

The First Church in Albany
Welcomes you



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November 6, 2022 - 10am Worship Service

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.

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* = rise in body or in spirit

Prelude Reflection *Based on Ecclesiastes 3*

There is a time for everything,
a time to weep and a time to laugh,
a time to mourn and a time to dance.

Prelude *"If You But Trust in God to Guide You"*

J.S. Bach

Gloria Norton, organist

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

Welcome, Announcements, & Blessing

Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of the faithful. Let Israel be glad in its Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.

Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with tambourine and lyre.

For the LORD takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with victory.." **Amen.**

Psalm 149:1-4

Call to Worship *inspired by Psalm 137, written by Bethany Popkes and changes by Mashona Walston*

One: How shall we sing the Lord's song in a land of loss and lack?

All: We shall sing of courage and the strength of the Lord.

One: How shall we sing the Lord's son when we feel so lonely?

All: We shall sing of unity and faithfulness, of reconciliation and hope.

One: Come, let us sing a new song.

All: Let us praise God in all our ways forever.

Consecration Sunday Testimonial

Take My Life

HENDON 7.7.7.7

Frances Ridley Havergal, 1874

H. A. César Malan, 1827

2. Take my hands, and let them move At the im - pulse of Thy love.

Take my feet, and let them be Swift and beau - ti -

ful for Thee, Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are: '2. Take my hands, and let them move At the im - pulse of Thy love. Take my feet, and let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee, Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.'

*Opening Hymn

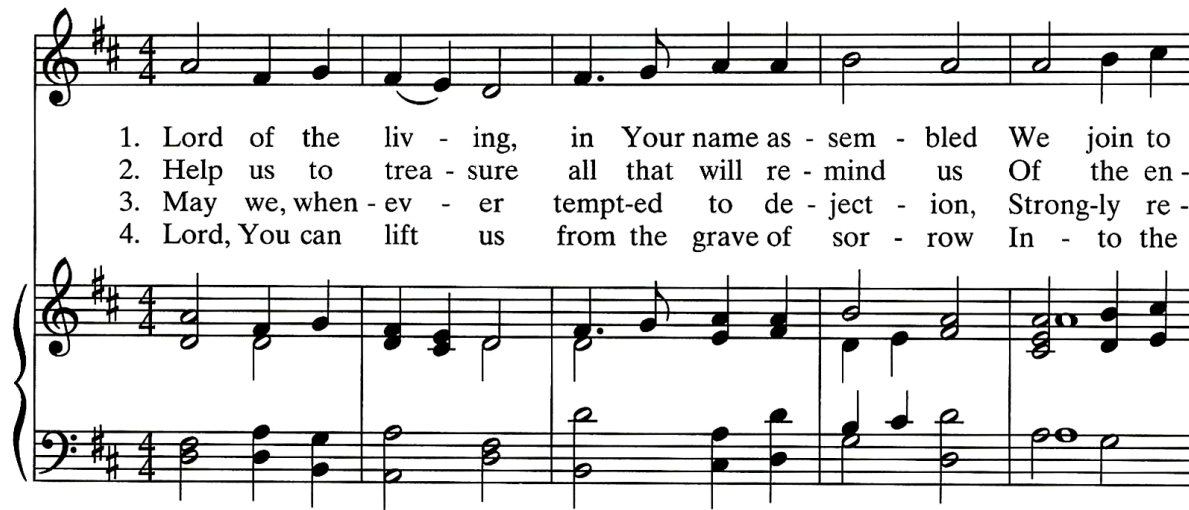
Lord of the Living

(v. 1,2,4)

