

***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.



Youth Service

May 7, 2017



*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 children through age four is available from 9:45am until noon Downstairs in Friendship Hall.

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 in the Walton House.

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. Those in grades K-2 are welcome to join church school after children's message.

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 Dirck Romeyn room 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 after a few days. Live streaming is also available there.

Lost and Found

If you have lost or misplaced an item at church, please check the basket found in the Narthex located at the front of the church.

Columbarium

The Columbarium will remain open during construction except while asbestos mitigation.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 7, 2017

*The congregation may stand.

PRELUDE

FRC Ukuleles

Camp Fowler Songs

*Blindman; Micah 6:8; Sanctuary; Abba
Father; Somebody's Calling Out Your Name*

“We'll Get By” Gabriella & Gillian Pizzolo

Take off your coats and have a seat
For a day full of friendship and passing peace
I'm thankful, I'm grateful, everything is clear
The people we love are sitting right here
Today, Today

Our meeting is traditional
And our love is unconditional
And everything's okay when you're beside me
Today's the day we celebrate
The memories that we'll create
And you are the light to guide me
We laugh, sometimes we cry
But together- We'll get by
When I feel down, your smile is the cure
I look in your eyes, and feel so secure
We all take hands, from shore to shore
And say

Our meeting is traditional
And our love is unconditional
And everything's okay when you're beside me
Today's the day we celebrate
The memories that we'll create
And you are the light to guide me
We laugh, sometimes we cry
But together, we'll get by
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10:00 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & ORIENTATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

INTROIT *This Is the Day* Garrett
FRC Ukuleles

*HYMN *Bring Forth the Kingdom*



1 You are... salt for the earth, O peo-ple: salt for the king-dom of God!
2 You are a light on a hill, O peo-ple: light for the cit - y of God!
3 You are a seed of the Word, O peo-ple: live for the king-dom of God!



Share the fla-vor of life, O peo-ple: life in the king-dom of God!
Shine so ho-ly and bright, O peo-ple: shine for the king-dom of God!
Seeds of mer-cy and seeds of jus-tice, grow in the king-dom of God!



Bring forth the king - dom of mer - cy; pray for the king - dom of peace;



Bring forth the king-dom of mer-cy; pray for the king-dom of peace;



work for the king-dom of jus-tice; hope for the cit-y of God!

*PRAYER (*unison*)

Julia Ettkin

**God of new life, we thank you for the hope
you have given us through Jesus Christ.
Help us to celebrate your Easter triumph
with all of our life. Amen.**

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*unison*)

(*from Our Song of Hope*)

**Jesus Christ is the hope of God's world. In
His death, the justice of God is established;
forgiveness of sin is proclaimed. On the
day of the resurrection, the tomb was
empty; His disciples saw Him; death was
defeated; new life had come. God's
purpose for the world was sealed.**

*PASSING THE PEACE

ANTHEM *Amazing Grace* Traditional
Kirk Ringers

FIRST LESSON Laura Mason
Guide us, God, by your Word and Holy Spirit.
Amen. *Psalm 100* (p. 552)

ADULT & CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Audrey Mason, Gillian Pizzolo,
Hannah Bachorik

SECOND LESSON

Gabriella Pizzolo
Psalm 121 (pg 571)

WORDS OF REFLECTION

Alex Mancuso and Jacob Etkin

*HYMN

Here I Am Lord #525

TEACHER RECOGNITION

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Shelter* *Haschek*
JHYG/SHYG Choir

When you feel your day is at its end, when you
pray for rest around each bend.

When the road you walk has been too long, may
our love keep you strong

When the words you speak have lost their flow
and both the sun and spirit low.

When steps are hard and shadows long, may our
love keep you strong

May you find your shelter in these walls.
Let us share your journey's trials and joys.
May your feet find rest when day is long
May the peace of God be in your song.

When you feel that all you know has changed,
seasons pass but truth remains.

When times of hardship come along, may our
love keep you strong.

*DOXOLOGY #592
Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION Kayla Kerwin

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER INVITATION and 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 (*unison*) Carl Steubing

**Holy, holy Lord God of Hosts, heav'n
and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be
to Thee O Lord, most high.**

DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Ashley Kerwin

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 *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee* #464

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

John Norton

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Church School

There will **not** be church school - all youth
should remain in service following the children's
& adult message.

Music Notes

We want to thank John Norton for helping on the
piano today.

Celebratory or Memorial Flowers

Sign up for flowers in the church office where
you can choose a date for donating flowers to
remember a loved one or to honor a special
event. 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 Drive, Niskayuna, NY 12309.

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:

*Lloyd Johnston, Rev. Cornelius Van Leeuwen,
Albert Zink,*

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.

Bike to Church in May

Join the fun, get your blood flowing, lower your carbon foot-print: cycle to services any or every Sunday in May! Lock up inside our gate, enter the Lord's courts with praise--and a good pulse.

Youth Group – Today

After the Youth Service, youth in grades 6-12 will have lunch and volunteer at the Regional Food Bank.

Who's Graduating?

We compile a list of those who are graduating to celebrate them in the June edition of the newsletter. Please let us know.

