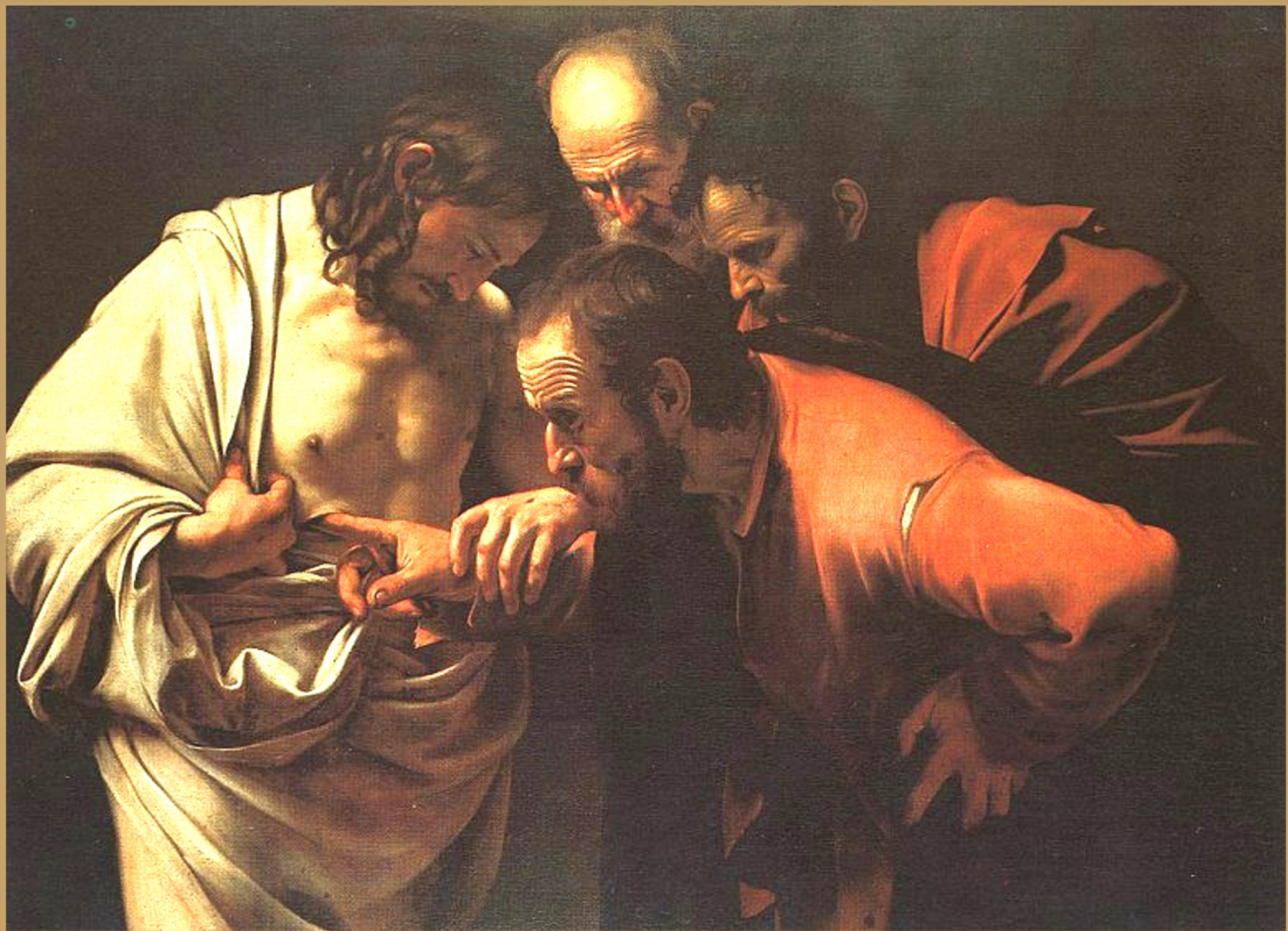


The First Church in Albany

Welcomes you



Artwork: *The Incredulity* by Caravaggio.

First Sunday of Easter
April 24, 2022, 10am

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.

The Second Sunday of Easter

April 24, 2022

Prelude

"O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing"

J. Dandrieu

Margaret Randall, organist

Welcome, Announcements, & Blessing

"For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God." 1 Corinthians 1:18

Call to Worship *From the Worship Sourcebook & CRCNA/RCA Hymnal*

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made;

People: we will rejoice and be glad in it!

