



***The Covenant of Our  
Congregation  
Adopted in 1962***

*We do hereby set forth the principles of the Christian faith as commonly held among us, believing that no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.*

*It shall be our aim to bring joy to little children, instruction and high ideals to youth, inspiration to men and women in the midst of life, and comfort to those in life's later years; and to labor together for the betterment of humankind.*

*Our fellowship shall not be dependent upon identity of theological opinion, or of outward circumstance, or of denominational concern, but shall grow from a common loyalty to Jesus, a common commitment to serve the world we touch, and a common purpose to do justly, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with God.*

*Our ideal is a church of the open mind, the warm heart, the hopeful spirit, and the social vision which ever seeks to express, in all walks of life, the mind of Jesus.*

*April 5, 2015*

***First Reformed Church  
8 North Church Street  
Schenectady, New York, 12305  
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[www.1stReformed.com](http://www.1stReformed.com)***

## **Welcome to First Reformed Church**

*We are a welcoming and affirming congregation and absolutely everyone is invited to our worship, activities, and service.*

If you are a first time visitor we hope you feel at home here. Please fill out a little white pew card and place it in the offering plate and join us after the service for coffee and refreshments. Stop by a welcome table at the entrance to the Sanctuary.

### **Non Emergency Number**

Schenectady Police: 518-382-5200

### **Parking**

You may park in **any** of the lots around the church or the Stockade Inn on Sunday mornings.

### **Need Help?**

Large print bulletins and audio receivers are available to assist you. Please ask an usher. Special bulletins for children are also available. Restrooms are located out the front right doorway of the sanctuary.

### **Elders in Worship**

Past and current leaders we call 'Elders' walk in together at the beginning of worship and sit in the front pew. This is to identify them as servants of the mission of the church and make it easy to see who you might talk to about the life of our congregation.

### **Joining the Congregation**

To become a member of the congregation, there is a one-time orientation, a meeting with the governing board, and a reception in worship. If you are interested in the next orientation please fill out a white pew card.

### **Communion**

Our congregation celebrates the Lord's Supper on the first Sunday of the month. All followers of Christ are invited to share this meal.

### **Hearing Assistance**

We have hearing reinforcement units that will make it easier to hear. Ask an usher.

### **Child Care on Sunday**

Childcare for babies through age four is available from 10am and noon in Kinderwyk, which is located in the building near the church office entry.

### **Church School**

All children in grades K-8 are welcome to join in our Church School activities by leaving immediately after the Children's Message. Parents can pick up their children at 11:15am on the 2nd floor at the top of the stairs.

### **Church School on Communion Sundays**

On Communion Sundays (the first Sunday of the month) youth in grades 3-8 remain in the service to participate in Communion while those in grades K-2 are welcome to go upstairs after the Children's Message for music and crafts.

### **Children's Worship Bulletins**

Special bulletins for children, ages 3-6 and 7-12 are available each Sunday. If the ushers are not handing them out, just ask for one.

### **After Worship**

Typically after worship, people stop for a chat and a cookie in downstairs Friendship Hall before going to a learning opportunity that lasts until noon. Visitors are welcome to join in.

### **Service Online**

A recording of each of our worship services is at [1stReformed.com](http://1stReformed.com) one or two days following the service.

### **Lost and Found**

We have a lost and found basket in the Narthex (at the front entrance of the church). If you have lost/misplaced an item at church, please check this basket.

# Easter Sunday

April 5, 2015

\*The congregation may stand.

PRELUDE Naphtali Rothrock

*Jesus Christ is Risen Today* Llanfair  
arr. Anna Laura Page  
*Hyfrydol* Ralph Vaughan Williams  
*Processional March* Alexandre Guilmant

10:00 a.m.