Sunday School and Children's Music

Children's Sunday school and Music Classes will be in the Walton House near the office. For everyone's safety, parents must sign out their child upon pickup. Any questions, contact Shannon Kerwin or Jamie Ipsen 399-6848.

Each Sunday:

Learn to play the Ukulele: 9am-9:55am

Church School: K-8,

after the Children's Message

Children's Music: Kirk Ringers, Singers,

Orff: 11:15am – 12pm

New Members Class - Today

Interested in a closer relationship with this congregation? Bill Levering and James Gonda will lead a membership orientation meeting. It includes a tour of the church and a chat about who we are. It's held in the church office at 3pm.

Annual CROP Walk – Today

The annual CROP Walk will take place beginning at Emmanuel Friedens Church (218 Nott Terrace) at 1:30pm and will be winding 5k through Schenectady. Want to walk? Get a donation form from the church office. Non-walkers can simply drop off their donations at the church office. Checks should be made out to "CWS/CROP." Checks eligible for GE Matching should be made out to SICM. Contact Cathy Lewis if you have Questions.

Adult Ukulele

An adult ukulele class is meeting Wednesday evenings (except when there is a mid-month service) from 7-8pm in the sanctuary. If you've ever had an inkling to play the ukulele, now's the time! No experience needed. No ukulele needed! Feel free to join us!

Consistory Nominations Requested

The Nominating Committee of First Reformed Church seeks recommendations from the congregation for Elder and Deacon Candidates from members of FRC. Candidates for Consistory should have vision, leadership skills, and be active participants in the worship and activities of this church. Elders and Deacons will be elected at the annual meeting of the congregation on June 4. There are **yellow nomination forms** located at the various entrances of the Sanctuary or you may write your suggestions on a white pew card. Recommendations may be submitted to the church office or any member of the Committee: Sally Bestgen, Ann Gotwals, Vernetta Thuener, Peggy King, Bill Rochelle, Gay Doolittle, George Trimarco, Bill Levering, and Daniel Carlson.

College Scholarships

Applications for the Rev. Al Smith Education Scholarship are available through the church office. Please submit your completed application to the church office by May 15. Questions can be directed to Sara Erickson at 374-4161 or ericksonhs@aol.com.

Union Presbyterian

Mission Fund Project Solicitation

The Union Presbyterian Mission Fund Committee has \$22,400 remaining available in 2017 to fund not-for-profit mission projects. It has already distributed \$5,600 to the Schenectady Inner City Mission Summer Intern Program. The committee requests project proposals from the congregation. The project may be local (within Schenectady County); regional (within the boundaries of Albany Presbytery & Regional Synod of Albany); national / international; and valued \$1,000 to \$5,000. Please submit your proposed project by June 10 to Liz Mastrianni lzmaestro@gmail.com or the FRC office. Your suggested project must include: Project or Organization Information (Name, Address, Phone, E-mail & Person to Contact). Your Information (Name, Address, Phone Number and/or E-mail). Description of the Project/Organization and why it should be considered.

Ushers & Greeters Breakfast

There is an Ushers and Greeters breakfast meeting on June 4 at 9am in the Dirck Romeyn room. We are looking for help with both jobs each Sunday. If interested please attend. For further info please contact the church office.

Clothing and Food Donations

Behind the door to the bookshop are two plastic bins with lids marked "food" and "clothing". Leave your donations in the appropriate bin. Call Bill Clock 641-2585 when you leave a donation.

"Remember, you cannot be both young and wise. Young people who pretend to be wise to the ways of the world are mostly just cynics. Cynicism masquerades as wisdom, but it is the farthest thing from it. Because cynics don't learn anything. Because cynicism is a self-imposed blindness, a rejection of the world because we are afraid it will hurt us or disappoint us. Cynics always say no. But saying "yes" begins things. Saying "yes" is how things grow. Saying "yes" leads to knowledge. "Yes" is for young people. So for as long as you have the strength to, say "yes'." — Stephen Colbert

"may my heart always be open to little birds who are the secrets of living whatever they sing is better than to know and if men should not hear them men are old may my mind stroll about hungry and fearless and thirsty and supple and even if it's sunday may i be wrong for whenever men are right they are not young" — E.E. Cummings, Complete Poems, 1904-1962

"It takes a very long time to become young." — Pablo Picasso

Said the little boy, "Sometimes I drop my spoon."
Said the old man, "I do that too."
The little boy whispered, "I wet my pants."
I do that too," laughed the little old man.
Said the little boy, "I often cry."
The old man nodded, "So do I."
But worst of all," said the boy, "it seems Grown-ups don't pay attention to me."
And he felt the warmth of a wrinkled old hand.
I know what you mean," said the little old man.
— Shel Silverstein

