

**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.

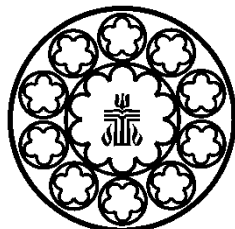
Abundance

Optimistic
Embraces Change
Gratitude
Sufficiency
Shares Knowledge
Finds Possibilities
Shows Joy
Takes Responsibility
Collaboration
Sharing
Partnerships

Scarcity

Fearful
Fears Change
Worry
There is Never Enough
Limits Knowledge
Finds Problems
Shows Anger
Blames
Control
Hoarding
Prejudice

January 17, 2016



First Reformed Church
8 North Church Street
Schenectady, New York 12305
(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.

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 17, 2016

*The congregation may stand.

PRELUDE Jazz Trio
Nat Phipps, Pete Toigo and Tom D'Andrea

10:00 a.m.

GREETING Daniel Carlson

ANNOUNCEMENTS & ORIENTATION

CALL TO WORSHIP Bill Levering

INTROIT *My Lord, What a Morning*
African-American

* HYMN *Gather Us In*

1. Here in this place new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

2. We are the young, our lives are a mystery,
we are the old who yearn for your face;
we have been sung throughout all of history,
called to be light to the whole human race.

Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.

3. Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your
daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth.

Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

4. Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away

here in this place the new light is shining,
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.

Gather us in and hold us forever,
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

* OUR NEED FOR GOD (*unison*)

O God, of darkness and light, help us, we
pray. We have failed to connect with the
suffering of those who live in the shadows.
We have not admitted to our own gloating
or gloom. As light dawns on the world in
this new year, lead us out of the gloaming
into the grace of sharing our lives,
whatever they may be, with each other, and
with you.

*GOD'S FORGIVING LOVE

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE *Gloria, Gloria*

Latin Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!
Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*unison*)

from Our Song of Hope

Our only hope is Jesus Christ.
After we refused to live in the image of
God, He was born of the virgin Mary,
sharing our genes and instincts,
entering our culture, speaking our
language, fulfilling the law of our God.
Being united to Christ's humanity,
we know ourselves when we rest in Him.

*PASSING THE PEACE

ANTHEM

Freedom Trilogy

Paul Halley

Kyrie

from *Missa de Angelis*

16th century

Halleluya! Pelo tsa rona South African
arr. by Anders Nyberg

Halleluya! We sing your praises, all our hearts are filled with gladness. Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread, I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hunger.

Siyahamba South African
arr. by Anders Nyberg

We are marching in the light of God.

Amazing Grace Traditional
words by John Newton

Olivia Cox, cello; Tom D'Andrea, percussion;
John Norton, keyboard; Pete Toigo, bass; Avery
Tunningley, piano. Vocal soloists: Kate Rose,
Stacey Midge and Gail Blinckmann

FIRST LESSON Therese McCarty

Guide us, God, by your Word and Holy Spirit.
Amen. *Isaiah 62:1-5 (pg 692)*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND LESSON *John 2:1-11 (pg 93)*

SERMON Bill Levering
The Miracle of Abundance

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Lift Every Voice and Sing

J. Rosamund Johnson

Lift every voice and sing
Till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise,
High as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith
that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope
that the present has brought us,
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod,
Bitter the chastening rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat,
Have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come, over a way
that with tears has been watered,
We have come treading our path
through the blood of the slaughtered;
Out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who has by Thy might,
Led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places,
our God, where we met Thee,
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine
of the world, we forget Thee.
Shadowed beneath Thy hand, may we forever stand,
True to our God, true to our native land.

James Weldon Johnson

*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 *O Day of Peace* #450

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Twofold Amen

Robert C. Bennett

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:

Clairmont Herman, William O'Hare, William Atherton, Dorothy Dykeman Clock, Edna Wood, Dorothy Murray, James Stevenson, Richard Vandercar, Janet Buchanan, Donald Mackintosh

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.

Post-service Refreshments

Sign-ups are needed

We are seeking volunteers for January and February. Please pair up with your friends or family members and host a Sunday. If you have questions about what is required, contact Karen the Taart Baas, karengonda6@gmail.com. Thank you!

