

**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.*

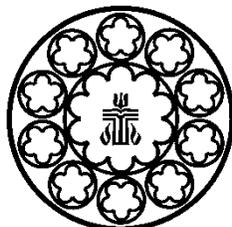
*Our fellowship shall not be dependent upon identity of theological opinion, or of outward circumstance, or of denominational concern, but shall grow from a common loyalty to Jesus, a common commitment to serve the world we touch, and a common purpose to do justly, to love kindness, and to walk humbly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



*Mad at that  
That doesn't love us  
When we want  
How we want  
To be mad at that  
That makes us  
Mad  
At ourselves*

*January 31, 2016*



**First Reformed Church**  
8 North Church Street  
Schenectady, New York 12305  
(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: 518-630-0911

### 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](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.

# Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

January 31, 2016

\*The congregation may stand.

## PRELUDE

Karl Brosch and Louise Dickenson, viola

*Ashokan Farewell* Jay Ungar

*Two Viola Duets* Charles-Auguste de Beriot

10:00 a.m.

## GREETING

Stacey Midge

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & ORIENTATION

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Bill Levering

## INTROIT *Let Your Light Shine* Tom Benjamin

\* HYMN *Arise, Your Light Is Come!* #411

## \* OUR NEED FOR GOD (*unison*)

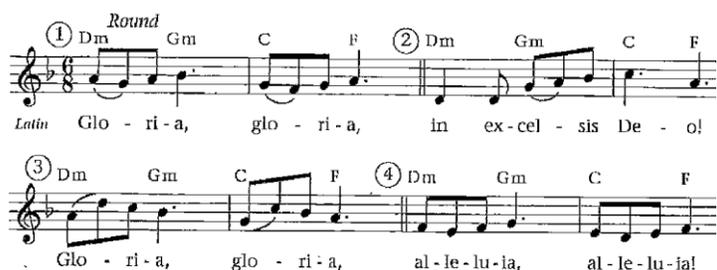
**O God, of darkness and light, help us, we pray. We have failed to connect with the suffering of those who live in the shadows. We have not admitted to our own gloating or gloom. As light dawns on the world in this new year, lead us out of the gloaming into the grace of sharing our lives, whatever they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

## \*GOD'S FORGIVING LOVE

## \*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

*Gloria, Gloria*

*Round*



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

*Light Everlasting*

Olaf Christiansen

O Light everlasting, O Love never failing.  
Illumine our darkness, and draw us to Thee;  
May we from Thy spirit receive inspiration  
That brethren together Thy wisdom may see.  
Make known to all nations, Thy salvation!  
Make known to all nations, Thy peace and salvation.  
And help us, O Father, Thy temple to be.

## FIRST LESSON

Gene Rowland

Guide us, God, by your Word and Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.** *Jeremiah 1:4-10 (pg 698)*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## SECOND LESSON

*Luke 4:21-30 (pg 61)*

## SERMON

*Jealous of God*

Bill Levering



\*HYMN *If I had a Hammer*

If I had a hammer,  
I'd hammer in the morning  
I'd hammer in the evening,  
all over this land  
I'd hammer out danger,  
I'd hammer out a warning  
I'd hammer out love between  
my brothers and my sisters  
all over this land

If I had a bell,  
I'd ring it in the morning  
I'd ring it in the evening,  
all over this land  
I'd ring it in danger,  
I'd ring out a warning  
I'd ring in love between  
my brothers and my sisters  
all over this land

If I had a song,  
I'd sing it in the morning  
I'd sing it in the evening,  
all over this land  
I'd sing it in danger,  
I'd sing out a warning  
I'd sing in love between  
my brothers and my sisters  
all over this land

Well I got a hammer  
and I got a bell  
And I got a song to sing  
all over this land  
It's the hammer of justice,  
it's the bell of freedom  
It's a song about love between  
my brothers and my sisters  
all over this land

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*Speak, O Lord* Keith Getty & Stuart Townsend  
Arr. Mary McDonald

\*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 *Fight the Good Fight* #307

\*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:

*Matilda Fontaine, Ellsworth Langdon,  
Rev. Bertram D. Atwood, George Stroebel,  
Herbert Stare, Virginia Cleveland*

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.

