

***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.

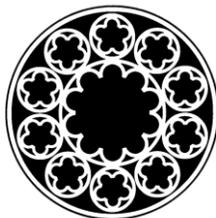
It shall be our aim to bring joy to little children, instruction and high ideals to youth, inspiration to men and women in the midst of life, and comfort to those in life's later years; and to labor together for the betterment of humankind.

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.



“Untitled” by Luke Carlson



June 11, 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 during asbestos mitigation.

Trinity Sunday

June 11, 2017

*The congregation may stand.

PRELUDE

10:00 a.m.

GREETING

Daniel Carlson

ANNOUNCEMENTS & ORIENTATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

INTROIT *Holy God, We Praise Your Name*

Grosser Gott wir Loben Dich

*HYMN

#138

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

*OUR NEED FOR GOD (*unison*)

O Blessed Trinity, we settle for so much less than the fullness of life you intend. Overcome our low expectations of your love, dear God, and our lack of faithfulness to your call. Deepen us down in your amazing grace, Lord Jesus, that we may be transformed. Revive and reconnect us, Spirit of life, that we may more fully know, love, and serve one another and the world we touch. All blessing, honor, and glory be to you, now and forever. Amen.

*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

ANTHEM *Laud to the Trinity* Gordon Young

Christ is made the sure Foundation,
Christ the Head and Cornerstone,
Chosen of the Lord and Precious,
Binding all the church in one;
Holy Zion's help forever,
And her confidence alone.

To this temple where we call Thee,
Come, O Lord of Hosts today;
With Thy wonted loving kindness
Hear Thy people as they pray;
And Thy fullest benedictions
Shed within its wall always.

Laud and honor to the Father,
Laud and honor to the Son.
Laud and honor to the Spirit,
Ever Three and ever One.

One in might and One in glory,
While unending ages run.

Joyful, joyful we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of Love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,
Op'ning to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day.

**Mortals join the happy chorus
Which the morning stars began;
Love divine is reigning o'er us,
Joining all in heaven's plan.**

**Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us sunward
In the triumph song of life.**

Henry Van Dyke

CHOIR DEDICATION

Marey Bailey, Gail Blinckmann, Amy Brule,
Wayne Brule, Andrew Chestnut, Heather
Chestnut, Linnea D'Andrea, Carol
Delamarter, Louise Dickinson, Joe Doolittle,
Daniel Ertel, Jacob Etkin, Eileen Herring,
Elsa Hjelmar, Daniel Ipsen, Adam Mason,
Sue Moses, Kathy Peterson, Bob Ridgway,
Kate Rose, Rachel Rose, Gene Rowland,
Corine Salon, Nancy Ellen Swann, Kitty
Trimarco, George Trimarco. Carol Troost,
Christine Walthers, Lynn Wilkanowski,
Johnny Willis.

FIRST LESSON *Genesis 1:26-27 (pg 1)*
Guide us, God, by your Word and Holy Spirit.
Amen. Marilyn Leach

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND LESSON
2 Corinthians 13:11-13 (pg 186)

SERMON Daniel Carlson
Trinitarian Transfusion

*HYMN #132
Come, Great God of All Ages

OFFERING OFFERTORY

*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 #455
All Creatures of Our God and King

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE
Twofold Amen Robert Bennett

POSTLUDE

Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing
Sicilian Mariners

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<p>Entered Into Eternal Rest Veronica Bartholic – 6/7/17</p>

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:

Mandalay Grems, Helen P. Lindsay, Ruth Doering, Grance Vandewater, Bernetta Cronk, Walter Kozak, Roland Carreker,

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.

Music Notes: *Halle, Halle.* Marty Haugen, John Bell. GIA Publications. OneLicense #700-700.

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.

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.

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.

Children's Music

Sunday morning Ukulele Cords of Love, Kirk Ringers, Singers and Orff led by Jamie Ipsen will break for the summer. There will be a summer evening class during August. For more information contact Jamie 399-6848.

Youth Group

All youth entering sixth grade 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.

June 18 - River tubing trip

We'll meet at church and leave at 11:45am return to church by 5pm. RSVP to revjonathan16@gmail.com 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.

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.

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 who assisted him in these endeavors. We have several copies available so come support your local authors!

Quotes

In the biblical tradition, the one God is experienced as transcendent Creator, as incarnate [Christ], and as [Spirit] present in and among the lives of believers. — Fred Craddock

“I didn't need to understand the hypostatic unity of the Trinity; I just needed to turn my life over to whoever came up with redwood trees.”
— Anne Lamott, *Plan B: Further Thoughts on Faith*

“Because the Christian God is not a lonely God, but rather a communion of three persons, faith leads human beings into the divine communion. One cannot, however, have a self-enclosed communion with the Triune God- a "foursome," as it were-- for the Christian God is not a private deity. Communion with this God is at once also communion with those others who have entrusted themselves in faith to the same God. Hence one and the same act of faith places a person into a new relationship both with God and with all others who stand in communion with God.” — Miroslav Volf, *After Our Likeness: The Church as the Image of the Trinity*

“And there's you. You're just beautiful. Effortlessly beautiful, like nature. You have the trinity of beauty: a beautiful heart, a beautiful mind, and a beautiful soul.” — Kamand Kojouri

I tell you the solemn truth, that the doctrine of the Trinity is not so difficult to accept for a working proposition as any one of the axioms of physics. — Henry Adams

“Grace isn't just forgiveness, it is forgiveness fueled by surrender.” — Amy E. Spiegel, *Letting Go of Perfect: Women, Expectations, and Authenticity*