GREETING Daniel Carlson

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS & ORIENTATION

CALL TO WORSHIP Bill Levering

INTROIT Victory

*The Strife is O'er*

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #123

*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

\*PRAYER (*unison*)

**God of new life, we thank you for the hope  
you have given us through Jesus Christ.  
Help us to celebrate your Easter triumph  
with all of our life. Amen.**

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*unison*)

*(from the United Church of Canada)*

**We are not alone, we live in God's world.  
We believe in God: who has created and is  
creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word  
made flesh, to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others by the Spirit.  
We trust in God. We are called to be the  
Church: to celebrate God's presence, to  
live with respect in Creation, to love and  
serve others, to seek justice and resist evil,**

**to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our  
judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life  
beyond death, God is with us. We are not  
alone. Thanks be to God.**

\*PASSING THE PEACE

ANTHEM

*Now Christ is Risen from Cantata No.15*  
J.S. Bach

Now Christ is risen from the dead;  
Now banished is all sadness.  
From stain of sin our souls He led  
through sorrow unto gladness.

By death His life has set us free,  
that in His love we'll ever be;  
Therefore we come with gladness

FIRST LESSON Stacey Midge  
Guide us, God, by your Word and Holy  
Spirit. **Amen.** *Acts 10:34-44 (pg 109)*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

K-8 are invited to participate in an  
Easter Egg Hunt.

SECOND LESSON *Mark 16:1-8 (pg 54)*

SERMON Bill Levering  
*The Silence of Easter*

\*HYMN (*vs 1, 2, 5*) *Christ is Alive!* #108

OFFERING

OFFERTORY Alfred Fedak  
*Begin the Song of Glory Now*

Begin the song of glory now;  
the Son has risen from his grave!  
The night of mourning long is past;  
life has a purpose, after all.  
Our Samson smashed the gates of hell,  
and we are free at last, at last!  
Begin the song of glory now:  
the Son has risen from our grave!

Prepare the song of glory now:  
the Son has risen from his grave!  
Composers, players, find new sounds

for ev'ry instrument and voice:  
a note, a chord, an aria,  
a Kyrie, a Gloria.  
Prepare the song of glory now:  
the Son has risen from our grave!

Repeat the song of glory now:  
the Son has risen from his grave!  
Complete the Easter overture,  
and join the Alleluia choir.  
"In Jesus' name" the song begin,  
and end: "All praise to God alone!"  
Repeat the song of glory now:  
the Son has risen from our grave!

Jaroslav J. Vajda

\*DOXOLOGY #592  
*Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE  
THE LORD'S PRAYER (*unison*)

**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.**

\*HYMN #115  
*Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain*

*Anyone wishing to sing the Hallelujah Chorus should come forward during this hymn.*

\*CHORAL RESPONSE  
*Hallelujah Chorus* G.F. Handel

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE  
*Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing*  
Sicilian Mariners

## Music Notes

We are grateful for today's instrumentalists:  
Dave Hosley, Robert Hosley, trumpets; Kathryn Svatek, french horn; Jon Kusche, trombone; Andrew Janack, timpani.

## Prayers of the People

Requests for prayer may be noted on a pew card and placed in the offering plate. We pray regularly for those who are ill, those who serve their country, those who hunger, and those who are our enemies. As part of our prayers this morning, we remember with thanksgiving members of FRC & UPC who entered eternal rest in previous years about this time:

*Roy Peters, Virginia Bard, Roberta Hambleton, William Rickard, Duncan Mewherter*

If you are aware of a departed member, whose name has not been noted near the anniversary of their death, please contact the church office.

## Celebratory or Memorial Flowers

A flower calendar is posted on the right side of the Poling House entrance to the sanctuary wherein you can choose a date for donating flowers to remember a loved one or to honor a special event. Please inform the church office of your wishes. The cost of the flowers is \$30 for two bouquets. You may send your check payable to Chancel Guild, c/o Marlene Risseeuw, 2140 Niskayuna Dr., Niskayuna, NY 12309.

## First Forum

After worship most Sundays at 11:15am in Poling Chapel, suggestions for programs are welcome from any committee or member; simply contact Amy Brule 785-8201, Peggy King 370-1885, Olivia Mancuso 381-8860, or Joe Doolittle 384-1700.

**Today:** Easter Reception in Friendship Hall

**April 12:** Food Security – Ellis Hospital

**April 19:** Lynne Gilgore, Lunn Center Cooperative Resource Center

**April 26:** Youth Group Music Talent, Olivia Mancuso

### **Easter Reception after Today's Service**

All are invited to join in an Easter Reception after the service in Friendship hall.