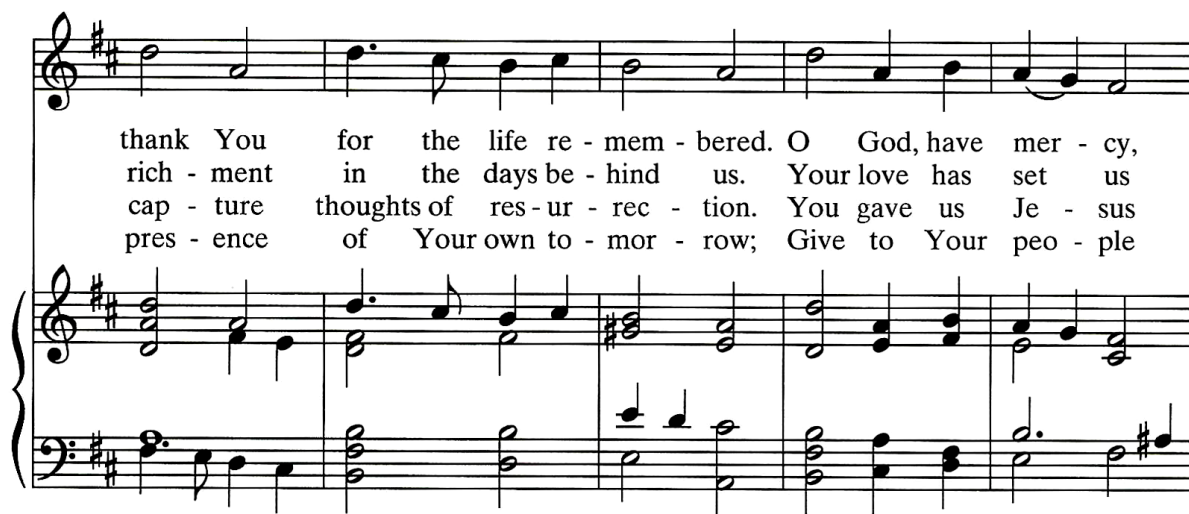
CHRISTE SANCTORUM 11.11.11.5

Paris Antiphoner, 1681
Harm. David Evans, 1927

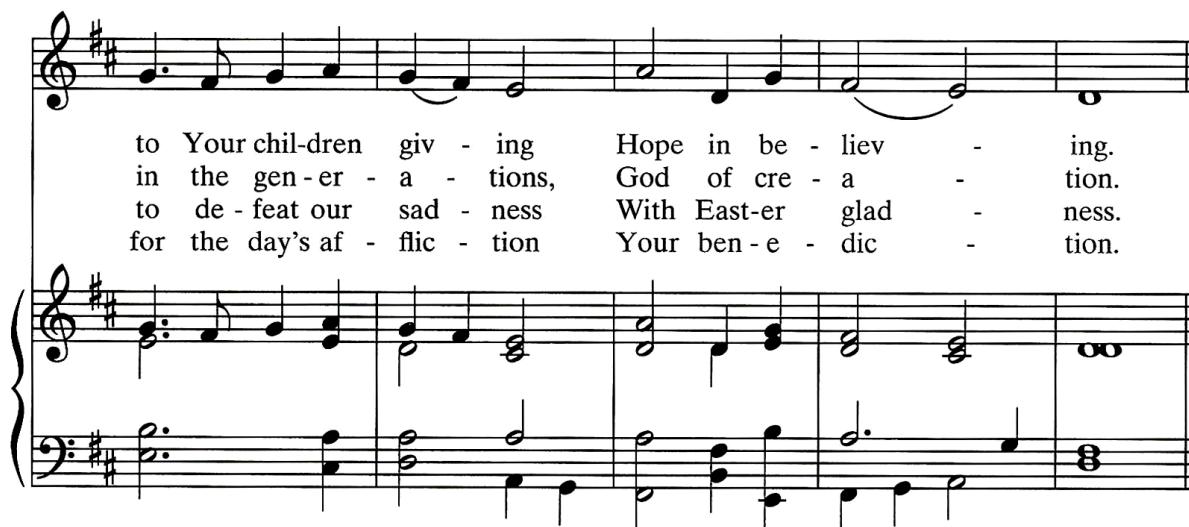
Fred Kaan (b. 1929)



1. Lord of the liv - ing, in Your name as - sem - bled We join to
2. Help us to trea - sure all that will re - mind us Of the en -
3. May we, when - ev - er tempt-ed to de - ject - ion, Strong-ly re -
4. Lord, You can lift us from the grave of sor - row In - to the



thank You for the life re - mem - bered. O God, have mer - cy,
rich - ment in the days be - hind us. Your love has set us
cap - ture thoughts of res - ur - rec - tion. You gave us Je - sus
pres - ence of Your own to - mor - row; Give to Your peo - ple



to Your chil - dren giv - ing Hope in be - liev - ing.
in the gen - er - a - tions, God of cre - a - tion.
to de - feat our sad - ness With East - er glad - ness.
for the day's af - flic - tion Your ben - e - dic - tion.