### **Music Notes**

The string parts for today's Offertory were arranged by Corine Salon. We are grateful to the instrumentalists: Abby Norton Levering and Julia Smith, Violin I; Louise Dickenson, Violin II; Karl Brosch, Viola; and Beth Putnam, Cello.

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### **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:** Social Media, Amy Tessitore

**Feb 7: Heritage Sunday**

**Feb 14:** Schenectady, Mayor Gary McCarthy

### **Jazz Vespers Every Sunday ~ 5:00 pm**

**Today:** Scott Bassinson, piano

**Feb 7:** Skip Parson's Riverboat Jazz Band

**Feb 14:** Nat Phipps Trio

### **Cookie Monster Says, "ME WANT COOKIE!"**

Quiet the cookie monster in all of us. Please sign up to host February post-service refreshments. Thank you.

### **Pancake Brunch after worship – TODAY**

Join the Youth Group after worship in Friendship Hall 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.

### **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:** - Pancake Breakfast – no evening mtg.

**Feb 7:** - The mission trip participants will be commissioned during the 10am worship service. Parents/participants will meet briefly after worship. There will be no 5pm meeting on this date.

**Feb 14-21 Mission Trip no Youth Group Mtgs.**

### **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***

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.m@gmail.com](mailto:blytheg.m@gmail.com).

### **WORD Service - *Patience* – February 12**

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.

### **Baptismal Buddies - TODAY**

Our second occasional gathering for recently and soon-to-be baptized babies and their parents will be TODAY, 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.

### **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 gift, for someone to whom this church holds special meaning now or in the past.

### **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 in Room 22. We are beginning in the book of Job.

### **Prayer Shawl Knit Group**

We meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month at 10am in the home of Ronnie Bartholic, 2305 Almeria Road.

### **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](mailto: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](mailto:thebeverwyck@gmail.com).

### **The Women's Group – February 1**

We will meet TOMORROW, Monday, Feb. 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.

### **Avery Presents, The Usual Suspects - Feb. 5**

The Usual Suspects is a Schenectady based music group composed of five veteran musicians performing contemporary and classic hits from a variety of genres including pop, country, jazz, rock and blues. Join us at 7pm in Poling Chapel.

### **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**

Dr. Levering leads a membership meeting 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.

**Youth Education Committee seeks feedback**  
Meeting to be held right after church Feb 28.

## **Heritage Sunday is February 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, 16<sup>th</sup> Pastor of First Reformed from 1877 to 1886, to celebrate our church's 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary. James will appear in period costume and related items from our historical collections will be on display.

## **SICM "Souper" Bowl Fund Drive – Feb. 7**

Super Bowl 50 is rapidly approaching 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. There will be "Souper" Bowl canisters around the church when we begin our collection.

## **Ash Wednesday – February 10**

We usher in the season of Lent on February 10 with our annual Ash Wednesday service, held at 7pm in Poling Chapel. This family-friendly service will include simple music, prayers, and marking our foreheads with ashes.

## **Tuesday Ladies – February 16**

Meetings are every third Tuesday of the month in the home of Connie Young, 1400 Keyes Avenue. Please call Connie at 393-7061 if you have any questions or for more info.

## **Bottles and Cans Collection for Youth Trip**

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.

## **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.

## **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](mailto:sford@sicm.us) or Ellie Rowland 250-4302 for more information on this and other volunteer opportunities at the SICM food pantry.

## **Kids Cooking is Back!**

Wednesdays 4-5pm on school days at State Street Presbyterian Church. Adult help needed. This is a mission supported by our church. Contact Jeanette Davidson at 393-1898 for details.

## **Musicians of Ma'alwyck "The Joy of Frets"**

On **Saturday, Feb. 6** at 3pm guest artist guitarist Joel Brown joins members of Musicians of Ma'alwyck here at FRC for an afternoon of music for two guitars and strings. Music of de Fossa and Vivaldi is paired with modern crossover works, including some of Joel's own arrangements. Complimentary tickets will be available in the church office before Feb. 6.

“Normally we divide the external world into that which we consider to be good or valuable, bad or worthless, or neither. Most of the time these discriminations are incorrect or have little meaning. For example, our habitual way of categorizing people as friends, enemies, and strangers depending on how they make us feel is both incorrect and a great obstacle to developing impartial love for all living beings. Rather than holding so tightly to our discriminations of the external world, it would be much more beneficial if we learned to discriminate between valuable and worthless states of mind.”

