

***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.*



*October 16, 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 children 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 usually posted at [1stReformed.com](http://1stReformed.com) after a few days. Live streaming is also available there.

### 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.

**Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost**

October 16, 2016

\*The congregation may stand.

PRELUDE Leonid Polishchuk, violin  
Avery Tunningley, piano

*Fantasia No. 1 for violin* Georg Philipp Telemann  
*Movements 1 and 2*

*Sonata in D major for violin* G.F. Handel  
*Movement 1*

*Air for G string* J.S. Bach

10:00 a.m.

GREETING Daniel Carlson  
The grace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS & ORIENTATION

CALL TO WORSHIP Bill Levering

INTROIT Fiji Islands Folk Melody  
*This is the Day that Our God has Made*  
Anonymous

\*HYMN *Kum ba Yah* #338

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

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*unison*)  
*from the Confession of 1967*

**Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with courage. People are free to seek life within the purpose of God: to develop and protect the resources of nature for the common welfare, to work for justice and peace in society, and in other ways to use their creative powers for the fulfillment of human life.**

\*PASSING THE PEACE

ANTHEM

*Song of Generations* Benjamin Kornelis

O my people, hear my teaching,  
listen for the words of my mouth.  
I will open my mouth with a parable;  
I will teach you lessons from the past:  
things we have heard and known,  
things our ancestors told us.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in treble clef with a common time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the first line of the anthem. The second staff contains the second line. The third staff contains the third line. The lyrics are: "We will not hide them from our chil-dren, we will tell the next ge-ne-ra-tion the praise-wor-thy deeds of the Lord, His pow'r, and the won-ders, His pow'r and the won-ders He has done."

So the next generations would know them,  
even the children yet unborn,  
and they in turn would tell their children.  
They would put their trust in God,  
and would not forget His deeds,  
but would keep His commands.

**Refrain (music & words printed above)**

O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast,  
and our eternal home.

**Refrain (repeat)**

Psalm 78:1-4, 6-7 and Isaac Watts

FIRST LESSON Carol Troost  
Guide us, God, by your Word and Holy Spirit  
**Amen.** *Deuteronomy 6:4-9 (pg 163)*



## **United Prayer Ministry**

Let us give thanks for Linnea D'Andrea's successful hernia surgery and pray for ongoing recovery at home.

## **Church Directories**

Updated directories are available in Assembly Hall and the church office.

## **Post-service Refreshments in Assembly Hall**

Join us for refreshments after worship in Assembly Hall. Please consider providing treats and hosting our post-worship fellowship by signing up for a couple of Sundays during the year. The sign-up sheet and instructions are in Assembly Hall. Direct any questions you may have to hospitality coordinators Gay Doolittle, [gaysdoolittle@gmail.com](mailto:gaysdoolittle@gmail.com) 399-0499 or Barbara Walton, [waltonbl@aol.com](mailto:waltonbl@aol.com)/346-1943.

## **Music Notes**

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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:** Active Shooter Situations  
Mike Munger, SCCC Security

**Oct 23:** The Election  
Zoe Oxley, Union College professor

**Oct 30:** Urban Ministry  
Rev. Dr. Lorena Parish

## **Ring into Fall!**

Klokken Tower Ringers cordially invite you to come and experience the joy of handbell ringing! Our usual rehearsal date is Monday at 7pm in the Poling conference room. Contact Judy Moore at, [jbmnotes@nycap.rr.com](mailto:jbmnotes@nycap.rr.com) with any questions.

## **Church School**

Children in grades K-5 are invited to go upstairs for church school after the Children's Message; those in grades 6-8 may choose whether to remain in the service or help out with the younger children. Additional teachers are needed, so if any parents or other adults are willing to volunteer regularly or as a substitute, please contact Shannon Kerwin or the office.

## **New for Kids!**

Learn to play the ukulele (or join us and share your expertise if you already know how to play!) We will be meeting in two groups each Sunday morning in room 20:  
**Grades 6-12** - 9-9:30 lesson, 9:30-9:59 practice  
**Grades 1-5** - 9:30-9:59 lesson & practice

## **Kirk Ringers, Singers & Orff**

Kirk Ringers, Singers, and Orff will meet from 11:15am 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. No prior experience required. Come and find out what we are all about. If you have any questions, please contact Jamie Ipsen.

## **Youth Group Schedule**

Youth in grades 6-12 are welcome to join any or all of our youth group events, and friends are always invited. We have service projects and active social events approximately monthly.

**October 30, 12:30-3pm Bowlathon to benefit Safe Inc.** The cost is \$25, which includes bowling, shoes, and a pizza lunch.