### **Easter Flowers Delivery**

Many volunteers are needed today to deliver Easter flowers to those recently bereaved and home-bound church members. The flowers and an addressed card for each recipient will be available for pick up after the service. We are grateful to all those participating in this ministry and extending a lovely symbol of God's great faithfulness!

#### **Jazz Vespers Every Sunday ~ 5pm**

April is Jazz Appreciation Month and through the good offices of the Schenectady Musical Union additional musicians are being provided for Vespers in April.

**April 5:** The Nat Phipps Trio plus Ben O'Shea, trombone

**April 12:** David Gleason, piano; Pete Toigo, bass; Tom D'Andrea, drums plus Steve Lambert, flugelhorn

**April 19:** The Peg Delaney Trio plus Jim Corigliano, sax

**April 26:** Scott Bassinson, piano; Mike Lawrence, bass; Tom D'Andrea, drums plus Keith Pray, sax

### **Which of these statements best describes you?**

You bring post-service refreshments 1 - 4 times per year, either by yourself or with a partner. You like to bake but your funds are limited. You don't bake anymore but have the means to fund a wannabe baker. You prefer adding treats to our freezer now and then. You enjoy decorating a table. You like to help with set-up or clean-up. You are willing to be a backup helper as needed. A Hospitality Team is forming to meet our post-service refreshments needs in the easiest, least painful, most consistent manner possible. Contact Taart Baas Karen, 607-725-4521, or gonda6@aol.com to be part of the team!

### **Youth Activities**

Youth group will meet every Sunday at 5pm for dinner, discussion, games, etc. All youth in grades 6 – 12 are welcome. If you have questions, please contact Stacey.

**Today:** No Meeting – Happy Easter!

**April 12 – 26:** Regular meetings. We will continue our interfaith discussion and prepare for the youth service in May.

### **Easter Offering ~ Great Hour of Sharing Presbyterian Church-USA**

One of many blessings of our combined congregations and ministry is the donation of the offering for One Great Hour of Sharing to the Presbyterian Church-USA. Although this offering will continue to be directed to PC-USA, this is part of a wider mission supported by Christians around the nation. It all began in 1949 with a radio broadcast where Protestant churches made appeals for relief and reconstruction in areas devastated by World War II, and it has developed over the decades into a truly ecumenical effort to share Christ's love to those in need. Through PC-USA, the **Hunger Program** receives 36% of the offering toward work to alleviate hunger and to support ministries that address homelessness and affordable housing. The **Disaster Assistance Program** receives 32% of contributions for disaster response locally, nationally, and throughout the world. **Self-Development of People** receives 32% of donations and partners with groups that assist those oppressed by poverty or social systems to help

### **First Futures Building Campaign**

In observance of Easter the First Futures Campaign will not provide a representative today in the Dirk Romeyn room following the worship service. Next Sunday Fred Daniels will be available to discuss the overall campaign and progress made to date.

### **Faith Bookshop**

The Bookshop is closed today. Happy Easter everyone!

### **Church Directory Photos**

Ralph Rosenthal will continue taking pictures for our next church directory every Sunday after worship in the Heritage room (off the Dirck Romeyn Room.) No appointment necessary.

**He will even be there TODAY** to catch you at your best. Plan on it.

### **Office Closed**

The office will be closed on Monday, April 6

### **Horizons Bible Study**

We will be doing a 6 week study of the first half of the book of Psalms (Psalms 1-72.) Anyone interested is welcome to join us Tuesdays at 10am in the Poling Conference room.

### **Kerygma Conversations**

All are welcome to this lively and inquisitive study and discussion group each Wednesday 9:30 – 11am, in Poling Conference room.

Through May 20, we'll be exploring Exodus, the second book of the Bible and what this has to do with our faith. Questions? Contact Daniel Carlson.

