

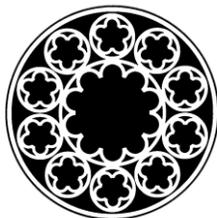
***The Covenant of Our  
Congregation  
Adopted in 1962***

*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 22, 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 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.

# Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 22, 2017

\*The congregation may stand.

PRELUDE

Nat Phipps

10:00 a.m.

GREETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS & ORIENTATION

CALL TO WORSHIP Jonathan Vanderbeck

INTROIT *Jubilate Deo* Praetorius

\*HYMN *Gather Us In*



1 Here in this place— new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness  
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - tery, we are the old who  
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the  
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van-ish'd a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
yearn for your face; we have been sung through-out all of his - tory,  
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,  
light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
called to be light to the whole hu-man race.  
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.  
now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the  
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the  
Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the  
Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,  
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,  
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion  
make us your own; gath-er us in, all peop - les to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
give us the cour-age to en - ter the song.  
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.  
fire— of love in our flesh and our bone.

\*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

Dana Mengel

*On the Rock that is Higher than I!*

Now I can know I can face any storm  
Knowing that I have the help of the Lord.  
Now I can know 'cause I'm stand'in high  
On the Rock that is higher than I.

I can have peace in the depth of my soul  
Peace like a river that's flowing full.  
Now I have peace 'cause stand'in high  
On the Rock that is higher than I.

God is my refuge and my aid,  
My shelter and my shield and shade,  
My comforter when I'm afraid,  
The Rock on which I stand.  
I'm stand'in on the Rock of Ages,  
Stand'in on the Solid Rock.

Now I have joy that is lasting and true,  
Joy that I'm longing to share with you.  
Now I have joy 'cause I'm stand'in tall  
On the Rock that is higher than I.

## FIRST LESSON

Guide us, God, by your Word and Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.** *Philippians 4:1-9* (pg 198)

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND LESSON *Matthew 22:1-4* (pg 24)

SERMON Jonathan Vanderbeck  
*A Place At the Table*

\*HYMN *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* #438

## MINUTE FOR MISSION

## OFFERING

OFFERTORY Nat Phipps

\*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 *Be Thou My Vision* #339

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

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

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## 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:

*Loretta Bloomquist, Alice Harrington, Virginia (Ginnie) Mills*

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

*God Welcomes All* arranged by John L Bell, WGRG, Iona Community 2008, Gather Us In Marty Haugen  
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## Member Photos – Today

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 - Tonight at 5pm

Tonight, meet at **\*\*5pm\*\***. We will be decorating caramel apples to sell to help raise money for our mission fund. Then at 6pm 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!

## **\*\*FLASH FALL SALE\*\***

### **Caramel Apples! – Oct 29**

When is the last time you had a good old-fashioned caramel apple?! The youth group will be selling them for one day **ONLY** immediately following worship **October 29**. All are hand-dipped and decorated by the youth and made with local apples. Cost is \$5 each... or buy 3, get one free! Come find us in the Dirck Romeyn room, all proceeds benefit the youth mission fund. Can't make it? Any that remain will be available from the church office to purchase on Monday.

### **Youth Group - Bowl-a-thon! – Oct 29**

Next 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 TODAY if you are coming, or tell him at youth group.

### **Children's 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.

### **New Sunday AM Adult Class Starts - Oct 29**

The *Boundaries* study takes participants on a unique journey - of spiritual growth, challenge to change, problem solving, recovery, and hope. It offers practical help, encouragement, insight and wisdom to all who struggle with their inability to say no, as well as to anyone who seeks to live a healthy and balanced life. This class is based on the book (a perusal copy available in the bookshop) *Boundaries – When to Say Yes, How to Say No, to Take Control of Your Life* by Cloud and Townsend. Lisa Etkin, one of our Stephen Leaders, will be facilitating Sundays at 8:30am, starting October 29. For more info. and to sign up contact Lisa Etkin (518)631-4410 or [lisa@paintingbylisa.com](mailto:lisa@paintingbylisa.com).

### **Care and Prayer – Oct 29**

Need a moment for prayerful support after worship? Trained Stephen Ministers will be available in the Dykstra Chapel right after the service on the last Sunday of each month to sit with, listen to, and pray for and with you. Please stop by if this sounds like it may be just what you need.

