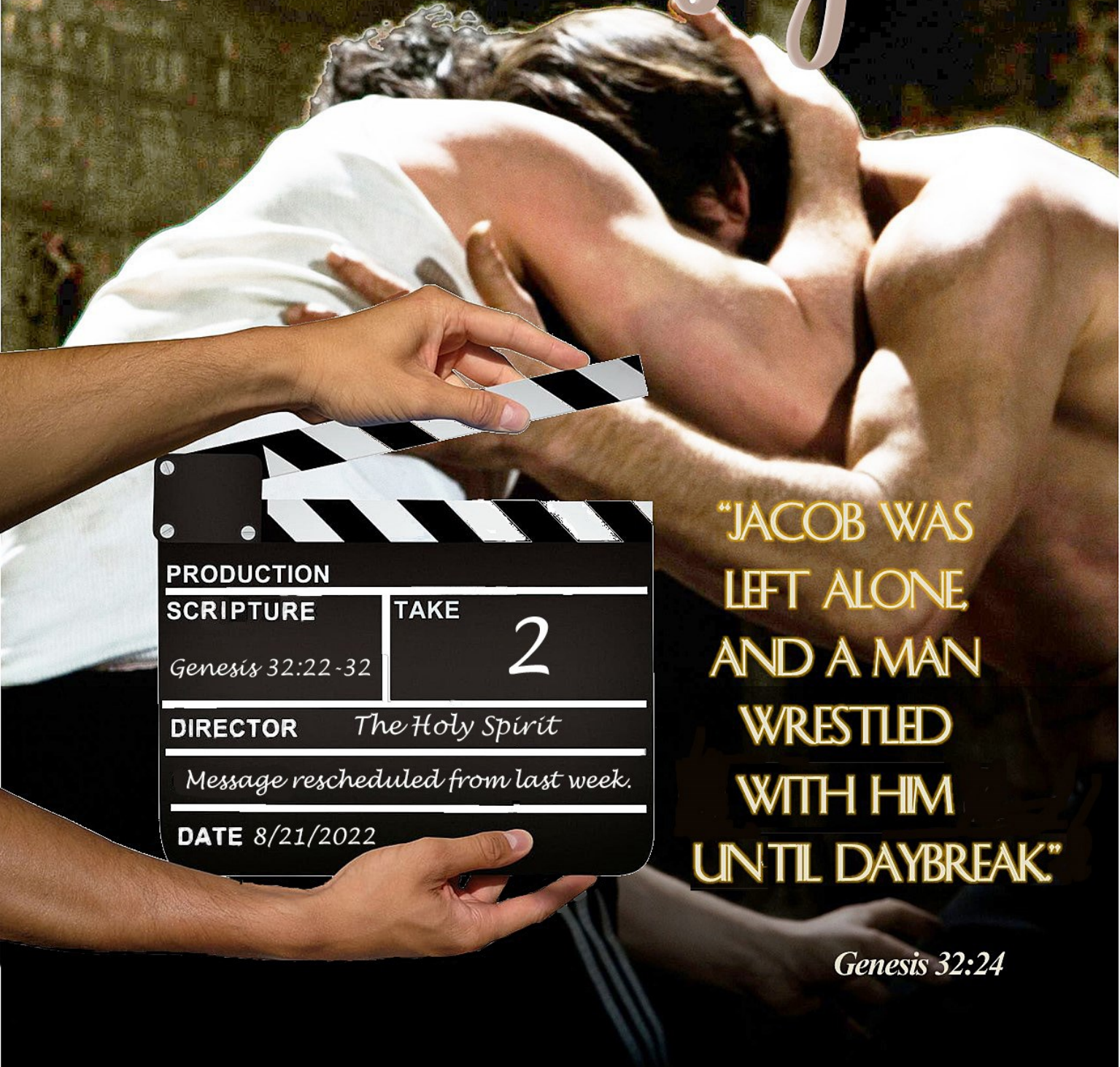


The First Church in Albany Welcomes you



PRODUCTION	
SCRIPTURE	TAKE
<i>Genesis 32:22-32</i>	2
DIRECTOR	<i>The Holy Spirit</i>
<i>Message rescheduled from last week.</i>	
DATE <i>8/21/2022</i>	

“JACOB WAS
LEFT ALONE,
AND A MAN
WRESTLED
WITH HIM
UNTIL DAYBREAK”

Genesis 32:24

August 21, 2022, 10am Drive-In Worship Service

Happy
380th
Anniversary
FIRST CHURCH

1642 - 2022



We will be celebrating on
Reformation Sunday,
October 30th.
Stay tuned for details!!!



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**JOINT SUMMER
WORSHIP SERVICES**

SEPT. 4
@ 10 AM

**WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

BOTH IN-PERSON AND ONLINE

Join online via Zoom at wpcalbany.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.

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

August 21, 2022

Tune in to 87.9FM on your car radio

Prelude

"Come Into His Presence"
Martha Deyo, keyboardist

L. Baird

Welcome, Announcements, & Blessing

"Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Genesis 28:15

Call to Worship *Based on Psalm 103:1-8*

Leader: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

People: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits—

Leader: who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

People: who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

Leader: Who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. The LORD works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.

