



**\*Opening Hymn** (see p. 5)  
“*God of Grace and God of Glory*”

## **Prayer of Confession & Call New Living**

**God whose law is love, we confess we are sometimes quick to speak, slow to listen, and reluctant to love. There are times when church feels like the hardest place for us to show up in the ways you call us to live. Grant us the grace we need to be doers of your word, not just hearers. Amen.**

**\*Passing the Peace** (during the passing of the peace, children please come forward for a message and blessing.)

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 and hand-sign of peace.

## **Children’s Message & Blessing**

### **Prayer for Illumination**

**God who speaks, may the hearing of your Word animate our individual lives and our life together; in Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

**Sermon Text** James 1:19-25

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon** *A Realpolitik of the Church?*

***Realpolitik*** –noun, rā·äl·pō·li·tēk (from German real, 'realistic, practical, actual' and Politik, 'politics') is the approach of conducting diplomatic or political policies based primarily on considerations of given circumstances and factors, rather than strictly following ideological, moral, or ethical premises.

## **Ordination & Installation of Newly Elected Office Bearers**

### **\*Offertory & Eucharistic Hymn**

*"For Such a Time as This"* (see p. 6)

### **The Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

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 our thanks to the Lord our God.

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

### **\*Charge & Blessing**

### **\*Postlude "Lead Me, Guide Me, Along the Way"**

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**Note:** Please gather in Clee Park for a summer Grill Out! Burgers, Veggie Burgers, and Hot Dogs are available, along with side dishes and cold drinks.

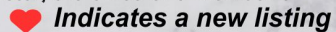
**Worship Leadership**  
**Preacher:** Rev. Trey Tirpak  
**Liturgist:**  
**Keyboardist:** Iteke Prins

**Vocalists:** Norma Jean Ballou,  
Jean Lamere  
**Audio/Video:** Joshua Bliss,  
Stephen Reohr

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# Prayer LIST as of 6.25.25

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



## Current Concerns

- For Gertrude Dorn, as she continues her recovery from surgery.
- For our friend Donald Hansen, who we recently learned passed away.
- For Ian Leet, recovering from an injury after a fall.
- Brian Brooks, brother of Gayle Wlodkowski-Hitchcock, with health concerns

## Give Thanks

- ♥ For all the graduates in our midst, we give thanks for your fortitude and tenacity to stay the course. Congratulations on your accomplishments.

## Ongoing Needs

- Olivia Gaydushek
- Wilma Sheffer
- 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 fires, earthquakes, etc.
- For war-torn places and area of conflict throughout the world
- For those in our immediate area dealing with gun violence and its aftermath

**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.

# 307 God of Grace and God of Glory

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple  
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -  
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to  
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its  
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our  
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in  
 we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our

bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
 lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.  
 serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

This stirring hymn used at the opening of Riverside Church in New York in 1930 was penned by its widely-known and influential pastor, and it has gained a firm place in English-language hymnals around the world. The Welsh tune name honors the Rhondda Valley in Glamorganshire.

# For Such a Time as This

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C Dm7 G C Am D G

1 A hymn of joy to - day we raise for min - i - stries and gifts,  
 2 Your faith - ful life, O Christ, in - spires; your bro - ken - ness makes whole;  
 3 For all the saints whose lives shine forth as tem - plates of your grace,  
 4 Our world cries out to hear your name; the church in mis - sion risks

C Dm Am E Dm G C

for all the ways you bid us join your cloud of wit - ness - es.  
 your res - ur - rec - tion calls us forth and o - pens long-closed doors.  
 we give you thanks and pledge our lives in gra - ti - tude to trace.  
 as men and wo - men join to serve for such a time as this.

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 Music (ST. ANNE 8.6.8.6): William Croft, 1708, P.D.

**FCIA**  
**HOT DOG**  
**WEDNESDAY @NOON**  
**THROUGH LABOR DAY**

**FREE**

We love treating our neighbors to lunch every Wednesday. We hope you can join us. It's a hot one, but we are ready with cold beverages and all the hot dog goodness!

**Clee Park, 110 North Pearl St. Albany right next to FIRST CHURCH**



## 2025-2026 FCIA Office Bearers

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- Deborah Anderson
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- Jean Lamere
- Joy Smith
- Erica Zetterholm-Bliss

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- Ross Westhuis  
Vice President

### Trustee Emeriti

- Philip Labatte

We, at the First Church in Albany, are thankful for God's calling on this year's group of Office Bearers. Our Deacons, Elders and Trustees give sacrificially of their time and energy to help us determine God's plan for this church and its community.

Thank you, and may your work be fruitful and based in the love of Christ for his children.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THE FIRST CHURCH IN ALBANY



TUE  
1

PANTRY  
CONSISTORY MTG.

9AM  
6:30PM

WED  
2

CENTERING PRAYER **POWELL RM**  
AA MEETING  
HOT DOGS IN THE PARK



NOON  
NOON  
NOON

THU  
3

PANTRY

9AM

FRI  
4

INDEPENDENCE DAY  
**OFFICE IS CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAY**



SUN  
6

FOCUS COMBINED WORSHIP  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF  
ALBANY - 362 STATE ST. ALBANY NY



9:30AM

**\*\* NO DRIVE-IN WORSHIP AT FCIA \*\***



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