

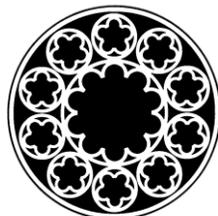
***The Covenant of Our
Congregation
Adopted in 1962***

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.



January 14, 2018

*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.

Mohawk House Coffee Area

Open from 9am-3pm on Monday-Friday.

Child Care on Sunday - Kinderwyk

Childcare for children through Pre-k 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 office entrance.)

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 the Dirck Romeyn room before going to a learning opportunity that lasts until noon. Visitors are welcome to join in.

Service Online

A live stream of the worship service as well as some of the past services can be found at 1stReformed.com.

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.

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 14, 2018

*The congregation may stand.

PRELUDE Avery Tunningley

10:00 a.m.

GREETING Lisa Etkin

The grace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & ORIENTATION

CALL TO WORSHIP Daniel Carlson

INTROIT *Introit 1* Michael D. Tebbano

*HYMN *Lord, I Want to Be Christian* #372

*OUR NEED FOR GOD (*unison*)

O God of all creation, with water and Spirit you cleanse, call, strengthen, and sustain us. Scour away our sins, shower our parched places with nourishing streams, and stir us to hope when we sink into despair. As you, through vision and voice affirmed Jesus your beloved Son at his baptism, so also assure us of your eternal love and empowering Spirit, that we may serve the world we touch. Amen.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE *Gloria, Gloria*

① Dm Gm C F ② Dm Gm C F
Latin Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!
③ Dm Gm C F ④ Dm Gm C F
Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Our only hope is Jesus Christ. After we refused to live in the image of God, He was born of the virgin Mary, sharing our genes and our instincts, entering our culture, speaking our language, fulfilling the law of our God. Being united to Christ's

humanity, we know ourselves when we rest in Him.

*PASSING THE PEACE

ANTHEM

With Songs of Rejoicing

J.S. Bach

Arr. By Hal H. Hopson

FIRST LESSON

Christine Daniels

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

Amen.

Psalm 29 (pg 504)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND LESSON

Mark 1:4-11(pg 34)

SERMON

Daniel Carlson

Baptized with the Holy Spirit

*HYMN

Come, O Spirit

#127

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Fugue #5 in D Major

J. S. Bach

John Cullings Norton, Piano

*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

#429

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

God Be With You Till We Meet Again

POSTLUDE

Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing
Sicilian Mariners

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Entered Into Eternal Rest

Nancy Beekman – January 10, 2018

Ruth Scholtz – January 11, 2018

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:

Virginia Atherton, Donald Middleton, Clairmont Herman, William O'Hare, William Atherton, Dorothy Dykeman Clock, Edna Wood, Dorothy Murray, James Stevenson

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.

Youth Group News

Our next event is Saturday, January 20, from 1–4pm. This is our huge pigs-in-a-blanket making event and we need all hands on deck! Come for as much as you can, we have at least 400 pigs to roll! We'll be selling them after church on January 21 to raise money for our mission trip. Please let Pastor Jonathan know if you are coming, we can't do this without you!

Restroom

If you are looking for a first floor handicap accessible restroom the Mohawk House is open.



Interfaith Soup Shabbat/MLK Discussion

Join our pastors and the JAC at the 2nd Interfaith Soup Shabbat and MLK Lecture being held on **Friday, January 19**, at 6pm at Congregation Gates of Heaven. Sponsored by the *Schenectady Clergy Against Hate*, we'll enjoy soup with members of several other faith communities and hear a program with Dr. Steven Ainlay, outgoing president of Union College and other clergy around issues of diversity in Schenectady. Rev. Jonathan Vanderbeck will be a part of the panel. Suggested donation for dinner is what you would pay to go out to eat, with all proceeds benefitting SICM. Also, each person is asked to bring a school supply donation for area schools in need.

Pigs-in-a-Blanket Sale for Mission Trip

After being such a popular hit last year, the youth group will again be selling authentic Dutch Pigs-in-a-Blanket called *Saucijzebroodjes*. These homemade treats of sausage wrapped in flakey pastry will be on sale **ONE DAY ONLY** after church on **Sunday, January 21**. One tray for \$12, two trays for \$20. Also, due to intense demand last year, we'll have more vegetarian pigs available – made of black beans. No advanced pre-order, sales until they are gone.

FRC / UPC Unity Celebration – Jan 21

January 21, we are honoring the coming together of Union Presbyterian Church and First Reformed just a few years ago. Everyone is invited to Dirck Romeyn room immediately following worship for refreshments to celebrate this annual event. If you would like to lend a hand, please contact Barbara Walton, Gay Doolittle, or Amy Brule.

Mission Shares

You can be a part of the Youth Group mission trip to Philadelphia! For \$25 you can purchase a share in this great opportunity for our youth to serve those in need, broaden their cultural perspectives, and become better equipped to see and address the needs of their own communities.

Undergarment Collection

The Youth Ed and Nurture Committee is continuing the collection of undergarments to send to hurricane victims in Puerto Rico. We will be collecting underwear and bras through the end of January. There will be a collection basket in the **Sanctuary**.

Camp Fowler Registration is Open!

Yes, it is already that time, so be sure to reserve your spot for a week or more at Camp Fowler this summer. Senior high campers are especially encouraged to sign up early, as those weeks fill up quickly. Schedules, rates, registration, and other information are available online at campfowler.org. Let the church office know if you are attending. Scholarships from the FRC Tercentenary Fund are available.

What to Do With Those Bottles & Cans?

