

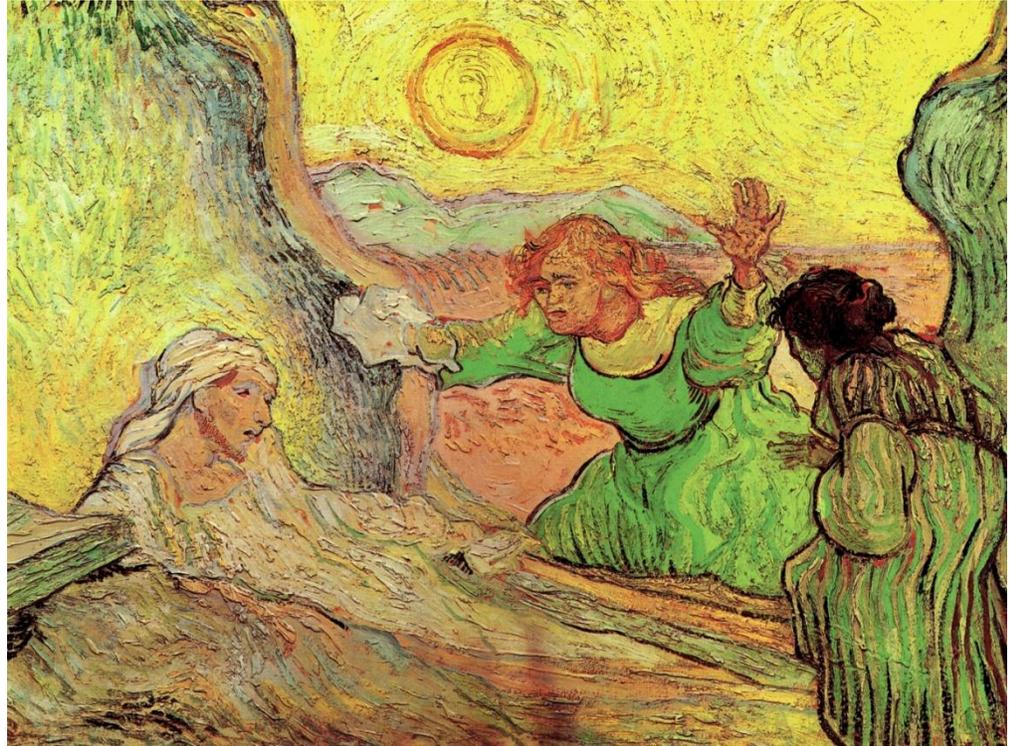
***The Covenant of Our
Congregation
Adopted in 1962***

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 Raising of Lazarus after Rembrandt" by Vincent van Gogh

June 5, 2016



First Reformed Church
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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.

Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 5, 2016

*The congregation may stand.

PRELUDE Johnny Willis

I Am A Pilgrim Merle Travis
Hard Times Stephen Foster
Peace Train Cat Stevens

10:00 a.m.

GREETING Stacey Midge

The grace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & ORIENTATION

CALL TO WORSHIP Bill Levering

INTROIT *Choral Call* Robert Campbell

*HYMN *God Is Here!* #461

*OUR NEED FOR GOD (*unison*)

**God of new life, we thank you for the hope
you have given us through Jesus Christ.
We confess that we do not always live into
that hope. We are killed by fear, anxiety,
and shame. Help us to live fully the
resurrection life you have given us. Amen.**

*GOD'S FORGIVING LOVE

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE (*unison*)

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

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*unison*)

(from Our Song of Hope)

**God's Spirit speaks in the world
according to God's ultimate word in Christ.
In every time and place,
in ancient cities and distant lands,
in technology and business,
in art and education,
God has not been left without a witness.
The Word has entered where we have
failed to go.**

*PASSING THE PEACE

ANTHEM

Are You Washed in the Blood? Elisha Hoffman
arr. Harlan

FIRST LESSON Amy Brule

Guide us, God, by your Word and Holy Spirit
Amen. *1 Kings 17:8-16, (17-24) (pg 324)*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND LESSON *Luke 7:11-17 (pg 65)*

SERMON *The Other Resurrection* Bill Levering

*HYMN *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!* #113

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Come Flood This Heart of Mine

David Lantz III

Come flood this heart of mine
with your great love divine.
Come, Spirit, make Your home,
my heart is Yours alone.