### **Evening Circle**

Evening circle will meet on April 8 at the home of Ellie Rowland, 216 Lois Lane at 7:00 pm. We'll be discussing the book, *Deep, Down, Dark* which some have read and others are reading now. Please come and share the fellowship whether or not you have read this book.

### **What's Your Story?**

Everyone has significant life stories to share, and doing so with the context of a small group committed to gently holding such stories in the light of God's love enables us to come to better know and appreciate others and ourselves! The 7pm session will meet on April 13 in the Dirck Romeyn room. All are welcome.

### **TMC Spring Concert**

The Thursday Musical Club Chorus directed by Julie Panke and accompanied by Elinore Farnum will present its Spring Concert on Sunday, April 12 at 2:30 pm in the church Sanctuary. Guest artists are Nat Fossner, oboe, and Petia Kassarova, cello, both of whom have played for our Sunday worship services. Selections by the women's group will include music of Mozart, Vaughan Williams, John Rutter and a medley from *Camelot*. Complimentary tickets are available from Julie Panke or the church office. A reception will follow the concert.

### **Lenten Series Bonus**

The book from the archives and historical concerns Lenten Series is for sale in the bookshop at cost, just \$19.75. *An Irresistible Conflict: The empire State in the Civil War*, documents the role NY played in our nation's most enduring conflict. All copies are signed by the author. The congregation has also been invited to attend a reception at Union College on April 14.

### **Midweek Evening Meal**

Beginning Wednesday, April 15 at 6:00 pm our informal dinners each week resume in Assembly Hall. Bring whatever you wish to share with others. The worship which follows is optional though often the destination of diners. Questions regarding either may be directed to Daniel Carlson.

### **Wednesday Evening Worship**

Our contemplative service returns to its usual time (7:00 pm) and location (Poling Chapel) beginning April 15. Everyone is welcome to this briefer, quieter, and reflective gathering at the close of the day. Here we dwell in the mystery and joy of Easter via guitar accompanied songs, guided meditation on Scripture, Communion, prayers, and Christ's peace.

### **Prayer Shawl Knitting Group**

We will be meeting April 16 at 9:30 am at the home of Ronnie Bartholic. We welcome anyone interested in joining us. Please contact Ronnie at 393-7679 with any questions.

### **Tuesday Ladies**

Meetings are every third Tuesday of the month in the home of Connie Young. We will meet April 21 to talk and be friends. Hope to see you then.

### **Group VII**

On April 23 Group VII will be taking a trip to St. George Greek Orthodox, Church 107 Clinton Street. We'll go out for lunch too – location TBA

### **Fellowship Luncheon ~ April 24**

The Singing Eye: Photographs and Poems for Nature by Carol and Jim McCord....Carol with her photography and Jim with his poetry about the beauty of our region will present a program for the **Friday Fellowship Luncheon on April 24 at 11:45 am**. Professor Emeritus from the English Department of Union College, Jim McCord and his wife Carol will present a fascinating program which compliments both of their artistic talents. Carol's photos have appeared in many photo journals. Jim has had a lifelong interest in nature and he too has published much of his poetry. Bring a dish to share. Beverage and dessert will be provided.

Please sign up in Assembly Hall. Your hosts will be Liz Mastrianni, Frank Ralbovsky, Amy Brule and Wayne Brule. Come for the best meal in town and usher in SPRING with beautiful photos and poetry.

### **Men's Breakfast**

The Men's Breakfast group will meet at 8:00am on Saturday, April 25 in Assembly Hall. Our speaker will be Alvin Magid, PhD. *Emeritus Professor of Political Science University at Albany/SUNY* and now Founder and Executive Director of the Reading is Fun Program. The Program "found" Dr. Magid, and is based at deepening reading readiness in early learners, as a pivotal aspect of positively affecting the inter-related causes of poverty and social disparity. Join us for an informative conversation on this largely volunteer initiative and enjoy a healthy breakfast. Questions? Contact Gene Rowland or Joe Doolittle.

### **Octavo Singers**

Octavo Singers will be performing Mendelssohn's *St. Paul Oratorio* on Saturday, April 25, 2015 at 7:30 pm at First Reformed Church in Schenectady on the Corner of N. Church and Union Streets under the direction of Curtis Funk. The performance will be with orchestra, professional soloists and our nearly 100 voice choir. Please join us as we celebrate this magnificent musical event.

