

**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.

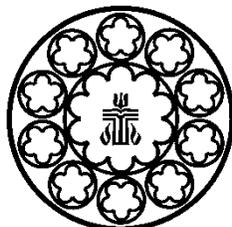
Our fellowship shall not be dependent upon identity of theological opinion, or of outward circumstance, or of denominational concern, but shall grow from a common loyalty to Jesus, a common commitment to serve the world we touch, and a common purpose to do justly, to love kindness, and to walk humbly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



*The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,
The world, and all those who live in it...*

November 1, 2015



First Reformed Church
8 North Church Street
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(518) 377-2201 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: 518-630-0911

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 a hearing aid loop system that will make it easier to hear. Ask an usher.

Child Care on Sunday

Childcare for babies through age four is available from 9:45am 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 upstairs in room 20.

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 church school activities.

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 Assembly 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 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.

All Saints' Day

November 1, 2015

*The congregation may stand.

PRELUDE Nat Phipps

10:00 a.m.

GREETING Stacey Midge

ANNOUNCEMENTS & ORIENTATION

CALL TO WORSHIP Daniel Carlson

INTROIT *Rejoice in God's Saints* Hanover

* HYMN *O God of Earth and Space* #274

* OUR NEED FOR GOD (*unison*)

**Infinite God, forgive us when we cannot see
beyond our own interests. We pray your
pardon on our selfishness and our constant
search for distraction and comfort. Heal
our hearts, we pray, so that we may live for
a larger vision and love for a noble end.**

*GOD'S FORGIVING LOVE

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

**God welcomes all, strangers and friends;
God's love is strong and it never ends!**

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*unison*)

Our Song of Hope

**We sing to our Lord a new song;
We sing in our world a sure hope:
Our God loves this world,
God called it into being,
God renews it through Jesus Christ,
God governs it by the Spirit.
God is the world's true hope.**

*PASSING THE PEACE

ANTHEM

The Morning Trumpet B.F. White, Sacred Harp
Arr. Kallman

Oh when shall I see Jesus and reign with him above?
And shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning.

And from the flowing fountain, drink everlasting love,
And shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning.
Oh, shout, glory, glory! I shall mount above the skies
When I hear the trumpet sound in that morning.

When shall I be deliver'd from this vain world of sin?
And shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning.
And with my blessed Jesus drink endless pleasures in
And shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning?

Through grace I feel determined to conquer, though I die
And shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning.
And then away to Jesus on the wings of love I'll fly
And shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning.

FIRST LESSON Carol Troost

Guide us, God, by your Word and Holy Spirit.
Amen. *Psalms 24:1-6 (pg 502)*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND LESSON *Revelation 6:1-8 (pg 248)*

SERMON Daniel Carlson
God's Creation; Saints' Inspiration

*HYMN #434
Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples of the Lord

OFFERING

OFFERTORY Nat Phipps

*DOXOLOGY #592
Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

COMMUNION PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

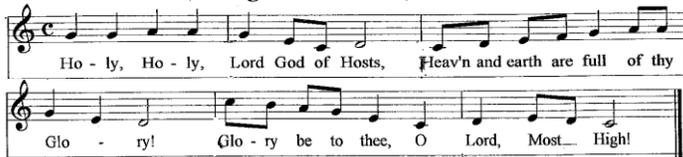
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise!

SANCTUS (*sung in unison*) Carl Steubing



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 *For All the Saints* #526

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE

For All the Saints Sin Nomine

POSTLUDE

Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing
Sicilian Mariners

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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:

Vera Van Zandt, Jean Heilman, Ada Huybregtse, Melissa 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.

United Prayer Ministry

We express our condolences to Scott Hicks and family on the death of his mother, Lucille Hicks Huddleston.

Ordination Recognition Today

Today we celebrate the ordination of Paige Convis, our Covenanter and Pastoral Resident. She was ordained on October 11, at Resurrection Reformed Church in Flint, Michigan.

