence of God. Prac - tice the
 2. Wait for the pres - ence of God. Wait for the
 3. Live in the pres - ence of God. Live in the

pres - ence of God. For God who is near will
 pres - ence of God. With peace in your soul, your
 pres - ence of God. Let Je - sus' love show wher -

cast our your fear. Prac - tice the pres - ence of God.
 life will be whole. Wait for the pres - ence of God.
 ev - er you go. Live in the pres - ence of God.

Prayers of the People

**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

*“I Sing a Song of the Saints of God”
Iteke Prins, keyboardist*

H. Hopkins Jr.

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Worship Leadership:

Preacher: Rev. Trey Tirpak

Liturgist: Imani Brewer

Keyboardist: Iteke Prins

Vocalists: Great-grandchildren of Iteke Prins: Alena Hammond,
Annalies Hammond, and Zachery Glasser

Audio/Visual: Joshua Bliss and Stephen Reohr

*Thank you for worshiping with us today!
You all are invited to remain with us in Clee Park for our Lemonade Lull*

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.



FOCUS
CHURCHES OF ALBANY

FOCUS CHURCHES OF ALBANY'S JOINT SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICES

AUG. 7
@ 10 AM

DELMAR REFORMED CHURCH
BOTH IN-PERSON AND ONLINE

To join online, follow on Youtube by searching
"Delmar Reformed Church"

SEPT. 4
@ 10 AM

**WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

BOTH IN-PERSON AND ONLINE

Join online via Zoom at wpcalbany.org

When joining online, please provide your own communion elements

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Prayer Concerns

- Ronald Stockhoff
- Clarice Milliken, for the passing of sister-friend, Beverly
- Ian Leet
- Jennifer Recene Gallagher, daughter of Joyce Recene
- Becky Hudak
- Dee and Ani's grandmother Bertha
- Mia and Wim Westman
- Donna Jones
- Charnelle Jones
- Barbara W., dear friend of Barb & Dave Andrews and Donna Jones
- John Utley, brother of Judith Utley Sues
- Steve Hoffman
- Harold Bushnell
- Charnelle Jones
- Frank Jeffries (son of Norma McClement)
- Norma McClement
- Becky Gardner
- Ralph McNeil, brother of Norma Jean Ballou
- Cheri Scully, friend of the Persons
- Mary Ann Selmer
- Samuel, son of Barb Andrews
- 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
- 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 the ongoing instances of gun violence. For lawmakers as they debate how to move forward and stem the tide of these shootings.

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 this Summer
11:30am—12:30pm
in Clee Park**

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



WHERE READING IS MAGIC

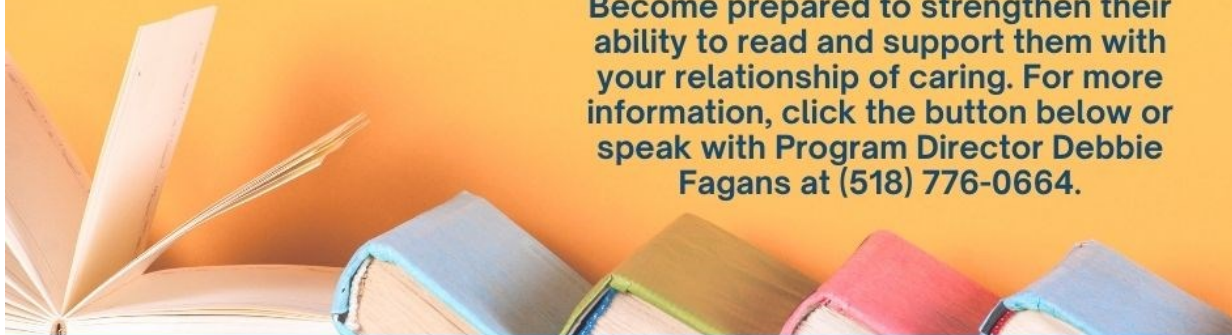
**Yes,
summer has just started
No,
it isn't too early to think
about the Fall.**

When school begins again, elementary-age students in Albany's South End could use your help.

The Wizard's Wardrobe, that does one-on-one tutoring, will be holding its initial 13-hour Fall Tutor Training on the Saturdays of September 17th and 24th.

Learn about the impact that poverty and systemic racism have on young students.

Become prepared to strengthen their ability to read and support them with your relationship of caring. For more information, click the button below or speak with Program Director Debbie Fagans at (518) 776-0664.



Also, the Wizard's Wardrobe is looking to hire a Chief Operating Officer. The job description for this full-time job can be found on the their website. A passion for leveling the educational playing field is needed. Pay will be commensurate with experience and skills. For more information, contact Eric Fagans at (518) 776-0664.

This Week at the First Church in Albany



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| • Sunday | 7.10 | 10am | Drive-in Worship, also on Zoom |
| • Monday | 7.11 | 9am | Food Pantry |
| • Tuesday | 7.12 | 12pm | Adult Scripture Study |
| • Wednesday | 7.13 | 9am | Food Pantry |
| | | 12pm | AA Meeting |
| | | 12pm | Centering Prayer |
| • Thursday | 7.14 | 11:30am | Hot Dog Thursday in Clee Park |

Upcoming Events

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| • Wednesday | 8.17 | 12pm-5pm | Red Cross Blood Drive |
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*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

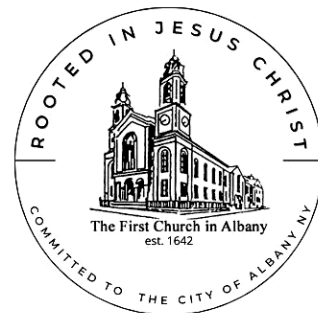
CALENDAR UPDATES

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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