



The First Church in Albany

Sunday, November 2, 2025, 10 am
All Saints' Sunday

For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.

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.*

Prelude

"Präludium con gravita ("Solemn Prelude")

Johann Christian H. Rinck

*Two Variations on "For All the Saints" SINE NOMINE
Prelude (From the Triptych)*

Alfred V. Fedak

Tres calme ("very calmly," from the Variations)

Denis Bedard

Tolling of Bell

Welcome, Announcement, & 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.** II Corinthians 13:14

Call to Worship Psalm 146

Votum: Our help is in the name of the Lord who made
heaven and earth. **Amen.**

**People: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my
soul! I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I
will sing praises to my God all my life long.**

Leader: Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in
whom there is no help. When their breath departs,
they return to the earth; on that very day their plans
perish.

(continued)

People: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free!

Leader: The LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous. The LORD watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

People: The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD!

***Opening Hymn**

"For All the Saints"

See p. 6

Prayer of Confession

Living God, before you the generations rise and pass away to whom all life is an open book, You search our hearts and we are known. Please forgive us for ignoring the purpose of the church and forgetting that our purpose is our business. You told your disciples to become fisher of people and we have become builders of buildings. Help us to build people with the power of your love and resources that we have because of your generosity.

Time of silence

Assurance of Pardon & Fulfillment of the Law

For God so loved the world, he gave his only begotten son. Therefore, whoever believes shall not perish. So, we proclaim with Christians throughout the centuries a portion of the *Apostle's Creed*:

**I believe in God the Father,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only son,
was crucified, dead, and was buried.
He rose on the third day.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

***Passing the Peace**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us greet one another with Christ's peace

(Don't forget to wave to those worshiping from home!)

Children's Message & Blessing

Prayer for Illumination

Help us to quiet our over-active minds, caught up planning the remainder of the day, dealing with our latest challenge, or remembering unfinished tasks, that more than any other we might hear your voice as Scripture is read.

Sermon Text Luke 19:1-10

He entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

"St. Zach"

Nicole Campbell



A Prayer of Blessing on the Word

*Hymn of Response “Amazing Grace (How Sweet the Sound)” see p. 8

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 “Hymn (from Adiemus; Songs of Sanctuary)” Karl Jenkins

*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.**

Hymn of Remembrance

“Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm” see p. 9

Necrology

Sr. Elder Norma Jean Ballou

Merciful God, we praise you for these departed family, friends, and

***Donald Hansen Margaret Brian Miller Wilma Sheffer
Ian Leet McMahon Itেকে Prins Mary Weijola***

loved ones. They were gifts from you, and through them you enriched our lives. Into your hands we have committed their spirits. Comfort us with the strong hope of the resurrection, and when our race is run, bring us to be with them in the light of your eternal presence. Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

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

All: The supreme love of Jesus,

One: the blessing of Christ’s Spirit,

**All: the sharing of Jesus’ suffering: the glory of Christ’s 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. We give thanks for these good companions, our partners in the gospel. Give us grace to follow them as they followed Christ.

Eucharistic Hymn

"How Great Thou Art"

see p. 10

~ THE 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:

*Sending Hymn

"The Church's One Foundation"

see p. 12

*Charge & Blessing

Postlude: Dismissal on "Oh, When the Saints" *Ronald A. Nelson*

Note: Join us in Zimmerman Hall after worship for light refreshments (Coffee!) and fellowship. All are welcome!

Preacher: Nicole Campbell

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Liturgist: Deacon Debbie Anderson, Sr. Elder Norma Jean Ballou, Peter Pagerey

Organist: David Vredenburg

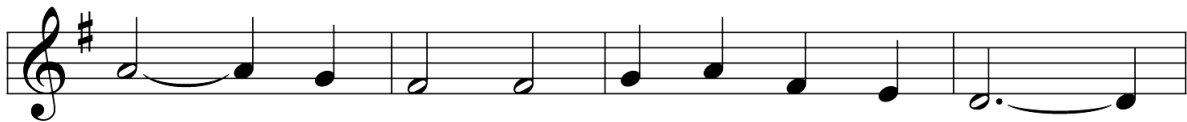
Worship Tech(s): Joshua Bliss, Stephen Reohr

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For All the Saints



1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who
 2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
 3 O blest communion, fellowship divine!
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
 5 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through



thee by faith before the world confessed, thy
 thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
 We feebly struggle; they in glory shine; yet
 steals on the ear the distant triumph song, and
 gates of pearl streams in the countless host,



name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
 thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
 all are one in thee, for all are thine.
 hearts are brave a gain, and arms are strong.
 singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,



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

Harmony, stanza 3

3 O blest communion, fellowship divine!

We fee - bly strug - gle; they in glo - ry shine; yet

all are one in thee, for all are thine.

to stanza 4

Al - le - lu - ia!