Music Notes

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Jazz Vespers Every Sunday ~ 5:00 pm

Today: Peg Delaney Trio

Nov 8: Scott Bassinson, piano

Nov 15: Tim Olsen, piano

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, or Joe Doolittle 384-1700.

Today: Whole Life Stewardship

Nov 8: Stewardship Luncheon

Nov 15: Racism & Storytelling, Joe Doolittle

Church School

This year our Pastors will be leading the teaching of Church School, but we need your help. Please sign up ASAP in Assembly Hall, so the Pastors will know ahead of time who they will be working with. Also, if you have any activities you are particularly fond of ie: stories, children in worship, crafts, let us know. Thank you so much!

Happiness is Sharing Food

To all past and future hosts of post-service refreshments: you=awesome, we=grateful! Please encourage your friends to sign up in Assembly Hall to participate in our ministry of hospitality. Dank je wel!

Orff

We have been blessed with a beautiful ensemble of ORFF instruments that must be played! Join us in the Music Office at 9am each Sunday morning! No experience is needed as we learn songs and accompaniments for worship. Contact Jamie Ipsen, 399-6848, with questions.

Kirk Ringers and Singers

Kirk Ringers and Singers will meet from 11:15 to noon in room 20 (at the top of the stairs) each Sunday. We have loads of special music planned and lots of participants are needed! Any child of Church School age is invited to join us.

Youth Group Schedule

The youth group is open to all students in grades 6-12, and meets every Sunday night from 5-7pm (unless otherwise indicated) for: discussion, food, learning, fellowship, and service.

Today: - 5pm meeting – Jesus the Challenger, Haunted House clean-up

Nov 8: - 5pm meeting – Jesus, the One Who Feeds the World

Nov 15: - 5pm meeting – Jesus who ...How Do We See Jesus? and Mission Trip Mtg.

Faith Bookshop

We have new books for children, incl. the very young, and for adults; some are recommendations from the congregation, which we always welcome!

For all the Saints

Today we remember all the saints who have made an impact on our life. We appreciate their past stewardship. By their sharing of their time, abilities, and money our church stands here, able to witness to the good news of the Gospel! By example, they have taught us what it means to be a loving Christian, committed to doing God's work through the church! Let us follow those who have gone before us, faithfully loving God and people, remembering to give our first and best to God.

Whole Life Stewardship – November 8

We will consecrate our gifts as a reflection of our dedication to God next Sunday. Determined workers of the church are putting on a luncheon to be held in Friendship Hall after church to celebrate our recognition of what is first.

Improving Our Children's Church Experience

Is FRC providing your children with the church experience you want for them? Are we serving the needs of your family? Do you have suggestions to improve church school, the youth group, or Kinderwyck? The Youth Education Committee invites the youth of the church and their parents to attend a 30 minute discussion immediately after worship **TODAY** in Poling Conference room. Feedback on existing programs and ideas for new ones are welcome. Coffee and donuts will be provided.

New Member Class - TODAY

Interested in a closer relationship with this congregation? Stacey Midge 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.

Harvest for the Pantry

SICM is having a dinner to raise funds for their emergency food pantry on Sunday, November 8 from 4-7pm at First Reformed Church of Scotia. For questions please see Inge-Lise Pangburn.

Early Bird Sunday Study

A new education and nurture option this fall for those awake early and looking to learn with others before worship! Coffee and treats are shared by those gathered 8:30-9:30am for a discussion of *For the Beauty of the Earth: a Christian Vision of Creation Care*. The required course book can be ordered from study leader, Daniel. We meet in Walton Conference room.

Midweek Feast: Food for Body, Mind & Soul Every Wednesday this fall

>*Dinner at 6*--bring whatever food you like and wish to contribute to the table in Assembly Hall where informal, friendly conversation is enjoyed.

>*Study at 7*--delve into the discussion of various timely topics led by Stacey Midge during November, see First Things for details.

>*Worship at 8*--stay for a brief, reflective service of song, scripture, silence, the Lord's Supper, and prayers of supplication for those in need.