## **Choir invites you to Drop-In for Anthem**

For singers who cannot make it to regular Thursday night Chancel Choir rehearsals, you are welcomed and encouraged to join us on Sunday morning at 9am in the Sanctuary for anthems which may be familiar to you.

**October 23** – *Set Me as a Seal* (Childs)

**October 30** – *Offertory* (Beck) Micah 6:8

**November 6** – *The Saints of God* (Bassi)

**November 13** – *One Thing More* (Marshall)

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

**Today:** Peg Delaney Trio

**Oct 23:** 'Azzaam Hameed Trio

**Oct 30:** Tim Olsen

### **Faith Bookshop**

Today you'll find two unique Halloween books, and other items young folks would enjoy, on the front table in the Bookshop. Also, some book-spooks slipped in and placed pink this-is-now-half-price stickers on selected books. Come in now, before it all vanishes!

### **Beverwyck Vol. 3 Available**

The Short-short writers group released vol. 3 of the Beverwyck Anthology book. Copies are now available in the bookshop and the office.

### **Horizon Bible Study**

We meet every Tuesday at 10am in the Poling Conference room. We started our nine-week study on "Who Is Jesus?" Join us.

### **Tuesday Ladies –not meeting in October**

Meetings are usually every third Tuesday of the month in the home of Connie Young. Please call Connie at 393-7061 for more info or ?????

### **Stitch Group**

Our church stitch group meets every Thursday at 10am in Poling Conference room. Work on whatever project you have. For more info, contact Joan Lindsay, 399-3153.

### **Johnson Memorial Library**

Books may be borrowed for four weeks. On the card in the back of the book, list your name, address, and phone number. Enjoy the library for all it has to offer and please return the books.

### **The Short-Short Writing Group – Oct. 18**

A writing critique group meets on the first and third Tuesday of the month at 7pm in Assembly Hall. Short-Shorts are stories, essays, memoirs, or other non-fiction works told in 1,000 words or less. Contact James Gonda for more info, at [jgonda12309@gmail.com](mailto:jgonda12309@gmail.com).

### **Join Us for Chat 'n' Chew**

Wednesday from 5:30-7pm, we gather in Assembly Hall to enjoy a home-cooked meal, spend time in community and conversation, and talk about various topics on religion, faith, and culture. ALL are welcome! Please get in contact with Jonathan at [RevJonathan16@gmail.com](mailto:RevJonathan16@gmail.com), or (616) 822-3644 with questions or to volunteer to help. Thanks, and we hope to see you soon!

### **Midmonth Contemplative Worship – Oct. 19 This Wednesday**

On the Wednesday evening closest to the middle of each month, a small group gathers in the stillness of Poling Chapel to worship differently: we sing songs gently accompanied by acoustic guitar; we take turns reading aloud a brief portion of Scripture and listening for God's intent for our respective lives; we engage in an extended time of centering prayer wherein we silently abide in God's loving presence; we gather around the Lord's Table where the bread and cup are passed from one person to the next; and finally, we join hands praying aloud for all who are on our hearts. On **October 19**, at 7pm, you are invited join us for contemplative worship. Those with questions may contact Daniel Carlson.

### **Word Service**

Our WORD service is a collection of stories about particular topics, much like an NPR feature. It takes place on the second Friday of the month. The next service is on Friday, November 11 at 7pm. The service presents fine music, autobiographical stories, works from our short-short fiction group, and a minister or two.

### **Stephen Minister Training Continues**

This week the Stephen Ministry training class will be considering the subject of process versus results in caregiving. In this session they will be learning the difference between their role as caregivers and God's role within the caregiving relationships. We thank God for the continuing dedication of our Stephen Minister trainees!

### **Evening Circle – October 19**

Please call/email Ellie Rowland to confirm your attendance; 250-4302, erowland@nycap.rr.com  
We are having dinner at Casa Real, 1400 Altamont Ave. on Wednesday, Oct. 19 at 6pm.

### **Group VII – October 21**

Our next meeting will be on Friday, Oct. 21 at 10am in the Dirck Romeyn room. The program is on Safe Inc. with Gay Doolittle as our hostess.

### **Prayer Shawl Knit Group –October 27**

We meet on the fourth Thursday of the month at the home of Ronnie Bartholic. All are welcome to join us and if you have any questions please give Ronnie a call at 393-7679.

### **FRC Fellowship Lunches – October 28**

Our first meeting is Friday, Oct. 28, in Assembly Hall at 11:30am. Our speaker, Mike Munger, is the Director of Safety at SCCC. The topic of his talk is “*Surviving an Active Shooter Situation*”. Join us, bring a dish to share, visit with friends, make new friends, enjoy the “fellowship” and an informative talk!

Remember, Fellowship Luncheon is open to both men and women. Please sign up, either by phone 346-0304 or in Assembly Hall. Our hostesses are Sally Bestgen and Amy Brule.

