

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we confess our tendency to fear tough emotions and resist change. Forgive us. Breathe resurrection into our souls. In this coming season of pastoral transition, make your love known to us, and give us the strength to act in beautiful ways, so we might rise to the future you've promised for us. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon & Call to New Living

Friends of Jesus, hear the good news: The God who raised Jesus from the dead is the same God who composes our future.

So walk in faith, knowing that God goes with us, and has plans for our renewal and resurrection.

***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 take a moment to greet one another.

Children's Message & Blessing

Prayer for Illumination

Risen Christ, send your Spirit to cast out our fear. May your resurrection be our hope and strength. Amen.

Sermon Text Isaiah 43

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon What To Bet On: Bet On Resurrection



***Offertory & Hymn of Response**

“Do Not Be Afraid”

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***Eucharistic Hymn**

“The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving”

(see insert)

***Charge & Blessing**

***Postlude “Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing”**

Alfred V. Fedak

Note: Join us for fellowship and hot dogs!

There will be no worship at First Church next Sunday. We will be worshipping with our FOCUS Churches of Albany partners at Unity of Albany, 21 King Ave, Albany 12206 at 10 AM.

Worship Leadership

Preacher: Rev. Trey Tirpak

Liturgist: Norma Jean Ballou

Keyboardist: Alfred V. Fedak

Vocalist: Susan Fedak

Audio/Video: Joshua Bliss,
Stephen Reohr

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Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us 187



1 Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten-der care.
 2 We are yours: in love be - friend us; be the guard-ian of our way.
 3 You have prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin-ful though we be;
 4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor; ear - ly let us do your will.



In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us; for our use your fold pre-pare.
 Keep your flock: from sin de - fend us; seek us when we go a-stray.
 you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free.
 Bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us: we are yours.
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear your chil - dren when we pray.
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.
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This unattributed hymn, like many that are now meaningful to adults, was written for children and develops shepherd imagery from Psalm 23 and John 10:1-18. The tune, composed for these words, was originally named for the text but has come to be known by the composer's name.

Do Not Be Afraid

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Refrain

All E B C#m G D/F# E B

Do not be a - afraid, for I am with you. Cho - sen and be -

C#m D Bm7 Dmaj7 E B C#m

loved, you are my own. Do not be a - afraid, for I have re -

E7 D Bm7 C Em Am7 Bm7 E *Last time*

deemed you: by your name I called you for my own.

Leader or All D Bm7 E

1 ♪ Look up, a new thing I am do - ing;
2 I am God, who blots out your trans - gres - sions;
3 ♪ The Lord, the Ho - ly One of Is - rael

D Bm7 E

♪ it springs forth; ♪ look and see it grow.
for my own sake I do not chide or blame.
♪ has prom - ised to lead us on our way,

F G

♪ Through wil - der - ness I'll make a lev - el high - way;
On - ly this much I ask, that you love me
♪ and we who love and wor - ship God our Mak - er

F Dm7 Bsus B *to Refrain*

through des - erts, make streams and riv - ers flow.
and seek me and hon - or my name.
will lis - ten to hear the Spir - it say:



Several verses from Isaiah 43 are paraphrased here: 1b (refrain), 19 (stanza 1), 25 (stanza 2). That prophetic oracle of salvation is rooted in the assurance of God's presence with the People of the Covenant. They, in turn, are called to seek God's will and proclaim God's power.

Prayer LIST as of 8.20.25

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

 Indicates a new listing


Current Concerns

-  • Ruth Pagerey, for her health to be restored
-  • For Paul Randall, husband of organist Margaret Randall, currently in the hospital
- For Iteke Prins, continuing her treatment and recovery at St. Peter's
- For Seminarian Under Care of our Classis and recent preacher at First Church, Jo Prout. Jo's father was tragically killed in an automobile accident last week.
- For Jill Bushman, wife of Kent Bushman (retired director of Camp Fowler), who is undergoing cancer treatment
- For a friend of Becky Hudak and for Becky, as this friend who has an Alzheimer diagnosis is moving to Florida for care.
- For The brother of Rev. John Bowen, Jim who has suffered a stroke
- For Donna Jones and family, as they mourn the passing of her brother Brian Miller, after a serious illness.
- Zachary, son of Joy Smith, experiencing a complicated medical issue
- Rev. Trey Tirpak's uncle who has an updated cancer diagnosis that allows for more treatment options
- For Carm and Julie, sister and brother-in-law of Pete Pagerey, for Carm's diagnosis of Parkinson's and a setback in his 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 ministry of Rev. Trey Tirpak and for his future with a new call and ministry
-  • For children, parents, teachers, and all school personnel concluding their summer and readying for the new school year

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.

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Centering
PRAYER

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September 2025



SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27																
OCTOBER 2025 	1 HAPPY LABOR DAY Office Closed for holiday	2 Pantry 9am	3 Centering Prayer 12pm AA 12pm	4 Pantry 9am	5	6	7 Indoor Worship 10am Communion Sunday Coffee Hour	8 Pantry 9am Prayer Shawl Mtg 11:30am Consistory 6:30pm	9 Centering Prayer 12pm AA 12pm	10 Pantry 9am	11	12	13	14 Indoor Worship 10am Coffee Hour Service of Farewell & Godspeed, Rev. Trey	15	16 Pantry 9am	17 Centering Prayer 12pm AA 12pm	18 Pantry 9am	19	20	21 Indoor Worship 10am Coffee Hour Blessing of the Prayer Shawls	22 Hello FALL	23 Pantry 9am	24 Centering Prayer 12pm AA 12pm	25 Pantry 9am	26	27	28 Indoor Worship 10am Coffee Hour	29	30 Pantry 9am Rev. Trey Tirpak's last day at First Church			

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



TUE
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PANTRY



9AM

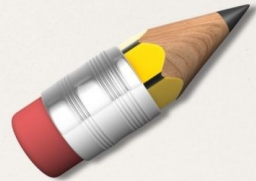
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CENTERING PRAYER POWELL RM
AA MEETING THE PARLOR

NOON
NOON

THU
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PANTRY



9AM

SUN
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CHURCHES OF ALBANY
Combined
Worship
Service

UNITY OF ALBANY

21 KING AVE. ALBANY 12206

10AM

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C/G G D/F# Em G/D A/C# C2

Oh, ho - ly are you, Lord the God of power and might; the
Ho-san - na! Bless-ed is he! Christ Je - sus, who is come, the

an - gels veil their sight! Earth is a - flame with the
Lord's a - noint-ed one: He comes a - gain! Ho -

Am7 Dsus D C/G G C/G Gamp G

glo - ry of your name!
san - na, Lord. A - men.

G D/F# Em G/D A/C# C2

Your death, O Christ, we pro - claim. Your ris - ing cel - e - brate!

A C2 C/E F C/E D

Your com - ing we a - wait, to make all things new.

Am7 Dsus D C/G G

All - glo - ry un - to you.

F C/E D Am7 Dsus D G

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord! A - men!