Come flood this heart of mine
with your great love divine.
My Eve'ry sin forgive
as one with You I live.

Come fill my heart,
I am longing for Your pow'r.
Your presence and peace
will be mine this very hour.

Come fill my heart with your
Spirit in his place.
Let my heart overflow
with the fullness of Your grace.

Make of this heart of mine
a vessel wholly Thine.
Drive dark and doubt away,
O fill me, Lord, I pray.

Herb Frombach

*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.

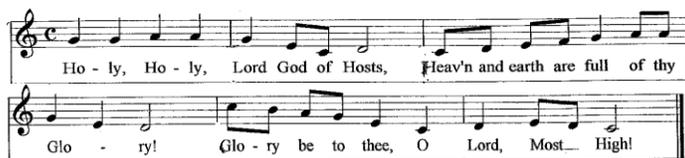
Lift up your hearts.

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



COMMUNION

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 *Shalom, Chaverim!* #537
Farewell, Good Friends

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*CHORAL RESPONSE
Shalom, Chaverim Israeli

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

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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 eternal rest in previous years about this time:

Lora Marting, Jean Hay, Julia Amelia Jackson Phillips, Alice Marcellus, Duane Anderson, Hal Clements, Chuck Nelson, Jocelyn Mathes, Jean Bundy, William Dotter, Edwards Murray

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.

In Memoriam

The chancel flowers today are placed in the sanctuary to the glory of God and in loving memory of Bill Dotter by his wife, Elsie and their children.

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: Reception for Rev. Dr. Daniel Carlson

June 12: Working Group on Girls,
Kathleen McLean

June 19: Make Room Update – Fred and Lisa

Annual Meeting Information – TODAY

The consistory invites members of the congregation to the Annual Meeting that will be held immediately following today's worship service. This meeting is for the purpose of receiving the annual reports, electing officers, and electing at large members of the nominating committee. The meeting itself moves briskly. After the meeting we will have a reception honoring Daniel Carlson on the completion of his Doctor of Ministry program.

In addition to officers who will be re-elected for a second and final term, the nominating committee will place into nomination the following people for a first term:

For Elder, Class of 2018

Liz Mastrianni
Brad Lewis

For Deacon, Class of 2018

Ralph Rosenthal
Andy Chestnut
Richard Rose

Music Notes

Beth Putnam, fiddle; Andy Chestnut and Daniel Carlson, guitar; Johnny Willis, mandolin, and Dan Ertel, bass.

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.

Camp Scholarships to Fowler

Now is the time to sign kids and youth up for Summer Camp at Fowler. You need to pre-register. Please notify the church office if you are attending Fowler this summer.

Jazz Vespers Every Sunday ~ 5:00 pm

Today: Nat Phipps Trio

June 12: 'Azzaam Hameed, piano

June 19: Peg Delaney Trio

Prospective Member Class – TODAY

Interested in a closer relationship with this congregation? Dr. Levering will be leading a membership orientation meeting that includes a tour of the church and a chat about who we are. It lasts 90 minutes and is held at 3pm in the church office.

Summer Refreshments beginning June 12 move to The Huntley Garden

Whenever possible, refreshments after the service will be served in the Huntley Garden. Please consider signing up for helping in Assembly Hall. You will also find an important instruction sheet for summer procedures.

Church School for Summer

There will always be a prepared craft or game activity for the children each Sunday if anyone chooses to attend. We may be meeting upstairs in room 20, Kinderwyk, or outside (weather permitting), but you will always pick up your children in the Kinderwyk Building. If you would like to volunteer to help, contact Blythe.

United Prayer Ministry

Let us give thanks to God:

Linda Witkowski has returned to Schenectady and is now receiving physical therapy at Sunnyview--and is welcoming visitors (4-8pm; room 301);

Nancy Wainwright's temporary radiation implant procedure in Philadelphia for her eye went well.

Make Room Campaign Update

Many thanks to the numerous people who have pledged and donated to the Make Room Campaign. At this writing we stand at \$883,490. Pledge cards continue to come in, so if you haven't sent yours it's not too late! Meanwhile, **the Phase 2 Design process** is still underway, and during the week of **June 6** we will not meet due to scheduling complications. During the week of June 13 we will hold our second follow up meeting regarding both Community Use and Sustainable Building Practices. Thank you, everyone!