Klokken Tower Ringers

Join us at 7pm on Mondays in the Poling Conference room. Questions can be answered by Judy Moore at moorebells@gmail.com

Horizon's Bible Study

We are using the Presbyterian Women's Horizon's Bible Study entitled "Come to the Waters". We meet every Tuesday at 10am in the Poling Conference room. Join us!

Stitch Group

Our church PHD* stitch group meets every Thursday in Poling Conference room. Work on whatever project you have. For more info, contact Joan Lindsay, 399-3153. *Projects Half Done

Pie Sale to raise funds for the mission trip

Apple and pumpkin pies are available - now with a new, improved crust recipe! - for \$12 each. Please order your pies on the form in Assembly Hall or use a white pew card by **November 19** for pickup after church on November 22.

What's Your Story?

Everyone has significant life stories to share, and doing so within the context of a small group committed to gently holding such stories in the light of God's love enables us to better know and appreciate others – and ourselves! There will not be a morning session for What's Your Story. There is an evening session (7-9), led by Scott Hicks, that meets on the 4th Tuesday (*date change*) of the month in the Dirck Romeyn room.

First Futures Building Campaign - Q&A:

Since the Planning Committee considered a number of less expensive plans, why has it opted for the most expensive one? The plan offered for consideration is by far and away the best reflection of the hundreds of conversations held with members during the 9 month planning process. An early version of the plans were shown to the congregation at a First Forum in June and posted to the website. Many members of our church were shown revisions to all of the plans through the summer and generally felt that the plan being offered was the strongest. Now the congregation can review it on the church website, and there will be a congregational vote.

Union Presbyterian Mission Fund Project Solicitation Deadline TODAY

The Union Presbyterian Mission Fund Committee has approximately \$14,000 available in 2015 to fund mission projects. The committee requests project proposals from the congregation. The project may be local (within Schenectady County); regional (within the boundaries of Albany Presbytery & Regional Synod of Albany); national/international; and valued \$1,000 or more. Please submit your proposed project by **TODAY** to Liz Mastrianni (lzmastro@gmail.com) or the FRC office. Your suggested project must include: Project or Organization Information (Name, Address, Phone, E-mail & Person to Contact) Your Information (Name, Address, Phone Number and/or E-mail) Description of the Project/Organization and why it should be considered.

Group V – November 2

Group V will meet tomorrow at 11am in the Dirck Romeyn room. Please call Cynthia Hamilton at 346-5344 if you plan on attending. Bring a sandwich and join us!

First Friday Performance – November 6

Please join us at 7pm Friday night for an evening of beautiful music. Jean Leonard, soprano will be accompanied by Avery Tunngley at the Steinway grand piano. Jean will sing spirituals, folk songs, show tunes and classical works

New Word Service – November 13

Our congregation is full of stories. **And God has stories of faith for us.** Put this all together, and you have a recipe for a fascinating worship service. Our next service is November 13.

Chancel Guild – November 15

Chancel Guild will hold a Business Meeting on Nov 15 in the Dirck Romeyn room after worship.

Operation Christmas Child Boxes Due Nov 15

Completed boxes can be dropped off at our blue bin in the church lobby. All cash donations are tax deductible. Checks can be made payable to FRC of Schenectady indicating O.C.C. on the memo line. We especially need the \$7 shipping fees that need to accompany each box! For more information visit www.samaritanspurse.org or contact Shannon Kerwin 374-2542 or shan2112@yahoo.com Thank you!!!!

Tuesday Ladies – November 17

Tuesday Ladies meets next on November 17 at the home of Connie Young, 1400 Keyes Avenue. All ladies welcome to chat and get to know each other around a cup of tea at 7pm.

Group VII – November 20

Group VII meets on the 3rd Friday of the month at 10am in the Dirck Romeyn room. Our next meeting is on November 20 with a program by the Schenectady County Historical Society.

Annual Thanksgiving Jazz Festival & Vespers
Sunday, **November 22** in the main sanctuary from 4-6pm. On the program will be: Nat Phipps, piano; Keith Pray, sax; Tom D'Andrea, drums; Pete Toigo, bass; Peg Delaney, piano; Jim Corigliano, sax; Tim Coakley, drums; Bill Delaney, bass; and Colleen Pratt, vocals. Admission is \$10, \$5 students and retirement community residents.