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

The broad and sweeping tune with which this hymn is so closely identified was created to be sung during a reverent but dramatic procession at the beginning of an All Saints' Day service, an enacted representation of the enduring "fellowship divine" celebrated by this text.

TEXT: William Walsham How, 1864
 MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

SINE NOMINE
 10.10.10 with alleluias



THANKSGIVING

649 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved. How pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come. 'Tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found, was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

As was his custom, the author wrote this hymn to accompany his sermon on 1 Chronicles 17:16–17, preached on January 1, 1773; he called it “Faith’s Review and Expectation.” Much of its current popularity comes from this now-familiar tune, an association that began in 1835.

TEXT: Stanzas 1–4, John Newton, 1772; stanza 5, *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790; Navaho, Albert Tsosie
 AMAZING GRACE
 MUSIC: *Columbian Harmony*, 1829; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1910, alt. CM
 Text Phonetic Transcr. Cherokee, Kiowa, Creek, and Choctaw © Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference;
 Phonetic Transcr. Navaho © Albert Tsosie

731 Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm

Capo 1: (D) (A) (Bm) (G)
E^b B^b Cm A^b

1 Give thanks for those whose faith is firm when all a -
 2 Give thanks for those whose hope is clear, be - yond mere
 3 Give thanks for those whose love is pure, a spar - kling
 4 Give thanks for saints of a - ges past and saints a -

(D) (A) (D) (G) (Em) (A) (F#m)
E^b B^b E^b A^b Fm B^b Gm

round seems bleak: on God's good prom - ise they re - ly, so
 mor - tal sight: who seek the cit - y God has planned, the
 pre - cious stone: they show by what they say and do an
 live to - day: though of - ten by this world de - spised, their

(Bm) (G) (Em) (A7) (D)
Cm A^b Fm B^b7 E^b

while they live and when they die how force - ful -
 true, e - ter - nal prom - ised land, and steer on
 in - ward beau - ty, warm and true, for God's con -
 hearts by God are rich - ly prized. Give thanks that

(A7) (B) (Em) (G) (A7) (D)
B^b7 C Fm A^b B^b7 E^b

ly they speak: the strong, who once were weak!
 toward that light, a bea - con ev - er bright.
 cerns they own: God's love through them is known.
 we may say we share their pil - grim way.

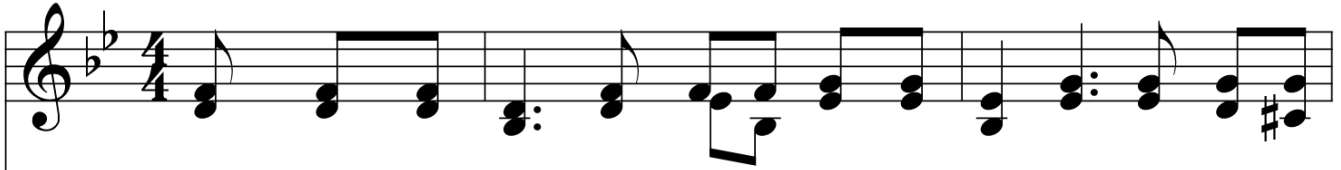
Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

The first three stanzas of this text are organized around the three great virtues—faith, hope, and love—mentioned in 1 Corinthians 13:13. These have indeed been the marks of the faithful people of God always and everywhere, and the final stanza sums up our gratitude for them.