### **Water Filters for Puerto Rico**

Elder Del Pierce has initiated a small effort to supply water filters to people without drinking water in Puerto Rico. As you may have read, there are still thousands of our citizens in this life threatening situation. Del is looking for the names of people you know in PR to whom water filters could be sent directly. If you know someone there that we can send a box of filters to, Del would love to help make that happen.

### **500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation - Oct 29**

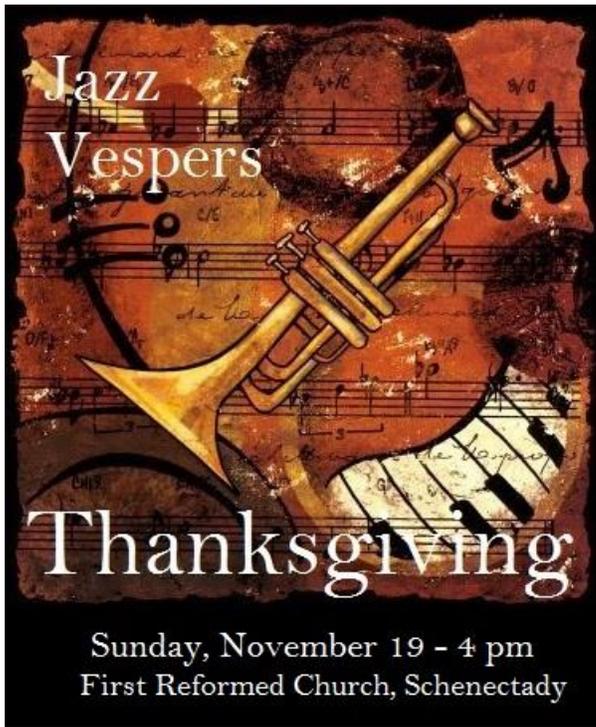
On October 31, 1517 Martin Luther published 95 criticisms of the church of his day. Christianity was never the same. The ideological revolution stretched into every part of society and brought the church views of inspiration and scripture that are still with us. We will feature great music to honor this event. The anniversary is being noted at Union College with an exhibit featuring our 7th minister, Dirck Romeyn, and his family Bible: *Reformation, Restoration and Romeyn: Faith and the Founding of Union College*. See the exhibit at the college's Shaffer Library, Lally Reading Room through Dec. 15.

### **Avery Presents – Nov 3**

On Friday, November 3 at 7pm, Theresa McMahon will present "American Roots/Songs of Love & Home" with folk, bluegrass and pop favorites. This will be the second time Theresa has prepared a show for us, and based on what she did for us last year; this should be one of the highlights of the season. Admission is free and a reception will follow the performance.

### **Saturday Breakfast Fellowship – Nov 4**

“Observations and Reflections from A Bicycle Ride in Cuba” Our Speaker is Dan Brudos, a teacher in the Schenectady School District, a son of our congregation (i.e. Darwin & Ellie), and a international traveler. During winter break, Dan embarked on a solo bicycle trip around Cuba. Traveling the by-ways and staying at local hotels/B&Bs, Dan experienced the everyday life and reality of the Cuban people. It is an adventure few American's have traveled.



**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.

**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.

**Bookshop / Heritage Room**

Good Grief! That's an expression many of us use, as did the Peanut characters, Charlie Brown, Lucy, Snoopy et al. So, is there anything good about grief? The Bookshop has the following books which may give an answer: "God and Human Suffering (Hall), "The Bible on Suffering; Social and Political Implications" (numerous contributors) and "Companionship In Grief" (memoirs of C.S. Lewis, John Bayley, Donald Hall, Joan Didion and Calvin Tillin.)

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

**Justice Action Council Food Drive**

“How about a Peanut Butter and Tuna Sandwich?” Sounds gross, but it’s definitely packed with protein! And while we don’t actually recommend combining the two things, we are collecting both **peanut butter** and **canned tuna** all throughout the month of November. Justice Action Council is sponsoring this targeted food drive to help one of our sister churches in classis *Trinity Reformed Church* launch their very own food pantry in Rotterdam, which has very few pantries of their own. All throughout November, please bring in any brand of peanut butter and canned tuna, as these are in great demand. There is a box in the Dirck Romeyn room for your donations or you can bring them to Pastor Jonathan’s office.

**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, 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 in November with some emphasis on Christmas. You can make suggestions with a note in the library mailbox or in an e-mail to rroinos@gmail.com.