“Without a heart transformed by the grace of Christ, we just continue to manage external and internal darkness.”
— Matt Chandler, *The Explicit Gospel*

“There will always be someone willing to hurt you, put you down, gossip about you, belittle your accomplishments and judge your soul. It is a fact that we all must face. However, if you realize that God is a best friend that stands beside you when others cast stones you will never be afraid, never feel worthless and never feel alone.” — Shannon L. Alder

Christ's life and death become the supreme demonstration of God's love for us... Through the work of Christ, and in the person of Christ, God's love reaches its most intensely brilliant radiance as a dazzling shaft of light. — Carl R. Holladay

“Too much of anything is dangerous unless it's God's Love.” — Reign

“But the man who is not afraid to admit everything that he sees to be wrong with himself, and yet recognizes that he may be the object of God's love precisely because of his shortcomings, can begin to be sincere. His sincerity is based on confidence, not in his own illusions about himself, but in the endless, unfailing mercy of God.”
— Thomas Merton, *No Man Is an Island*

“I experience religious dread whenever I find myself thinking that I know the limits of God's grace, since I am utterly certain it exceeds any imagination a human being might have of it. God does, after all, so love the world.”
— Marilynne Robinson, *When I Was a Child I Read Books*

Coming Up				
See the newsletter or call the church office for more information				
Date	Time	Event	Description	Place
June 11	11:15am	Church School	All children in grades K-8 are welcome. Dave Pizzolo gathers children after the Children's message. questions contact Dave@Pizzolo.com	Walton House
June 11	12pm	Gay Pride Parade	Join the Justice Action council as we proudly carry our banner in the parade. Meet up with the Doolittle's after worship if you need a ride.	Washington Park Downtown Albany
June 13	6:30pm	Standing Committees	Archive, Property, Mission & Benevolence, Youth Ed, Adult Ed, Finance, Worship, Fellowship & Membership, Justice Action	Various Locations
June 13	7:30pm	Consistory	Officers meeting	Dirck Romeyn
June 14	7pm	Contemplative Worship	Guitar-accompanied songs, guided meditation on Scripture, communion, prayers & Christ's peace.	Sanctuary
June 15	6:30pm	Stephen Ministry	Continuing education and small groups peer supervision for commissioned compassionate caregivers.	Dirck Romeyn
June 17	9am	Catskill Hike	RSVP to James Gonda 607-765-5349 Jgonda12309@gmail.com.	Church Parking lot
Father's Day				
June 18	11:45am	Youth Group Trip	River Tubing Trip	Church Office

“To ignore, repress, or dismiss our feelings is to fail to listen to the stirrings of the Spirit within our emotional life. — Brennan Manning, *Abba's Child: The Cry of the Heart for Intimate Belonging*

“When God laughs at the soul and the soul laughs back at God, the persons of the Trinity are begotten. When the Father laughs at the Son and the Son laughs back at the Father, that laughter gives pleasure, that pleasure gives joy, that joy gives love, and that love is the Holy Spirit.” — Meister Eckhart

“To be spirit led is better than been driven by guilt.” — Bamigboye Olurotimi

“It is a fanatical notion that we interfere with the Holy Spirit if we make any preparation for prayer. The theological deficit in that assumption is that the Holy Spirit would not have us reason or use foresight or imagination or fit language. It assumes incorrectly that the only part of us that the Spirit wishes to work through is emotive impulsivity and spontaneous feeling-flow. It assumes incorrectly that the Holy Spirit does not also work through discipline, reason, reflection, and organization.” — Thomas C. Oden, *Pastoral Theology: Essentials of Ministry*

“The guidance of the Holy Spirit enables us to know God's will for our life” — Sunday Adelaja

Sunday, June 11

10:00am Worship
 10:15am Church School K-5
 5:00pm Jazz Vespers

Monday, June 12

9:00am Men's News Group

Tuesday, June 13

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

Wednesday, June 14

1:00pm Pastoral Team Meeting
 1:00pm Archives
 2:00pm Staff Meeting
 7:00pm Contemplative Worship

Thursday, June 15

7:30am Breakfast Bible Bunch
 6:30pm Stephen Ministry
 7:45pm Small Group Peer Meeting

Saturday, June 17

9:00am Catskill Hike

Sunday, June 18

10:00am Worship
 10:00am Installation of Officers
 5:00pm Jazz Vespers

	This Sunday	Next Sunday
Jazz Vespers	Mike Lamkin, piano	Peg Delaney, piano; Bill Delaney, bass; Tom D'Andrea, drums
Bookshop/Heritage	Nancy Wainwright	Birdie Blackmer
Counting Deacons	Fred Daniels, David Bundy	Ellie Brudos, Gay Doolittle
Greeters	Ann & Joe Gotwals	Jerry & Joyce Griggs
Flower Delivery	Aline Stabler, Rick & Cheryl Zahner	Marilyn Leach, Lois & Herbert Stickney
Preacher	Daniel Carlson	Bill Levering
Processing Elders	Peggy King, Brad Lewis, Jerry Griggs, Joyce Griggs, Barbara Walton, Margaret Schadler	Jeanette Davidson, Gay Doolittle, James Gonda, Del Pierce, Ellie Rowland, Margaret Schadler
Reader	Marilyn Leach	Nancy Wainwright
Ushers	Art Shultes(head usher), Jeanette Davidson, Don Davidson, Joan Lindsay, Jim McCullough, Sharron McCullough	Gerry Myers, Crystal Mongillo, Justine Ochal, Ralph Rosenthal