Men's Breakfast Group – November 21

The Men's Breakfast group will meet in Assembly Hall at 8am on Sat., Nov. 21. Bill Levering will be our speaker, and he will discuss the recent visit of Pope Francis to the U.S. The Pope raised a number of religious and humanitarian issues that are important not only to Catholics, but also to concerned Christians of any denomination. Questions/suggestion contact - Joe Doolittle - aldenjoe@nycap.rr.com or Gene Rowland - erowland@nycap.rr.com

Thanksgiving Offering – November 22

Concerned for the Hungry

Monies collected at our church will be sent to Concerned for the Hungry and are used to purchase supplies in bulk at greatly reduced prices to help stretch the dollars. Checks should be made payable to FRC, with *Concerned for the Hungry* in the memo line. See First Things article.

New Book Club - *The New Jim Crow, Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness*

The Justice Action Council and the Adult Education and Nurture Committee are forming a book club to discuss and examine this poignant work by Michelle Alexander. Please join us on Sunday, **November 29** at noon for lunch and conversation on the Mezzanine. We will cover at least the first few chapters. More meeting dates to follow. The book is available now at a discounted rate in the church book store. Contact either Mary Alice Jewett or Jeanne Shoulder with any ???

Sunday, November 1

10:00 am Worship/Communion
 10:15 am Church School K-5
 11:00 am Refreshments
 11:00 am Youth Ed. Committee Discussion
 11:15 am First Forum & Kirk Ringers
 3:00 pm New Member Class
 5:00 pm Jazz Vespers & Youth Group

Monday, November 2

9:00 am Mens Newsgroup
 11:00 am Group V
 7:00 pm Klokken Tower Ringers

Tuesday, November 3

10:00 am Morning Prayer
 10:00 am Horizons Bible Study
 11:30 am Support & Care Meeting
 1:30 pm Worship Planning

Wednesday, November 4

9:30 am Kerygma Conversations
 1:00 pm Thursday Belles
 6:00 pm Midweek Feast - *Dinner*
 7:00 pm Midweek Feast – *Study*
 8:00 pm Midweek Feast – *Worship*

Thursday, November 5

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

Friday, November 6

7:00 pm First Friday Performance

Sunday, November 8

8:30 am Early Bird Sunday Study
 9:00 am Chancel Choir
 10:00 am Worship
 10:15 am Church School K-5
 11:00 am Stewardship Luncheon
 11:15 am Kirk Ringers
 5:00 pm Jazz Vespers & Youth Group
 6:00 pm Adult Education Meeting

In this cold commodity culture
 Where you lay your money down
 It's hard to even notice
 That all this earth is hallowed ground--
 Harder still to feel it
 Basic as a breath--
 Love is stronger than darkness
 Love is stronger than death
 --Bruce Cockburn

Counting Deacons	Lyn Gordon and Douglas Todd	Bill Rochelle and Nancy Wainwright
Greeters	Phil & Jane Falconer	Dale & Norma Brown
Flower Delivery	Judy & Dick Arthur and Birdie Blackmer	Linnea D'Andrea and John Van Oort
Faith Bookshop	Birdie Blackmer	Bill Clock
Liturgists	Stacey Midge and Paige Convis	Daniel Carlson
Preacher	Daniel Carlson	Bill Levering
Processing Elders	Birdie Blackmer, Keith Muse Christine Daniels, James Gonda, Brad & Cathy Lewis, Richard Rose, Jeanne Shoulder	Darwin Brudos, Jeanette Davidson, Peggy King, Tom Lindsay, Del Pierce, Barbara Walton, Bill Ward, Gene Zeltmann
Reader	Carol Troost	Amy Brule
Refreshments	Ellie Rowland	Stewardship Luncheon
Ushers	Del Pierce (head usher), Kip & Joanne Arnold, Richard Davis, Adam Kerwin, Lou Acquasanta	Art Shultes (head usher), Jim & Sharron McCullough, Joan Lindsay, Lou Acquasanta