

THE FIRST CHURCH IN ALBANY

(Reformed Church in America)

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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 all are loved.

Pentecost CONFIRMATION SUNDAY June 9, 2019

Prelude

*Come, Holy Spirit
Siciliana*

Andreas Vetter
William Walond

Announcement

Call to Worship

Terry Gattie and Jamol Franklin

We are given water
To renew our arid paths.

We are given fire
To ignite our dreams.

We are given winds
To move us towards our visions.

We are given the earth
In which we plant seeds of hope.

**Through the pieces of Creation,
we see the steadfast presence of God;
Through the stirring of the Spirit, we no longer stand still.**

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

Amen.

Psalm 124:8

*Hymn 398 *There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit in this Place*

SWEET SWEET SPIRIT

Confirmation Class Credo

*The Peace

Saniyah Bell

When people share what they believe, community is created. When we listen to one another, we move closer to true peace

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.

*Response (Tune: Siyahamba) supplement #A11

Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos

We are marching in the light of God.

A Word with Children

THE WORD OF GOD

The Prayer for Illumination

Mackenzie Brewer

Eternal God, in the reading of the Scripture, may your word be heard; in the meditation of our hearts, may your word be known; and in the faithfulness of our lives, may your word be shown. Amen.

The Lesson Acts 2.1-21

Anthony Brown
Caleb Brewer
Jamel Franklin

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Baptismal Covenant
Welcome

The Joys and Concerns of the Church

Prayers of the People and the Lord's 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, for ever. Amen.

*Hymn 315 *Every Time I Feel the Spirit* SPIRITUAL

*Charge and Blessing

Postlude *Voluntary in F* Anonymous

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*Those who are able, please stand

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS: Liturgist: The Rev. Susan Vincent-Cox and members of the Confirmation Class: Saniyah Bell, Haleigh Bliss, Kaitlyn Bliss, Caleb Brewer, Mackenzie Brewer, Anthony Brown, Jamel Franklin, Jamol Franklin, Terry Gattie; Preacher: The Rev. Lynn Carman Bodden; Minister of Music: Mary Bon.

We welcome all who gather to worship God this morning, especially visitors and friends from near and far. Please sign our guest book or complete a visitor's card (found in the pew rack) and place it in the offering plate. There is an elevator in our building, which makes every floor accessible. Please join us for a potluck luncheon and conversation after worship

The Call to Worship and shape for the sermon this morning come from the design of Rev. Michelle L. Torigian with ideas from the members of the Confirmation class.

On June 23, we will install our newly elected Deacons: Deb Anderson, Erica Bliss and Bill Kendall; Elders : Tom Allison, Norma Jean Ballou, and Becky Mondore, and Trustees: Ned Monthie, Joyce Recene and Ray Van Epps.

Hearing assist devices are available for your use. Please ask an usher.

First Church is an accessible building. We have an elevator so you can reach every floor.



AED An Automated External Defibrillator “**AED**” is located in the lobby attached to the wall outside of the **workroom**.

Children and Worship will resume September. Any children in second grade or younger are welcome in the nursery. There are crayons and drawing paper available from the ushers.

The flowers this morning are given by Bob and Mary Beth Huba in memory of Ken, Betty, Pat Huba and Alberta & Henry Fox.

PRIDE PARADE: Today at noon in Washington Park. Talk with Peter Subers if you would like to march.

CLEEO'S HOTDOGS opens this Thursday, June 13th 11am – 1pm. Food donations (hotdogs, rolls, chips, condiments) can be placed in the box in the entryway. Financial donations should be marked “Cleo's Hotdogs,” and placed in the offering plate or sent to the office. Helpers on Thursdays are always welcome!

NOON TIME CONCERTS HAVE MOVED TO THURSDAYS AT NOON!

Join us for a series of noon-time concerts in our sanctuary each Thursday in June from 12:00 PM to 12:30 PM. We'll have special music from our soloists as well as guest instrumentalists. This Week **THE PASSIONATE CELLO** with Erica Pickhardt, cello and Neil Keen, piano.

CHOIR NIGHT OUT AT MCGEARY'S JUNE 13TH

The choir is having an end of the year night out at McGeary's Thursday, June 13th at 6:00 pm.

BRING: spouses, friends, festival choir members, potential choir members.
Everyone is welcome

P E N T E C O S T S U N D A Y



CONFIRMATION CLASS CREDO

I believe everyone is equal.

I believe that we should take away death.

I believe we have the power to change.

I believe no one should ever live or die alone.

I believe life, love and family are important.

I believe everyone deserves a full, good life.

I believe in economic justice.

I believe Jesus wants people to be together and to help each other.

I believe everyone should be loved for who they are, no matter what they do and what mistakes they make.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Sunday	6/9	Pentecost 9:00 am Drive-In Worship 10:30 am Worship Service – Sanctuary - Confirmation The Rev. Lynn Carman Bodden, preaching Post Service: Congregational Luncheon 12:00 pm PRIDE Parade @ Washington Park
Monday	6/10	9:00 am – 11:30 am – Food Pantry Open 12:00 noon Bible Study
Wednesday	6/12	9:00 am – 11:30 am – Food Pantry Open 12:00 pm AA Meeting 12:00 pm Prayer for the Church
Thursday	6/13	11:00 am – 1:00 pm -Cleeo’s Hotdogs in Clee Park 12:00 pm Concert – The Passionate Cello Erica Pickhardt, cello; Neil Keen, piano 5:30 pm Wedding Rehearsal: Kisekka/McFarland 7:00 pm Choir Night Out @ McGeary’s
Friday	6/14	3:30 pm Kisekka/McFarland Wedding
Saturday	6/15	10:00 am Memorial Service – Betty Pallone
Sunday	6/16	Fifth Sunday of Easter 9:00 am Drive-In Worship 10:30 am Sanctuary Service The Rev. Al Janssen, preaching Post Service: Coffee & Conversation

The Rev. Lynn Carman Bodden away teaching June 11th – 13th, & visiting her mother June 16th – 19th.