Leader: God made the bright, warm sunshine.

People: we will rejoice and be glad in it!

Leader: God made the little tiny flowers and the great big pine trees.

People: we will rejoice and be glad in it!

Leader: God made the peaceful ponds and the crashing waves.

People: we will rejoice and be glad in it!

Leader: God made the rivers and the Adirondack mountains.

People: we will rejoice and be glad in it!

Leader: God made the creeping caterpillars and kicking kangaroos.

People: we will rejoice and be glad in it!

Leader: God made you, and God made me.

People: we will rejoice and be glad in it!

Leader: Come, let us praise God for making all things good!

*Opening Hymn All Things Bright and Beautiful

Refrain G C D G Am D Em Am

All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea - tures great and small,

G Am D G Am D G *Fine*

all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.

G G7 Am7 Bm7 Am D

1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
 2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun - tain, the riv - er run - ning by,
 3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,
 4 God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

G C D7 G D G *To Refrain*

God made their glow - ing col - ors, God made their ti - ny wings.
 the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright - ens up the sky:
 the ripe fruits in the gar - den, God made them ev - ery one.
 how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

Words: Cecil F. Alexander, 1848, P.D.
 Music (ROYAL OAK 7.6.7.6 with refrain 7.6.7.6): melody English traditional, *The Dancing Master*, 1686; harm. John Worst, 1974, alt. © 1987 Faith Alive Christian Resources

Prayer of Confession *Based on Vanderbilt Divinity School's Easter Confession*

Creator of the universe, you made the world in beauty, and restore all things in glory through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. We pray that wherever your image is still disfigured by poverty, sickness, selfishness, war and greed, the new creation in Jesus Christ may shine forth. Transform us with your resurrection glory so that we may also enact justice, bestow love, and establish peace. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Friends of Jesus: The good news of Christ's was proclaimed long ago by faithful women and the world was changed forever. Let it change you, too. And when the glory of the resurrection changes you, keep faith with them, and make your witness bold by deeply loving others and our world. Amen.

***Passing the Peace**



Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: We will have five minutes to greet one another, please return to your seats when the music begins to play.

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



We have received information from Camp Fowler about this summer's camp session. Visit the display near the Tiffany window to learn more.

Prayer for Illumination

O God, you raised Christ as your faithful witness and the first-born of the dead. By your Holy Spirit and in your Word proclaimed, help us to witness Jesus today so that those who do not know his glory may come to believe. Amen.

Sermon Text

John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ!

