

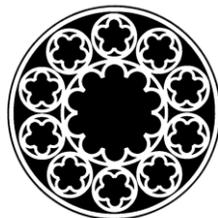
***The Covenant of Our  
Congregation  
Adopted in 1962***

*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.*



***August 6, 2017***

*First Reformed Church  
8 North Church Street  
Schenectady, New York 12305  
(518) 377-2201 [www.1stReformed.com](http://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](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.

## Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

August 6, 2017

\*The congregation may stand.

PRELUDE Avery Tunningley

*Peace Unto You* Louise Stairs

*Andante Moderato* Stephen Otis

*Praise Him, King of Heaven*  
Gertrude Nicholson

*Homage* John Boalt

10:00 a.m.

GREETING Bill Levering

ANNOUNCEMENTS & ORIENTATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

\*HYMN *Let All Things Now Living* #554

\*OUR NEED FOR GOD (*unison*)

**O God, you know us completely. You know how we have failed to both love you above all others, and love our neighbors as ourselves. You know how we have failed to be faithful members of Christ's body. You know how we have failed to expect, embrace and employ your Spirit's gifts for the common good. O God, in your complete knowing and unfailing love, forgive us, we pray.**

\*GOD'S FORGIVING LOVE

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

**God welcomes all!  
Strangers and friends!  
God's love is strong  
And it never ends! (2x)**

\*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

*Thee We Adore* Plainchant, arr. Johnson

Thee we adore, O hidden Savior, thee,  
Who in thy sacrament art pleased to be;  
Both flesh and Spirit in thy presence fail,  
Yet here thy presence we devoutly hail.

Fountain of goodness, Jesus Lord and God:  
Cleanse us, unclean, with thy most cleansing blood;  
Increase our faith and love, that we may know  
The hope and peace which from thy presence flow.

O Christ, whom now beneath a veil we see:  
May what we thirst for soon our portion be,  
To gaze on thee unveiled, and see thy face,  
The vision of thy glory and thy grace. Amen.

Thomas Aquinas (1227-1274)

FIRST LESSON *Matthew 13:1-9; 34-36* (pg 13)

Guide us, God, by your Word and Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.** Amy Brule

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND LESSON *Ezekiel 24:3-5* (pg 778)

*Tales From the Lake*\*HYMN *I Love To Tell The Story*

**I love to tell the story  
of unseen things above,  
Of Jesus and His glory,  
of Jesus and His love.**

**I love to tell the story,  
because I know 'tis true;  
It satisfies my longings  
as nothing else can do.**

(Refrain)

**I love to tell the story,  
'twill be my theme in glory,  
To tell the old, old story  
of Jesus and His love.**

**I love to tell the story;  
more wonderful it seems  
Than all the golden fancies  
of all our golden dreams.  
I love to tell the story,  
it did so much for me;  
And that is just the reason  
I tell it now to thee.**

(Refrain)

**I love to tell the story;  
'tis pleasant to repeat  
What seems, each time I tell it,  
more wonderfully sweet.  
I love to tell the story,  
for some have never heard  
The message of salvation  
from God's own holy Word.**

(Refrain)

**I love to tell the story,  
for those who know it best  
Seem hungering and thirsting  
to hear it like the rest.  
And when, in scenes of glory,  
I sing the new, new song,  
'Twill be the old, old story  
that I have loved so long.**

(Refrain)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Prayer for Earth*

Michael Garson

\*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 *Fairest Lord Jesus* #306

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing*

Sicilian Mariners

## Music Notes

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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:

*Bill Piper, Alice Niedrach, Drew Mills, Thomas S. Getty, Miriam Carreker, John Senn, James A. Ramsey, Mark McDermott, Marjorie Burke*

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 Risseuw, 2140 Niskayuna Drive, Niskayuna, NY 12309.

## Volunteers Needed for Summer Lunches

We are in need of 1st Reformed members to serve lunches to children at the Yates Housing Community on August 10. The sign-up schedule for helpers is in the Dirck Romeyn room/ Church office or you can call in at 377-2201. Thank you to all those who signed up for other dates.

## Columbarium Accessible on Sundays

Those wishing to visit the columbarium during construction may do so on Sunday mornings from 11-11:30am. Our sexton, Tom Mahan will be stationed at the church office entrance to provide safe passage to the columbarium during this time.

