

***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.

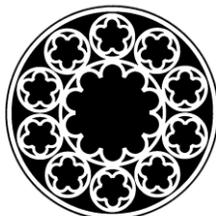
Our ideal is a church of the open mind, the warm heart, the hopeful spirit, and the social vision which ever seeks to express, in all walks of life, the mind of Jesus.



There is the moment
After
When Sad Fear Stuns

There is the moment
Before
It Happens Again

Where Hope
Cries
Out



October 8, 2017
*First Reformed Church
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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 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.



Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 8, 2017

*The congregation may stand.

PRELUDE David Vredenburg

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

Wayne L. Wold

If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee

J. S. Bach

How Great Thou Art

Dale Wood

10:00 a.m.

GREETING Daniel Carlson

ANNOUNCEMENTS & ORIENTATION

CALL TO WORSHIP Bill Levering

INTROIT *Jubilate Deo* Praetorius

*HYMN *How Great Thou Art* #467 vs 1-2

*OUR NEED FOR GOD (*unison*)

God of the world, we confess that our selfishness and shortsightedness has spoiled our relationships and our environment. Our inaction has allowed greed and hate to poison world peace and planetary health. Help us to hear and follow your call to wholeness. Forgive us, we pray, and motivate us again to work for what is right.

*GOD'S FORGIVING LOVE

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE (*unison*)

**God welcomes all, strangers and friends;
God's love is strong and it never ends!**

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(*from the Accra Confession*)

We believe in God, Creator and Sustainer of all life, who calls us as partners in the creation and redemption of the world. We live under the promise that Jesus Christ came so that all might have life in fullness. Guided and upheld by the Holy Spirit we open ourselves to the reality of our world.

We believe that God is sovereign over all creation. "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof."

*PASSING THE PEACE

ANTHEM Franz Josef Haydn

The Heavens are telling the Glory of God

Kate Rose, Soprano;

John Spinelli, Tenor; Tom Johnson, Baritone

The heavens are telling the glory of God,

The wonder of his work displays the firmament:

The day that is coming speaks it the day,

The night that is gone to following night.

In all the lands resounds the word,

Never unperceived, ever understood. ever, ever.

FIRST LESSON Marilyn Leach

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

Amen.

Psalm 19 (pg 498)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND LESSON *Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20*

(pg 66)

SERMON *Aftermath* Bill Levering

*HYMN #282

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

MINUTE FOR MISSION *Hurricane Relief*

Abby Norton Levering

OFFERING

OFFERTORY Jeannette Storch, Oboe

The Lord Is My Shepherd John Rutter

The Lord is my Shepherd: therefore can I lack nothing-

He shall feed me in a green pasture,

And lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

He shall convert my soul and bring me forth

In the paths of righteousness, for his Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk thro' the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil; For thou art with me:

Thy rod and staff comfort me.

Thou shalt prepare a table for me against them that trouble me:

Thou hast anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full.

But thy loving kindness and mercy

Shall follow me all the days of my life

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

*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 #268
God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE
Threefold amen Traditional

POSTLUDE

Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing
Sicilian Mariners

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Special Offering - Today

This week's special offering is to benefit survivors of this summer's hurricanes: Harvey, Irma and Maria. The funds will be channeled through Reformed Church World Service, and will be matched dollar for dollar from our Mission & Benevolence committee's disaster relief budget up to a maximum of \$3,000. Please give generously.

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.

Mohawk House Coffee Area
Open from 9am-3pm on Monday-Friday.

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:

Marion Lentz, Virginia Laumeister, Gertrude Young, Eldon Springsted, Lauralee Moore, Jack Kampf, Frederick White, Emma Pitzer

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.

FRC Youth Group Plan for Fall – Today

Our theme for this fall is "Love Your Neighbor as Yourself." Today several of Pastor Jonathan's friends from the LGBTQ community will come in and share their experiences being someone who society might deem as "different," and we'll learn more about the different culture and communities that make our world the best place it can be. Join us for a great discussion, great food, and great fellowship!

Youth Group - Next Week

Join us on our first service project of the year! We are meeting **Saturday** morning, October 14, at 10am at Trinity Reformed Church in Rotterdam (705 Curry Rd). We'll be helping Trinity prepare for the opening of their food drive. We'll spend time at church sorting donations and also going out on a canned food drive. We are in need of parent drivers too! Please let Pastor Jonathan know so he can plan accordingly. We'll be done by 12:30pm.

MUSIC NOTES

Our guest organist is David A. Vredenburg, Eastern New York chapter, American Guild of Organists (AGO) and our oboe soloist is Jeannette Storch. Our Response of Praise is a joyful declaration first heard by John Bell at the Sunrise Hospice in S. Africa. Words and transcription copyright 2008 WGRG, Iona Community Scotland, GIA Publications, Inc. All rights reserved. OneLicense.net License #A-700700.