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Prayer of Confession

Lord, we confess that too often we deny our feelings of loss because the world encourages us to keep a stiff upper lip. Too often we have followed the world's culture of, “faking it until you make it;” and “not airing dirty laundry.” These old adages rob us of healing power found in confession. We need Your healing.

Time of Silence

Assurance of Pardon & Fulfillment of the Law

Take heart, for blessed are you who weep now; for you will laugh! Luke 6:21

*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

Prayer for Illumination (please sing if you can)

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Sermon Text

Luke 6:20-31

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. “Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. “Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

“Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven, for that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

“But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. “Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. “Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

“But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

They Shall be Comforted!

A Prayer of Blessing on the Word

***Hymn of Response**

Abide with Me

(v.1-3)

Henry Francis Lyte, 1847

EVENTIDE 10.10.10.10

William Henry Monk, 1861

1. A - bide with me: fast falls the e - ven - tide;
 2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
 3. I need Thy pres - ence ev - ery pass - ing hour;
 4. I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless:

The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide!
 Earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;
 What but Thy grace can foil the tempt - er's power?
 Ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.

When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
 Change and de - cay in all a - round I see.
 Who, like Thy - self, my guide and stay can be?
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, Thy vic - to - ry?

Help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
 O Thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.
 Through cloud and sun - shine, Lord, a - bide with me.
 I tri - umph still, if Thou a - bide with me.

Profession of Faith *Part 1 of the first Question and Answer of the Heidelberg Catechism*

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**A. That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul,
 in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.**

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

*“We Call to Thee, Lord Jesus”
 Gloria Norton, organist*

J.S. Bach

***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.**

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Communion Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

Mystery of the Faith

Christ has died!

Christ has risen!

Christ will come again!

Celebration of Communion

Intercession

We, indeed, praise and thank you, O Lord, that you have fed us at your Table. Grateful for this gift and mindful of the communion of your saints, here and in all places,
we offer to you our prayers for all people:

Remembrance of the Saints & Lighting of Candles

One: We remember you, God of Hope. We remember:

All: The supreme love of Jesus,

One: the blessing of his Spirit,

All: the sharing of his suffering; the glory of his resurrection: the saints of God who have shown us the Lord.

One: Our sure and certain hope that nothing can separate those who love you from your Almighty and Everlasting Arms.

All: We give thanks for these your saints and their love; for these good companions, our partners in the gospel:

Names of Our Saints

Nancy Alford	Nathaniel Marabel
Ciandre' Almeida	Fred and Ruth Ming
Ed Baskerville Sr.	Shirley Nash
Noreen Fairbank	Tulla Pangburn
Steven Hoffman	Jean Reohr
Annie Holt	Harriet Stockhoff
Neil Keen	...and those not named here.

One: We thank you for these saints.

All: give us grace to follow in their footsteps as they followed in the way of your Son.

***Hymn of Remembrance (See Insert)**

(v.1-3)

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

(v.1,4,5)

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

AMAZING GRACE CM

Stanzas 1-4, John Newton, 1779

Stanza 5, *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790

Virginia Harmony, 1831

Arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1900



1. A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me!
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears re - lieved;
3. Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I have al - read - y come;
4. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His word my hope se - cures;



I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind, but now I see.
How pre - cious did that grace ap - pear The hour I first be - lieved!
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.
He will my shield and por - tion be As long as life en - dures.



5. When we've been there ten thousand
years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

*Charge & Blessing

Postlude

"In Thee Is Gladness"
Gloria Norton, organist

J.S. Bach

Preaching: Rev. Dr. Mashona Walston

Liturgists: Rev. Trey Tirpak

Organist: Gloria Norton

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Prayer Concerns

- Becky Hudak
- John, our friend from the meeting
- Alexis Parry, niece of Cheryl Gowie
- Gail Santimaw, friend of Judith Utley -Suess
- John Utley, brother of Judith Utley-Suess
- Judith Utley-Suess, for strength
- Brian Brooks, Gayle W's brother
- Lloyd, father of Nikki Ballou
- Sally Higgins, friend of the Persons family
- Brian Zapel, friend of Dave Andrews
- Jen Fish 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 Bushnel
- Alex Bliss
- Mary Weijola
- Cheryl Gowie
- 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
- 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

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.