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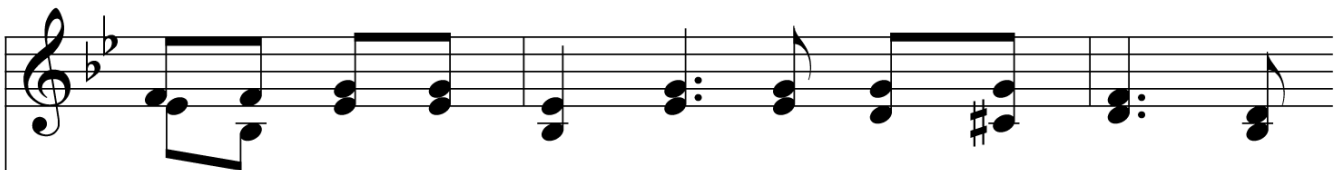
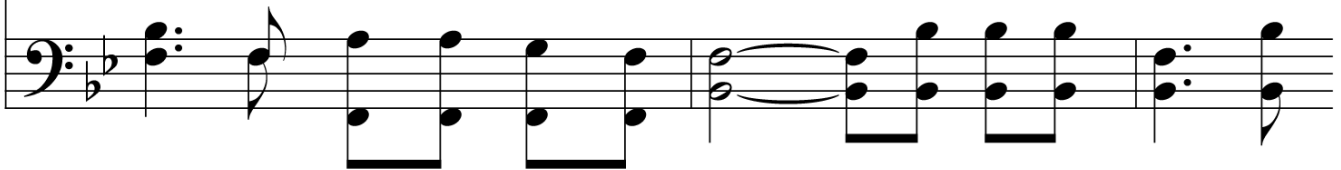
O Lord My God
How Great Thou Art



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der con-sid-er
2 When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der and hear the
3 And when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing, sent him to
4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion and take me



all the *worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I
birds sing sweet-ly in the trees, when I look down from
die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross, my
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then *I shall bow in



hear the *roll-ing thun-der, thy power through-out the
loft-y moun-tain gran-deur and hear the brook and
bur-den glad-ly bear-ing, he bled and died to
hum-ble ad-o-ra-tion, and there pro-claim, "My



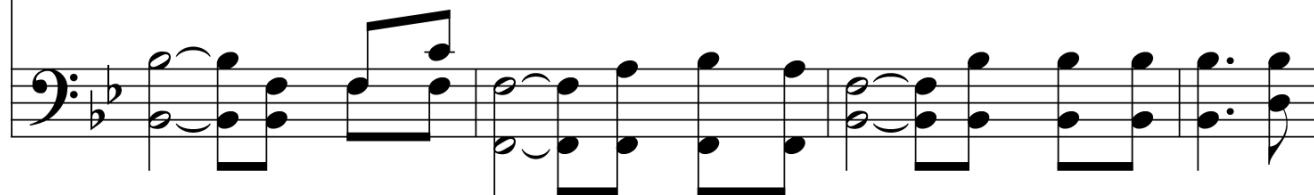
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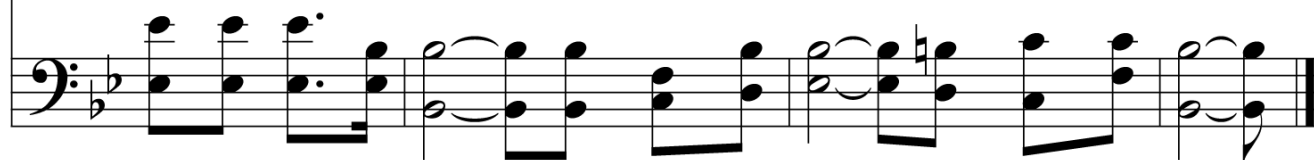
u - ni - verse dis - played:
feel the gen - tle breeze: Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to
take a - way my sin:
God, how great thou art!"



thee: How great thou art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my



Sav - ior God, to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art!



This tuneful retelling of the salvation story began in Swedish and was translated into German and then into Russian before reaching its English form. Despite such linguistic and musical revisions, it continues to be a meaningful source of comfort to many people.

TEXT: Stuart K. Hine, 1953; Spanish trans. Arturo W. Hotton Rives, alt.; Korean trans. anon.

MUSIC: Swedish folk melody; adapt. Stuart K. Hine, 1949

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HOW GREAT THOU ART

11.10.11.10 with refrain

The Church's One Foundation 321

1 The chur - ch's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord.
 2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
 4 Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war,
 5 Yet she on earth has un - ion with God, the Three in One,

She is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
 by schis - ms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more:
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won:

From heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride.
 One ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we,

With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.
 And soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
 like them, the meek and low - ly, may live e - ter - nal - ly.