### **Earth Friendly Frolic ~ April 26**

Again this year we'll add our efforts to those of others involved in the Canal Clean Sweep Initiative by maintaining the beauty of the closest shore to our church, of the Mohawk along Riverside Park. We'll share a nutritious lunch of soup and bread at 11:30 am before putting on work gloves, distributing trash bags, and walking to the river. Sign up in Assembly Hall for this Fellowship Committee and Creation Care Commission sponsored inter-generational event held in honor of Earth Day!

### **Annual CROP Walk**

On Sunday, May 3, the annual Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty (CROP) walk will take place at 12:30 pm, beginning at Emmanuel Friedens Church and winding 5k through Schenectady. The proceeds support hunger-fighting efforts around the world, with 25% going to local food pantries, Community Crisis Network, and Senior Meals. Want to walk? Get a donation form from the Church Office. Non-walkers can simply drop off their donations at the church office. Checks should be made out to "CWS/CROP." Checks eligible for GE Matching should be made out to SICM. Contact Cathy Lewis if you have questions.

### **New Member Class**

Interested in a closer relationship with this congregation? Dr. Levering will be leading a membership meeting that includes a tour of the church and a chat about who we are. It lasts 90 minutes and is held in the church office at 3pm, usually on the first Sunday of the month. Our next class is May 3.

### **Group V**

Our next meeting will be Monday, May 4 at 11am in the Dirck Romeyn Room.

### **Fiction writers group**

A Flash Fiction critique group will meet on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 7pm in the Walton Conference Room. Flash Fiction is a COMPLETE story, fiction or nonfiction, written in 1,000 words or less. For more info and signups, contact James Gonda at jamesgonda63@yahoo.com or the church office.

### **Developing a Planetary Ethic**

Tuesday, April 7, at 5:00 pm in Karp 005, Union College's Program in Religious Studies is sponsoring a free public lecture by Professor Whitney Bauman entitled "Religion and Environmental Violence: Developing a Planetary Ethic."

According to Bauman, nothing marks the era in which we live more than the dual processes of globalization and climate change. Through the increased speed in communication and transportation technologies, we are literally moving energy, resources, and information around the world on a daily basis, often from the comfort of our home or office and in front of a computer screen. We are, in a sense, detached from the consequences of our daily actions: how far our food travels, how animals are treated, how resources are extracted. This detachment renders us blind to the violence that is perpetuated on our behalf on a daily basis. Bauman's lecture will explore these types of distributed or "back grounded" violence, and suggest ways in which we might be more in tune with how our actions affect other life within the planetary community.

Whitney Bauman is Associate Professor and Undergraduate Program Director in the Department of Religious Studies at Florida International University. Before joining the FIU faculty he worked as a Program Associate for the Forum on Religion and Ecology. He is the author of *Religion and Ecology: Developing a Planetary Ethic* (Columbia University Press, 2014).

**Easter Sunday, April 5**

9:00 am ..... Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary  
 10:00 am ..... Worship  
 10:15 am ..... Egg Hunt/Church School K-5  
 11:15 am ..... Easter Reception  
 5:00 pm ..... Jazz Vespers

**Monday, April 6****Office Closed**

9:00 am ..... Mens Newsgroup  
 6:00 pm ..... Yoga  
 7:00 pm ..... Klokken Ringers

**Tuesday, April 7**

10:00 am ..... Horizon Bible Study  
 10:00 am ..... Morning Prayer  
 11:30 am ..... Support & Care  
 1:30 pm ..... Worship Planning  
 7:00 pm ..... First Futures Meeting

**Wednesday, April 8**

9:30 am ..... Kerygma  
 1:00 pm ..... Thursday Bells  
 1:00 pm ..... Archives  
 7:00 pm ..... Writers Group

**Thursday, April 9**

7:30 am ..... Breakfast Bible Bunch  
 10:00 am ..... Stitch Group  
 7:30 pm ..... Chancel Choir