### **Musicians of Ma’alwyck Concert**

#### **Here at FRC, October 28 – 7pm**

Our first concert, which is titled *Transfigured Night* features the lushly romantic string sextet. Complimentary tickets for FRC members are available in the church office.

### **New Member Class**

Interested in a closer relationship with this congregation? Dr. Levering will be leading membership orientation meetings that include 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 on the first Sunday of the month.

“She considered, maybe for the first time, how lucky she was to be able to pick up the phone and call her mother whenever she needed bad advice.” — Brady Udall, *The Lonely Polygamist*

“Families come into therapy with their own structure, and tone, and rules. Their organization, their pattern, has been established over years of living, and it is extremely meaningful and very painful for them. They would not be in therapy if they were happy with it. But however faulty, the family counts on the familiarity and predictability of their world.” — Augustus Y. Napier, *The Family Crucible*

“In times of widespread chaos and confusion, it has been the duty of more advanced human beings--artists, scientists, clowns and philosophers--to create order. In times such as ours, however, when there is too much order, too much management, too much programming and control, it becomes the duty of superior men and women to fling their favorite monkey wrenches into the machinery. To relive the repression of the human spirit, they must sow doubt and disruption.” — Tom Robbins, *Even Cowgirls Get the Blues*

“Getting to the top has an unfortunate tendency to persuade people that the system is OK after all.” — Alain de Botton

“As your heart goes, so goes your family! If your heart isn't right, no child raising system, rules, or gimmicks will ever work. As your heart goes, so goes your parenting!” — Jim George, *A Man After God's Own Heart*

“Everybody is unique and different. Nobody is the same as anyone else. there is no 'normal' - it is a lie taught to us by a system so flawed that it is threatened by the awesome diversity of nature.” — Christina Engela, *Demonspawn*

**Sunday, October 16**

10:00 am ..... Worship  
 10:15 am ..... Church School K-5  
 11:00 am ..... Refreshments  
 11:15 am ..... First Forum  
 11:15 am ..... Kirk Ringers/Singers, Orff  
 12:15 pm ..... JAC Book Study  
 5:00 pm ..... Jazz Vespers

**Monday, October 17**

9:00 am ..... Men's News Group  
 6:30 pm ..... Stephen Ministry Training  
 7:00pm ..... Klokken Tower Ringers

**Tuesday, October 18**

10:00 am ..... Morning Prayer  
 10:00 am ..... Horizon Bible Study  
 1:30 pm ..... Worship Planning Meeting  
 7:00 pm ..... Short-short Writing Group

**Wednesday, October 19**

9:30 am ..... Kerygma Conversations  
 5:30 pm ..... Chat 'n' Chew  
 7:00 pm ..... Midmonth Contemplative Service

**Thursday, October 20**

7:30 am ..... Breakfast Bible Bunch  
 10:00 am ..... Stitch Group  
 6:30 pm ..... Stephen Ministry  
 7:00 pm ..... Ensemble Practice  
 7:30 pm ..... Chancel Choir

**Friday, October 21**

10:00 am ..... Group VII

**Saturday, October 22**

1:00 pm ..... Virginia Laumeister Memorial

**Sunday, October 23**

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  
 11:15 am ..... Kirk Ringers & Singers, Orff  
 5:00 pm ..... Jazz Vespers

<b>Sunday Volunteers</b>	<b>This Sunday</b>	<b>Next Sunday</b>
<b>Counting Deacons</b>	Gay Doolittle and Richard Gardner	Claire Hughes and Cathy Lewis
<b>Greeters</b>	Christina and Matt Jones	Birdie Blackmer
<b>Flower Delivery</b>	Barbara Walton Adam and Becky Mason	Laura Lee Jamie and Dan Ipsen
<b>Faith Bookshop</b>	Committee Member	Committee Member
<b>Liturgist</b>	Daniel Carlson	Stacey Midge
<b>Preacher</b>	Bill Levering	Bill Levering
<b>Processing Elders</b>	Carolyn Jones-Assini, Del Pierce, James Gonda, Richard Rose, Barbara Walton, Gene Zeltmann	Carolyn Jones-Assini, Bill Rochelle Jeanette Davidson, Liz Mastrianni, Brad & Cathy Lewis
<b>Reader</b>	Carol Troost	Brad Lewis
<b>Hospitality</b>	Carol Troost	Ellie and Gene Rowland
<b>Ushers</b>	Glenn Blinckmann (head usher), Gerry Myers, Crystal Mongillo, Justine Ochal, Ralph Rosenthal	Tom Burgoyne (head usher), David Bundy, Joe Gotwals, Joan Lindsay, Berta & Nat Phipps