

***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.*



***June 4, 2017***

*First Reformed Church  
8 North Church Street  
Schenectady, New York 12305  
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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 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](http://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 during asbestos mitigation.

## Pentecost

June 4, 2017

\*The congregation may stand.

PRELUDE Avery Tunningley

*Grand Chorus* John E. Boalt

*Meditation* George Blake

*Sing His Praises* Chester Norman

10:00 a.m.

GREETING Daniel Carlson

ANNOUNCEMENTS & ORIENTATION

CALL TO WORSHIP Bill Levering

INTROIT *Come, Holy Spirit*  
Veni Creator Spiritus

\*HYMN *Heaven and Earth*

**The God of heaven is present on earth  
in word and silence and sharing,  
in face of doubt, in depth of faith,  
in signs of love and caring.**

**Gentler than air, wilder than wind,  
settling yet also deranging,  
the Spirit thrives in human lives,  
both changeless and yet changing. (refrain)**

**Far from the church, outside the fold,  
where prayer turns feeble and nervous,  
the Spirit wills society's ills  
be healed through humble service.(refrain)**

**From country quiet to city riots,  
in every human confusion,  
the Spirit pleads for all that leads  
to freedom from illusion. (refrain)**

**Truth after tears, trust after fears,  
God making everyone wiser:  
the Spirit springs through hopeless things  
transforming what defies Her. (refrain)**

\*OUR NEED FOR GOD (*unison*)

**God of all, we come in humility, confessing  
that we are often unresponsive and afraid.  
When your Spirit speaks, we turn deaf  
ears, for we fear what you might call us to  
do. When your Spirit touches us, we deny  
its impact. When the wind of your Spirit  
threatens, we close the windows of our  
hearts, afraid to disrupt our ordered lives.  
When the fire of your Spirit touches us, we  
quench the flame, afraid of the new life it  
might bring. Forgive us, O Lord.**

\*GOD'S FORGIVING LOVE

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

**Halle, halle, halle, lu-jah!  
Halle, halle, halle, lu-jah!  
Halle, halle, halle, lu-jah!  
Hallelujah! Halle-lu-jah!**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*unison*)

*The Apostles' Creed* - Ecumenical version

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son,  
our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy  
Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered  
under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died,  
and was buried; he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again; he  
ascended into heaven, he is seated at the  
right hand of the Father, and he will come  
to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy  
catholic Church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of  
the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*PASSING THE PEACE

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Lian Drisgula, Julia Etkin, Sean Kent,  
Barbara Mancuso, Tom Mancuso, Tom Zych

PRESENTATION AND PROMISES OF  
CONFESSING MEMBERS

\*PROMISE OF THE CONGREGATION

\*BLESSING AND WELCOME

We are ambassadors for Christ.  
We are the salt of the earth;  
we are the light of the world.  
Welcome our sisters and brothers in Christ.  
**Joyfully we receive you. Join with us as we  
give witness in the world to the good news,  
for we are all one in Christ Jesus.  
Alleluia!**

ANTHEM *Spirit of the Living God*  
Francis Patrick O'Brien  
Margie Halinski, flute

Spirit of the living God,  
born of passion and delight,  
melting hearts of stone,  
guiding lost one's home,  
child of wind and flame and light.

Spirit moving in our days,  
breaking through all that divides,  
claiming what is just,  
calling all to trust,  
presence in which God resides.

Breathe in us your breath of life,  
life from God which has no end.  
Raise us from the grave,  
ev'ry soul to save,  
Spirit, God and gentle friend.

Be our home at journey's ending.  
Spirit in a world that waits,  
be the one for whom we long.  
Hurry to our side;  
be our heav'nly guide.  
Place us in Creation's song.

Spirit, teach us now your way;  
break the circle of our pain.  
Open up our eyes;  
come, renew our lives.  
Sit in us your holy flame!

Breathe in us your perfect peace,  
peace that conquers all our fear;  
teach us to forgive;

in you love we live.  
Spirit, God, be present here;  
you, our joy from year to year.

Veni Sancte, Sancte Spiritus.

