

***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.



May 28, 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.

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 28, 2017

*The congregation may stand.

PRELUDE Avery Tunningley

Sing Alleluia! Lee Rogers
Repose Charles E. Overholt
Praise and Honor to the King!
Cyrus S. Mallard

10:00 a.m.

GREETING Daniel Carlson

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

ANNOUNCEMENTS & ORIENTATION

CALL TO WORSHIP Bill Levering

INTROIT *Behold, I Make All Things New* Iona

*HYMN *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!* #430

*PRAYER (*unison*)

**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.**

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

*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

O Day of Peace

Scottish Tune, arr. Hopson

O day of peace that dimly shines
through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,
guide us to justice, truth, and love,
delivered from our selfish schemes.
May the swords of hate fall from our hands,
our hearts from envy find release,
till by God's grace our warring world
shall see Christ's promised reign of peace.

Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb,
nor shall the fierce devour the small;
as beasts and cattle calmly graze,
a little child shall lead them all.
Then enemies shall learn to love,
all creatures find their true accord;
the hope of peace shall be fulfilled,
for all the earth shall know the Lord.

Carl Daw, Jr.

FIRST LESSON *Psalm 68:1-10* (pg 529)

Guide us, God, by your Word and Holy Spirit.
Amen. Gene Rowland

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND LESSON *1 Peter 4:12-14* (pg 235)

SERMON Bill Levering
Advice for Adversity

*HYMN *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!* #341

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *You Raise Me Up*
Brendan Graham and Rolf Lovland

Gene Rowland, soloist
Abby Norton Levering, violin
Johnny Willis, Andy Chestnut, Dan Ertel, guitars

When I am down and oh, my soul's so weary,
when troubles come and my heart burdened be,
Then I am still and wait here in the silence
until you come and sit a while with me.

You raise me up so I can stand on Mountains.
You raise me up to walk on stormy seas.
I am strong when I am on your shoulders;
you raise me up to more than I can be.

*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 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* #260

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Twofold Amen

Dresden

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 eternal rest in previous years about this time:

Martha Hanson, Helen Costanzo, Chi Hua Fong, Chester Buchanan, Beverly Fasake, Marie Metcalf, Burton Delack, Frank C Hammett

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.

Entered Into Eternal Rest

Clarence Countermine – 1/11/17

Service will be 10am on June 3 at Cobblestone Reformed Church

Ernestine Stevenson – 4/30/2017

Service will be held at First Presbyterian Church in Vero Beach FL

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 Risseeuw, 2140 Niskayuna Drive, Niskayuna, NY 12309.

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

Adult Ukulele

The adult ukulele group meets Wednesday evenings from 7-8:15. No experience is needed and we have a few ukuleles that can be loaned on a temporary basis. Come and join the fun! Questions? Contact Jamie Ipsen 399-6848.

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.

Pentecost Next Sunday – June 4

Everyone is encouraged to wear red!

Ushers & Greeters Breakfast – June 4

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.

Annual Meeting and Picnic - June 4

Immediately following worship, there will be a meeting of the congregation. At this meeting, we will receive annual reports, elect officers, elect the nominating committee. Following the meeting we will have our spring picnic.

Archives and Historical Concerns

Please stop by the Heritage Room/Faith Bookshop to see the first exhibit in our new display cases, Bible Images of Eastertide. The display uses bibles in our collection dating back to 1885.

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 SICM 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 lzmastro@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.

Our sound system is worst in the center of the Sanctuary.

New Edition!

The fourth edition of The Beverwyck Anthology First Reformed's literary magazine, is printed and bound and awaiting your perusal. Some Complimentary copies are in the Archives Room /Bookstore and on the table in the back of the sanctuary.

