

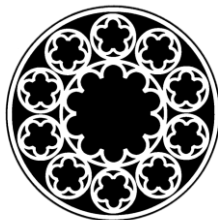
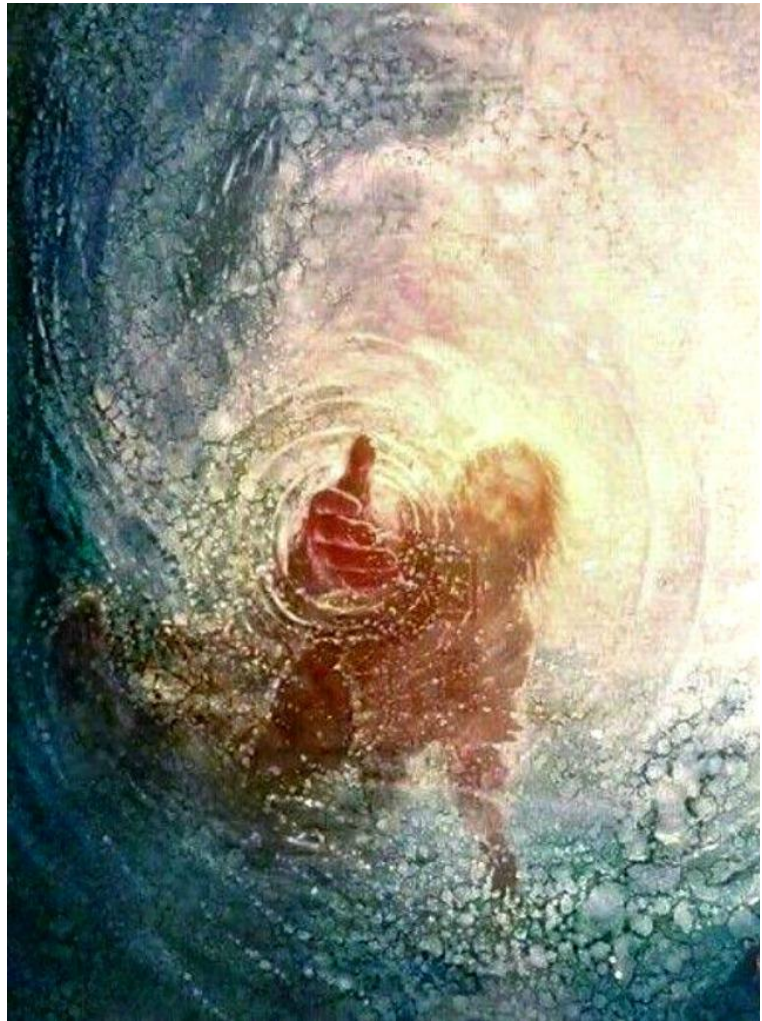
***The Covenant of Our
Congregation
Adopted in 1962***

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 13, 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.

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 13, 2017

*The congregation may stand.

PRELUDE Andrew Janack, marimba

*Ghanaia
Mbira Song*

Matthias Schmitt
Alice Gomez

10:00 a.m.

GREETING Bill Levering

ANNOUNCEMENTS & ORIENTATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN *Of the Father's Love Begotten* #309

*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 – Traditional version
I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose

again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Zane Eldine Thuener Salem
Gabriel Evan Thuener Salem

PRESENTATION AND PROMISES

Elaine A Thuener & Amir Gomaa Salem

PRAYER AND BAPTISMAL COVENANT

BLESSING AND WELCOME

Welcome our sisters in Christ.

Joyfully we receive you. Join us to give witness in the world to the good news, for we are all one in Christ Jesus. Alleluia!

*PASSING THE PEACE

MUSICAL OFFERING *Rain Dance*

Alice Gomez

FIRST LESSON *1 King 19:9-18* (pg 326)

Guide us, God, by your Word and Holy Spirit.

Amen. Marilyn Leach

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND LESSON *Matthew 14:22-33* (pg 16)

SERMON

Bill Levering

Silence and Fear

*HYMN *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* #363

OFFERING

OFFERTORY David Vredenburg, organ

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me (Sojourner)
arr. John Carter

*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 #298

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing
Sicilian Mariners

+++

Entered Into Eternal Rest

Peter Ten Eyck – 8/6/17

Music Notes

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In Memoriam

The chancel flowers today are placed in the sanctuary to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dorothy Davidson by Don & Jeanette Davidson.

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.

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:

Dorothy Davidson, Helen Huff Lord, Lorraine Ebeling, Linda Richards, Cameron Barrie Rowe,

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.

Kinderwyk & Church School Volunteers Needed!

Come get to know the youth of our church by volunteering in Kinderwyk or Church School as a teacher or an assistant! Our church is your family, support the education of our youngsters. Senior High Youth are encouraged to volunteer too, just need to be at least 14 years old. Fill out your information on the sign-up forms in the Narthex, table by the Dirck Romeyn room, the church office or contact Dorothy Linder-Mitchell at 1stReformedEducation@gmail.com or 518-281-5673

Vacation Bible School

Wednesdays August 16, 23, and 30 August from 5-7pm (we will have a break for pizza at 5:30) upstairs from the office. Come play some games, listen to some stories, make some crafts and more! Open to ages 4 and older. You are encouraged to bring a friend.

