

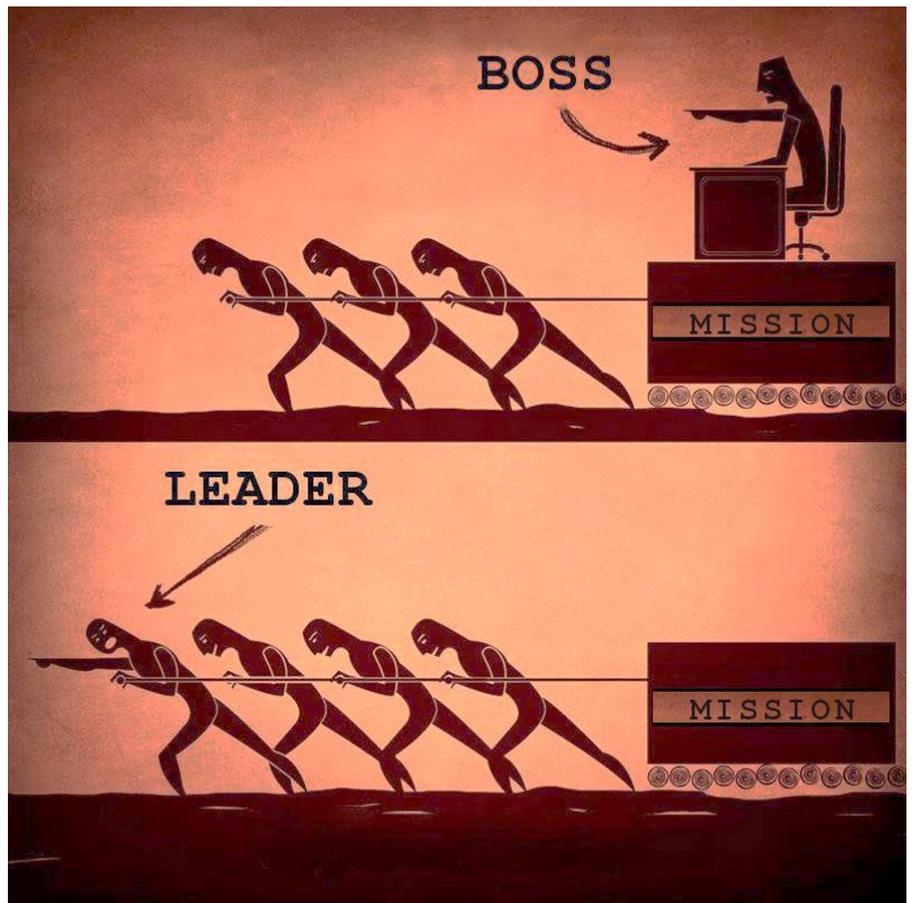
***The Covenant of Our
Congregation
Adopted in 1962***

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.

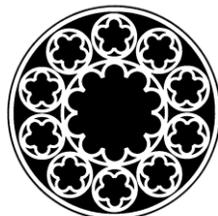
It shall be our aim to bring joy to little children, instruction and high ideals to youth, inspiration to men and women in the midst of life, and comfort to those in life's later years; and to labor together for the betterment of humankind.

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 18, 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.

Second Sunday after Pentacost

June 18, 2017

*The congregation may stand.

PRELUDE Bob Ridgway

Be Still My Soul Jean Sibelius

Lyrics: Katharina A. von Schlegel

Psalm 23 Bob Ridgway

Lyrics: King David

Ancient Awareness Bob Ridgway

Lyrics: Hildegard von Bingen

10:00 a.m.

GREETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS & ORIENTATION

CALL TO WORSHIP Bill Levering

*HYMN *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty* #482

*OUR NEED FOR GOD (*unison*)

God of Mercy, you call us to be your servant people, but too often we have gone our own way, hoping to avoid your claim on our lives. We have not always trusted your good news to be good for us. We have allowed the empty distractions of the world to draw us from our best efforts in life. Have mercy on us, O God, and in your love forgive us and set us free to respond to your call that brings out our best. 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!**

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

*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

MUSICAL OFFERING *Go Light Your World*
Chris Rice

There is a candle in every soul
Some brightly burning, some dark and cold
There is a Spirit who brings fire
Ignites a candle and makes His home

Carry your candle, run to the darkness
Seek out the hopeless, confused and torn
Hold out your candle for all to see it
Take your candle, and go light your world