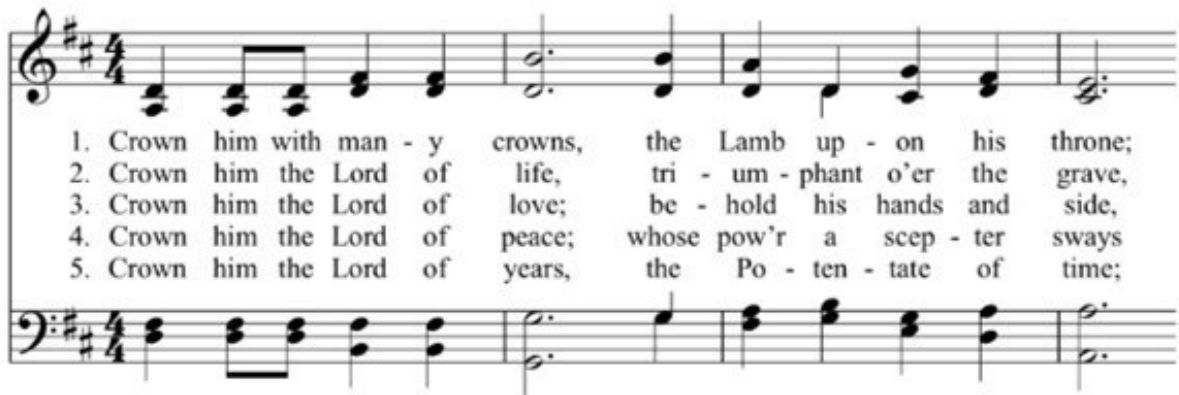
Sermon

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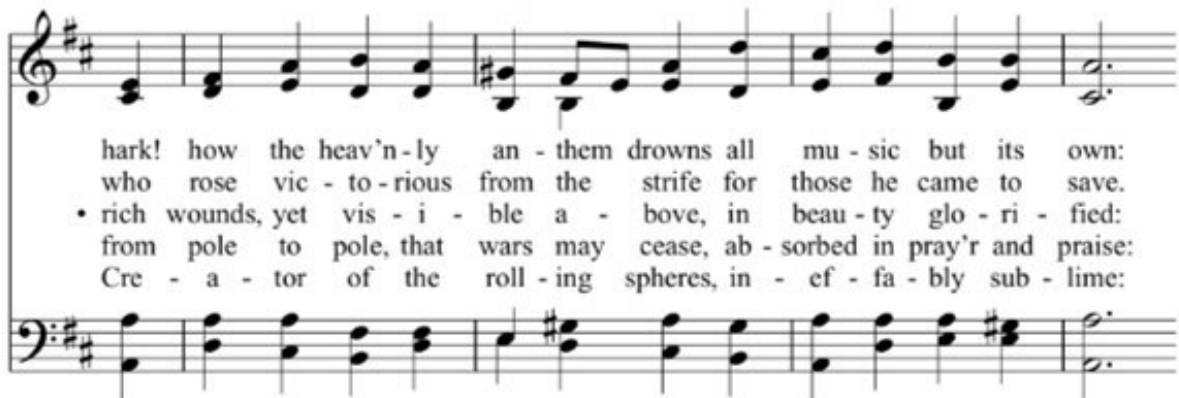
A Prayer of Blessing on the Word

*Hymn of Response **Crown Him with Many Crowns**

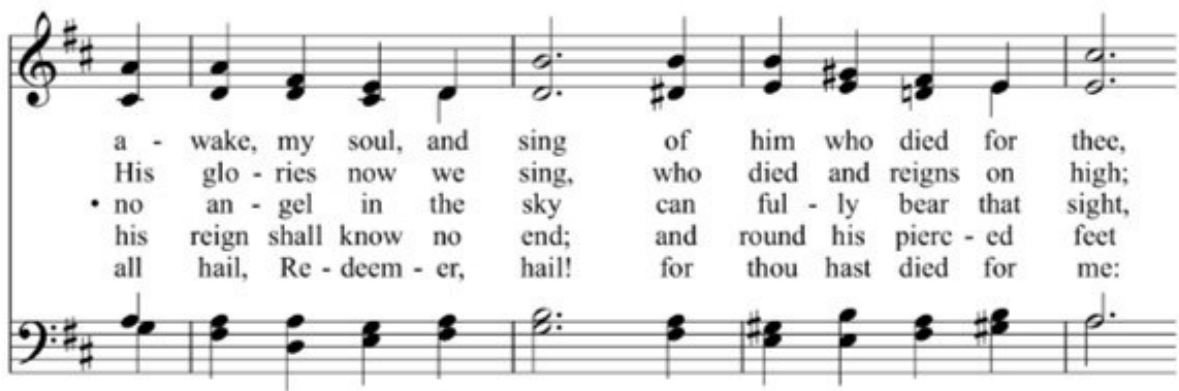
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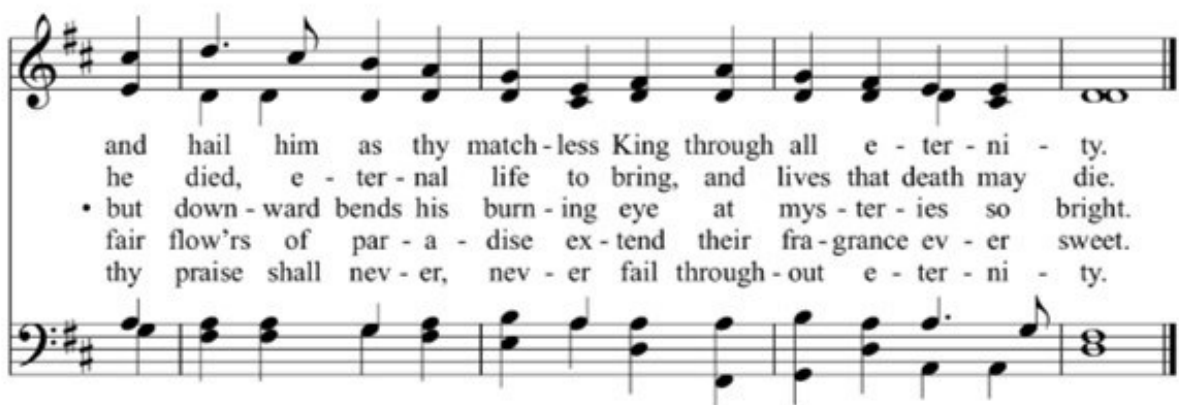
1. Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
2. Crown him the Lord of life, tri - um - phant o'er the grave,
3. Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,
4. Crown him the Lord of peace; whose pow'r a scep - ter sways,
5. Crown him the Lord of years, the Po - ten - tate of time;



