

# 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.*

### Creation Season: Enough October 14, 2018

Prelude              *Offertorio and Pastorale in C Major*              Dominico Zipoli

Announcements

Call to Worship

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

Psalm 124:8

**Amen.**

May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works – who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke.

**All look to you, O God, to give them their food in due season; when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.**

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

**May our meditation be pleasing to the Lord in whom we rejoice!**

When you send forth your spirit, we are created; and you renew the face of the ground.

**Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord!**

Adapted, Psalm 104.26-35

Prayer of Confession

God of Creation,  
when we forget that you are able to provide us with every blessing in abundance,  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord of Life,  
when we use our resources for our own gain and ignore the needs of the world around us,  
**Christ, have mercy.**

Spirit of Wonder,  
when we stop delighting in your call to be good stewards, generous with others, and careful of your abundant resources,  
**Lord, have mercy.**

*The prayer may continue in silence.*

Assurance of Pardon

\*The Peace

Paul writes to the Corinthians: “God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.” God offers forgiveness and mercy, and grants us a sense of peace for ourselves and enough to share.

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: #432 - ARGENTINA)

**May the God of hope go with us every day,  
Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.  
May the God of justice speed us on our way,  
Bringing light and hope to every land and race.  
Praying, let us work for peace,  
Singing, share our joy with all,  
Working for a world that's new,  
Faithful when we hear Christ's call.**

## A Word with Children

# THE WORD OF GOD

## The Prayer for Illumination

**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 Old Testament Lesson                          Exodus 16:14-21  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*The sun is on the land and sea, a new day has begun; With morning hymns we will adore, the blessed three in one; And we shall praise you evermore, until the day is done.*

*Your love is ever in our view, Like shining stars, by night; Your gifts are every morning new,  
O God of love and light. So let the love of Jesus come And set our souls ablaze.*

*To give and give, and give again, What God has given you; To spend yourselves nor count the cost; To serve right gloriously The God who gave all worlds that are, And all that are to be.*

*Text is by: Louis FitzGerald Benson; Geoffrey Anketel Studdert Kennedy (Altered)*

The Sermon "The Feast of Life" Rev. Dr. Allan Janssen, preaching

## The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

Rev. Dr. Allan Janssen, preaching

## THE RESPONSE TO GOD

\*Hymn      *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*      HOLY MANNA

## Offering

**Offertory**      *The God of Heaven this table spreads*      Early American Tune

## Early American Tune

*The God of heav'n this table spreads, And dainties crown the board;  
Not paradise, with all its joys, Could such delight afford.  
Pardon and peace to mortals now, And endless life are given;  
Through the rich blood that Jesus shed, To raise our souls to heaven.*

*Ye hungry poor, that long have strayed In sin's dark mazes, come;  
Come from the hedges and highways, And grace will find you room.  
Millions of souls in glory now Were fed and feasted here;  
And millions more still on the way, Around the board appear.*

*Yet is God's house, and heart so large, That millions more may come;  
Nor could the wide assembled world O'er fill the spacious room.  
All things are ready, come away, Nor weak excuses frame;  
 Crowd to your places at the feast, And bless the founder's name.*

*Text is by: Philip Doddridge*

\*Doxology (Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, no. 455)

# Praise God from whom all blessings flow

## Praise God all creatures here below.

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## Praise, praise Creator, praise the Son,

## Praise Holy Spirit, Three in One,

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

# 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 #281

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

CWM RHONDDA

\*Charge and Blessing

Postlude

*Voluntary on CWM RHONDDA (Guide me, O thou Great Jehovah)* Paul Manz

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\*Those who are able, please stand

**WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS:** Liturgist: Becky Hudak; Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Allan Janssen; 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 refreshments and conversation after worship.

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

**This morning's Confession** is adapted from the work of the Rev. Laurel Koepf Taylor.

**Children and Worship starts this Sunday for Children 4-12.**

**Children 4 and under are welcome in the Nursery following "A Word with Children."**

**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**.

**The flowers this morning are given by** Joline Mondore in loving memory of her husband, Edward; her parents, Maurice G. & Harriet Hauf Hartman; and her sister, Alayne DiFranco.

**Capt. Grant Staats**, retired from the U.S. Navy SEALS after 41 year of service. The family celebrated on Staats Island to honor his service. Congratulations Grant!

**Journey Through the Psalms** will meet today, after service, in the Parlor. Rev. Al Janssen will be leading the study/conversation on "The Royal Psalms". Please join us!

**Next Sunday, Oct. 21** Rev. Susan Vincent Cox will lead "Psalms of the Shepherd". In the Parlor, after worship.

**First Church Readers will meet October 21<sup>st</sup>** to discuss *The Rosie Project*: A novel by Graeme Simsion. A brilliant but socially inept professor decides he needs a wife and designs the Wife Project, a scientific survey to find his perfect wife. Rosie fits none of the criteria but, nonetheless, keeps turning up in his life with hilarious consequences. Come join us.

**Sunday Flower Dates Available:**

November 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and December 2<sup>nd</sup> are available for the dedication of sanctuary flower arrangements. The cost is \$65.00 for two vases. Please call the Church Office (518) 463-4449, if you are interested.

**URGENT NEED**

The Food Pantry has an urgent need for the following personal care items:

Deodorant	Shampoo	Feminine Products
Razors	Toothpaste	Toothbrushes

**JOINT BOARDS**

<u>Deacons (5)</u>	<u>Elders (6)</u>	<u>Trustees (9)</u>
Andy Mondore (Sr)	Norma Jean Ballou	Jim Folts (Pres)
Theresa Brewer	Pete Pagerey	Ross Weshuis (VP)
Bill Kendall	Joeanna Brown	Shirley Bone
Bob Dorn (Asst. Sr)	Chip Welge	Ray Van Epps
Richard Gardner	Becky Hudak	David Bradley
	Becky Mondore	Joyce Recene
		Ned Monthie
		Wayne Sivaslian
		Andy Mondore



## **THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH**

Sunday	10/14	<b>Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost</b>
	10:30 am	Worship Service - Sanctuary The Rev. Al Janssen, preaching Children & Worship (during worship)
		Post Service: Journey Through the Psalms
Monday	10/15	11:30 am      Prayer Shawl Ministry 1:30 pm     Staff Meeting - Parlor
Tuesday	10/16	12:00 pm     Adult Bible Study
Wednesday	10/17	9:00 am – 11:30 am – Food Pantry Open 12:00 pm    AA Meeting 12:00 pm    Prayer at Noon 12:30 pm    Weathervanes
Thursday	10/18	7:00 pm      Choir Rehearsal
Sunday	10/21	<b>Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost</b> 10:30 am     Worship Service - Sanctuary The Rev. Lynn Carman Bodden, preaching Children & Worship (during worship) Post Service: Journey Through the Psalms First Church Readers