

**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.*

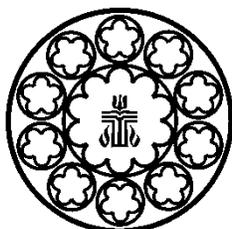
*It shall be our aim to bring joy to little children, instruction and high ideals to youth, inspiration to men and women in the midst of life, and comfort to those in life's later years; and to labor together for the betterment of humankind.*

*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.*



*July 5, 2015*



**First Reformed Church**  
8 North Church Street  
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(518) 377-2201 [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 until 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 over in the Kinderwyk building.

### **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, during the summer months, people stop for a chat and refreshments in Huntley Garden (weather permitting). 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.

**Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**  
July 5, 2015

\*The congregation may stand.

PRELUDE Avery Tunningley  
*Gymnopedie* Erik Satie  
*Grand March from "Aida"* Giuseppe Verdi  
*Variation on "Old 124<sup>th</sup>"* George Blake

10:00 a.m.

GREETING Stacey Midge

ANNOUNCEMENTS & ORIENTATION

CALL TO WORSHIP Stacey Midge

\* HYMN #446  
*Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

\*OUR NEED FOR GOD (*unison*)

**O Lord our Shepherd, you know us better than we know ourselves. We come before you now, believers and doubters alike, to share our deep need for strength and renewal. Forgive us and help us to know we are forgiven. Give us the heart and direction for renewal and service, we pray.**

\*GOD'S FORGIVING LOVE

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*unison*)  
*The Apostles' Creed* - Ecumenical version

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**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

MUSICAL OFFERING Rose Hunsberger  
soprano

*Biblical Song #6, Hear my Prayer, O Lord*  
Antonin Dvorak

Hear my prayer, O Lord  
give ear unto my cry.  
Thou art my refuge and my hope,  
Thou shalt tread down my enemies.  
I will dwell forever in Thy tents  
and hide me in the shadow of Thy wings.  
Lord! Though art indeed my God,  
yea, I will seek Thee early.  
My soul is faint, my body longeth,  
longeth after Thee in a barren desert  
where there is no water.  
Now I will bless Thee daily  
and lift my hands in pray'r and adoration;  
yea, my lips will praise Thee all my life long.

Psalm 63:1-8

FIRST LESSON Mary Jewett  
Guide us, God, by your Word and Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.** *Isaiah 55: 1-3 (pg 685)*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND LESSON *John 4: 5-15 (pg 94)*

SERMON Lynne Gilgore  
*From Independence to Freedom*

\*HYMN Tune: Finlandia

*This Is My Song, O God of All the Nations*

**This is my song, Oh God of all the nations,  
A song of peace for lands afar and mine.  
This is my home, the country where my  
heart is; here are my hopes, my dreams, my  
holy shrine. But other hearts in other lands  
are beating, With hopes and dreams as true  
and high as mine.**

**My country's skies are bluer than the ocean, and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine; But other lands have sunlight, too, and clover, and skies are everywhere as blue as mine. O hear my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace for their land and for mine.**

## OFFERING

OFFERTORY Avery Tunningley, piano  
*Prayer for Earth* Michael Garson

\*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 *When We are Living* #400

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

*Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing*  
Sicilian Mariners

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## Jazz Vespers Every Sunday ~ 5:00 pm

**Today:** Nat Phipps Trio

**July 12:** Peg Delaney Trio

**July 19:** Paul Mastriani, piano; Linda Brown, bass; Tom D'Andrea, drums

## 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 our church who entered into eternal rest in previous years about this time:

*Dorothy Sanderson, Chuck Greskovich*

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 Risseuw, 2140 Niskayuna Dr., Niskayuna, NY 12309.

## Youth Group Schedule

Our youth group does not meet regularly during the summer months, but stay tuned for special activities to come! If you would like to be added to the email list, please contact Stacey at [revstacey@gmail.com](mailto:revstacey@gmail.com).