Faith Bookshop

If during these summer Sundays you wish to visit the Bookshop and you find it closed, a Bookshop committee member will be glad to help you. Seek out Birdie Blackmer, Bill Clock, Ginny Laumeister or Nancy Wainwright.

Women's Group – June 6

Women's group, formerly group V, will meet for lunch on Monday, June 6 at 11:30am at the Waters Edge Lighthouse Restaurant. Barbara Wood will be calling members. Anyone wanting to come may call Barbara.

Sacred Spaces Gentle Yoga – June 6

This weekly class moved to Mondays. It meets from 6-7:15pm in the Dirck Romeyn room and is open to all levels of practice including those who may be new. Bring a yoga mat and any other props you wish to use. For more info, call Mary LaFountain (225-3240). Cost \$10/class and there are two free slots for FRC members.

Stories and Songs for Racial Healing - June 7

Join us Tuesday at 7pm at Arthur's Market, for a program featuring Reggie Harris who will share stories and songs of his shared racial family history and living and working across racial boundaries. Co-sponsored by FRC's JAC.

Word Service on Imagination - June 10

Stories of all types: autobiographical, Biblical, and fictional. Stories of fantasy and painful reality. Stories of imagination and music of the stars. This monthly service starts at 7pm and features storytellers and Avery at the piano in Poling Chapel. What's your story?

Justice Action Council -Capital Pride Festival

On June 11 we will gather at the church at 9:30, carpool down to Washington Park, check in, and assemble to march in the parade which kicks off at noon. Please call Jeanne Shoulder with any questions, 781-724-5030.

Summer Kerygma Conversations-June 15

Dietrich Bonhoeffer's classic book on Christian community, *Life Together* is the focus for this group that seeks to grow in faith and practice. Join us the first and third Wednesday of June, July, and August, 9:30-11am, in Dirck Romeyn room. Contact Rev. Carlson to get a book.

Dutch Exchange Program Concert - June 15

Folk singers Nanne & Ankie, from the Netherlands, will perform in Poling Chapel, Wednesday evening June 15. Come & enjoy the music at 7pm, and/or the potluck supper in Assembly Hall at 6pm. Bring a favorite casserole or salad to share. Dessert & beverage will be provided. A free will offering will be taken to help support this year's Schenectady/ Nijkerk adult exchange in September. Contact Laura Lee at lleelinder@gmail.com or 281-4764 with ????

Group VII – June 17

Our Annual Picnic will take place on Friday, June 17 at 11:30am. It will be held at the home of Connie Young, 1400 Keyes Avenue. Call Connie at 393-7061 with any questions.

Midmonth Evening Meal and Worship

Our delicious dinners and contemplative worship on Wednesdays transitions to monthly gathering for the warmer months of the year. Join us **June 22** at 6pm in Assembly Hall for a feast--the main dish is provided; sides, salads, desserts are invited. The service which follows at 7pm is optional, though often the destination of diners, and attended by some who don't often come for dinner. In the quiet of Poling Chapel we attend to the love of God for all creation via guitar accompanied songs, guided meditation on Scripture, Communion, prayers, and Christ's peace. The rest of the dates are: July 13 and August 17.

Prayer Shawl Knit Group

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

Evening Circle Pot-Luck Picnic - June 22

Yes, this was scheduled for May, but has been postponed. Sally Bestgen has graciously agreed to host (again) and we hope for a wonderful turnout for our year-end pot luck picnic at 6pm. Please let one of the Sallys know that you'll be there. And encourage your friends to join you. Sally B (346-0304) or Sally Clark (377-2154).

Join Prayer Chain Ministry

This vital ministry of intercession and thanksgiving is now welcoming more participants. Members periodically receive concise requests for prayer via email or phone and then pray as led. To help hold before God those within our community and beyond who are standing in the need of prayer, contact Marilyn Leach (374-1022 or marilyn.leach64@gmail.com); who now co-coordinates this ministry with Vernetta Thuener, Ann Gotwals, and Daniel Carlson.