— Kelsang Gyatso, *Transform Your Life: A Blissful Journey*

“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.' These men without possessions or power, these strangers on Earth, these sinners, these followers of Jesus, have in their life with him renounced their own dignity, for they are merciful. As if their own needs and their own distress were not enough, they take upon themselves the distress and humiliation of others. They have an irresistible love for the down-trodden, the sick, the wretched, the wronged, the outcast and all who are tortured with anxiety. They go out and seek all who are enmeshed in the toils of sin and guilt. No distress is too great, no sin too appalling for their pity. If any man falls into disgrace, the merciful will sacrifice their own honour to shield him, and take his shame upon themselves.”

— Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *The Cost of Discipleship*

“There has never been a just [war], never an honorable one--on the part of the instigator of the war. I can see a million years ahead, and this rule will never change in so many as half a dozen instances. The loud little handful--as usual--will shout for the war. The pulpit will--warily and cautiously--object--at first; the great, big, dull bulk of the nation will rub its sleepy eyes and try to make out why there should be a war, and will say, earnestly and indignantly, 'It is unjust and dishonorable, and there is no necessity for it.'

Then the handful will shout louder. A few fair men on the other side will argue and reason against the war with speech and pen, and at first will have a hearing and be applauded; but it will not last long; those others will shout them, and presently the anti-war audiences will thin out and lose popularity. Before long you will see this curious thing: the speakers stoned from the platform, and free speech strangled by hordes of furious men who in their secret hearts are still at one with those stoned speakers--as earlier--but do not dare say so. And now the whole nation--pulpit and all--will take up the war-cry, and shout itself hoarse, and mob any honest man who ventures to open his mouth; and presently such mouths will cease to open. Next the statesmen will invent cheap lies, putting the blame upon the nation that is attacked, and every man will be glad of those conscience-soothing falsities, and will diligently study them, and refuse to examine any refutations of them; and thus he will by and by convince himself the war is just, and will thank God for the better sleep he enjoys after this process of grotesque self-deception.”

— Mark Twain, *The Mysterious Stranger and Other Stories*

Love flies, runs, leaps for joy; it is free and unrestrained. Love gives all for all, resting in One who is highest above all things, from whom every good flows and proceeds. Love does not regard the gifts, but turns to the Giver of all good gifts. Love knows no limits, but ardently transcends all bounds. Love feels no burden, takes no account of toil, attempts things beyond its strength; love sees nothing as impossible, for it feels able to achieve all things. Love therefore does great things; it is strange and effective; while he who lacks love faints and fails.”

— Thomas à Kempis, *The Inner Life*

“Each time you say hello to a stranger, your heart acknowledges over and over again that we are all family.” — Suzy Kassem

*Deuteronomy 10:19* You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.

*Leviticus 19:34* The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God.

*Matthew 5:43-44* You have heard that it was said, 'you shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy'. But I say to you, love your enemy and pray for those who persecute you.

*Hebrews 13:1* Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.

*Colossians 3:11* In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all.

*Matthew 25:35* I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me.

*Romans 12:13* Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.



## **Skip Parsons Plays at Mardi Gras Jazz Vespers Next Sunday**

Lent begins February 10 and traditionally there are some joyous festivals before Lent to get ready for the season of discipline. At FRC, Skip Parsons and his Dixieland Jazz Band will be holding forth in a Jazz Vespers Mardi Gras celebration that will get your toe tapping. Next Sunday, February 7 at 5pm will be a jumping time in Poling Chapel. All are welcome.



# Lenten Schedule

## **Ash Wednesday, February 10**

6pm ~ Dinner

7pm ~ Ash Wednesday Service

## **Wednesdays, February 17 – March 16**

6pm ~ Dinner

7pm ~ Lenten Programs

8pm ~ Lenten Evening Worship

### **Dinner**

Dinners will be simple-but-hearty meals with provisions for vegetarian and vegan diners. To help cover the cost of the meal a free will offering, with the suggested amount of \$5 per person, will be collected.

### **Programs**

To begin our spiritual journey to Easter Sunday on March 27 the Adult Education and Nurture Committee will be sponsoring three group programs, weekly worship services, and dinners.

Activities for children will be provided by the Youth Education and Nurture Committee.