Music Notes

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Today's Offertory, Hymn 563 in our hymnbook, was a collaborative effort of two brothers, J. Rosamund Johnson and James Weldon Johnson. It becomes the official song of the NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) in 1919 and is often referred to as the "Black National Anthem."

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: Community Justice CAB Program, Cheryl Vallee

Jan 24: Challenges of Creating a Sustainable Community, Heather Ipsen

Jan 31: Social Media, Amy Tessitore

Jazz Vespers Every Sunday ~ 5:00 pm

Today: Nat Phipps Trio – special MLK tribute

Jan 24: Mike Lamkin, piano

Jan 31: Scott Bassinson, piano

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: - Regular Meeting – MLK Day activity

Jan 24: - Regular Meeting – followed by mission trip participant/parent mtg.

Jan 31: - Pancake Breakfast – arrive by 9am

New Word Service

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 service.

Remember...

God has blessed each of us for a reason. How has God blessed you? Are you using your gifts to do God's work in this world? Are you bringing light into the dark places, and proclaiming God's liberation for all people? Remember that if you don't use and trust your gifts and talents with wisdom, no one else can.

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. Any child of Church School age is invited to join us.

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.

Church School – *Message from Blythe*

As we consider New Year resolutions, please consider involvement in the children's program. We all have something to offer: a talent, a life experience, a sport, or simply time. Our children need all of us. You can talk to me about your ideas at coffee hour, since I try to be there most Sundays. You can also reach me at blytheg.rn@gmail.com.

Stitch Group

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

Faith Bookshop

In the Bookshop you will find lovely framed photographs of FRC. They would be a nice moving-to-a-new-location gift, confirmation present, or memento for someone to whom this church holds special meaning now or in the past - maybe even yourself!

Midweek Feast: Food for Body, Mind & Soul Wednesdays in January

>*Dinner at 6*--bring yourself to a home made dinner in Assembly Hall for good food and conversation.

>*Study at 7*--delve into discussion of the future of the church led by Stacey Midge.

>*Worship at 8*—stay, if you wish, for a brief, reflective service of song, scripture, silence, communion, and prayers around the Lord's Table.

Johnson Library

Copies of the Holy Bible, King James version, are on the display table this morning, "containing the old and the new testaments translated out of the original tongues: and with the former translations diligently compared and revised, by his majesty's special command." Called "the greatest work of English prose ever written," the story of how it all came about is told in *The King James Bible Translators*, by Olga Opfell, and *God's Secretaries; The Making of the King James Bible*, by Adam Nicolson.

Horizons Bible Study

We meet every Tuesday at 10am in the Poling Conf. room. A study on Luke's gospel started on January 12. Study guides are \$10, payable to Peg Miller. Anyone interested is welcome.

Tuesday Evening Bible Study

Hope to see you at the new Bible Study on Tuesday evenings at 7pm led by Paige Convis. We are beginning in the book of Job.

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

Our third meeting is scheduled for **TODAY** at noon on the Mezzanine. We will discuss chapters 3 & 4. The fourth meeting will be scheduled at that time. Contact either Mary Alice Jewett or Jeanne Shoulder with any questions. Lunch will be provided.

The Short-Short Writing Group

A writing critique group meets on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month in the Schermerhorn Conference room at 7pm. Short-Shorts are stories, essays, memoirs, or other non-fiction works told in 1,000 words or less. Contact James for more info, at jgonda12309@gmail.com.

Call for Submissions

The Beverwyck Anthology is now accepting submissions for its March 2016 issue. The deadline is February 29. Fiction, nonfiction, essays, memoirs, and travel pieces not exceeding one thousand words are acceptable. Poetry of less than 100 lines is also acceptable. Submissions should be appropriate for a church publication. Please email submissions to Rudy and Kathy Petersen, Editors-in-Chief, at thebeverwyck@gmail.com.

Group VII

Group VII will not meet in February. Our next meeting will be on Friday, March 18 at 10am in the Dirck Romeyn Room.

Taize Worship

Join Paige, at Union College from 1:15-1:45pm every Wednesday in the Prayer and Meditation Room in Reamer Hall, for this worship service.

Tuesday Ladies – January 19

Tuesday Ladies meets next on January 19, at the home of Connie Young, 1400 Keyes Avenue. This will be our salad supper meeting. All ladies welcome to chat and get to know each other while we enjoy dinner at 6pm.