## New Summer Children's Program

Beginning the week of June 29, every Monday at 4 pm until the end of August we will be meeting at Indian Meadows Playground in Glenville for a playground date. All ages are welcome. There will be refreshments provided, not guaranteed to be healthy but will be nut free. The play date is scheduled for 1 hr. Blythe Gieseler, our Director of Children's Ministries, will be there for any questions and/or suggestions for the Children's Education Program. Please join us for some fun!

### **Faith Bookshop**

The Bookshop will be open briefly before and after the church service today. Chocolate, coffee and tea available! We will resume taking book orders in the fall. Happy summer reading!

### **Senior Pastor's Pizza Picnics**

This summer, Dr. Levering will be hosting a few picnics for folks of all types. The picnics last from 5 - 7 pm and include pizza, light snacks, and good fellowship. They are held at 923 Northumberland Drive in Niskayuna.

**July 10: Senior Elders** are invited to start the Pizza Parties. Any Senior Elder of the church is welcome to stop by.

### **Memorial Service**

Richard L. Matthews - November 25, 2014  
A service is being held on July 11 at 10am at Grace Memorial Chapel on Sabbath Day Point in Lake George.

### **Mid-Month Meal & Wednesday Worship**

This summer join us for a delicious dinner (bringing food you enjoy and wish to share) at 6 pm on July 15, and August 12. The contemplative communion service begins at 7 pm for those who desire to worship. For more details contact Daniel Carlson 377-2201.

### **Summer Kerygma Conversations**

Here's a great opportunity to meet with others to discuss whatever is currently of interest to you, whether a book, movie, travel, event, or issue. All are welcome to join this occasional gathering held from 9:30 am - 11 am, on Wednesday July 29 and August 26 in the Dirck Romeyn room.

### **Walking Tour – History of Schenectady Faith**

Saturday, July 11, 10am beginning at the Schenectady County Historical Society, 32 Washington Avenue, Schenectady. Pre-registration required. \$5 cost/free for SCHS members. For more info contact Kaitlin Morton-Bentley, exhibits@schenectadyhistorical.org or 518-374-0263 x4

### **Post Service Refreshments - Please Sign Up**

Sweet Summertime! Don't forget your sun screen and post-service refreshments! Join us after church in the Huntley Garden (weather permitting). Please sign up in Assembly Hall, where you'll find an instruction sheet. Can't commit to service right now? Place your treats in the freezer for a future date. Contact Karen the Taart Baas, karengonda6@gmail.com, with questions.

### **Fiction Writers Group**

A Flash Fiction critique group will meet on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 7 pm in the Walton Conference Room. Flash Fiction is a COMPLETE story, fiction or non-fiction, written in 1,000 words or less. For more info and signups, contact James Gonda at jgonda12309@gmail.com or the church office.

### **SICM Summer Lunches at FRC**

Glorious summer is now here! It is now time for us to plan for Summer Lunches for Schenectady's children when school is out. This year we are doing a pilot program for two weeks on FRC's lawn to see if there are enough children around during the day. Those weeks will be the week of July 20 and 27. Our weeks at Yates will be August 3, 10, and 17. There is a sign-up sheet in Assembly Hall at church, or you can call the church office during the week at 377-2201, or you may call Ellie Rowland at 250-4302.

### **We Need Your Books for the Book Fair**

It's not too early to rummage through your home library to find books that need a new home. Why not donate them to our church Book Fair to be held on October 18. Fiction, non-fiction, children's (no college text books, please.) They may be just the books others have been looking for. If you'd like to be part of the Fair in some capacity, see or call Linda Witkowski 374-7904.

### **Directory Pictures Needed**

We are publishing our church directory in the fall. If you did not get a picture taken by Ralph Rosenthal, we need a picture from you for our directory. This is important for all our new folks. Really. Send a picture you would like used that is not too silly to 1stReformed@gmail.com

### **Ushers Needed**

The usher roster is still incomplete. We've had folks move away and other issues that have left us short in this vital part of our Sunday service. Ushering is a great way to meet and assist people. If you can't commit to a regular schedule, you can volunteer to serve on an as needed basis. Please consider helping out. Contact Del Pierce, in church, or by phone at 356-0955. Thank you.