Frustrated brother, see how he's tried to
Light his own candle some other way
See now your sister, she's been robbed and lied to
Still holds a candle without a flame

Carry your candle, run to the darkness
Seek out the lonely, the tired and worn
Hold out your candle for all to see it
Take your candle, and go light your world

We are a family whose hearts are blazing
So let's raise our candles and light up the sky
Praying to our Father, in the name of Jesus
Make us a beacon in darkest times

Carry your candle, run to the darkness
Seek out the helpless, deceived and poor
Hold out your candle for all to see it
Take your candle, and go light your world

FIRST LESSON *Psalm 100* (pg 522)
Guide us, God, by your Word and Holy Spirit.
Amen. Carol Troost

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND LESSON *Matthew 9:35-10:1* (pg 9)

SERMON Bill Levering
Following by Leading

*HYMN *Holy Spirit, Lord of Love* #524

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *It Is One* Jackson Browne

They shot a man into the sky
The moon and stars became his bed
He saw the sun rise seven times
And when he came back down he said

Refrain:

It is one, it is one
One world spinning 'round the sun
Wherever it is you call home
Whatever country you come from
It is one, it is one, it is one, it is one

They shot a man in Africa
At a time of rivalry and war
He had some dreams of a good life
But dreams aren't what they killed him for

Now people stand themselves next to the
righteous
And they believe the things they say are true
They speak in terms of what divides us
To justify the violence they do

(Refrain)

It's not a world of our own choosing
We don't decide where we are born
This life is a battleground between right and
wrong
One way or other we are torn

And people stand themselves next to the
righteous
And they believe the things they say are true
And speak in terms of what divides us
To justify the violence they do

(Refrain)

One, the deep blue ocean
One, the endless sky
One, the purple mountains
One, you and I

*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 *Here I am, Lord* #525

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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:

*Mandalay Grems, Helen P. Lindsay, Ruth
Doering, Grance Vanderwater, 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.

In Memoriam

The chancel flowers today are placed in the sanctuary to the glory of God and in loving memory of Don Troost by Carol Troost and Deborah Troost.

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.

Memorial Service

A memorial service for Ronnie Bartholic will be held on July 15 at 10am. Her son David Bartholic address is 15 Talcott Notch Rd, Avon, CT 06001.

Music Notes

Ancient Awareness © 2013: A poem by Saint Hildegard of Bingen (1098 – 1179) read by Matthew Fox as part of an Earth Day sermon within FRC worship.

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.

Reminder

Greeting visitors to our church is joyful work. The apostle Paul wrote, "Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." (Romans 15:7) Thank you for showing kindness to strangers in our midst.

Kerygma Summer Talks and Treks

Join a jovial band of those committed to continuing to gather and grow year-round for any/all of the scheduled on-site conversations and off-site explorations! The lineup includes: a discussion of Orthodoxy Wednesday, June 21, 9:30-11am; a day visit to New Skete Monasteries, Wednesday, July 12; a talk about Intentional Christian Communities, Wednesday, July 26, 9:30-11am; a visit to the Bruderhof, Wednesday, August 23. Contact Rev. Carlson to participate in one or more of these summer educational opportunities.

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 till 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.

Today- Game Night at Church

Today's tubing trip is canceled. Instead, meet at church tonight at 6-7:30pm for a game night, pizza, and ice cream. Bring your favorite games.

New Edition! The Beverwyck Anthology

The fourth edition of The Beverwyck Anthology First Reformed's literary magazine, is printed. Some Complimentary copies are in the Heritage Room / Faith Bookshop and on the table in the back of the sanctuary.

Coming Up				
See the newsletter or call the church office for more information				
Date	Time	Event	Description	Place
Today	10am	Worship & Installation of Officers	New officers; Joanne Arnold, Sarah Bachorik, Christina Jones, Matt Jones, Peter Ontkush,	Sanctuary
Today	5pm	Vespers	Peg Delaney, piano; Bill Delaney, bass; Tom D'Andrea, drums	Sanctuary
Today	6pm	Youth Group	Game Night at Church	Walton Conference
June 20	7pm	Short Short Writing	Writing group for 1000 words or less	Dirck Romeyn
June 21	9:30am	Kerygma	A discussion of Orthodoxy; contact Rev. Carlson to participate.	Dirck Romeyn
July 12	9:30am	Kerygma	A visit to New Skete Monasteries; contact Rev. Carlson to participate.	Offsite
July 15		Youth Group	Day Trip to Lake Placid	Offsite
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Aug 23	9:30am	Kerygma	A visit to the Bruderhof; contact Rev. Carlson to participate.	Offsite

