# The First Church in Albany CONCOUNTY UNIVERSE The First Church in Albany On the First Churc "JACOB WAS LEFT ALONE, AND A MAN WRESTLED WITH HIM UNTIL DAYBREAK."

August 14, 2022, 10am Drive-In Worship Service

Genesis 32:24



**Donors needed.** Please sign up to donate much-needed blood on Wednesday, Aug. 17 here in Zimmerman Hall. The Red Cross follows stringent protocols to keep all donors safe while they donate. If you have difficulty with the online sign-up or do not have internet access, please call Colleen (office) at 518-463-4449.

We could also use **two volunteers** to help at the check-in table. If the full 5 hours will not work with your schedule, a half-shift of either noon-2:30pm or 2:30pm-5pm would work perfectly. Contact Colleen if you able to help out. Thank you!



**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!

## 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.

### **Tenth Sunday After Pentecost**

August 14, 2022

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

**Prelude** 

"Let All Things Now Living" Martha Deyo, keyboardist

M. Hayes

### Welcome, Announcements, & Blessing

"Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Genesis 28:15

### Call to Worship Based on Psalm 17:1-7, 15

Leader: Hear a just cause, O Lord; attend to my cry; give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit.

People: From you let my vindication come; let your eyes see the right.

Leader: If you try my heart, if you visit me by night, if you test me, you will find no wickedness in me; my mouth does not transgress.

People: As for what others do, by the word of your lips, I have avoided the ways of the violent. My steps have held fast to your paths; my feet have not slipped.

Leader: I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me; hear my words.

People: Wondrously show your steadfast love, O savior of those who seek refuge from their adversaries at your right hand.

Leader: As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness; when I awake I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.

People: Let us worship this God who has shown us his face in Jesus Christ and in all that is good in creation!

(v. 1,3,4)







WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1742 (Gen. 32:24-32)

MUSIC: Trad. Scottish melody; harm. by Carlton R. Young, 1963

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### **Prayer of Confession**

Lord, thank you for your manifold blessings that are too numerous to count. You have equipped us to do small and mighty things in your name. Please forgive us for giving up too soon or not striving at all. Too often we have sought comfort over Justice. Help us to take heart and reach for better.

### **Assurance of Pardon** John 3:16

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life."

### \*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.



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**

Genesis 32:22-31

The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Leader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.** 

**Sermon** You Won't Break My Soul

### \*Hymn of Response & Offering

(v. 1,3,4)





This hymn comes out of the early 19th-century southern camp meeting experience, where believers were invited to pray for new converts, often likened to biblical characters such as Paul's jailer (Philippians 1:12–13). As its name shows, the five-note tune was created for this text.

### **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** 

"Great Is the Lord"

Martha Deyo, keyboardist

M. W. Smith

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### **Worship Leadership:**

**Preacher:** Rev. Dr. Mashona Walston

Keyboardist: Martha Deyo

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.



Happy 380th Birthday, First Church! From Albany's First Church and Its Role in the Growth of the City, by R. Alexander. "Domine Megapolensis preached his first sermon in the colony on Sunday, August 17, 1642."...and the rest, as they say, is history.

Our August Milestone... The First Church in Albany celebrates its 380th Anniversary this week. We will be celebrating that milestone on Reformation Sunday, October 30th. Stay tuned for details!!!

# Prayer Concerns

- The Reohr Family
- Joanne Snover, as she moves to a new home in a new city
- Shirley Joosten
- Ronald Stockhoff
- Deb Anderson
- Joanne Farrell and John Patterson
- Jennifer Recene Gallagher, daughter of Joyce Recene
- Mia and Wim Westman
- Donna Jones
- Charnelle Jones
- John Utley, brother of Judith Utley Suess
- Barbara W., dear friend of Barb & Dave Andrews and Donna Jones
- Steve Hoffman
- Harold Bushnell
- Frank Jeffries (son of Norma McClement)
- Norma McClement
- Ralph McNeil, brother of Norma Jean Ballou
- 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
- Prayers for this burden of gun violence and its aftermath. We pray that cooler heads will prevail in discussions and decisions, for management of the situation.
- An end to the war in Ukraine

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



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

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



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	Zoom Study noon	3 * A	A Night <b>4</b> of Worship 7pm	5	6
* 7 Combined FOCUS	8	Zoom Study noon  Leadership Mtg	10 <b>*</b> AA	11	12	13
14	<b>*</b> 15	Zoom 16 Study noon	17 Blood Drive	18	19	20
21	* 22	Zoom 23 Study noon Primary	24	25	26	27
28	* 29	Voting Day  Zoom 30 Study noon	31 **			
*FOCUS Service at Delmar Ref. We will still have our Drive-In Service			AA			

Key:











Pantry 9am

Centering

Drive In Prayer 12pm Worship 10am

Lemonade Lull

Hot Dog Thursday



### WHAT TO DONATE

### **HOW TO DONATE**

Backpacks

Pencils

Erasers

Pens - black/blue/red

Crayons

Markers

Highlighters

**Folders** 

**Binders** 

Notebooks - wide/college ruled

Composition books

Pencil bags/boxes

Scissors

Glue sticks

Rulers

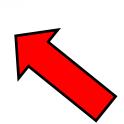
Dry erase markers

And more!

### DONATION DROP OFF:

FOCUS Interfaith Food Pantry (Emmanuel Baptist Church)

July 18th - August 19th Monday - Friday from 9:30am - 12:30pm



### MONETARY DONATIONS:

### Checks:

make checks payable to "FOCUS Churches"

### Online:

focuschurches.net

### FOR MORE INFORMATION / QUESTIONS CONTACT:

JAMES BLOUNT AT (518) 443-0460 EXT. 3





•	Sunday	8.14	10am	Drive-in Worship at FCIA, also on Zoom
•	Monday	8.15	9am	Food Pantry
•	Tuesday	8.16	<del>12pm</del>	Adult Scripture Study—On hiatus through August
			6pm	Consistory Meeting
•	Wednesday	8.17	9am	Food Pantry
			noon - 5pm	Red Cross Blood Drive (Zimmerman)
			12pm	AA Meeting
			12pm	Centering Prayer
•	Thursday	8.18	11:30am	Hot Dog Thursday in Clee Park

### **Upcoming Events**

• Tuesday 8.23 6am - 9pm Primary Voting Day

Monday 9.5 **Labor Day Holiday - Office and Pantry** will be closed

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

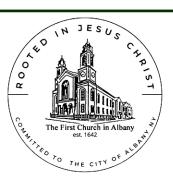
### **CALENDAR UPDATES**

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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