### **Name Tags**

Our congregation is growing and we have many new faces in worship. It would be helpful to all the new members if we all wore our name tags. Name tags can be found on the door by Poling Chapel and Assembly Hall. Don't have one? Please contact the church office or let us know on a white pew card so we can make one for you.

### **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 3 pm, usually on the first Sunday of the month. Our next class is September 6.

### **Monday Night Yoga**

Evening Yoga at FRC is taking the summer off and will return September 9. If your heart desires, you can catch yoga at Indian Ladder Apple Farms Saturday mornings 8-9 am & Tuesday evenings in Albany at Westland Hills Park 6-7 pm. Enjoy the great outdoors!

### **New Short Term Choral Groups**

This year, our Artistic Coordinator, Corine Salon, will be working with folks interested in different choral opportunities. If you have a pal and would like to sing a duet; if you have a small group that is interested in a little help and a Sunday to sing in worship, this is your chance. This fall we are starting a program for those who either can't make it to choir every week or who would like to be involved singing in some kind of group. Please let Corine know if you are interested at 346-9060 or csalon@nycap.rr.com

### **Performance Series by Our New Organist Starts August 7**

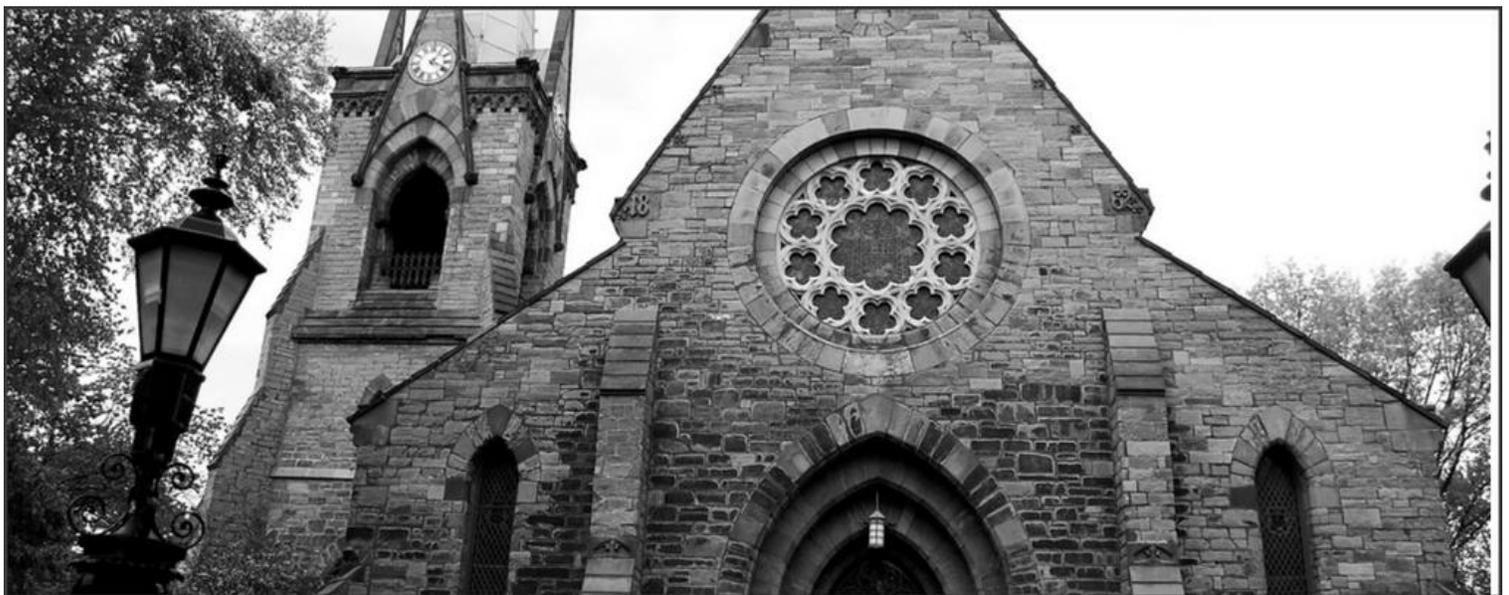
Avery Tunningley, our new organist, will be offering a monthly performance series, generally on the first Friday of each month, beginning August 7 at 7 pm in the Poling Chapel. While the series may include a variety of events from solo recitals to hymn sings, he would like to start things off with the 1921 silent movie melodrama "The Kid" starring Charlie Chaplin and Jackie Coogan. Avery will play an original musical score to accompany the movie.