hark! how the heav'n - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own:
who rose vic - to - rious from the strife for those he came to save.
• rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied:
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in pray'r and praise:
Cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime:



a - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
His glo - ries now we sing, who died and reigns on high;
• no an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
his reign shall know no end; and round his pierc - ed feet
all hail, Re - deem - er, hail! for thou hast died for me:



and hail him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
he died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
• but down - ward bends his burn - ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.
fair flow'rs of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra - grance ev - er sweet.
thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

Matthew Bridges, 1851

DIADEMATA S.M.D.
George J. Elvey, 1868

Offering & Offertory “*Awake, My Heart, with Gladness*”
Margaret Randall, organist

R. Moser

You may also mail your offering to the church at First Church in Albany, 110 North Pearl St., Albany NY 12207.

***Doxology 592**

**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

Leader: O Lord,

People: Hear our 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,
forever. Amen.**

*Sending Hymn

Because He Lives

A^b *A7* *D^b* *A^b*

God sent his Son, they called him Je - sus; he came to love,

B^bm *E^b7* *A^b* *A^b7*

heal, and for - give. He lived and died to buy my

D^b *A^b/E^b* *E^b7* *A^b*

par-don, an emp-ty grave is there to prove my Sav - ior lives.

Refrain *E^b* *A^b* *A^b7* *D^b* *A^b*

Be-cause he lives I can face to - mor-row, be-cause he lives

B^bm *E^b* *A^b* *A^b7*

all fear is gone, be-cause I know he holds the

D^b *A^b/E^b* *E^b7* *A^b*

fu - ture, and life is worth the liv-ing just be-cause he lives.

***Charge & Blessing**

Postlude

“Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain”
Margaret Randall, organist

A. Fedak

Worship Leadership:

Preacher: Rev. Trey Tirpak

Organist: Margaret Randall

Vocalists: Members of the First Church in Albany Choir

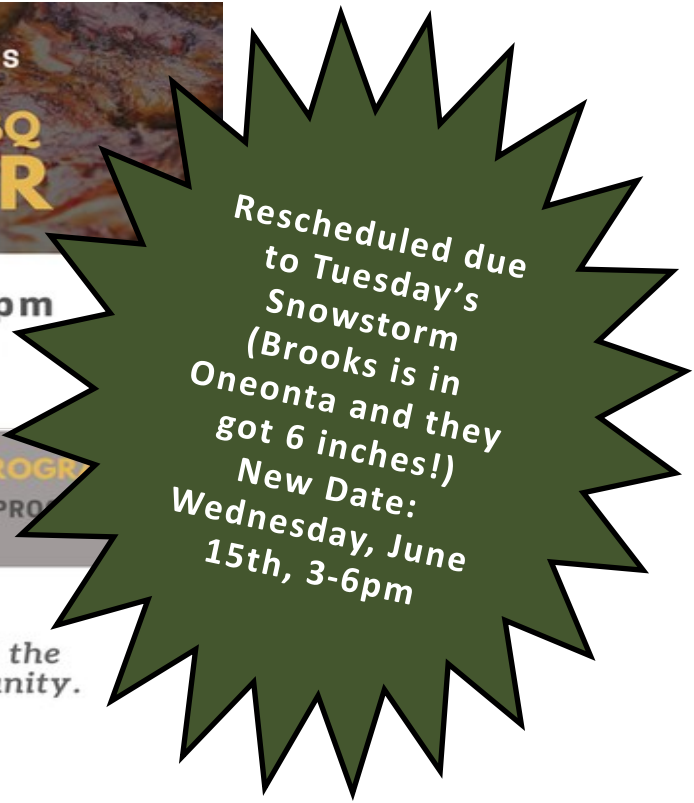
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Tuesday, April 19 from 3-6 pm
Delmar Reformed Church
386 Delaware Ave, Delmar

PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT THE FOCUS FEEDING PROGRAM
BREAKFAST PROGRAM / FOOD PANTRY / GARDENING PROGRAM



Together we can feed the hungry in our community.