**Sunday, April 12**

9:00 am ..... Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary  
 10:00 am ..... Worship  
 10:15 am ..... Church School K-5  
 11:15 am ..... First Forum  
 11:15 am ..... First Futures  
 5:00 pm ..... Jazz Vespers  
 5:00 pm ..... Youth Group

<b>Sunday Volunteers</b>	<b>This Sunday</b>	<b>Next Sunday</b>
<b>Counting Deacons</b>	William Martin and Vickie Horan	Kim and Thomas Burgoyne
<b>Greeters</b>	Vilhelm and Christine Lund	Sally and Robert Clark
<b>Flower Delivery</b>	Easter Flower Delivery Volunteers	John Chequer and Beth Taft, Anne and Walter Robb
<b>Faith Bookshop</b>	Roberta Blackmer	Ginny Laumeister
<b>Liturgist</b>	Daniel Carlson	Daniel Carlson
<b>Preacher</b>	Bill Levering	Bill Levering
<b>Processing Elders</b>	Caroline Welch, Jeanne Shoulder, Mary Jewett, Robert Dickson, Barbara Walton, Darwin Brudos, Linda Ward, Gene Zeltmann	Mary Jewett, Liz Mastrianni, Arthur Casey, George Davidson, Brad and Cathy Lewis, Bill Rochelle, Gene Zeltmann
<b>Reader</b>	Stacey Midge	Chris Fernandes
<b>Refreshments</b>	Easter Reception	Ellie Rowland
<b>Ushers</b>	Art Shultes (head usher), Jim McCullough, Sharron McCullough, Joan Lindsay	Glenn Blinckmann (head usher), Linda Malgieri, Gerry Myers, Crystal Mongillo, Justine Ochal, Ralph Rosenthal

***The sanctuary and the chapels are adorned to the glory of God  
and in loving memory or in honor of:***

*-Our parents, Richard and Ruth Arthur, and P.J. and Edith Brownell by Dick and Judy Arthur*

*-David by Audrey Bain and Family*

*-Robert S. Crandall and Don Pitcher by Joan Crandall*

*-George Gaige by Don and Jeanette Davidson*

*-Mr. & Mrs. Bruno De Paoli, Sr. and Dr. & Mrs. James M. Neill by the family*

*-Parents and Siblings by Gay and Joe Doolittle*

*-Bill Dotter by his wife Elsie and children*

*-Warren D. and Ethel F. Barrett by their children and grandchildren*

*-Carlton W. Dyer by his wife, Janice B. Dyer*

*-Sylvia R. Ebeling by Dolph Ebeling*

*-Lorraine Ebeling by Scott Ebeling and Elyne Schulte*

*-Rudolph and Therese Mahlberg and Paul Erickson by the Erickson family*

*-William and Louise Stange by Marlene Risseew and the Erickson's*

*-Deceased loved ones by Dorothy Graham*

*-Our son-in-law, David Griggs-Janower by Joyce and Jerry Griggs*

*-Loved ones by Cynthia Hamilton*

*-LeRoy Jewett by his family*

*-Husband and Dad, Harold W. Lapham*

*-John, Elizabeth and Julie Lawton*

*-Our Parents, grandson Andrew and great granddaughter Olivia by Joe and Theo Lovell*

*-Linda Ralbovsky from Frank and Liz*

*-Mark McDermott by his wife Gini*

*-Dorothy and Edmund Sanderson by Neil and Sandy Moynihan*

*-Our children, Laurel Davis Jeffers and Michael J. Ontkush by Diane and Peter Ontkush*

*-Robert J. Brown and John Sands by Susan Plant and Jean Brown*

*-Dede Cummings Andersen from the Rimany, Rowe and Swaney Families*

*-Our Parents by Ellie and Gene Rowland*

*-Carl Settle and to the glory of God by Sue Settle*

*-Robert M. Templeton by Suzanne Sheldon*

*-Eldon Springsted by his wife, Elaine*

*-Mr. and Mrs. Francis R. Swann, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Niles, Florence B. Niles, and Donald T. Armington and Virginia Christensen by Dale and Nancy Ellen Swann*

