

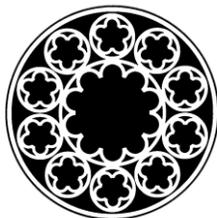
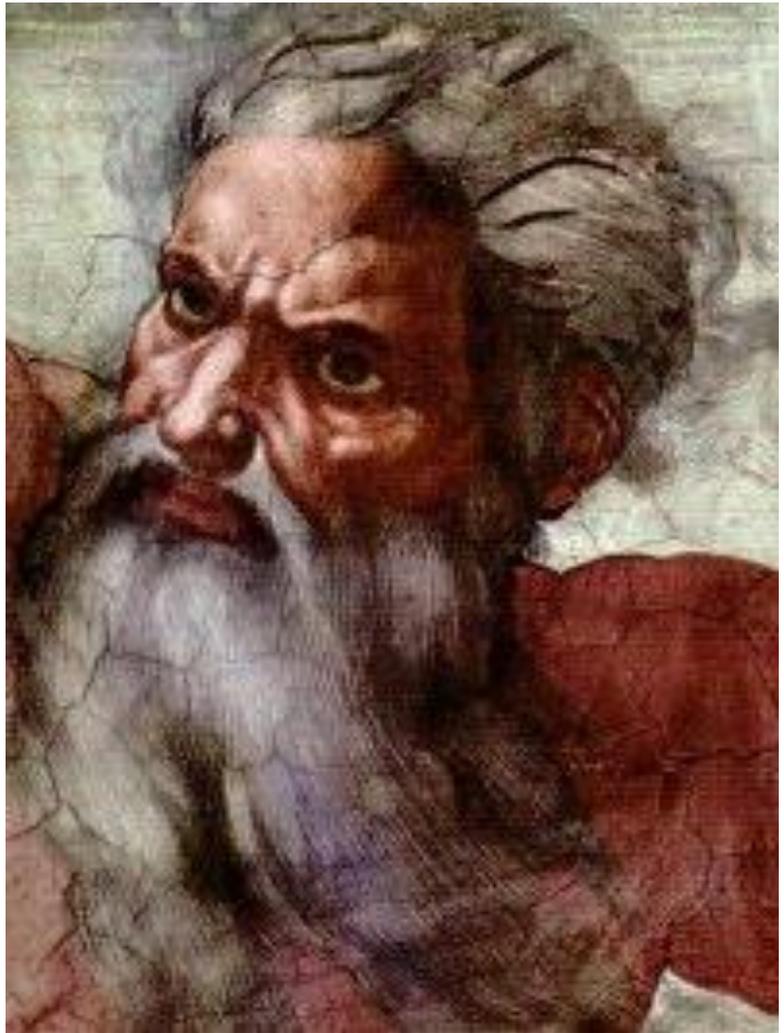
***The Covenant of Our
Congregation
Adopted in 1962***

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.



October 15, 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.



Thee do I disdain! Fare thee well
Earth's pomp and spell!
World thy life and bonds I sever;
Fare thee well, Fare thee well 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 *O God of Every Nation* #289

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Banish fear and sadness, Come sweet Lord of Gladness,
Jesu Master mine!
Who do truly serve thee Must by faith deserve Thee,
Joyous bear Thy sign.
Scorn and Hate may be man's fate;
Little worth in them I measure,
Jesu, Joy and Treasure!

POSTLUDE *Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing*
Sicilian Mariners

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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 her father, Earle Van Heyningen, by Carol Troost.

Entered into Eternal Rest

Charles Moose – 10/9/17
Memorial Concert - December 3

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 Risseeuw, 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:

Barbara Lawrence, Marion Rickard, Dorothy Downing, Anne B. Coggeshall, Sara Hollister Linder, Marie Pletenik

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

Welcome Union Choir Members joining us today and again on Oct 29. *Jesu, meine Freude* was first performed at St. Mary's Church in Lubeck where Buxtehude was organist at one of the most prominent positions in northern Germany. He was visited by George Frideric Handel, Georg Philipp Telemann and J.S. Bach who in 1705 walked 200 miles to hear him play.

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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.

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

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.

Member Photos – Oct 22

If you still have not had a photo taken for our directory, Ralph Rosenthal is taking photos after worship on October 22 in The Mohawk House.

Youth Group - Next Week Oct 22

We had a great time yesterday doing a service project and can drive for Trinity Reformed Church's food pantry. Thanks to all who donated. No youth group tonight - but next Sunday, Oct. 22, we'll be continuing our "Love your neighbor" series by hearing from some of Pastor Jonathan's Jewish friends. We'll have dinner and snacks, so come hungry!

Youth Group - Bowl-a-thon! – Oct 29

On Sunday, Oct. 29, instead of regular youth group, we'll be going bowling to benefit SAFE Inc., a local at-risk youth shelter! Cost is \$10 and covers the cost of shoes, games, and pizza. Come dressed in your favorite costume; they'll be giving away prizes too. Meet at Boulevard Bowl at 1315 Erie Boulevard at 12:30pm for check-in. Bowling goes from 1-3pm. RSVP to Pastor Jonathan by e-mail no later than Oct. 22.

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!

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 BY MONDAY OCTOBER 16 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.