## Roots & Wisdom – Aug 8

Open house August 8 from 9:30-11:30am at Sustainable Living Center 180 PTL Arthur Chairs Lane. Activities will include meeting the 2017 crew, garden tours, presentations given by our summer crew about edible weeds, landscaping and flower arrangements and samples. We will also show recipes made with produce from our garden.

## Youth Group:

### Make-Your-Own-Ice-Cream Tonight

Join us Tonight, August 6 from 6-7pm, for a make-your-own-ice-cream night! Pastor Jonathan will teach everyone how to make their own ice cream and will also have all the fixings for sundaes. Milk allergy? No problem. Just let him know and he'll have non-dairy versions available too. Also, if you're planning to come to NYC on Saturday August 12, let Pastor Jonathan know ASAP so he can buy train tickets. We'll be gone all day and arrive back to church around 9pm that evening. Cost is \$20, which includes round-trip train fare and subway fare. This is our big summer event so we hope to see you!

## Church Meeting - August 20

After worship, we will gather to talk in very broad terms about the next steps for our professional staff and our music program. All members are invited. No decisions will be made but committees might be formed.

## Thrills in the Catskills continues – Aug 26

The Fellowship Committee is sponsoring a hike to Huckleberry Point on Saturday, August 26, a 2.4 mile trek up on moderate terrain. The Guidebook states: "One of the truly magnificent views in the Catskills." Pack a lunch and meet in the church parking lot at 9 AM. RSVP to James Gonda at 607-765-5349 or [jgonda12309@gmail.com](mailto:jgonda12309@gmail.com).

### **Kerygma Summer Talks and Treks**

Join the jovial group of those committed to continuing to gather and learn year-round for a final off-site exploration: a day visit to a Bruderhof Community in the Hudson Valley, August 23. Contact Rev. Carlson to participate.

### **Church Picnic – September 10 after worship.**

All invited, please bring a delicious and nutritious dish to share, enough for 10 – 12 adults. A – R side dish or salad, S – Z dessert. A signup sheet is on the table in the rear of the sanctuary. The church will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, and cold drinks. Thank you, brothers and sisters. Also volunteers are needed for set-up before the picnic and breakdown /clean-up after the picnic. Sign-up at the church office

### **Living History and Family Fun – Sept 17**

The Fellowship Committee is sponsoring a trip to the Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome on Sunday, Sept. 17, directly after church. The show starts at 2pm; Admission is \$25 for ages 18-64; \$20 for military and 65+; \$12 for youth 6-17; 5 and under, free. RSVP to James Gonda at 607-765-5349 or [jgonda12309@gmail.com](mailto:jgonda12309@gmail.com).

### **Support & Care**

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.

### **Youth Group Call for Volunteers**

If you are interested in volunteering for youth group this coming fall as a youth leader or would be willing to host the youth group for an evening or make snacks, please contact Pastor Jonathan. You will to be notified about a volunteer meeting to be held near the end of the summer.

### **Prayer Shawl Knit Group**

Beginning September we will be meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every month at 10am in the home of Gini McDermott at 21 Carrie Ct, Niskayuna.

### **Updated Church Directory**

Updated issues of the directory will be coming out in September. Please submit a photo of yourself to [1streformedpub@gmail.com](mailto:1streformedpub@gmail.com) if we do not already have one or wanted to add an updated one. If you have had any address or phone number changes since prior years or wanted to make sure something was changed, please contact church office by August 27.

### **Volunteers Needed for Stockade Walkabout**

Each Walkabout First Reformed Church opens its doors to the community during the Stockade Walkabout. This year's Walkabout is Saturday September 23. One theme of this year's event is "transformation". FRC has lots of stories to share including the history of six church buildings, founding of Union College and current building project to serve the future. We are in need of volunteers to greet and share stories in the sanctuary, Dirck Romeyn and Heritage room and Mohawk House. If you can participate for two hours between 11-5 pm, please sign-up in Dirck Romeyn or by calling church office. Questions contact Carol DeLaMater or Laura Lee.

### **Where Do I Put The Garbage**

There's now assistance in figuring out what goes where when you are done with it: three dimensional signage is affixed to the three distinct bins in the Dirck Romeyn room. The big green container is a compost bin; the medium blue container is a recycle bin, and the place of last resort is the smallest receptacle of all: a gray trash bin. Our Compo-pros are on hand each such Sunday to assist us in doing what is right with what we use when we're done with it. Thanks for doing your part in taking better care for God's creation!