While Charlie Chaplin is best remembered for his "slapstick" style and "The Tramp" character, his feature length movies were filled with social and political commentary. This movie is no exception. It tackles some big social justice problems of the time, though often through a layer of light hearted comedy. This is a movie best described as "laughter through tears". With its powerful yet tender message, "The Kid" is packed with emotion.

We hope that you can join us for a night out at the movies, 1920s style!



<b>Sunday Volunteers</b>	<b>This Sunday</b>	<b>Next Sunday</b>
<b>Counting Deacons</b>	Claire Hughes and Joan Lindsay	David Bundy and Vickie McGowan-Horan
<b>Greeters</b>	Marey Bailey	Herb & Harlene Bachorik
<b>Flower Delivery</b>	Lois Stickney Don & Jeanette Davidson	Tom & Joan Lindsay Emile & Ann Walraven
<b>Faith Bookshop</b>	Committee Member	Committee Member
<b>Liturgist</b>	Stacey Midge	Daniel Carlson
<b>Preacher</b>	Lynne Gilgore	Stacey Midge
<b>Processing Elders</b>	Wayne & Amy Brule, Don & Marilyn Leach, Tom Lindsay, Del Pierce, Birdie Blackmer, Mary Jewett	Amy Brule, George & Nancy Davidson, Tom Lindsay, Joe Lovell, Del Pierce, Caroline Welch, Linda Witkowski
<b>Reader</b>	Mary Jewett	Gene Rowland
<b>Refreshments</b>		Karen Giuzio Barbara Walton
<b>Ushers</b>	Art Shultes (head usher), Lou Acquasanta, Joan Lindsay, Jim & Sharron McCullough	Glenn Blinckmann (head usher), Linda Malgieri, Gerry Myers, Crystal Mongillo, Justine Ochal, Ralph Rosenthal



## **Sunday, July 5**

- 10:00 am ..... Worship
- 10:15 am ..... Church School K-5
- 11:00 am ..... Refreshments
- 5:00 pm ..... Jazz Vespers

## **Monday, July 6**

- 9:00 am ..... Mens Newsgroup

## **Tuesday, July 7**

- 10:00 am ..... Morning Prayer
- 6:00 pm ..... Reading Group at Stockade Inn

## **Wednesday, July 8**

- 1:00 pm ..... Archives
- 7:00 pm ..... Writers Group

## **Sunday, July 12**

- 10:00 am ..... Worship
- 10:15 am ..... Church School K-5
- 11:00 am ..... Refreshments
- 5:00 pm ..... Jazz Vespers

For to be free is not merely to cast off one's chains, but to live in a way that respects and enhances the freedom of others. - Nelson Mandela

A hero is someone who understands the responsibility that comes with his freedom.  
- Bob Dylan

When freedom does not have a purpose, when it does not wish to know anything about the rule of law engraved in the hearts of men and women, when it does not listen to the voice of conscience, it turns against humanity and society.

- Pope John Paul II

I would like to be remembered as a person who wanted to be free... so other people would be also free. - Rosa Parks

Freedom makes a huge requirement of every human being. With freedom comes responsibility. For the person who is unwilling to grow up, the person who does not want to carry his own weight, this is a frightening prospect. - Eleanor Roosevelt