Calling all 3rd Graders

This year you receive your Bible and receive Communion. You will be presented with your Bible in worship in September and will have communion class in September prior to World Communion Day, October 1st. Please let us know if that's you! If you are in 4th, 5th, or 6th grade and have not received your Bible, let Dorothy know.

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.

Church Meeting – Next Week

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.

Healing Moments – Aug 22

A community conversation on issues involving refugee, immigration and Diversity, to build trust and heal divisions. When? Tuesday August 22, from 10am-12pm. Located at the Islamic Center of the Capital District, 21 Lansing Road N, Schenectady 12304. Please RSVP by August 17 with Mary Rozak, (518)447-7218 or Mary.Rozak@albanycountyny.gov. Ample parking available.

Kerygma Summer Talks and Treks – Aug 23

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.

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.

Church Picnic – September 10 after worship.

All invited, please bring a 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. 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.

Updated Church Directory

Updated issues of the directory will be coming out in September. Please submit a photo of yourself to 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.

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.

The Bathroom upstairs from the Dirck Romeyn entrance is now open

Prayer Shawl Knit Group

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

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.

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.

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!

An Opportunity To Serve

Snack Facilitator - duties include coordinating the after-worship treats in the Dirck Romeyn room. A tasty job that promotes fun and fellowship. Contact James Gonda at 607-765-5349 or jgonda12309@gmail.com.

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.

"It's the questions we can't answer that teach us the most. They teach us how to think. If you give a man an answer, all he gains is a little fact. But give him a question and he'll look for his own answers." — Patrick Rothfuss, *The Wise Man's Fear*

Coming Up				
See the newsletter or call the church office for more information				
Date	Time	Event	Description	Place
Aug 16	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 16	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 16	7pm	Adult Ukulele	Wednesday evenings till 8pm No experience is needed. Call the church office to borrow a ukulele.	Sanctuary
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

“Do one thing every day that scares you.”
— Eleanor Roosevelt

“There is only one thing that makes a dream impossible to achieve: the fear of failure.”
— Paulo Coelho, *The Alchemist*

“I must not fear. Fear is the mind-killer. Fear is the little-death that brings total obliteration. I will face my fear. I will permit it to pass over me and through me. And when it has gone past I will turn the inner eye to see its path. Where the fear has gone there will be nothing. Only I will remain.” — Frank Herbert, *Dune*

“Bran thought about it. 'Can a man still be brave if he's afraid?'
'That is the only time a man can be brave,' his father told him.”
— George R.R. Martin, *A Game of Thrones*

“Fear cuts deeper than swords.”
— George R.R. Martin, *A Game of Thrones*

“No one ever told me that grief felt so like fear.”
— C.S. Lewis, *A Grief Observed*

“There are three things all wise men fear: the sea in storm, a night with no moon, and the anger of a gentle man.” — Patrick Rothfuss, *The Wise Man's Fear*

“There is a stubbornness about me that never can bear to be frightened at the will of others. My courage always rises at every attempt to intimidate me.” — Jane Austen, *Pride and Prejudice*

“We can easily forgive a child who is afraid of the dark; the real tragedy of life is when men are afraid of the light.” — Plato

“Scared is what you're feeling. Brave is what you're doing.” — Emma Donoghue, *Room*

“I don't trust anybody. Not anybody. And the more that I care about someone, the more sure I am they're going to get tired of me and take off.”
— Rainbow Rowell, *Fangirl*

“Nothing in life is to be feared, it is only to be understood. Now is the time to understand more, so that we may fear less.” — Marie Curie

Sunday, August 13

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

Monday, August 14

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

Tuesday, August 15

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

Wednesday August 16

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

Sunday, August 20

10:00am..... Worship
 10:15am..... Church School K-5
 11:00pm..... Church Meeting
 11:15am..... First Forum
 5:00pm..... Jazz Vespers

	This Sunday	Next Sunday
Jazz Vespers	Scott Bassinson, piano	Peg Delaney, piano; Bill Delaney, bass; Tom D'Andrea, drums
Bookshop	Sarah Howes	Nancy Wainwright
Counting Deacons	Christina Jones, Bill Rochelle	Claire Hughes, Joan Lindsay
Greeters	Mary Jewett	Peggy King
Flower Delivery	Tom & Barbara Mancuso, Kim Burgoyne	Peggy King, Barbara Walton
Preacher	Bill Levering	Bill Levering
Processing Elders	Jeanette Davidson, Don Leach, Marilyn Leach, Bill Rochelle	Barbara Walton, Darwin Brudos, Peggy King, Tom Lindsay
Reader	Marilyn Leach	Barbara Walton
Ushers	Bill Clock, Jacob Etkin, Christina Jones, Matt Jones, Aline Stabler, Nancy Wainwright	Del Pierce, Michael Horan, Christine Lund, Vickie McGowan-Horan, Carol Troost