I'M TOM THE TURKEY
AND I'M BACK JUST IN
TIME FOR THANKSGIVING!

WE NEED SOME DONATIONS TO ROUND
OUT OUR THANKSGIVING OFFERINGS TO
OUR PANTRY FAMILIES AND WE KNOW
WE CAN COUNT ON FIRST CHURCH TO
HELP US OUT!

REQUESTING...

- CREAM OF MUSHROOM SOUP
- CRANBERRY SAUCE
- CORNBREAD MIX
- JELLO

ITEMS MAY BE BROUGHT TO THE CHURCH
AND LEFT BY THE WELCOME BENCH



This Week at the First Church in Albany

- Sunday 11.6 10am Indoor Worship at FCIA, also on
Zoom
- Monday 11.7 9am Food Pantry
11am Prayer Shawl Meeting
6pm WMA Meeting via Zoom
- Tuesday 11.8 Election Day (FCIA is a polling place)
12pm Adult Scripture Study
6pm Leadership Meeting (subject to
change due to polling)
- Wednesday 11.9 9am Food Pantry
12pm AA Meeting
12pm Centering Prayer
- Thursday 11.10 11:30am Free Soup Thursday in Clee Park
- Friday 11.11 Veterans' Day

Upcoming Events

- Tuesday 11.15 6pm Consistory Meeting
- Sunday 11.20 10am Consecration Sunday
- Sunday 12.4 Meeting of the Joint Boards
immediately after worship (Parlor)

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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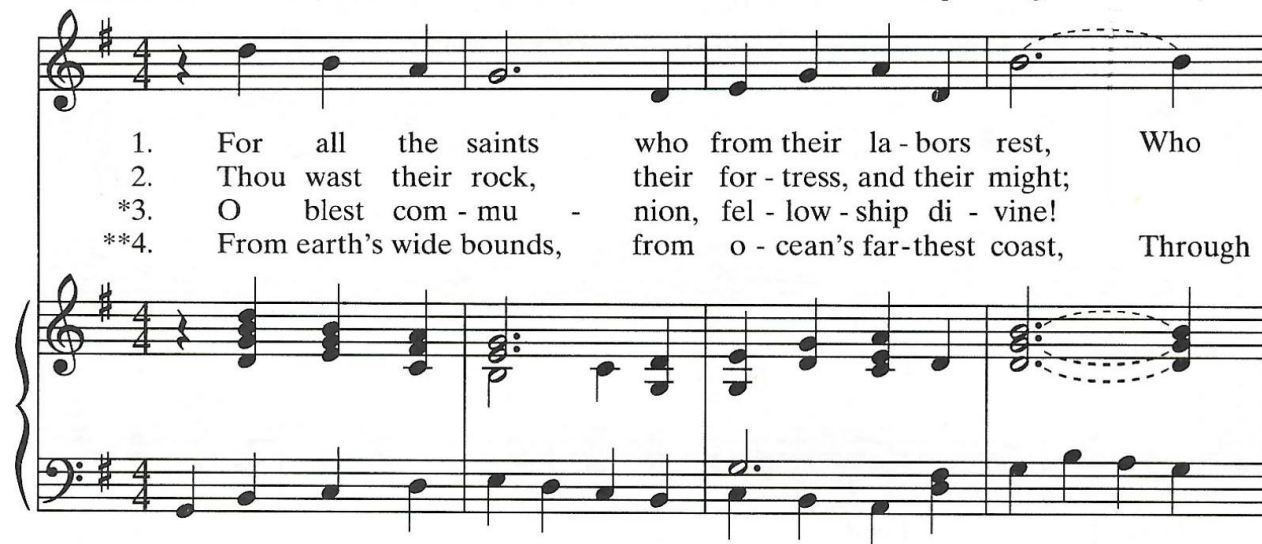
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For All the Saints

SINE NOMINE 10.10.10 with alleluias

William Walsham How, 1864

Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906



1. For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, Who
2. Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might;
*3. O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!
**4. From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, Through



Thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, Thy
Thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well-fought fight;
We fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; Yet
gates of pearl streams in the count-less host,



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
Thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.
Sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Harmony, stanza 3

3. O blest com - mu - nion, fel-low-ship di - vine! We fee-bly strug - gle,

they in glo - ry shine; Yet all are one in Thee, for all are

D.C. for stanza 4

Thine. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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