

The First Church in Albany

Welcomes you

THE
RISK
OF
TRUST



July 31, 2022, 10am Drive-In Worship Service



**URGENT NEED
FOR BLOOD DONORS**



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Blood Drive

First Church In Albany

110 North Pearl Street, Albany, NY 12207
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**Wednesday, August 17, 2022
12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

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**JOINT SUMMER
WORSHIP SERVICES**

AUG. 7
@ 10 AM

DELMAR REFORMED CHURCH
BOTH IN-PERSON AND ONLINE

To join online, follow on Youtube by searching
"Delmar Reformed Church"

SEPT. 4
@ 10 AM

**WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

BOTH IN-PERSON AND ONLINE

Join online via Zoom at wpcalbaney.org

**When joining online, please provide your own communion elements
ALL ARE WELCOME!**

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.

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

July 31, 2022

Tune in to 87.9FM on your car radio

Prelude

*“Spirit Song”
“Hymn of Promise”
Iteke Prins, keyboardist*

J. Wimber
N. Sleeth

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.” 2 Corinthians 13:14

Call to Worship *Based on Proverbs 3*

Leader: Friends, don't let loyalty and faithfulness vanish from you.

People: Let us wear them as necklaces, and keep them in our hearts.

Leader: Trust in the Lord with all your heart; don't rely solely on your own know-how.

People: Give reverence to the Lord, and turn away from evil.

Leader: Don't consider yourself wise; don't reject the instruction and correction of the Lord.

People: For the Lord loves those he corrects, just like a loving parent to their child.

Leader: For when we trust in the Lord, we come to know

People: that there is joy in the Lord's wisdom, and a life better than wealth.

Leader: Let us worship the Lord who is worthy of our trust!

*Opening Hymn

Across the Lands

A D G D

1 You're the Word of God the Fa-ther from be-fore the world be -
 2 Yet you left the gaze of an-gels, came to seek and save the
 3 With a shout you rose vic-tor-ious, wrest-ing vic-tory from the

A G D/F# Em7

gan; ev-ery star and ev-ery pla-net has been fas-hioned
 lost and ex-changed the joy of heav-en for the an-guish
 grave, and as-cend-ed in-to heav-en, lead-ing cap-tives

G A D G

by your hand. All cre-a-tion holds to-geth-er by the
 of a cross. With a prayer you fed the hun-gry, with a
 in your way. Now you stand be-fore the Fa-ther, in-ter-

D A G

pow-er of your voice. Let the skies de-clare your
 word you calmed the sea; yet how sil-ent-ly you
 ced-ing for your own; from each tribe and tongue and

D/F# Em7 Asus A

glo - ry; let the land and seas re - joice.
 suf - fered, that the guil - ty may go free.
 na - tion you are lead - ing sin - ners home.

Refrain G D/F# G A

You're the au - thor of cre - a - tion, you're the Lord of ev - ery -

Bm G Bm7 A7 D A

one, and your cry of love rings out a-cross the lands.

G2 D A 1, 2 G2 D.C. 3 G2 A7sus A7 D

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Prayer of Confession

God who is completely trustworthy, we confess that our trust in you has strayed; we get hurt, life gets hard, we lose sight of things, and we end up trusting only ourselves, which cuts us off from you, our source of strength. Send your Spirit to renew our trust in you so that we might better risk trusting in others and ourselves, amen.

Assurance of Pardon *Based on the 104th Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams' book Tokens of Trust. An Introduction to Christian Belief*

Friends, trust is not born out of willing ourselves into believing vague claims about the world and God; rather, trust comes out of seeing flawed yet faithful people live life well, and desiring to live that kind of life, too. And so, it is good news that God has come amongst us as Jesus Christ to show us the best way to live; look to him for your trust, and when you trust him and the way he shows us to live, live in his peace.

*Passing the Peace



Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us greet one another with a honk of the horn or hand-sign of peace.



Prayer for Illumination

God, as we hear your Word preached today, let us become like Barnabas, the son of encouragement, who risked trusting again, amen.

Sermon Text

Acts 15:35-41

But Paul and Barnabas remained in Antioch, and there, with many others, they taught and proclaimed the word of the Lord.