FIRST LESSON Barbara Walton  
Guide us, God, by your Word and Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.** *1 Corinthians 12:3b-13* (pg 174)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND LESSON *Acts 2:1-21* (pg 119)

SERMON Bill Levering  
*Sharing Enthusiasm*

\*HYMN *Come, O Spirit* #127

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Bread of the World*  
Ian Brentnall

Bread of the world in mercy broken,  
Wine of the soul in mercy shed,  
By whom the words of life were spoken,  
and in whose death our sins are dead.

Look on the heart by sorrow broken,  
look on the tears by sinners shed,  
and by thy feast to us the token  
that by Thy grace our souls are fed.

Reginald Heber

\*DOXOLOGY #592  
*Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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  
 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 *We Are Called*



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the  
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your . . mer - cy to all those in  
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be



Lord! We are called to be light for the king - dom, to  
 fear! We are called to be hope for the hope - less so  
 one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as



live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God.  
 ha - tred and blind - ness . . . will be . . . no more.  
 sis - ters and broth - ers . . . u - nit - ed in love.



*Refrain*  
 We are called to act with jus - tice, we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

*Twofold Amen*

Rob Landes

POSTLUDE

*Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing*  
 Sicilian Mariners

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*Halle, Halle.* Marty Haugen, John Bell. GIA  
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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, Alice Marcellus,  
 Duane Anderson, Harold (Hal) Clements,  
 Chuck Nelson, Jocelyn Mathes, Jean Bundy,  
 William Dotter, Edwards Murray, Julia Amelia  
 Jackson Phillips,*

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**

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.

**New Edition! The Beverwyck Anthology**

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 Heritage Room  
 / Faith Bookshop and on the table in the back of  
 the sanctuary.

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

## **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:**

**Cords of Love:** 9am-9:55am

**Church School:** K-8,  
after the Children's Message

**Children's Music: Kirk Ringers, Singers,  
Orff:** 11:15am – 12pm

## **Youth Group All**

All youth entering sixth to those who just graduated twelfth grade are welcome to join us for any of the summer events. More details, times and costs to be released soon. Questions? Email Jonathan at RevJonathan16@gmail.com.

### **• Youth Group Meeting - Today**

Parents and youth are invited to a short meeting at 11:45am in Dykstra Chapel just off the main sanctuary. Details on summer youth group events will be shared. See the First Things newsletter for a schedule of events.

- **River tubing trip June 18-** we'll meet at church and leave at 11:45am return to church by 5pm. RSVP to revjonathan16@gmail.com by **June 6** so he can reserve our spots. We also need parents who are willing to drive. Cost is \$25.

## **Sunday Refreshments**

We need your help this summer. Please consider picking a Sunday in June, July or August to bring in treats of your choice for all to enjoy. Due to construction, post service refreshments will remain in the Dirck Romeyn room. Contact Gay Doolittle Overdoo@msn.com or 399-0499 or with your choice of Sunday.

## **Support & Care**

HELP! If you are able to occasionally provide a meal for members who are recuperating or who are homebound, please let us know. Contact: Kim Burgoyne at 399-1337 or Vickie McGowan-Horan at 852-0113.

## **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.

## **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.

## **Faith Bookshop**

Support our community and learn about a great piece of history with Ellen Apperson Brown's new book *John Apperson's Lake George*. This wonderful book, full of historic photographs, documents GE-man John Apperson's adventures in and advocacy for the Lake George area, including his extensive preservation efforts. Also, read about your fellow FRC and UPC members that assisted him in these endeavors. We have several copies available so come support your local authors!