People: The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

*Opening Hymn

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

C G F G C

1 I want to walk as a child of the light; I want to
2 I want to see the bright-ness of God; I want to
3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ; I want to

C/E Dm Am C Em

fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous - ness,
be with Je - sus. When we have run with

F G C G D G

light to the world; the star of my life is Je - sus.
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain C F G C F C Am G

In him there is no dark-ness at all; the night and the

Csus C Am G Dm Em

day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the

D G C Em Dm G7 C

cit - y of God; shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Chord symbols represent a simplified harmony.

Words and Music (HOUSTON 10.7.10.8 refrain 9.9.11.7): Kathleen Thomerson (b. 1934) © 1970, 1975
Celebration

Prayer of Confession

Holy and gracious God, we acknowledge and are heartily sorry for the times when we resist growth. We seek comfort and often behave as if any sign of discomfort is bad. We have mislabeled not getting what we want, when we want as persecution. Lord, we know that there are many in this world experience true oppression every day. Help us to see some loss as lessons. Help us to see some occasions of wrestling, struggle, and even failure as paths to maturity.

Assurance of Pardon 1 John 1:9

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

*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

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me. Mold me. Fill me. Use me. Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me!

Sermon Text

Genesis 32:22-32

The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip. Therefore to this day the Israelites do not eat the thigh muscle that is on the hip socket, because he struck Jacob on the hip socket at the thigh muscle.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Growing Pains

A Prayer of Blessing on the Word

***Hymn of Response & Offering**

This Little Light of Mine

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The first system begins with a tempo marking of quarter note = 3/4 and a G chord. The lyrics are: "1 This lit-tle light of ___ mine, I'm gon-na let it shine; oh, oh,". The second system starts with a C chord and continues with the lyrics: "this lit - tle light of ___ mine, I'm gon - na let it shine; oh,". The third system starts with a B chord and an Em7 chord, with lyrics: "this lit - tle light of ___ mine, I'm gon - na let it shine, oh,". The fourth system features a sequence of chords (G, A, D7, G, C, G) and the lyrics: "let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.".

- 2 Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine . . .
- 3 Jesus gave it to me; I'm gonna let it shine . . .

Words: African American spiritual, P.D.
Music (LIGHT OF MINE 12.12.12.9): African American spiritual; arr. Nolan Williams Jr (b. 1969) © 2000 GIA Publications, Inc.

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

"Majesty"
Martha Deyo, keyboardist

J. Hanford

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Worship Leadership:

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Mashona Walston

Keyboardist: Martha Deyo

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.*

Prayer Concerns

- Norma Jean Ballou
- The Reohr Family
- Joanne Snover, as she moves to a new home in a new city
- Shirley Joosten
- Ronald Stockhoff
- Deb Anderson
- Joanne Farrell and John Patterson
- Jennifer Recene Gallagher, daughter of Joyce Recene
- Mia and Wim Westman
- Donna Jones
- Charnelle Jones
- John Utley, brother of Judith Utley Suess
- 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
- 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 CLEEO**

Our Summer Outreach to All of Our Neighbors

Last Week

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



The First Church in Albany

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. We will still have our Drive-In Service						

Key:



Pantry 9am



Centering Prayer 12pm



Drive In Worship 10am



Lemonade Lull



Hot Dog Thursday



Wizard's Wardrobe

WHERE READING IS MAGIC

*Have you been wondering,
with chaos reigning all around --
what can YOU do to make this a
better, more equitable world?*

*One answer is to help
educate the young people
right here in our
neighborhood, so when they
grow up, they will qualify
for good paying jobs
and be able to
fulfill their dreams.*

Once again, the Wizard's Wardrobe – our free, one-on-one, after school tutoring program – is looking for tutors who are willing to commit one or two days a week to working with an individual student on reading, writing and problem-solving skills.

**Our first 2-day training this year will be on
Sept. 17 & 24, from 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM.**

- Day one concentrates on how racism and poverty affect our students.
- Day two looks at brain development, ACEs, the 5 components of reading, writing, and lesson planning.

**If interested, please contact Debbie Fagans,
Program Director, at 518-776-0664 or
edfagans@mac.com.**



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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This Week at the First Church in Albany



- Sunday 8.21 10am Drive-in Worship at FCIA, also on Zoom
- Monday 8.22 9am Food Pantry
- Tuesday 8.23 6am - 9pm Primary Voting at FCIA
12pm Adult Scripture Study—On hiatus through August
- Wednesday 8.24 9am Food Pantry
12pm AA Meeting
12pm Centering Prayer
- Thursday 8.25 11:30am **Last Week!**
Hot Dog Thursday in Clee Park

Upcoming Events

- Monday 9.5 **Labor Day Holiday - Office and Pantry will be closed**
- Sunday 9.11 10am **Indoor Worship Resumes, also on Zoom**

*Meeting Schedules are subject to change.
Watch your email for updates if you are a part of these gatherings.*

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ONE-TIME EVENTS
OR RECURRING MEETINGS

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