Evening Circle – January 20

Evening Circle meets again on Jan. 20, 7pm at the home of Ellie Rowland, 216 Lois Lane. We will be discussing the book *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Bachman. It's an easy read, join us!

Reserve Rooms Online

All groups need to reserve rooms one week in advance. You can find the facility use form from a link on the main page of 1stReformed.com.

Soup Shabbat with Congregation Gates of Heaven – January 22

Want to have a great meal along with other members of our congregation and Congregation Gates of Heaven while supporting global justice? Come join us on Friday, January 22 at 6pm at the Soup Shabbat Fundraiser benefiting Jubilee USA, an international debt relief organization. The mission of Jubilee USA is to build an economy that serves, protects, and promotes participation of the world's most vulnerable and poor. Our hearty soup dinner will be followed by a Martin Luther King, Jr. Shabbat service at 7pm. Thereafter, we will hear from our keynote speaker, Andy Haneuer from Jubilee USA. We will be serving a variety of soups prepared by members of both congregations along with other dinner accompaniments. We are requesting a donation equivalent to what you would spend to take your family out for dinner. Please RSVP by Tuesday, January 19 to Kathy at 374-8173 or klaws@cgoh.org.

Prayer Shawl Knit Group – January 28

We will resume our 4th Thursday of the month meetings on January 28. We meet at 10am in the home of Ronnie Bartholic, 2305 Almeria Road.

FRC Fellowship Lunches – January 29

Our next meeting will be January 29 at 11:30am in Assembly Hall. Our hosts will be Ellie & Gene Rowland and Sally & Bob Clark. Jenna Riley from Mabee Farm will be our speaker. The topic is *Secrets of Mabee House*! Everyone likes to know secrets! Please join us, bring a dish to share, and enjoy the fellowship, good food, and an interesting program. All are welcome! If you have any ideas for speakers or programs, please contact Sally Bestgen or Amy Brule.

Pancake Brunch after worship – January 31

Join the Youth Group after worship on January 31 for a Pancake Brunch to benefit the annual Mission Trip. Brunch is offered on a free will donation basis, so please be generous and support our senior high youth.

Baptismal Buddies - January 31

Our second occasional gathering for recently and soon-to-be baptized babies and their parents will be January 31, after worship, beginning in the Dirck Romeyn room and concluding with a tour of Kinderwyck. There will again be refreshments, an informal opportunity get to know one another, and a continuing conversation on how FRC can become more of a place of grace for our youngest members and their parents.

The Women's Group – February 1

We will meet on Monday, February 1 in the Dirck Romeyn room at 11am. All women of the church are invited for an informal time to get together. Bring your lunch to eat if desired. Coffee and tea and light refreshments will be available. Contact Maria Todd with questions.

SICM Food Pantry Needs Volunteers

Can you help?!? The SICM food pantry is looking for volunteers who are able to commit to helping at the pantry 1 day a week or every other week from 9am to 12pm to help distribute groceries to our pantry guests. Volunteering for the pantry is a great way to serve your community and to spend time with a fun group of people. Please contact Shelly Ford 346-4445 or sford@sicm.us or Ellie Rowland 250-4302 for more information on this and other volunteer opportunities at the SICM food pantry.

Men's Breakfast - February 6

The next meeting of the Men's Breakfast group will be, Saturday February 6 at 8am in Assembly Hall. Our speaker/program will be the Rev. Kent Busman, Director Fowler Camp and Conference Center: "Reflections on Living a Life in Balance". Kent is well known to the congregation, for his leadership role at Camp Fowler, in environmental stewardship, and "suburban homesteading". Join us for a contemporary view of the world that touches us.

New Member Class – February 7

Interested in a closer relationship with this congregation? Dr. Levering leads a membership meeting on the first Sunday of the month, which 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.

Heritage Sunday is Feb. 7

The theme of our next Heritage Sunday is "Charting our Historical Voyage" and will be hosted by Caroline Welch in the Poling Chapel during First Forum. Two speakers will be featured: Dale Brown will give a PowerPoint presentation on our six different church buildings since 1680, and James Gonda will recite an abridged version of the "Historical Sermon" once given by the Rev William Elliot Griffis, 16th Pastor of First Reformed from 1877 to 1886, to celebrate our church's 200th anniversary. James will appear in period costume and related items from our historical collections will be on display.