Coming Up				
See the newsletter or call the church office for more information				
Date	Time	Event	Description	Place
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	Church Lawn
June 9	7pm	Musicians of Ma'alwyck Concert	Titled <i>A New Lease on Life</i> . Complimentary tickets for FRC members available in church office.	Sanctuary
June 11	12pm	Gay Pride Parade	Join the Justice Action council as we proudly carry our banner in the parade. Contact Jeanne Shoulder if you need a ride at 781-724-5030.	Downtown Albany
June 14	7pm	Mid-Month Worship	Guitar-accompanied songs, guided meditation on Scripture, communion, prayers & Christ's peace.	Sanctuary
June 17	9am	Catskill Hike	RSVP to James Gonda 607-765-5349 Jgonda12309@gmail.com.	Church Parking lot
June 18	11:45am	Youth Group Trip	River Tubing Trip	Church Office

“When good people consider you the bad guy, you develop a heart to help the bad ones. You actually understand them.” — Criss Jami, *Killosophy*

“It's not at all hard to understand a person; it's only hard to listen without bias.”  
— Criss Jami, *Killosophy*

“Looking but not seeing is the hearing but not understanding of the eye.”  
— Mokokoma Mokhonoana

“Maturity involves turning an insult into a feedback.” — Aniekee Tochukwu Ezekiel, *Psychology of Friendship for Leadership*

“The child intuitively comprehends that although these stories are unreal, they are not untrue ...”  
— Bruno Bettelheim, *The Uses of Enchantment: The Meaning and Importance of Fairy Tales*

“The problem with comprehension is, it often comes too late.” — Rasmenia Massoud, *Human Detritus*

“Barbarus hic ego sum, quia non intelligor illis.”  
— Ovid

“Great minds think alike because a greater Mind is thinking through them.” — Criss Jami, *Diotima, Battery, Electric Personality*

“Observing and understanding are two different things.” — Mary E. Pearson, *The Miles Between*

“Those whom heaven helps we call the sons of heaven. They do not learn this by learning. They do not work it by working. They do not reason it by using reason. To let understanding stop at what cannot be understood is a high attainment. Those who cannot do it will be destroyed on the lathe of heaven. —Chuang Tse: XXIII”

**Sunday, June 4****Pentecost**

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

**Monday, June 5**

- 9:00am ..... Men's News Group

**Tuesday, June 6**

- 10:00am ..... Morning Prayer
- 11:00am ..... Admin Staff Meeting
- 11:30am ..... Support and Care
- 1:30pm ..... Worship Planning
- 7:00pm ..... Short Short Writing

**Wednesday, June 7**

- 1:00pm ..... Pastoral Team Meeting
- 7:00pm ..... Adult Ukulele

**Thursday, June 8**

- 7:30am ..... Breakfast Bible Bunch

**Friday, June 9**

- 7:00pm ..... Musicians of Ma'alwek

**Sunday, June 11**

- 9:00am ..... Chancel Choir
- 9:00am ..... Ukulele Practice
- 10:00am ..... Worship
- 10:15am ..... Church School K-5
- 5:00pm ..... Jazz Vespers

	<b>This Sunday</b>	<b>Next Sunday</b>
<b>Jazz Vespers</b>	Nat Phipps, Pete Toigo, Tom D'Andrea	Mike Lamkin
<b>Bookshop/Heritage</b>	Bill Clock	Nancy Wainwright
<b>Counting Deacons</b>	Richard Rose, Doug Todd	Fred Daniels, David Bundy
<b>Greeters</b>	Joan Lindsay, Tom Lindsay	Ann Gotwals, Joe Gotwals
<b>Flower Delivery</b>	Karen Gonda, Mike Horan, Vickie McGowan-Horan	Aline Stabler Rick & Cheryl Zahner
<b>Liturgist</b>	Daniel Carlson	
<b>Preacher</b>	Bill Levering	Daniel Carlson
<b>Processing Elders</b>	Del Pierce, Jeanne Shoulder, Brad Lewis, Barbara Walton, Darwin Brudos, Mary Jewett, Christine Daniels, Maria Todd	Peggy King, Brad Lewis, Jerry Griggs, Joyce Griggs, Barbara Walton, Margaret Schadler
<b>Reader</b>	Barbara Walton	Marilyn Leach
<b>Ushers</b>	Alden Brown, Hendrick Arnold, Joanne Arnold, Adam Kerwin	Art Shultes(head usher), Jeanette Davidson, Don Davidson, Joan Lindsay, Jim McCullough, Sharron McCullough