	This Sunday	Next Sunday
Jazz Vespers	Peg Delaney, piano; Bill Delaney, bass; Tom D'Andrea, drums	Dave Gleason, solo piano
Bookshop/Heritage	Birdie Blackmer	Sarah House
Counting Deacons	Ellie Brudos, Gay Doolittle	Lyn Gordon, Kim Burgoyne
Greeters	Jerry & Joyce Griggs	Darwin & Ellie Brudos
Flower Delivery	Marilyn Leach, Lois & Herbert Stickney	Bill Clock, Karen Gonda
Preacher	Bill Levering	Bill Levering
Processing Elders	Jeanette Davidson, Gay Doolittle, James Gonda, Del Pierce, Ellie Rowland, Margaret Schadler	Birdie Blacker, Peggy King, Norm Kuchar, Liz Mastrianni, Bill Rochelle, Richard Rose
Reader	Carol Troost	Liz Mastrianni
Ushers	Vickie & Mike Horan (head ushers), Gerry Myers, Crystal Mongillo, Justine Ochal, Ralph Rosenthal	Tom Burgoyne (head usher), David Bundy, Joe Gotwals, Karen Gonda, Berta Phipps, Nat Phipps

Sunday, June 11

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

Monday, June 19

9:00am Men's News Group

Tuesday, June 20

10:00am Morning Prayer
 11:00am Admin Staff Meeting
 7:00pm Short Short Writing

Wednesday, June 21

1:00pm Pastoral Team Meeting

Sunday, June 18

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

“You don’t have to hold a position in order to be a leader.” - Henry Ford

“The authority by which the Christian leader leads is not power but love, not force but example, not coercion but reasoned persuasion. Leaders have power, but power is safe only in the hands of those who humble themselves to serve.” – John Stott

“If you want to build a ship, don’t drum up the men to gather wood, divide the work and give orders. Instead, teach them to yearn for the vast and endless sea.” – Antoine de Saint-Exupery

“A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way.” – John C. Maxwell

“If you’re working on something you care about, you don’t have to be pushed. The vision pulls you.” – Steve Jobs

“A genuine leader is not a searcher of consensus but a molder of consensus.”
 — Martin Luther King Jr.

“It takes more than a busy church, a friendly church, or even an evangelical church to impact a community for Christ. It must be a church ablaze, led by leaders who are ablaze for God.”
 – Wesley L. Duewel

“Don’t just delegate tasks to the next generation. If you delegate tasks, you create followers. Instead, delegate authority to create leaders.”
 – Craig Groeschel

"I'm not a follower of this or that religious leader. More wars are started because of religious leaders, and people are following and they don't know why... That is religiosity. That is what turns people into robots." – Ashton Kutcher

"All religious leaders and spiritual teachers emphasize finding a place within us that is true. People who obsessively follow these leaders instead of their own purpose attach to the spiritual leader and become fanatical and controlling. That's why Jesus tried to tell his followers not to get attached to outward form."
 – Martha Beck

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THE CONSISTORY

MINISTERS

Bill Levering, Senior Minister
Daniel Carlson, Associate Minister

OFFICERS

James Gonda, Amy Brule, Senior Elders
Catherine Lewis, Treasurer
Joanne Bedell, Clerk

ELDERS

Joanne Arnold
Amy Brule
James Gonda
Marilyn Leach
Brad Lewis
Liz Mastrianni
Del Pierce
Jeanne Shoulder
Barbara Walton
Caroline Welch

DEACONS

Sarah Bachorik
Andy Chestnut
Fred Daniels
Lyn Gordon
Dave Hjelmar
Christina Jones
Matt Jones
Peter Ontkush
Richard Rose
Ralph Rosenthal

COVENANTER

Jonathan Vanderbeck

MISSIONERS

Isaiah Teeling, Home Furnishings
Anthony Turner, Habitat for Humanity
Nicole Margiasso, Patty's Place
Chris Li, Roots & Wisdom

CHURCH STAFF

Julie Panke, Music Director
Avery Tunningley, Organist
Corine Salon, Artistic Coordinator
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