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

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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Place</b>
Today	9am	<b>Chords of Love</b>	We meet every Sunday. Any kids ages 8-18 are welcome. No experience needed.	Mezzanine
Today	11am	<b>Member's Photo</b>	If you still have not had a photo taken for our directory, Ralph Rosenthal is taking photos today.	Mohawk House
Today	11:15am	<b>First Forum</b>	General Synod Report - Rev. Jonathan Vanderbeck.	Sanctuary
Today	<b>*5pm*</b>	<b>Youth Group</b>	We will be decorating caramel apples to sell to help raise money for our mission fund. Then continuing our "Love your neighbor" series.	Friendship Hall
Oct 24	10am	<b>Horizons Bible Study</b>	<i>Cloud of Witnesses</i> study guide available from Peg Miller or Marilyn Leach for \$10.	Mohawk House Pres.
Oct 25	9:30am	<b>Kerygma Conversations</b>	Discussion of chapter 8 in <i>The Story of Christianity</i> .	Dirck Romeyn
Oct 25	7pm	<b>Adult Ukulele</b>	Wednesday evenings till 8pm. No experience is needed. Call the church office to borrow a ukulele.	Sanctuary
Oct 25	7pm	<b>Theology of Race &amp; Racism</b>	Join Rev. Jonathan as we unpack the theology and history behind racism in the church.	Mohawk House Pres.
Oct 26	10am	<b>Stitch Group</b>	Meets every Thursday. Contact Joan Lindsay.	Mezzanine
Oct 26	7:30pm	<b>Chancel Choir</b>	Can't make it, come to Sunday 9am rehearsals Contact Corine Salon csalon@nycap.rr.com.	Sanctuary
Oct 29	8:30am	<b>Boundaries Adult Class</b>	<i>Boundaries – When to Say Yes, How to Say No, to Take Control of Your Life</i> . Sign up soon.	Mohawk House - Pres
Oct 29	11am	<b>Reception For Julie Panke</b>	Join us for our celebration of Julie's Music Ministry at FRC.	Dirck Romeyn
Oct 29	11:15am	<b>First Forum</b>	Construction Site Tour with Brandon Stabler.	Sanctuary
Oct 29	11am	<b>Carmel Apple Sale</b>	Youth group is selling caramel apples. All are local apples that are hand-dipped and decorated by the youth. Cost is \$5 each or buy 3, get one free!	Dirck Romeyn
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**Regular Weekly Events Chart**  
**For more events see the Coming Up Chart**

**Sunday, October 22**

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  
 11:00pm..... Member Photos  
 11:15am..... Forum  
 11:15am..... Kirk Ringers  
 5:00pm..... Jazz Vespers  
 5:00pm..... Youth Group

**Monday, October 23**

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

**Tuesday, October 24**

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

**Wednesday, October 25**

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

**Thursday, October 26**

7:30am..... Breakfast Bible Bunch  
 10:00am..... Prayer Shawl Knit Group  
 10:00am..... Stitch Group  
 7:30pm..... Choir Rehearsal

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 12:30pm..... Youth Group Bowl-a-Thon  
 2:00pm..... Living History / Family Fun  
 4:00pm..... Children's Fall Arts Fun  
 5:00pm..... Jazz Vespers

	<b>This Sunday</b>	<b>Next Sunday</b>
<b>Jazz Vespers</b>	Scott Bassinson, solo piano	Azzaam Hameed, solo piano
<b>Bookshop</b>	Sarah Howes	Birdie Blackmer
<b>Counting Deacons</b>	Ralph Rosenthal, Richard Gardner	Gay Doolittle, Bill Rochelle
<b>Greeters</b>	Bill and Linda Ward	Ellie Rowland and Lyn Gordon
<b>Flower Delivery</b>	Christine and Vilhelm Lund Kay Opdyke	Susan and Paul Houpt Inge-Lise and Chuck Pangburn
<b>Preacher</b>	Jonathan Vanderbeck	Bill Levering
<b>Liturgist</b>		Daniel Carlson
<b>Processing Elders</b>	Joanne Arnold, Del Pierce, Birdie Blackmer, Arthur Casey, Susan Houpt, Keith Muse	Jeanne Shoulder, Barbara Walton, Jerry Griggs, Joyce Griggs, Bill Rochelle, Richard Rose
<b>Reader</b>		Norma Brown
<b>Ushers</b>	Michael Horan, Gerry Myers, Crystal Mongillo, Justine Ochal, Ralph Rosenthal	Tom Burgoyne (head usher), David Bundy, Joe Gotwals, Karen Gonda, Berta Phipps, Nat Phipps