Camp Fowler

Summer 2022



Registration is Open!

Camp Fowler offers a variety of overnight camp sessions for campers coming out of 3rd-12th grade. All camp weeks start on Sunday afternoon and conclude the following Friday evening. Campers who choose a Residential camp week will stay in cabins on our 245 acre campus on the shores of Sacandaga Lake. Those that wish to explore the far corners of the Adirondacks can participate in one of our Wilderness camp weeks and embark on 5 day backpacking or canoe-camping trips led by our trained Wilderness Guides.

Whatever you choose, Camp Fowler just might be *the highlight of your summer.*

| RESIDENTIAL | | | WILDERNESS | |
|-------------|----------|----------------|---|-----------------------------|
| UNA TIERRA | 3rd-12th | June 26-July 1 | SARANAC 6 9th-12th | SAILING 7th-12th |
| UNA TIERRA | 3rd-12th | July 3-8 | HIGH PEAKS 9th-12th | ADK WILD 5th-6th |
| EXPLORERS | 3rd-6th | July 10-15 | BACKPACKING 7th-9th | SAILING 7th-12th |
| VOYAGERS | 7th-9th | July 17-22 | HIGH PEAKS 9th-12th | GO FOR IT 9th-12th |
| UNA TIERRA | 3rd-12th | July 24-29 | ADK WILD 5th-6th | GO FOR IT cont. 9th-12th |
| TRIPLE A | 9th-12th | July 31-Aug 5 | BACKPACKING 7th-9th | |
| UNA TIERRA | 3rd-12th | August 7-12 | CANOEING 7th-9th | SARANAC 6 9th-12th |
| FAMILY CAMP | | August 14-18 | https:// www.campfowler.org/2022- week-descriptions | |
| FAMILY CAMP | | August 21-25 | | |

First Church has scholarship money available to defray the cost of camp fees. Please contact the office to let us know that you are interested in attending Camp Fowler this summer.

COME JOIN US

for a

A Night of Worship

Music by Glenn Claydon

Thursday, May 5 at 7pm
in the Stephen James Chapel

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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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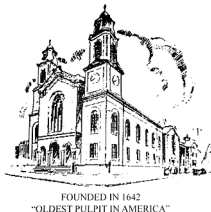
PRAYER REQUEST

WE ARE HERE TO PRAY FOR YOU



- For the passing of Shirley Nash, mother of Kathy Vitas.
- Erica Bliss
- Harold Bushnell
- Cheri Jones
- Kathleen and Glenn Claydon, as they grieve the loss of a friend
- Frank Jeffries (son of Norma McClement)
- Rev. Susan Vincent Cox for the passing of her mother Barbara
- Norma McClement
- Becky Gardner
- Joan, friend of Karen Van Epps who was injured in a fire
- Norma and Leo, neighbors of Audrey Ming
- Ralph McNeil, brother of Norma Jean Ballou
- Joe Vasta, friend of the Persons family
- Family of Nathaniel Marable
- Mary Ann Selmer
- For the family of Danielle as they mourn her passing, for her children (Melvin, Traekwon, Antonio, Julius, Brandon, and Christopher)
- For Katherine's grandmother
- Carol LaBatte
- Anthony, of the Brown Family
- Jane, sister of Donna Schultz
- Elaine and Jim Jenks, Rose Hunsberger's parents
- Peter, Karen Van Epps' brother
- Jeff Curry
- Samuel, Barb Andrew's son
- Brian, the Andrew's son-in-law
- Haleigh Bliss
- Mary Weijola
- Neil Keen
- Fran Carr Morton
- Harriet Stockhoff
- Kathy Stallmer (Monthie family)
- Cheryl Gowie
- Steve Hoffman
- Ada Harris
- Gwen, friend of Becky Gardner
- Charles Welge
- Olivia Gaydushek
- Staff and leaders of the First Church in Albany
- Prayers for the people and leaders of Ukraine. For the countries accepting those fleeing the violence. For thoughtful and productive resolution immediately.

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



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