

The First Church in Albany

Welcomes you

October 9, 2022
10am Worship Service

INDIGENOUS
PEOPLES
DAY

The First Church in Albany

OCTOBER 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>October 2 is World Communion Sunday</p>						1
 2	 3 Prayer Shawl Mtg.	Zoom Study noon 4	 5  AA	6	7	8
 9	 10 Indiginous Peoples' Day	Zoom Study noon 11 Consistory Mtg	 12  AA	13	14	15
 16	 17	Zoom Study noon 18	 19   AA	20	21	22
 23	 24	Zoom Study noon 25	 26  Dutch Settlers Mtg 6pm AA	27	28	29
 30	 31 	 <p>  10/2 Children & Worship Open House 10/9 First Day for C&W </p>				

- Key:**
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 Pantry
9am
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 Centering
Prayer 12pm
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 Worship
10am
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 Communion
Sunday
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 Coffee
Hour
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 Weathervanes
12:30pm

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.

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost **October 9, 2022**

** = rise in body or in spirit*

Prelude Reflection

Jesus have mercy
Make us clean, restore our souls
Make us like the one

Prelude

Tolling of Bell (*will be tolled by children of First Church*)

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.” **Amen.** 2 Corinthians 13:14

Call to Worship *Based on Psalm 111*

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: We will give thanks to God with our whole heart.

Leader: Great are the works of God,

People: Studied by all who delight in them.

Leader: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom

People: All who practice it have a good understanding.

*Opening Hymn

Oh, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

Fm C D^b B^bm6 Fm A^b

1 Oh, the deep, deep love of Je - sus, vast, un -
 2 Oh, the deep, deep love of Je - sus— spread his
 3 Oh, the deep, deep love of Je - sus, love of

C7/E Fm B^bm C7 Fm C D^b

mea - sured, bound - less, free! Roll - ing as a
 praise from shore to shore! How he loves us,
 ev - ery love the best! 'Tis an o - cean

B^bm6 Fm A^b C7 Fm B^bm C7 Fm

might - y o - cean in its full - ness o - ver me!
 ev - er loves us, chang-es nev - er, nev - er - more!
 vast of bless - ing, 'tis a ha - ven sweet of rest!

A^b E^bsus E^b Fm Csus C Fm B^bm7

Un - der - neath me, all a - round me, is the cur - rent
 How he watch - es o'er his loved ones, died to call them
 Oh, the deep, deep love of Je - sus— 'tis a heaven of

of thy love— lead - ing on - ward, lead - ing home - ward,
 all his own; how for them he's in - ter - ced - ing,
 heavens to me; and it lifts me up to glo - ry,

to thy glo - rious rest a - bove!
 watch - ing o'er them from the throne!
 for it lifts me up to thee!

Chord symbols represent a simplified harmony. For an alternate key see 922

Words: Samuel Trevor Francis, ca. 1890, alt., P.D.

Music (EBENEZER 8.7.8.7 D): Thomas J. Williams (1869-1944), 1890, P.D.

Prayer of Confession

We confess that, though you created us for community, we have created divisions between people. We have used race, class, ideology, and belief to cause separation. Also, we admit that we idolize political leaders and fail to measure their promises and policies against your law of love. We have permitted political ideologies to deceive and distract us from the demands of a lived faith which does justice, loves kindness, and walks humbly with you. Forgive, O God, for what we have been. In your mercy, enable us to amend our ways, and to live in newness of life, after the way of Jesus our Lord, amen.

Time of Silence

Assurance of Pardon & Fulfillment of the Law

This font, which we use for baptism, is the sign and symbol of God's love, the assurance of the mercy that has drawn us into Christ's family.

If you are able, I would encourage you to stand as an expression of your right-standing with God, and listen to the exhortation of the Great Commandment:

'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

*Passing the Peace



Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us greet one another with a hand-sign of peace.

Touch your thumb to the tip of your ring finger, and wave to one another. This hand-sign makes Christ's gesture of blessing in a lot of iconography in the Orthodox Tradition.

Children's Message & Blessing *Ages 4-8 are invited up to Children & Worship after the message, and ages 9+, if they are not already up with Kathleen, please proceed upstairs.*

Prayer for Illumination

Be present in our hearing, O God, that we may hear even familiar words afresh with the life-changing quality that only you can bring. In Christ's name we pray.