<b>Coming Up</b>				
<b>See the newsletter or call the church office for more information</b>				
<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Place</b>
Aug 9	5pm	Vacation Bible School	Crafts, games, stories, music and more! Pizza will be provided at 5:30. For everyone ages 4 and up.	Sanctuary
Aug 9	6pm	Cords of Love	Kids Ukulele will meet every Wednesday. Open to kids ages 8-16 are welcome. Free pizza at 5:30pm.	Sanctuary
Aug 9	7pm	Adult Ukulele	Wednesday evenings till 8pm No experience is needed. Call the church office to borrow a ukulele.	Sanctuary
Aug 12		Youth Group	NYC Day Trip – RSVP to Jonathan ASAP	Off-site
Aug 17	6:30pm	Stephen Ministry Supervision	Informal summer supervision for Stephen Ministers with Care Receivers.	Dirck Romeyn
Aug 20	11am	Church Meeting	We will talk in broad terms about the next steps for our professional staff & our music program	Dirck Romeyn
Aug 23	9:30am	Kerygma Talk	Visit to the Bruderhof; contact Rev. Carlson.	Off-site
Aug 23	7pm	Contemplative Worship	Guitar-accompanied songs, guided meditation on Scripture, communion & prayers.	Sanctuary
Sept 10	11am	Church Picnic	All are welcome for a time of fun, food, and fellowship! Please bring a dish to share.	Church

### **Casting Call**

The Archives and Historical Concerns Committee is sponsoring a play reading on Sunday, Oct. 29 and needs voice actors. No memorization required! This post-Civil War drama calls for seven men and one woman. Please contact James Gonda at 607-765-5349 or [jgonda12309@gmail.com](mailto:jgonda12309@gmail.com).

### **Sunday Refreshments**

Please consider picking a Sunday to bring in treats of your choice for all to enjoy. A signup sheet is located in the Dirck Romeyn room.

### **New Edition of Beverwyck**

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

### **Get Ready To Change The Way You Dial**

Starting this summer, all telephone calls made in our area code will require the person making the call to include the area code when dialing. Why? Because the number of phone numbers available in our area are running out, a new area code (838) is being added to the area currently served by 518. This is known as an area code overlay. As of August 19th of this year, you will HAVE to dial the area code or the call will not be able to be completed.

### **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.

<p><b>The Bathroom upstairs from the Dirck Romeyn entrance is now open</b></p>
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**Sunday, August 6**

10:00am..... Worship  
 10:00am..... Communion - Intinction  
 10:15am..... Church School K-5  
 5:00pm..... Jazz Vespers  
 6:00pm..... Youth Group - Ice Cream

**Monday, August 7**

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

**Tuesday, August 8**

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

**Wednesday August 9**

1:00pm..... Pastoral Team Meeting  
 1:00pm..... Archives  
 5:00pm..... Vacation Bible School  
 5:30pm..... Cords of Love  
 7:00pm..... Adults Summer Ukulele

**Saturday, August 12**

8:00am..... Youth Group - NYC Trip

**Sunday, August 13**

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, piano; Pete Toigo, bass; Tom D'Andrea, drums	Scott Bassinson, piano
<b>Bookshop</b>	Christina Jones	Sarah Howes
<b>Counting Deacons</b>	Ralph Rosenthal, Kim Burgoyne	Christina Jones, Bill Rochelle
<b>Greeters</b>	Birdie Blackmer	Mary Jewett
<b>Flower Delivery</b>	Cathy & Brad Lewis, Laura Lee	Tom & Barbara Mancuso, Kim Burgoyne
<b>Preacher</b>	Bill Levering	Bill Levering
<b>Processing Elders</b>	Amy Brule, Wayne Brule, Barbara Walton	Jeanette Davidson, Don Leach, Marilyn Leach, Bill Rochelle
<b>Reader</b>	Amy Brule	Marilyn Leach
<b>Ushers</b>	Tom Burgoyne, David Bundy, Joe Gotwals, Karen Gonda, Berta Phipps, Nat Phipps	Bill Clock, Jacob Etkin, Christina Jones, Matt Jones, Aline Stabler, Nancy Wainwright