SICM "Souper" Bowl Fund Drive

Super Bowl 50 is rapidly approaching (Feb. 7), and SICM is looking for support in their annual "Souper" Bowl Fund Drive! 100% of the monies raised from this drive will be used to help the SICM Emergency Food Pantry feed those who are hungry throughout Schenectady County. The challenge of hunger for many people in the County continues. The Food Pantry can purchase food from the Northeastern Regional Food Bank for \$.16 per pound, so monetary donations go a long way toward providing food for those in need. There will be "Souper" Bowl canisters around the church when we begin our collection.

What To Do With Those Bottles and Cans

Turn in your redeemable recyclables at Creating Change Redemption Center at 309 Saratoga Rd. in Glenville, and tell them to donate the deposit to the *First Reformed Church of Schenectady Youth Mission Trip*. The youth group has an account there and will collect donations until the mission trip in February (Palermo, Italy).

Mission Shares

Maybe we can't all go to Italy, but we can all be part of supporting the Youth Group as they travel to Palermo to work with immigrant and refugee populations, in partnership with the Waldensian Church and RCA missionaries JJ and Tim TenClay. Mission Shares are \$25 each. With each mission share purchased, you will receive a ticket to our annual Mission Shareholders' Dinner, where the youth will tell about their experiences in Italy. This year, for the first time, you will also receive a bracelet - the same as those that will be given to the youth when they are commissioned on Feb. 7 -to remind you to pray for our youth during their trip. Please contact a youth group member or Stacey to donate a share.

Camp Fowler: Registration is Open!

Yes, it's already that time - to reserve your spot for a week or more at Camp Fowler this summer. Senior high campers are especially encouraged to sign up early, as those weeks fill up quickly. Schedules, rates, registration, and other information are available online at campfowler.org, or from Stacey. Scholarship information is also available from Stacey.

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“One should always be drunk. That's all that matters...But with what? With wine, with poetry, or with virtue, as you chose. But get drunk.” — Charles Baudelaire

“Give me books, French wine, fruit, fine weather and a little music played out of doors by somebody I do not know.” — John Keats

“Either give me more wine or leave me alone.” — Rumi

“As I ate the oysters with their strong taste of the sea and their faint metallic taste that the cold white wine washed away, leaving only the sea taste and the succulent texture, and as I drank their cold liquid from each shell and washed it down with the crisp taste of the wine, I lost the empty feeling and began to be happy and to make plans.” — Ernest Hemingway, *A Moveable Feast*

“Wine is one of the most civilized things in the world and one of the most natural things of the world that has been brought to the greatest perfection, and it offers a greater range for enjoyment and appreciation than, possibly, any other purely sensory thing.” — Ernest Hemingway

“Beer is made by men, wine by God.” — Martin Luther

“I pray you, do not fall in love with me, for I am falser than vows made in wine.” — William Shakespeare, *As You Like It*

“Wine is the most healthful and most hygienic of beverages.” — Louis Pasteur

“Age appears best in four things: old wood to burn, old wine to drink, old friends to trust and old authors to read.” — Francis Bacon

“High and fine literature is wine, and mine is only water; but everybody likes water.” — Mark Twain

“In wine, there's truth.” — Pliny the Elder, *Natural History*

“There are thousands of wines that can take over our minds. Don't think all ecstasies are the same!” — Rumi

Sunday, January 17

10:00 am Worship
 10:15 am Church School K-5
 11:00 am Refreshments
 11:15 am First Forum & First Futures
 11:15 am Kirk Ringers & Singers
 12:00 pm Book Club
 5:00 pm Jazz Vespers & Youth Group

Monday, January 18

Office Closed – *Martin Luther King, Jr. Day*

Tuesday, January 19

10:00 am Morning Prayer
 10:00 am Horizons Bible Study
 7:00 pm Evening Bible Study

Wednesday, January 20

9:30 am Kerygma Conversations
 1:00 pm Thursday Belles

Wednesday, January 20 continued

6:00 pm Midweek Feast – *Dinner*
 7:00 pm Midweek Feast – *Study*
 8:00 pm Midweek Feast - *Worship*