Scripture Reading

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

pg. 293, pew bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Text

Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus’s feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?” Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

The People We Long to Be

A Prayer of Blessing on the Word

***Hymn of Response:** *Lord, You Give the Great Commission* (v.1,4,5)

#429 in pew hymnal

Profession of Faith *A Portion of The Sarasota Statement, 2017*

We seek to be a people of hope who confess Jesus as Lord over a Kingdom in which no one is hungry, violence is no more, and all suffering is gone. Where all sit around a shared table, wolves and lambs enjoy each other’s company, and every tear is wiped away from every eye.

Our hope is not simply a future wish but a strong desire that we might see it “on earth as it is in heaven.” So strong is this hope that we lament any and all instances of its absence. When we witness hunger, injustice, discrimination, violence, or suffering, we grieve deeply and repent of our sins that have enabled such brokenness to persist - knowing that these things should not be.

Furthermore, we are committed to act as vehicles of change through which God’s Kingdom breaks into the world and into our earthly lives. And so we will feed, clothe, instruct, reconcile, admonish, heal, and comfort - reflecting the power of God’s hope and our eagerness to see the Kingdom made manifest.

Tithes & Offerings

If you would like to connect more with the life and mission of First Church, please fill out a Welcome Card found in your pew and place it in the offering as it goes by.

Offertory

“What God Has Done, Is Done Well”

arr. E Horn

*Doxology #592 in pew hymnal

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

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.**

*Sending Hymn

We Are Family

(v. 1,2,4)

GLOBAL FAMILY

10 9 8 7 8 9 10

Ralph Freeman (b. 1933)

Iteke Prins (b. 1937)

1. There was a time be - fore we shared this land, when
2. But dreams grow in - to life's re - al - i - ties, where
3. How eas - i - ly the in - no - cent dis - pute—those
4. Our chil - dren are the gift we leave be - hind from

we were on - ly dreams of prom - ise of the
 ours is not the on - ly mea - sure, oth - ers
 mi - nor con - flicts that be - reave us - grow in
 failed, but well-meant, res - o - lu - tions, hope in -

lives that went be - fore us, hope for fu - tures un - ful -
 chal - lenge goals we trea - sure. Shar - ing time and space with
 bit - ter - ness and leave us emp - ty of the peace we
 car - nate, the so - lu - tions for our long - ings, our de -

filled, gifts of rec - on - cil - i - a -
 us - broth - ers, sis - ters, neigh - bors, na -
 want. An - i - mos - i - ty re - plac -
 sires. Fam - 'lies, neigh - bors, cit - ies, na -

tion, to grow in wis - dom and com - pas - sion, and
 tions - em - brac - ing dif - ferent as - pi - ra - tions, con -
 es the joy, the love, the hu - man race's in -
 tions e - volve, re - flect - ing our re - la - tions, be -

car - ry on in - ten - tions of the heart.
 front us with the need to un - der - stand.
 nate de - sire to live in har - mo - ny.
 com - ing what we val - ue and re - spect.

*Charge & Blessing

Postlude

Nun Danket Alle Gott

arr. O. Faulstich

Note: Please stay after worship to hear *The Five Phases of Life* written and performed by Iteke Prins on our wonderful organ. See the insert for information.

Preaching: Rev. Eric Fagans

Liturgist: Rev. Dr. Mashona Walston

Organist: Iteke Prins

Vocalist: Sue Fedak

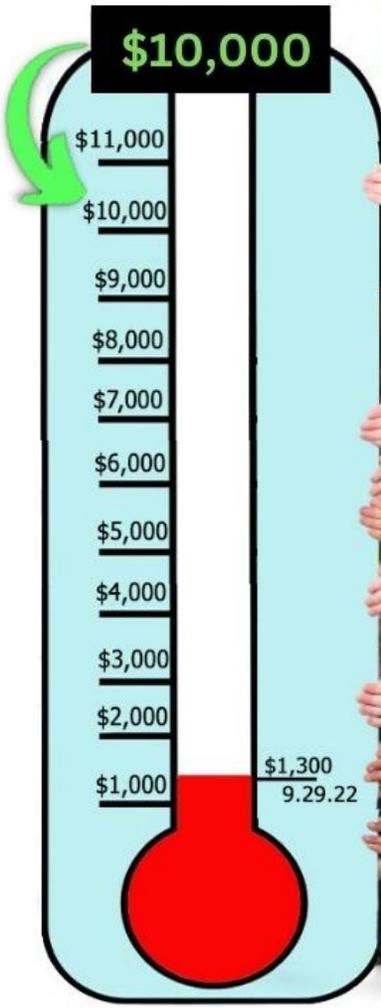
Audio/Visual Techs: Josh Bliss and Stephen Reohr