Childcare will be available in Kinderwyk.

### **Lenten Evening Worship**

Following class and before heading home, join others for an abbreviated service of song, communion, and prayers.

### ***Jesus in Jerusalem***

A book study on *The Last Week: What the Gospels Really Teach About Jesus' Final Days in Jerusalem*.

### ***Science and Religion***

The church, Galileo, Darwin, and quantum physics to be discussed.

### ***History Class***

Presented by the Archives & Historical Concerns Committee. Charting Our Historical Voyage; Five Notable Ministers of our Congregation.

### ***Lenten Series For Kids***

Join the Wonderful Wednesday Wackers in the music office after dinner each Wednesday during Lent. Adam Mason and Jamie Ipsen will be teaching the group rhythms, riffs, and improvs using the Boomwackers and Orff instruments. They hope to perform several spiritual and contemporary songs at the completion of the series. Regular attendance is encouraged but not mandatory. No musical experience is needed.

### **Lenten Volunteers Needed**

Two or three people are needed to set tables on Wednesday afternoons. Three or four people are needed for clean up after the dinners. We also need people to help prepare food. This can be done at home and at least part of the cost of the food will be reimbursed from the offering. If you can help, please contact Marilyn Leach at 374-1022 or [marilyn.leach64@gmail.com](mailto:marilyn.leach64@gmail.com).



**Sunday, January 31**

- 10:00 am ..... Worship
- 10:15 am ..... Church School K-5
- 11:00 am ..... Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser
- 11:00 am ..... Baptismal Buddies
- 11:15 am ..... First Forum
- 11:15 am ..... Kirk Ringers & Singers
- 5:00 pm ..... Jazz Vespers

**Monday, February 1**

- 9:00 am ..... Men’s Newsgroup
- 11:00 am ..... Women’s Group
- 7:00 pm ..... Klokken Tower Ringers

**Tuesday, February 2**

- 10:00 am ..... Morning Prayer
- 10:00 am ..... Horizons Bible Study
- 11:30 am ..... Support & Care
- 1:30 pm ..... Worship Meeting
- 7:00 pm ..... Evening Bible Study
- 7:00 pm ..... First Responders Meeting

**Wednesday, February 3**

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

**Thursday, February 4**

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

**Friday, February 5**

- 7:00 pm ..... First Friday Performance
- ..... Avery Presents, The Usual Suspects

**Sunday, February 7**

- 9:00 am ..... Chancel Choir
- 10:00 am ..... Worship, Communion, Heritage
- ..... Sunday, Commissioning of Youth
- ..... for Mission Trip to Italy
- 10:15 am ..... Church School K-5
- 11:00 am ..... Refreshments
- 11:15 am ..... First Forum-Heritage Sunday
- 3:00 pm ..... New Members Class
- 5:00 pm ..... Jazz Vespers

| Sunday Volunteers | This Sunday  | Next Sunday  |
|-------------------|--|--|
| Counting Deacons  | Gay Doolittle and Doug Todd  | Bill Martin and Carol Troost   |
| Greeters          | Bill & Caroline Brooks   | Joe & Ann Gotwals<br>Ken & Nancy Rimany  |
| Flower Delivery   | Keith Muse<br>Kitty & George Trimarco  |  |
| Faith Bookshop    | Birdie Blackmer  | Committee Member   |
| Liturgist         | Stacey Midge   | Stacey Midge   |
| Preacher          | Bill Levering  | Bill Levering  |
| Processing Elders | Peggy King, Don Leach, Marilyn Leach, Gay Doolittle, Richard Rose, Gene Zeltmann                             | Birdie Blackmer, Jeanette Davidson, James Gonda, Keith Muse, Del Pierce, Jeanne Shoulder,    |
| Reader            | Gene Rowland   | Carol Troost   |
| Refreshments      | Lorraine Aumic   | Sarah Howes and Mary Carlson   |
| Ushers            | George Davidson (head usher), Jeanette Davidson, Don Davidson, Doug Todd, Jim McCullough, Sharron McCullough | Glenn Blinckmann (head usher), Gerry Myers, Crystal Mongillo, Justine Ochal, Ralph Rosenthal |

## **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**

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  
Bill Ward  
Caroline Welch

#### **DEACONS**

Linnea D'Andrea  
Fred Daniels  
Gay Doolittle  
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