After some days Paul said to Barnabas, "Come, let us return and visit the brothers and sisters in every city where we proclaimed the word of the Lord and see how they are doing." Barnabas wanted to take with them John called Mark. But Paul decided not to take with them one who had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not accompanied them in the work. The disagreement became so sharp that they parted company; Barnabas took Mark with him and sailed away to Cyprus. But Paul chose Silas and set out, the brothers and sisters commending him to the grace of the Lord. He went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.


Sermon

The Risk of Trust

A Prayer of Blessing on the Word

*Hymn of Response & Offering

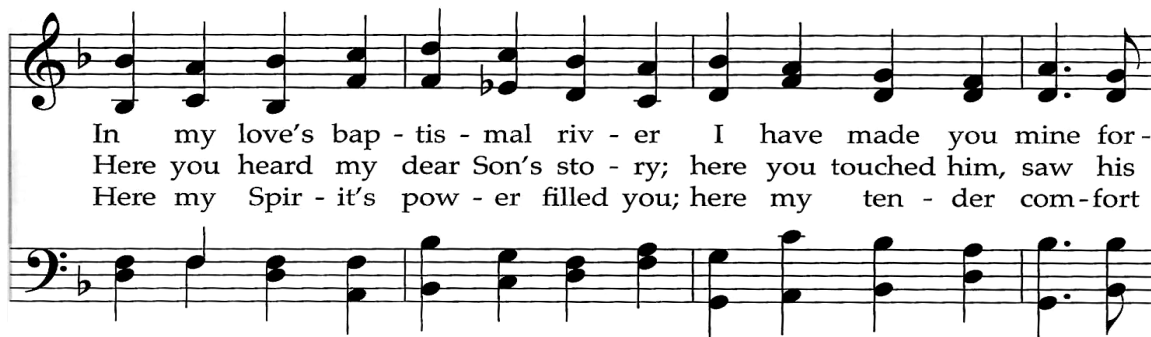
Go, My Children, with My Blessing



1 "Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, nev-er a-lone.
2 "Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure.
3 "Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos-er to me.



Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy-ful and free.



In my love's bap-tis-mal riv-er I have made you mine for-
Here you heard my dear Son's sto-ry; here you touched him, saw his
Here my Spir-it's pow-er filled you; here my ten-der com-fort



ev-er. Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, you are my own."
glo-ry. Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure."
stilled you. Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, joy-ful and free."

Because this Welsh melody usually sets evening texts, the author was asked to create one for use in daytime. His recasting of the Aaronic blessing in Numbers 6:22-27 imagines that passage as a benediction that might be spoken by God at the conclusion of a worship service.

Prayers of the People

**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.**

*Charge & Blessing

Postlude

*“To God Be the Glory”
Iteke Prins, keyboardist*

arr. J. Carter

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Worship Leadership:

Preacher: Rev. Trey Tirpak
Liturgist: Zak Morton
Keyboardist: Iteke Prins
Vocalist(s): Susan Fedak
Audio/Visual: Joshua Bliss and Stephen Reohr



*Thank you for worshiping with us today!
You all are invited to remain with us in Clee Park for our
Lemonade Lull. We thank Ian and Edie Leet for being our hosts
today!*

Office Note of Interest: I was recently asked about the use of color printing in our publications. Traditionally, this is a costly endeavor, but we are blessed to have found a vendor who does business a little differently than most in the copier industry. Our contract is a basic monthly lease—one flat fee. We do not pay per copy for b&w or for color copies. Nor do we pay for any toner that we use. Seeley Office Systems also works almost exclusively with certified, refurbished machines because they are committed to being environmentally responsible—each refurbished machine means one less in the landfill. This partnership has allowed us to communicate as creatively as we like, while still being good stewards of the financial assets of First Church. Have questions about our office workings? You are encouraged to reach out.