“It was strictly forbidden to preach to other prisoners. It was understood that whoever was caught doing this received a severe beating. A number of us decided to pay the price for the privilege of preaching, so we accepted their [the communists'] terms. It was a deal; we preached and they beat us. We were happy preaching. They were happy beating us, so everyone was happy.” — Richard Wurmbrand, Tortured for Christ N/E

“They can take our homes, our possessions. Our families. Our lives. They can drive us out, like they've driven us out before. They can humiliate us and dehumanize us. But they cannot take our thoughts. They cannot take our talents. They cannot take our knowledge, or our memories, or our minds. In music there is no bondage. Music is a door, and the soul escapes through the melody.” — Amy Harmon, From Sand and Ash

“There was a time when skepticism was an act of rebellion. Since to a degree I both believe in evolution and have faith, I can only conclude that, as prophesied, to have faith will someday be an act of rebellion.” — Criss Jami, Killosophy

“The idea that truth always triumphs over persecution is one of those pleasant falsehoods, which most experience refutes. History is teeming with instances of truth put down by persecution. If not put down forever, it may be set back for centuries.” — John Stuart Mill

World War I

George Albert Abbe
Roger O. Ackerman
J.N. Alexander*
Albert V.V. Ball
Howard Bancroft*
Howard Bird*
Ronald P. Boardman
J. Scott Button
Charles G. Briggs
George A. Brown
Albert Edward Carmichael
Harold Bright Chrisler
Vere Ward Cleminshire
Garrett Marcellus Clowe
Harold Lee Clowe
S. Vedder Clute
Leroy P. Collins*
James H. Crawford*
H. Maurice Darling*
Hartley G. Dewey*
De Witt G. Dewey*
Nelson Dingley*
William P. Faust
Raymond F. Fowler*
William J. Foster, Jr.
Harvey Gale*
Deforest Van Slyck Garnsey
Lewis H. Gibbs
Clark Godfrey*
George E. Godd*
Stillman S. Ham
Henry Heine*
Philip T. Hill*
John W. Hoag
Pierre Hoag
Stella Hughes*
Carl Jester*
J.F. Jewell Jr.*
Douglass Johnson*
Garrett V. Johnson
Leslie W. Jones
Henry L.P. King*
Harold J. Kline*
Robert Kreitzer*
R. Faust Krueger
Frank E. Kruesi
John Kruesi
Walter E. Kruesi
Judson Stuart Landon
Edward P. Lawsing
A.G. Lunblad*
Walter Lundblad*
Lynn R. Mac Intyre*
Stuart F. Mac Millan*
William Mac Rae*
Kenneth G. Magner*
Laurence G. Magner*
Chester McLaughlin*
Charles G. McMullen
Donald W. Moore

Wellington E. Moore*
William T.B. Mynderse
James I. Newton*
Howard Payne*
Frank H. Penney*
Andrew K. Reid*
Leslie Reid*
Ralph Reid*
Robert Reid*
Paul S. Ricketts*
Frank Edmund Robinson
Richard K. Rosa*
Wilfred Rosekrans*
Robert S. Ross*
Richard Ravenel Spring
Karl M. Stoller
Leland K. Swart*
Harman D. Swits
Alexander Thompson*
Elsie Thompson*
Harold Thompson*
Arthur Tinnerholm*
Ivar E. Tinnerholm*
Robert F. Tinnerholm*
Jack D. Underhill
Lance Underhill
Oliver C. Underhill
Robert Johnson Van Epps
C.L. Van Sothen*
Harold Garrett Veeder
Edward Clifton Vrooman
Harold V.V. Vrooman
Alonzo P. Walton, Jr.
Albert Weaver*
John H. Wemple*
John Wendell
William Wright*
Howorth Young

World War II

Sanford L Archer
Clifton S. Atkinson*
Donald Atkinson*
Ralph M. Atkinson*
Robert A. Aussicker
John Bailey*
Frank D. Barclay, Jr.
George E. Barter*
W. Garner Bee II
Gilbert Betts*
William B Biggs
C. William Bowman
Suvier Bralley
Richard L. Brandhorst*
Walter Briggs
Darwin B. Brudos
Boyd H. Bullock*
Calvin R. Burtner*
Thomas B Case
James T. Catlett*
Robert Clark*
Charles F. Clowe