*-David Van Voast and Thomas Teichner by Mrs. Thomas Teichner and Family*

*-Grandpa Al Holland and my uncles, Allen and Joe Attanasio by Emily*

*-Daniel J. Thuener by his wife Vernetta and Family*

*-Charles Greskovich by Maria, Chad, and Ann*

*-Melissa Lynne by Maria, Chad, and Ann*

*-Earle and Dena Van Heyningen by daughter, Carol Troost*

*-Donald Troost by Carol, Deborah & Matt*

*-Anne Shepherd Wemple, Robert V. Shepherd and Susan Shepherd by the Welch family*

*-Palmer V. Welch, Marian A. Welch, and Mary C. Welch by the Welch family*

*-Loved ones by Glenn and Martha Winchester*



“Jesus's resurrection is the beginning of God's new project not to snatch people away from earth to heaven but to colonize earth with the life of heaven. That, after all, is what the Lord's Prayer is about.” - N.T. Wright

“Easter was when Hope in person surprised the whole world by coming forward from the future into the present.” - N.T. Wright

“Easter is never deserved.” - Jan Karon, Home to Holly Springs

“If anyone or anything tries to curse or kill the Goodness at the Center of all things, it will just keep coming back to life. Forever Easter.”  
- David Housholder, The Blackberry Bush

“We can't even remotely fathom that whatever is ending for us is always more than an ending.”  
- Craig D. Lounsbrough

Angels, roll the rock away;  
Death, yield up thy mighty prey:  
See, He rises from the tomb,  
Glowing with immortal bloom.  
-Thomas Scott, "Easter Angels"

Our Lord has written the promise of the resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in spring-time. -Martin Luther

“You gotta be careful: don't say a word to nobody about nothing anytime ever.”  
- Johnny Depp

And as He was resurrected  
On that day, so very fair,  
Let our thoughts be resurrected  
From wrong thinking to God's care...  
- Gertrude Tooley Buckingham, "Easter" (1940s)

“Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song.”  
- Pope John Paul II

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,  
Because He lives, all fear is gone;  
Because I know He holds the future,  
And life is worth the living,  
Just because He lives!  
- Bill and Gloria Gaither

“Out beyond ideas of wrongdoing  
and rightdoing there is a field.  
I'll meet you there.  
When the soul lies down in that grass  
the world is too full to talk about.”  
- Rumi

“Does not everything depend on our interpretation of the silence around us?”  
- Lawrence Durrell, Justine

“The true genius shudders at incompleteness — imperfection — and usually prefers silence to saying the something which is not everything that should be said.” - Edgar Allan Poe, Marginalia

## **First Reformed Church**

We are a welcoming and affirming congregation and  
absolutely everyone is invited  
to our worship, activities, and service.

### **THE CONSISTORY**

#### **MINISTERS**

Bill Levering, Senior Minister  
Daniel Carlson, Associate Minister  
Stacey Midge, Associate Minister

#### **OFFICERS**

Mary Jewett, Bill Ward, Senior Elders  
Catherine Lewis, Treasurer  
Nancy Davidson, Clerk

#### **ELDERS**

Robert Dickson  
James Gonda  
Joyce Griggs  
Mary Jewett  
Margaret King  
Adam Mason  
Jeanne Shoulder  
Katherine Trimarco  
William Ward  
Caroline Welch

#### **DEACONS**

Linnea D'Andrea  
Fred Daniels  
Richard Davis  
Gay Doolittle  
Dave Hjelmar  
Bill Martin  
Victoria McGowan-Horan  
William Rochelle  
George Trimarco  
Nancy Wainwright

#### **COVENANTERS**

Kelsey Kleinwolterink, Kendra Kleinwolterink,  
Claudette Martin, Hannah Busman

#### **CHURCH STAFF**

Julie Panke, Music Director  
Naphtali Rothrock, Organist  
Jamie Ipsen, Director of Children's Music & Ministry  
Corine Salon, Artistic Coordinator  
Judy Moore, Director of Klokken Tower Ringers  
Sarah Bachorik, Director of Kinderwyck  
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