Harvest for the Pantry Dinner – Nov 5

Ellie Rowland and Inge-Lise Pangburn will be selling tickets for the Harvest for the Pantry dinner at First Reformed Church of Scotia Sunday November 5 from 4-7pm. Cost is \$30 per person (\$25 of which is eligible for GE matching) next Sunday after church.

The Johnson Library

There are two new books on the library shelf in the Heritage Room. The first is Hisham Matar's memoir *The Return* which won the 2017 Pulitzer Prize for biography. Matar tells the story of his return to Libya after Qaddafi's fall. He was hoping to find his father who was kidnapped 22 years earlier by the Qaddafi's regime while in political exile. The second book, *The complete poetry*, is a collection of Maya Angelou's poetry written over the course of her career. It introduces us to a remarkable poet, activist and teacher. The library will add books again in November with some emphasis on Christmas. You are invited to make suggestions with a note in the library mailbox near the office or in an e-mail to rroinos@gmail.com.

Who Art Thou?

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.

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?*

Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil.
Ephesians 4:26-27

Forgive, forget. Bear with the faults of others as you would have them bear with yours. Be patient and understanding. Life is too short to be vengeful or malicious.
– Phillips Brooks

Hot heads and cold hearts never solved anything. – Billy Graham

As long as you live on earth, you won't see the end of injustices. Yet God desires for you to let go of injustices and hold on to His grace. Only He can give you the power to forgive those who have hurt you the deepest.
– Paul Chappel

Good sense makes one slow to anger, and it is his glory to overlook an offense.
Proverbs 19:11

A puritan is a person who pours righteous indignation into the wrong things.
– G.K. Chesterton

A Christian will find it cheaper to pardon than to resent. Forgiveness saves the expense of anger, the cost of hatred, the waste of spirits. – Hannah More

To be angry about trifles is mean and childish; to rage and be furious is brutish; and to maintain perpetual wrath is akin to the practice and temper of devils; but to prevent and suppress rising resentment is wise and glorious, is manly and divine. – Isaac Watts

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	Patient Advocacy and Confronting Our Own Fears of Aging – Pat Nugent	Sanctuary
Oct 17	10am	Horizons Bible Study	<i>Cloud of Witnesses</i> study guide available from Peg Miller or Marilyn Leach for \$10.	Mohawk House Pres.
Oct 17	7pm	Tuesday Ladies	Meeting at Gini McDermott's, 21 Carrie Ct, Niskayuna.	Gini McDermott's
Oct 18	9:30am	Kerygma Conversations	Discussion on chapter 7 in <i>The Story of Christianity</i> .	Dirck Romeyn
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 18	7pm	Theology of Race & Racism	Join Rev. Jonathan as we unpack the theology and history behind racism in the church.	Mohawk House Pres.
Oct 19	10am	Stitch Group	Meets every Thursday. Contact Joan Lindsay.	Mezzanine
Oct 19	7:30pm	Chancel Choir	Can't make it, come to Sunday 9am rehearsals Contact Corine Salon csalon@nycap.rr.com.	Sanctuary
Oct 19	6:30pm	Stephen Ministry	Continuing education for more recently trained Stephen Ministers; Small Group Peer Supervision for all Stephen Ministers.	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	9:30am	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
Oct 22	11:15am	First Forum	General Synod Report - Rev. Jonathan Vanderbeck	Sanctuary

Regular Weekly Events Chart
For more events see the Coming Up Chart

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
 11:15am..... Kirk Ringers
 5:00pm..... Jazz Vespers

Monday, October 16

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

Tuesday, October 17

10:00am..... Morning Prayer
 10:00am..... Horizons Bible Study
 11:00am..... Admin Staff Meeting
 7:00pm..... Short Short Writing

Wednesday, October 18

9:30am..... Kerygma Conversations
 11:30pm..... First Things Volunteers
 1:00pm..... Pastoral Team Meeting
 7:00pm..... Adult Ukulele
 7:00pm..... Theology of Race & Racism

Thursday, October 19

7:30am..... Breakfast Bible Bunch
 10:00am..... Stitch Group
 6:30pm..... Stephen Ministry
 7:30pm..... Choir Rehearsal

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9:30am..... Creation Retreat at Fowler

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	This Sunday	Next Sunday
Jazz Vespers	Peg & Bill Delaney, Tom D'Andrea	Scott Bassinson, solo piano
Bookshop	Christina Jones	Sarah Howes
Counting Deacons	Cathy Lewis, Therese McCarty	Ralph Rosenthal, Richard Gardner
Greeters	Dale and Norma Brown	Bill and Linda Ward
Flower Delivery	Heather and Andy Chestnut, Karlyne and Nelson Drimalas	Christine and Vilhelm Lund Kay Opdyke
Preacher	Bill Levering	Jonathan Vanderbeck
Liturgist		Jr High
Processing Elders	Joanne Arnold, Brad Lewis, Nora Brown, Christine Daniels, Cathy Lewis, Gay Doolittle	Joanne Arnold, Del Pierce, Birdie Blackmer, Arthur Casey, Susan Houpt, Keith Muse
Reader	Brad Lewis	Julia Etkin
Ushers	Art Shultes, Jeanette Davidson, Don Davidson, Vicki McGowan-Horan, Jim McCullough, Sharron McCullough	Michael Horan, Gerry Myers, Crystal Mongillo, Justine Ochal, Ralph Rosenthal