Lawrence K. Coachman*
Robert P. Cochran*
Leroy P. Collins*
George Coons*
John Coons*
Robert Crandall*
F. Howard Croninger
Mary R. Croninger
Richard Davis
Howard Donnelly*
William H. Dotter
Reynolds Downing*
Frank A. Droms*
John W Eddy
John H. English*
John R. Eshbach
John H. Faber
J. Vance Farquhar*
John Ferguson*
John Fitts*
Donald Flom
Alfred M. Fonda*
John A. Friday
Vibert O. Fryer*
Harry Funston Jr.*
William T. George
George A. Gilbert*
John E. Glen
Morton Good*
Romer Good
Bruce R. Gordon*
Richard Gordon
Richard T. Hall*
Robert Hall*
Elliot Harvey*
Wayne H. Harvey
Douglas B. Hatmaker
Ferdinand Helm Jr.*
Harold C. Holly Jr.*
John Howell
James N. Howie, Jr.
Carl Huthsteiner*
Martin C. Hutt*
William B. Icke*
Charles W. Jefts*
Robert F. Jefts*
Samuel B. Jones*
O.H. Junggren
Norman D. Kathan*
Vernet C. Kauffman*
Robert Kingsbury
H. Stetson Kinkaid
Charles F. Kreitzer*
Ralph F. Krueger, Jr.
R.N. Landon
James F. Lawsing, Jr.
Donald G. Lehmann*
Gron Lloyd*
C. Beecher Lockwood
Joseph Lovell*
Robert B. Lowe*

David R. Lumgair*
Kenton S. Mac Intyre*
John N. Marcellus, Jr.
Harvey G. Marcy*
Jean Mather*
Philip Mathews*
Donald H. Middleton
Peter Paul Miller, Jr.
John R. Moon*
Richard Moore
George H. Moorhead Jr.*
Charles Gordon Moot*
Richmond Moot*
Stewart Moot*
William A. Murauskas*
Edward P. Mure
John R. Newell*
Jack Newkirk*
Henry B. Parker, Jr.
Jesse Perkins
Myron D. Phillips*
Noel F. Phillips
William W. Piper
Clark V. Poling
Charles Rasher
Ronald Rhude*
William H. Richards*
William C. Robbins*
William Rochelle, Jr.
Richard J. Rosa*
Hans M. Rozendaal
Walter C. Ryon
Harrison S. Sayre
John L. Schoolcraft, Jr.
David G. Schwenker
Ruth Seamans*
Ralph A. Segebarth*
Carl Settle*
Ursula (Sue) Settle*
Clayton E. Sheer*
David Sheldon*
Roger Sheldon*
Grant Smith
Kenyon Spalding*
Robert A. Stansell*
Van Aernan Stewart*
Roy Stratton
Robert Templeton
Mills Ten Eyck, Jr.
Peter Van A Ten Eyck
John E. Thomas*
Richard G. Tinnerholm*
Francis M. Townsend*
William Townsend*
William W. Tribby*
Harold P. Van Cott*
Horace S Van Voast, Jr.
Horace S Van Voast, III
Kenneth T. Vedder
Garrett A. Veeder
David V. Vrooman

John J. Vrooman, Jr.
George C. Von Borstel
Stewart C. Wagoner
Robert Warner*
James O. Warner*
Donald E. Weaver*
Clark Wemple
Arthur W. Wheeler
Arthur W. Wheeler, Jr.
William McKim White
James J. Willey*
Alan Williamson*
Malcolm Wilson, Jr.
Glenn H. Winchester
William T Winne
Allen J. Wood
Frederick A. Wyatt
John McM. Yates
John Younie*
Richard D. Zentmire*

Korean Conflict

David E. Bain
John Bestgen*
Arthur Casey
William Clock
William R. Collins
Clarence Countermine*
Jerry Griggs
John E. Kampf*
R. N. Landon
Harold Lapham
Thomas Lindsay
Hermann Lintner*
Robert A. Matz*
Douglas Phillips*
Alun Pritchard*
Eugene Rowland*
Daniel J. Thuener

Vietnam Era

Wayne Brule*
Roger Greenwood
John Hillers*
Vernon Hovey, Jr.*
Clarence Linder, Jr.
Maurice Robbins
George Trimarco