SICM Summer Lunches at Yates

First Reformed members are needed to volunteer everyday for four weeks in August: the weeks of August 8, 15, 22, and 29. It will take one and a half hours of your time. Please sign up in Assembly Hall or the office. You can do one day, one day a week, each day for one week, or whatever fits your schedule.

Shepherds Needed to Feed the Sheep

FRC is committed to provide lunch at the Salvation Army on: June 8, Sept. 7, Oct. 5, and Nov. 9 in 2016. Join three friendly servers at the Salvation Army from 11am-1:30pm. We have fun! Contact Connie Young at 393-7061 or cyoung50@nycap.rr.com.

Stephen Ministry Picnic

All currently active and inactive Stephen Ministers (and respective spouses/family members) are invited to our annual pull-out-the-stops picnic, Thursday, June 23, 6pm at Lisa Etkin's home. Contact Lisa (631-4410) to indicate you're coming, what you'll bring, and get directions, or signup on the sheet in Assembly Hall!

A Caring Congregation

One of the best ways to tell that our congregation cares is by our commitment to Stephen Ministry. This is a vital expression of God's love poured into our hearts that compels us to love those around us--especially those most in need. Is God calling you to take more active role in Christian caregiving? If so, then stop in at the Stephen Ministry info table to pick up more information and/or talk with a Stephen Leader.

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“What do we say to the Lord of Death?”
'Not today.’ — George R.R. Martin, *A Game of Thrones*

“I think people believe in heaven because they don't like the idea of dying, because they want to carry on living and they don't like the idea that other people will move into their house and put their things into the rubbish.”

— Mark Haddon, *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*

“To fear death, gentlemen, is no other than to think oneself wise when one is not, to think one knows what one does not know. No one knows whether death may not be the greatest of all blessings for a man, yet men fear it as if they knew that it is the greatest of evils.” — Socrates

“Fear is an aid to the warrior. It is a small fire burning. It heats the muscles, making us stronger. Panic comes when the fire is out of control, consuming all courage and pride.”

— David Gemmell, *Lord of the Silver Bow*

“Mindless fear is greater than mindful fear.”

— Idowu Koyenikan

“Humanity is the desire for novelty founded upon the fear of death” — Henri Barbusse, *Hell*

“Tis only when faced with our own mortality that we truly realize what it means to be alive,”

— Timothy Strother

Sunday, June 5

10:00 am Worship/Communion
 10:15 am Church School K-5
 11:00 am Annual Meeting
 followed by a Reception
 for Rev. Dr. Daniel Carlson
 3:00 pm New Member Class
 4:00 pm Klokken Ringers
 5:00 pm Jazz Vespers

Monday, June 6

9:00 am Mens Newsgroup
 11:00 am Women's Group
 6:00 pm Yoga
 7:00 pm Klokken Ringers

Tuesday, June 7

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

Wednesday, June 8

1:00 pm Archives
 2:00 pm Staff Picnic

Thursday, June 9

7:30 am Breakfast Bible Bunch
 6:30 pm A Different Way in Reading
 Graduation

Friday, June 10

7:00 pm WORD Service – *Imagination*

Sunday, June 12

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

Sunday Volunteers	This Sunday	Next Sunday
Counting Deacons	Joan Lindsay and Vickie McGowan-Horan	Lyn Gordon and Claire Hughes
Greeters	Kip and Joanne Arnold	Cynthia Gallagher
Flower Delivery	Joan and Tom Lindsay Dan Ertel	Jeanne Shoulder and Mary Jane Fisher
Faith Bookshop	Committee Member	Committee Member
Liturgist	Stacey Midge	
Preacher	Bill Levering	Bill Levering
Processing Elders	Gay Doolittle, James Gonda, Brad & Cathy Lewis, Mary Jewett, Liz Mastrianni, Del Pierce, Gene Zeltmann	Jeanette Davidson, Carolyn Jones-Assini, Jeanne Shoulder, Birdie Blackmer
Reader	Amy Brule	Jim Miller
Refreshments	Reception for Rev. Dr. Daniel Carlson	Volunteer Needed
Ushers	Art Shultes (head usher), Jeanette & Don Davidson, Joan Lindsay, Crystal Mongillo, Ralph Rosenthal	Glenn Blinckmann (head usher), Sharron & Jim McCullough, Gerry Myers, Justine Ochal