Fall Arts Fun! – Oct 29

Sunday, October 29 at 4pm-5pm in the Mohawk House. Dorothy will have some Fun Fall Crafts and activities for our younger members. Come on out and have some fun mingling and getting to know all of the other youngsters of our church family. Homemade fall themed snacks will be provided!

Tour of County Waste Recycling Center

Learn how all your single stream recycling materials are sorted, handled, bundled and shipped out. In support of our interest in becoming a "greener" Church, the Fellowship Committee is offering a tour of Albany's County Waste Recycling Center, 865 South Pearl Street. Carpooling available from the Church Street parking lot at 9am Wednesday, October 11, or meet us there for a 10am. 1 and 1/2 hour tour of the facility. Must wear closed toe shoes and long pants. Call Gay Doolittle 518-399-0499 to reserve a spot on this fascinating, never before offered, fellowship opportunity.

Journeying Towards Justice– Oct 17

Loving our neighbors, championing justice, and appreciating the gifts of diversity can seem a mountain of a calling. Still, that is our call. How do we climb that mountain? The same way anyone follows any path - one step at a time. FRC's Justice Action Committee invites you to take one step on this journey and bear witness to stories from the Friends for Racial Healing, cosponsored by the Interfaith Story Circle. Guest story-teller Sandy Powell will use the art of story to share, inspire, educate, and open a space for understanding the deeper issues of racism and its impact. Join us on Tuesday, October 17, 7-9pm, at 727 Madison Avenue, Albany. The event is free and open to the public. Contact JAC's Matt Jones jones.matthewr@gmail.com or Audrey Seidman seidmanaudrey@yahoo.com of Interfaith Story Circle for more information.

Creation Retreat at Fowler – Oct 21

Although lodging for this weekend is fully subscribed, there's still opportunity to join us on Saturday, October 21 to discover and delve into more fully enjoying and protecting God beloved world, our common home! To get a day pass for this event – which includes lunch – register at: <http://campfowler.org/creation-celebration>, click the Saturday link, and fill out info on pages 1 and 2. Contact Daniel Carlson or Lisa Etkin (not the Fowler Office) for further assistance.

Who Art Thou?

To help your brothers, sisters and siblings better know your name, please remember to wear your name tag. If you don't have a name tag, fill out a white pew card and with the tag line NAME TAG REQUEST and one will appear on the name tag board next Sunday.

Johnson Library

There are several new books on the library shelf in the Heritage Room. Among them are *The light shines through*, by Carole A. Wageman in which she uses stories from Scripture to encourage the reader to reflect and interact with the material in a deep and satisfying way. Phil Dwyer, a Palliative-care pioneer, proves that "the good death" isn't a myth as he tells the story of how he faced his own death in his book, *Conversations on dying*. In *Writer, Sailor, Soldier, Spy* by Nicholas Reynolds, he tells us how Ernest Hemmingway was shaped by his secret adventures as a spy American and Soviet.

Bookshop / Heritage Room

Pink dot=\$2. Books with pink dots on the spine are on sale for two dollars. They can be found today on the Blue Cart in the Dirck Romeyn room and also on the shelf beside the Bookshop desk. A purchase will help make room for new publications, and you may even find something that intrigues you.

Kinderwyk & Church School Volunteers

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.

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.

Narthex and Heritage Room Exhibits

New exhibits in the Narthex Cases and Heritage room show treasures from our archives. Learn of Transitions, the Vroomans and the John J. Vrooman Collection.



*What does Reaching Wider
Growing Deeper mean to you?*

It's always hard to deal with injuries mentally, but I like to think about it as a new beginning. I can't change what happened, so the focus needs to go toward healing and coming back stronger than before.

— Carli Lloyd

I have embraced crying mothers who have lost their children because our politicians put their personal agendas before the national good. I have no patience for injustice, no tolerance for government incompetence, no sympathy for leaders who fail their citizens. — Donald Trump

How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world. — Anne Frank

You never let a serious crisis go to waste. And what I mean by that it's an opportunity to do things you think you could not do before. — Rahm Emanuel

There is no easy walk to freedom anywhere, and many of us will have to pass through the valley of the shadow of death again and again before we reach the mountaintop of our desires. — Nelson Mandela

The whole difference between construction and creation is exactly this: that a thing constructed can only be loved after it is constructed; but a thing created is loved before it exists. — Charles Dickens

Be prepared. — Robert Baden-Powell

Mourn the brokenness of today, work for the healing of tomorrow. — W. Henry Levering