This hymn was one of twelve written by an English curate to affirm the articles of the Apostles' Creed with biblical allusions such as 1 Corinthians 3:11 here. Though not created for this text, the tune was joined to it in 1868, and the two have been inseparable ever since.

Guest Preacher, Nicole Campbell



I have lived in the Capital District since attending college at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Worked as an Architect for 8 years before changing careers to be a Campus Staff Minister through InterVarsity Christian Fellowship where I help students build witnessing communities and develop student leaders on four of our area college campuses.

When not on campus, I enjoy Yankee baseball, baking, crocheting, canoeing, traveling and anything dealing with snow. I live in Troy with my husband (of 21 years) Matt, and my 3 cats. I have a mild obsession with Christmas and Ice Cream



Niki Campbell
Campus Staff Minister
InterVarsity Christian Fellowship,
NY Capital District

Connect with me



SOUP & SANDWICHES

Begins Wednesday
November 5
11:30am - 1pm

Clee Park

Join us in the park for lunch. Fresh homemade soup and sandwiches. Free to all. Caring for our neighbors.

If you would like to volunteer to serve on a Wednesday, please contact office@firstchurchinalbany.org



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Prayer LIST

as of 10.25.25

(To add an item to the prayer chain, contact a minister, the office or a member of consistory.)

Note: Prayer concerns will be kept on the list for 4 Sundays. Please let the office or a member of Consistory know if a concern needs to be kept on after that.



Indicates a new request

Current Joys & Concerns

- For Zachary, son of Joy Smith, in the hospital (see above)
- For Jane Shadwell, Becky Hudak's sister-in-law, with a serious diagnosis. For Becky's brother Cliff, as he supports his wife and they make treatment decisions together.
- For wife Edith, the family, and friends of Ian Leet, who passed on Saturday, Oct. 4, after a brief illness. Ian was very much a part of our First Church history, and his presence will be greatly missed.
- For Shirley Mockel, very dear friend of Marilyn Bradley, as she is once again being treated for cancer.
- For Joeanna Brown, continuing her recovery at home
- For Judith Utley-Suess, dealing with some health concerns
- Keith Curry, church sexton, for healing and recovery
- For Jill Busman, wife of Kent Busman (retired director of Camp Fowler), who is undergoing cancer treatment

Ongoing Needs

- Olivia Gaydushek
- Mia Westman
- First Church, as it moves forward with a pastoral transition. For all that makes up that transition process.
- For areas recovering from natural disasters like flooding, fires, earthquakes, etc.
- For war-torn places and area of conflict throughout the world

Give Thanks

- For the work of our newly formed transition team as they seek to fill the position of interim pastor and as they facilitate worship and ministry in the meantime.



Ways to help the pantry this

Thanksgiving

We are asking for a few specific donation so that we can ensure that all of the gift bags are consistent for our guests. You may bring these items to the donation box in the Lobby. Monetary donations may be mailed to the church or placed in the offering plate on Sunday. Please make sure to label the envelope or check with **"Thanksgiving Bags"**

- **Stuffing (bag or box)**
- **1 pound bag of white sugar**
- **Canned Green Beans**
- **Monetary donations**



November 2025

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

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Key:

- Indoor Worship 10am
- Communion Sunday
- Coffee Hour
- Pantry 9am
- Centering Prayer 12pm
- Soup & Sandwiches
- AA 12pm
- First KIDS
- Choir
- BIBLE Zoom Study 1pm

**CALENDAR
OF EVENTS**
THE FIRST CHURCH IN ALBANY



6AM-9PM



PANTRY

9AM

PRAYER SHAWL MTG

11:30AM

IN THE POWELL RM



SOUP & SANDWICHES!!!

11:30AM

IN CLEE PARK

CENTERING PRAYER

NOON

IN THE POWELL RM

AA MEETING

IN THE PARLOR

NOON



PANTRY



9AM



WORSHIP

IN THE SANCTUARY

10AM

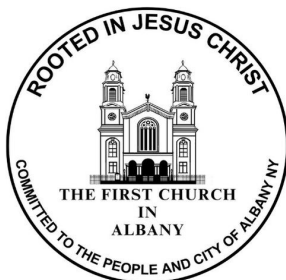
COFFEE HOUR

IN ZIMMERMAN HALL

10:45AM



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