Gulf War

Richard Rose*

Afghanistan War

Max Della Pia
Dave Pizzolo

Iraq War

Alex Lindsay
Ronald P. Attanasio

* denotes former Union
Presbyterian Church
member



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

Date	Time	Event	Description	Place
Today	9am	Eastertide Explorations	Discussion of intriguing seasonal readings.	Hope Room
Today	11:15am	First Forum	Memorial Day Weekend – Coffee & Conversation	Sanctuary
May 29 Church Office Closed				
May 31	9:30am	Eastertide Kerygma Explorations	Discussion of intriguing seasonal readings.	Dirck Romeyn
May 31	7pm	Adult Ukulele	No experience is needed and we have a few ukuleles that can be borrowed temporarily. Call the church office or Jamie Ipsen 399-6848.	Sanctuary
June 2	7pm	Avery Presents	Leonid Polishchuk will play a classical violin recital accompanied by Sofya Maryanova on the piano	Sanctuary
June 3	12pm	Chords of Love	The children's ukulele group will be teaching and performing at the Kid's Arts Festival.	Jay Street
June 4	9am	Eastertide Explorations	Discussion of intriguing seasonal readings.	Hope Room
June 4	9am	Ushers & Greeters Breakfast	Looking for help with both jobs each Sunday. If interested please attend.	Dirck Romeyn
June 4	11am	Annual Meeting	We will receive annual reports, elect officers & the nominating committee.	Sanctuary
June 4	12pm	Picnic	Our annual spring picnic	Outside
June 17	9am	Catskill Hike	Meet in church parking lot with a lunch. Rsvp to James Gonda 607-765-5349 Jgonda12309@gmail.com.	Church Parking lot

“Our wretched species is so made that those who walk on the well-trodden path always throw stones at those who are showing a new road.”
 — Voltaire, Philosophical Dictionary

“Let us not forget: we are a pilgrim church, subject to misunderstanding, to persecution, but a church that walks serene, because it bears the force of love.” — Oscar A. Romero, The Violence of Love

“When Christ calls a man, he bids him come and die.” — Dietrich Bonhoeffer, The Cost of Discipleship

“As long as you persecute people, you will actually throw up terrorism.” — Antonia Fraser

“Prejudice is a disease. And when they come for you, or refuse your worth, I will be ready for their stones. I belong to you.” — Lady Gaga

“It comes to this then: there always have been people like me and always will be, and generally they have been persecuted.” — E.M. Forster, Maurice

“If you live in such a manner as to stand the test of the last judgment, you can depend upon it that the world will not speak well of you.”
 — Alistair Begg

Sunday, May 28

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

Monday, May 29**Church Office Closed****Tuesday, May 30**

10:00am Morning Prayer
 11:00am Admin Staff Meeting

Wednesday, May 31

9:30am Eastertide Kerygma Explorations
 11:30am First Things Volunteers
 1:00pm Pastoral Team Meeting
 7:00pm Adult Ukulele

Thursday, June 1

7:30am Breakfast Bible Bunch
 7:30pm Chancel Choir

Sunday, June 4**Pentecost**

9:00am Eastertide Explorations
 9:00am Ushers & Greeters Breakfast
 9:00am Chancel Choir
 9:00am Ukulele Practice
 10:00am Worship
 10:15am Church School K-5
 11:00am Annual Meeting
 12:00pm Picnic
 5:00pm Jazz Vespers

	This Sunday	Next Sunday
Jazz Vespers	Scott Bassinson, solo piano	Nat Phipps, Pete Toigo, Tom D'Andrea
Bookshop/Heritage	Christina Jones	Bill Clock
Counting Deacons	Vickie McGowan-Horan, Cynthia Gallagher	Richard Rose, Doug Todd
Greeters	Scott Ebeling, Nancy Wainwright	
Flower Delivery	Ann Gotwals, Dave & Donna Bundy	
Liturgist	Daniel Carlson	Daniel Carlson
Preacher	Bill Levering	Bill Levering
Processing Elders	James Gonda, Marilyn Leach, Brad Lewis, Don Leach, Cathy Lewis, Walt Robb	Del Pierce, Jeanne Shoulder, Barbara Walton, Darwin Brudos, Christine Daniels, Maria Todd
Reader	Gene Rowland	Barbara Walton
Ushers	Del Pierce (head usher), Michael Horan, Christine Lund, Vickie McGowan-Horan, Doug Todd, Carol Troost	Alden Brown, Hendrick Arnold, Joanne Arnold, Adam Kerwin