Coming Up
See the newsletter or call the church office for more information

Date	Time	Event	Description	Place
May 7	9am	Eastertide Explorations	Discussion of intriguing seasonal readings.	Hope Room
May 7	10am	Youth Service	Worship led by youth	Sanctuary
May 7	11:15am	First Forum	Mary D'Alessandro-Gilmore – Houses Re-built in Schenectady Real estate	Sanctuary
May 7	1:30pm	CROP Walk	5k beginning at Emmanuel Friedens Church	218 Nott Terrace
May 7	3pm	New Members Class	For folks interested in joining	Church office
May 9	10am	Horizons Bible Study	Last session today	Dirck Romeyn
May 10	9:30am	Eastertide Explorations	Discussion of intriguing seasonal readings.	Dirck Romeyn
May 12	7pm	WORD Service	This month's writers & storyteller with turn their attention to the idea of jubilation.	Sanctuary
May 13	5pm	Harriet Tubman Concert	Chancel Choir to sing in concert at Zion Church	311 Hulett St
May 14 - Mother's Day				
May 14	9am	Eastertide Explorations	Discussion of intriguing seasonal readings.	Hope Room
May 14	11:15am	First Forum	Tell your Mother's Story - Led by Joe Doolittle.	Sanctuary
May 16	7pm	Short Short Writing	Writing group for 1000 words or less	
May 16	7pm	Tuesday Ladies	All ladies welcome to get to know each other. Call Connie Young for any questions 393-7061	1400 Keyes Avenue
May 17	9:30am	Eastertide Explorations	Discussion of intriguing seasonal readings.	Dirck Romeyn
May 17	7pm	Mid-Month Worship	Guitar-accompanied songs, guided meditation on Scripture, communion, prayers & Christ's peace.	Sanctuary
May 18	6:30pm	Long-Term Care Talk	By Judith Duma addressing the needs, challenges, and opportunities within Long-Term Care	Sanctuary
May 21	12pm	Eastertide Bike Ride	A relaxed and variable length ride with others from FRC.	MohawkHudson Bikeway
May 24	6pm	Evening Circle	If you plan to attend, please call Ellie Rowland, 250-4302 or erowland@nycap.rr.com	2517 Antonia Dr., Niskayuna

“Young people don't always do what they're told, but if they can pull it off and do something wonderful, sometimes they escape punishment.”
 — Rick Riordan

“Youth is happy because it has the capacity to see beauty. Anyone who keeps the ability to see beauty never grows old.” — Franz Kafka

“It takes a very long time to become young.”
 — Pablo Picasso

“What should young people do with their lives today? Many things, obviously. But the most daring thing is to create stable communities in which the terrible disease of loneliness can be cured.” — Kurt Vonnegut, Palm Sunday: An Autobiographical Collage

"Pan, who and what art thou?" he cried huskily.
 "I'm youth, I'm joy," Peter answered at a venture,
 "I'm a little bird that has broken out of the egg."
 — J.M. Barrie, Peter Pan

Sunday, May 7

9:00am Eastertide Explorations
 9:00am Chancel Choir
 9:00am Ukulele Practice
 10:00am Worship
 10:00am Communion
 10:15am Church School K-5
 11:15am First Forum
 11:15am Children's Music
 1:30pm CROP Walk
 3:00pm New Members Class
 5:00pm Jazz Vespers

Monday, May 8

9:00am Men's Newsgroup

Tuesday, May 9

10:00am Morning Prayer
 10:00am Horizons Bible Study
 11:00am Admin Staff Meeting
 6:30am Standing Committees
 7:30pm Consistory

Wednesday, May 10

9:30am Eastertide Kerygma Explorations
 1:00pm Archives
 1:00pm Pastoral Team Meeting
 2:00pm Staff Meeting
 7:00pm Adult Ukulele

Thursday, May 11

7:30am Breakfast Bible Bunch
 7:00pm Ensemble Practice
 7:30pm Chancel Choir

Friday, May 12

7:00pm WORD Service

Sunday, May 14

9:00am Eastertide Explorations
 9:00am Chancel Choir
 9:00am Ukulele Practice
 10:00am Worship
 10:15am Church School K-5
 11:15am First Forum
 11:15am Children's Music
 5:00pm Jazz Vespers

	This Sunday	Next Sunday
Jazz Vespers	Nat Phipps, piano; Pete Toigo, bass; Tom D'Andrea, drums	Azzaam Hameed, solo piano
Bookshop/Heritage	Birdie Blackmer	Bill Clock
Counting Deacons	Tom Burgoyne, Bill Rochelle	Gay Doolittle, Vickie McGowan-Horan
Greeters	Ginny McDermott, Marlene Risseuw	Ralph Rosenthal, Hella Moore
Flower Delivery	Vernetta Thuener, Mike & Vickie Horan	Phil & Jane Falconer,
Liturgist	Youth	Daniel Carlson
Preacher	Youth	Bill Levering
Processing Elders	Darwin Brudos, Christine Daniels, Gay Doolittle, Mary Jewett, Liz Mastrianni, Jeanne Shoulder, Maria Todd, Eugene Zeltmann	Phil Falconer, James Gonda, Joan Lindsay, Tom Lindsay, Walt Robb, Will Rochelle
Reader	Youth	Ellie Rowland
Ushers	Gerry Myers, Crystal Mongillo, Justine Ochal, Ralph Rosenthal	Tom Burgoyne, David Bundy, Joe Gotwals, Karen Gonda, Berta Phipps, Nat Phipps