Coming Up
See the newsletter or call the church office for more information

Date	Time	Event	Description	Place
Today	9am	Chords of Love	We meet every Sunday. Any to kids ages 8-18 are welcome. No experience needed.	Mezzanine
Today	11:15am	First Forum	Truth Council on Poverty – Joe Papparone.	Sanctuary
Today	6pm	Youth Group	Speakers from the LGBTQ community will share their experiences on being deem “different” to society.	Mohawk House Lunn.
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Oct 10	10am	Horizons Bible Study	<i>Cloud of Witnesses</i> study guide available from Peg Miller or Marilyn Leach for \$10.	Mohawk House Pres.
Oct 11	9:30am	Kerygma Conversations	Discussion on chapter 6 in <i>The Story of Christianity</i> .	Dirck Romeyn
Oct 11	6pm	Fellowship Meal	Complimentary dinner and informal conversations shared before Contemplative Worship. No sign up or cost; all welcome.	Dirck Romeyn
Oct 11	7pm	Contemplative Worship	Reflective service of song on Scripture, communion, prayers, and Christ's peace.	Sanctuary
Oct 11	7pm	Theology of Race & Racism	Join Rev. Jonathan as we unpack the theology and history behind racism in the church.	Mohawk House Pres.
Oct 12	10am	Stitch Group	Meets every Thursday. Contact Joan Lindsay.	Mezzanine
Oct 12	7:30pm	Chancel Choir	Can't make it, come to Sunday 9am rehearsals Contact Corine Salon csalon@nycap.rr.com.	Sanctuary
Oct 14	10am	Youth Group	We'll be helping Trinity prepare for the opening of their food drive.	Trinity
Oct 15	11:15am	First Forum	Patient Advocacy and Confronting Our Own Fears of Aging – Pat Nugent	Sanctuary
Oct 17	7pm	Tuesday Ladies	Meeting at Inge-Lise Pangburn's, Please call her at (518)399-1027 if you plan to come.	2 St. Jude Ct, Scotia
Oct 18	6pm	Evening Circle	All women welcome, Please contact Ellie Rowland at erowland@nycap.rr.com or call (518)250-4302.	Stella's Pasta in Fo'Castle Farms
Oct 18	7pm	Adult Ukulele	Wednesday evenings till 8pm No experience is needed. Call the church office to borrow a ukulele.	Sanctuary
Oct 19	6:30pm	Stephen Ministry	Continuing education for Stephen Ministers; Small Group Peer Supervision.	Mohawk House
Oct 20	11:30am	Group VII & Group V Lunch	Let Connie Young know by Oct 18 if you're coming (518)393-7061 cyoung50@nycap.rr.com	Edison Club Boardroom
Oct 21	9am	Creation Retreat at Fowler	Come up and join us Saturday. Register at Creation Retreat page at CampFowler.org or talk to Rev. Carlson or Lisa Etkin.	Camp Fowler

Sunday, October 8

8:00am..... Organ Practice
 9:00am..... Choir Rehearsal
 9:00am..... Chords of Love
 9:45am..... Kinderwyk
 10:00am..... Worship
 10:15am..... Church School K-5
 11:15am..... Forum
 11:15am..... Kirk Ringers
 5:00pm..... Jazz Vespers

Monday, October 9**Office Closed****Tuesday, October 10**

10:00am..... Morning Prayer
 10:00am..... Horizons Bible Study
 11:00am..... Staff Meeting
 6:00pm..... Adult Ed. & Nurture
 6:00pm..... Archives & Historical
 6:30pm..... Standing Committees
 7:30pm..... Consistory

Wednesday, October 11

9:30am..... Kerygma Conversations
 1:00pm..... Pastoral Team Meeting
 1:00pm..... Archives
 2:00pm..... Staff Meeting
 6:00pm..... Fellowship Meal
 7:00pm..... Contemplative Worship
 7:00pm..... Theology of Race & Racism

Thursday, October 12

7:30am..... Breakfast Bible Bunch
 9:00am..... Stephen Ministry
 10:00am..... Stitch Group
 7:30pm..... Choir Rehearsal

Friday, October 13

7:00pm..... WORD Service

Sunday, October 15

8:00am..... Organ Practice
 9:00am..... Choir Rehearsal
 9:00am..... Chords of Love
 9:45am..... Kinderwyk
 10:00am..... Worship
 10:15am..... Church School K-5
 11:15am..... Forum
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	This Sunday	Next Sunday
Jazz Vespers	Wayne Hawkins, piano	Peg & Bill Delaney, Tom D'Andrea
Bookshop	Nancy Wainwright	Christina Jones
Counting Deacons	Joan Lindsay, Richard Rose	Cathy Lewis, Therese McCarty
Greeters	Tom and Barbara Mancuso	Dale and Norma Brown
Flower Delivery	Harlene Bachorik, Christine & Vilhelm Lund	Heather and Andy Chestnut, Karlyne and Nelson Drimalas
Preacher	Bill Levering	Bill Levering
Liturgist	Daniel Carlson	
Processing Elders	Darwin Brudos, Don Leach, Marilyn Leach, Peggy King, Thomas Lindsay, Margaret Schadler,	Joanne Arnold, Brad Lewis, Nora Brown, Christine Daniels, Cathy Lewis, Ellie Rowland
Reader	Marilyn Leach	Brad Lewis
Ushers	Alden Brown, Hendrick Arnold, Joanne Arnold, Adam Kerwin	Art Shultes, Jeanette Davidson, Don Davidson, Joan Lindsay, Jim McCullough, Sharron McCullough