~Colleen Lais, your office manager

Prayer Concerns

- Ronald Stockhoff
- John David Shoemaker, Beth Davis' brother
- Deb Anderson
- Joanne Farrell and John Patterson
- Jennifer Recene Gallagher, daughter of Joyce Recene
- Mia and Wim Westman
- Donna Jones
- Charnelle Jones
- Barbara W., dear friend of Barb & Dave Andrews and Donna Jones
- Steve Hoffman
- Harold Bushnell
- Frank Jeffries (son of Norma McClement)
- Norma McClement
- Ralph McNeil, brother of Norma Jean Ballou
- Cheri Scully, friend of the Persons
- Mary Ann Selmer
- Samuel, son of Barb Andrews
- The family of Danielle as they mourn her passing, for her children (Melvin, Traekwon, Antonio, Julius, Brandon, and Christopher)
- Carol LaBatte
- Anthony, of the Brown Family
- Jane, sister of Donna Schultz
- Elaine and Jim Jenks, Rose Hunsberger's parents
- Jeff Curry
- Haleigh Bliss
- Mary Weijola
- Neil Keen
- Fran Carr Morton
- Cheryl Gowie
- Ada Harris
- Gwen, friend of Becky Gardner
- Charles Welge
- 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 management of 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



HOT DOG THURSDAY WITH CLEO

Our Summer Outreach to All of Our Neighbors

**Each Thursday this Summer
11:30am—12:30pm
in Cleo Park**

**Volunteers Needed
Contact the office
or use online link in
Wednesday's EBlast**



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AUGUST 2022



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--|--|--|--|--------|----------|
| |  1 | Zoom Study noon 2 |  3 AA | A Night of Worship 7pm 4  | 5 | 6 |
| * 7 Combined FOCUS |  8 | Zoom Study noon 9 Leadership Mtg |  10 AA | 11  | 12 | 13 |
| 14   |  15 | Zoom Study noon 16 Consistory Mtg | Blood Drive 17   AA | 18  | 19 | 20 |
| 21   |  22 | Zoom Study noon 23 Primary Voting Day |  24 AA | 25  | 26 | 27 |
| 28   |  29 | Zoom Study noon 30 |  31 AA |  | | |
| * FOCUS Service at Delmar Ref. | | | | | | |

Key:



Pantry 9am



Centering Prayer 12pm



Drive In Worship 10am



Lemonade Lull



Hot Dog Thursday



The First Church in Albany is committed to the city and people of Albany NY. This feeding ministry is part of our commitment.

Pantry Hours

**Monday and
Wednesday
9am - 11:30am**

The pantry entrance is on Orange St.

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WHERE READING IS MAGIC

**Yes,
summer has just started
No,
it isn't too early to think
about the Fall.**

When school begins again, elementary-age students in Albany's South End could use your help.

The Wizard's Wardrobe, that does one-on-one tutoring, will be holding its initial 13-hour Fall Tutor Training on the Saturdays of September 17th and 24th.

Learn about the impact that poverty and systemic racism have on young students.

Become prepared to strengthen their ability to read and support them with your relationship of caring. For more information, click the button below or speak with Program Director Debbie Fagans at (518) 776-0664.

Also, the Wizard's Wardrobe is looking to hire a Chief Operating Officer. The job description for this full-time job can be found on their website. A passion for leveling the educational playing field is needed. Pay will be commensurate with experience and skills. For more information, contact Eric Fagans at (518) 776-0664.



This Week at the First Church in Albany

- Sunday 7.31 10am Drive-in Worship, also on Zoom
- Monday 8.1 9am Food Pantry
- Tuesday 8.2 12pm Adult Scripture Study
- Wednesday 8.3 9am Food Pantry
- 12pm AA Meeting
- 12pm Centering Prayer
- Thursday 8.4 11:30am Hot Dog Thursday in Clee Park
- 6:00pm Potluck Dinner
- 7:00pm A Night of Worship

Upcoming Events

- Sunday 8.7 10am FOCUS Joint Service at Delmar Reformed
- Wednesday 8.17 12pm-5pm Red Cross Blood Drive
- Tuesday 8.23 6am—9pm Primary Voting Day

*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

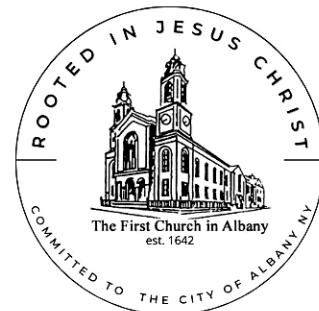
CALENDAR UPDATES

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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