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Prayer Concerns

- Prayers for family and friends of Steve Hoffman
- Joeanna Brown and Deb Anderson, as they grieve the loss of Ciandra Brown.
- Alexis Parry, niece of Cheryl Gowie
- Erica T. recuperating slowly from illness
- Gail Santimaw, friend of Judith Utley-Suess
- John Utley, brother of Judith Utley-Suess
- Judith Utley Suess, in her role of caretaker.
- Lloyd, father of Nikki Ballou
- Dennis, veteran and friend of Doug Persons
- Brian Zapel, friend of Dave Andrews
- Jen Fish and family
- Matt Sweeney, friend of Rev. Trey
- Shirley Joosten
- Mary Bon and Family
- Betty Pierce
- Jay Reohr
- Ronald Stockhoff.
- For Jennifer Recene Gallagher
- For Mia and Wim Westman
- For Barbara W., dear friend of Barb & Dave Andrews and Donna Jones
- Harold Bushnell
- For the family of Danielle as they mourn her passing, for her children (Melvin, Traekwon, Antonio, Julius, Brandon, and Christopher)
- Norma McClement
- Ralph McNeil, brother of Norma Jean Ballou
- Mary Ann Selmer
- Anthony, of the Brown Family
- Donna Schultz
- Elaine and Jim Jenks, Rose Hunsberger's parents
- Jeff Curry
- Alex Bliss
- Mary Weijola
- Fran Carr-Morton
- Cheryl Gowie
- Ada Harris
- Gwen, friend of Becky Gardner
- 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 how to manage the situation.
- An end to the war in Ukraine
- For safety and recovery in Florida as Hurricane Ian impacts the state



FIRST CHURCH

Cares



We need your help to cover the cost of insurance so that we can grow our partnership with our friends at **Castle Island Bilingual Montessori School**. Your response the first week was wonderful. Just goes to show that ***First Church Cares!***

Help us reach our goal of \$10,000. Make checks payable to **The First Church in Albany** with "School Insurance" in the memo line.

If you have any questions or just want to learn more about this partnership, email Pastor Mashona at srpastor@firstchurchinalbany.org

Sing a new song to the Lord!
JOIN THE CHOIR

We are beginning a new idea with our choir. We will not sing every week. We will sing at Special Services. For example: 380th Anniversary Sunday (Oct. 30th), Advent Sundays, and Christmas Eve.

We will rehearse on Thursdays from 7:30pm-8:30pm, beginning 2 weeks before the special dates to prepare.

"I invite anyone who would like to sing to call or email me at 518-286-2218 or email me at ihp65@nycap.rr.com." ~ Iteke

Hope to see you soon!



Iteke Prins

www.firstchurchinalbany.org

Choir rehearsals for the October 30th 380th Anniversary Celebration Service

October 20 & 26, 7:30pm In Choir Room



This Week at the First Church in Albany

- Sunday 10.9 10am Indigenous Peoples' Sunday
Indoor Worship at FCIA, also on Zoom
Children & Worship and 9up
- Monday 10.10 Indigenous Peoples' National Holiday
Office & Pantry Closed
- Tuesday 10.11 12pm Adult Scripture Study
6pm Consistory Meeting
- Wednesday 10.12 9am Food Pantry
12pm AA Meeting
12pm Centering Prayer

Upcoming Events

- Tuesday 10.16 3pm Celebration of the Life of Steven E.
Hoffman—visit website for details
- Sunday 10.30 10am FCIA 380th Anniversary
Worship & Celebration

*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

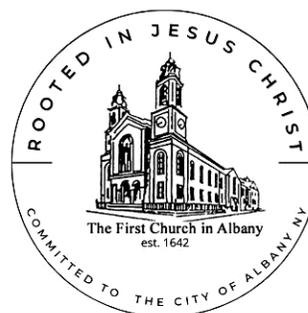
CALENDAR UPDATES

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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