Thursday, January 21

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

Saturday, January 23

11:00 am Jean Brown Memorial Service

Sunday, January 24

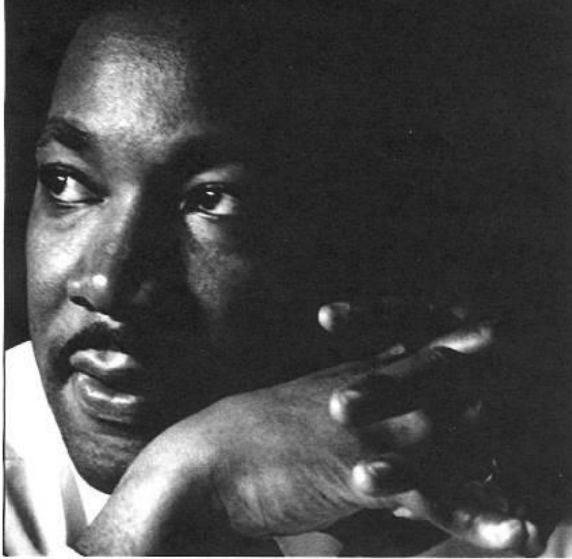
9:00 am Chancel Choir
 10:00 am Worship
 10:15 am Church School K-5
 11:00 am Refreshments
 11:15 am First Forum
 5:00 pm Jazz Vespers & Youth Group

Sunday Volunteers	This Sunday	Next Sunday
Counting Deacons	Cathy Lewis and Therese McCarty	Linnea D'Andrea and Richard Gardner
Greeters	Vilhelm & Christine Lund	Sharron & Jim McCullough
Flower Delivery	Norm & Chris Kuchar Lynn Wilkanowski	Norm & Eleanor Shilling Susan & Gene Zeltmann
Faith Bookshop	Nancy Wainwright	Bill Clock
Liturgist	Daniel Carlson	Daniel Carlson
Preacher	Bill Levering	Bill Levering
Processing Elders	Darwin Brudos, Gay Doolittle, Bill Rochelle, Richard Rose, Maria Todd, Barbara Walton	Jack Bestgen, Brad Lewis, Cathy Lewis, Liz Mastrianni, Jeanne Shoulder, Gene Zeltmann
Reader	Therese McCarty	Amy Brule
Refreshments	Connie Young	Volunteers Needed
Ushers	Del Pierce (head usher), Michael Horan, Vickie McGowan- Horan, Doug Todd	Art Shultes (head usher), Kip Arnold, Joanne Arnold, Adam Kerwin

Featuring Keynote Speaker

Hon. Carolyn McLaughlin
Albany Common Council President

***Reclaiming the Vision!
Re-Establishing the
Dream of Dr. King!***



**Schenectady County
Human Rights Commission**

Presents

***Martin Luther King, Jr.
2016 Celebration***

Sunday, January 17, 2016

Mt. Olivet Baptist Church

Assembly Hall

1068 Park Avenue, Schenectady, NY 12308

2:30pm • Program

All are invited to support and participate in the program.

Pre-Celebration Community Forum

Thursday, January 14, 2016

6:00pm - 8:00pm

Schenectady County Community College • Lally Room

For more information contact the
Schenectady County Human Rights Commission at 377-3823



“In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends.”

— Martin Luther King Jr.

“There comes a time when silence is betrayal.”

— Martin Luther King Jr.

“Everybody can be great...because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.”

— Martin Luther King Jr.

“I have decided to stick to love...Hate is too great a burden to bear.”

— Martin Luther King Jr., *A Testament of Hope: The Essential Writings and Speeches*

“Forgiveness is not an occasional act, it is a constant attitude.” — Martin Luther King Jr.

“We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope.” — Martin Luther King Jr.

“Nothing in the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity.”

— Martin Luther King Jr.

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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

Peggy King, Bill Ward, Senior Elders
Catherine Lewis, Treasurer
Nancy Davidson, Clerk

ELDERS

Amy Brule
James Gonda
Peggy King
Marilyn Leach
Adam Mason
Del Pierce
Jeanne Shoulder
Barbara Walton
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