Turn in your redeemable recyclables at Creating Change Redemption Center at 309 Saratoga Rd. in Glenville, and tell them to donate the deposit to the First Reformed Church of Schenectady Youth Mission Trip. The youth group has an account there and will collect donations until the mission trip in February. The Youth Group is heading to Philadelphia this year!

Caring for Creation Story Time – Jan 28

Join us for fellowship, stories & encouragement on our goal to improve our Care for Creation. Our region's most whimsical storytellers, Rev. Kent Busman, Joe Doolittle & Rev. Harlan Ratmeyer, along with host Rev. Daniel Carlson and guest Gay Doolittle will spin tales of "green" and wonder. The evening will build upon our new caring for creation covenant, the success of our implementation efforts and the momentum of our learning experience this fall at Camp Fowler. We will have pie a la mode! It begins at 6pm at Scotia's First Reformed Church, 245 Ballston Avenue, RSVP 518-588-2801 or aldenjoe@nycap.rr.com

Mental Health First Aid Training

Your Support and Care committee is aware that while many know CPR few of us are equipped to administer first aid in a mental health crisis. That is why we are hosting a Mental Health First Aid course March 10. This 8-hour training, taught by a certified Mental Health First Aid instructor, lays out the basics of how to help someone experiencing a mental health crisis. Members and friends of First Reformed have an early registration privilege **until Feb 1**, when open registration begins. To register go to 1streformed.com and click the link found at the bottom of the page or contact Rev. Carlson or Laura Marx 518-791-1544 Area Director, American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

Heritage Sunday – Feb 4

Each year the Archives and Historical Concerns Committee sponsors a First Forum covering historical topics of interest to the membership of the First Reformed Church. Heritage Sunday is February 4 and for this day we have a real treat. Two members of FRC will talk about their experiences in World War II. Bill Rochelle will speak about his training and deployment as a flyer; and Ralph Rosenthal will speak about his experiences growing up in Nazi occupied Holland and his role as a child in the underground. Please join us for this fascinating chance to hear their experiences.

History Potluck Dinner – Feb 4

February 4, from 5-7pm Youth Ed and Nurture Committee will be hosting a History potluck dinner. Come and enjoy great company, good food, and learn some of the history of our church. Everyone is welcome to attend! RSVP to Dorothy Linder-Mitchell at 518-281-5673.

Justice Action Council Collections for School

The students at Pleasant Valley Elementary School are in need of FRC support. The fall school-year-kick-off gets all the attention but the winter semester brings identical needs without the fanfare. The teachers at PVE need supplies to support nearly 375 students during this winter semester: Glue sticks, expo dry erase markers (the lower cost brands do not last), pencils, pencil top erasers, crayons, composition notebooks, construction paper, small-unlined dry erase boards, folders, craft supplies and hand wipes. Please provide what you can in the designated corner of the **Dirck Romeyn room**.

Collection for Pantry

We are continuing to help support a new food pantry at Trinity Reformed with canned tuna, peanut butter and complete pancake mix. Please provide what you can in the designated corner of the **Dirck Romeyn room**.

Offering Envelopes

2018 offering envelopes are at the back of sanctuary. There are plenty of extras available for those who did not sign up for them by contacting the church office.

Support and Care

Whenever you are ill, hospitalized, homebound, needing a meal, transportation to a doctor, or grieving a loss, we'd like to know. So we can do what our Committee is named: support and care! Please help us to help you when you are in need by calling Support and Care Chair, Barb Walton 518-346-1943 or Rev. Daniel Carlson 518-366-6416.

“The confidence that God is mindful of the individual is of tremendous value in dealing with the disease of fear, for it gives us a sense of worth, of belonging, and of at homeness in the universe.” – Martin Luther King, Jr

“By opening our lives to God in Christ, we become new creatures. This experience, which Jesus spoke of as the new birth, is essential if we are to be transformed nonconformists . . . Only through an inner spiritual transformation do we gain the strength to fight vigorously the evils of the world in a humble and loving spirit.”
– Martin Luther King, Jr.

I believe we have to get comfortable with being uncomfortable. – Marsha Mortimer

The message of baptism includes the certainty that this person is divinely chosen, personally loved, and called by name into union with God. That vocation to the delight of intimacy with the Mystery is primordial; it comes first, and it grounds the person's vocation to mission.
– Carolyn Grafton

On the whole, I do not find Christians, outside of the catacombs, sufficiently sensible of conditions. Does anyone have the foggiest idea what sort of power we so blithely invoke? Or, as I suspect, does no one believe a word of it? The churches are children playing on the floor with their chemistry sets, mixing up a batch of TNT to kill a Sunday morning. It is madness to wear ladies' straw hats and velvet hats to church; we should all be wearing crash helmets. Ushers should issue life preservers and signal flares; they should lash us to our pews. For the sleeping god may wake someday and take offense, or the waking god may draw us out to where we can never return. – Annie Dillard

By the Holy Spirit, all who believe and are baptized receive a ministry to witness to Jesus and Savior and Lord, and to love and serve those with whom they live and work. – RCA liturgy of profession of faith

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

Date	Time	Event	Description	Place
Jan 14	8:30am	Boundaries Adult Class	A study group on the book <i>Boundaries</i> led by Stephen Leader Lisa Etkin.	Mohawk House Pres
Jan 14	9am	Chords of Love	We meet every Sunday. Any kids ages 8-18 are welcome. No experience needed.	Mezzanine
Jan 14	9am	Chancel Choir	Like to sing? or Enjoy singing? Then please consider joining our chancel choir. Rehearsals are Thursdays at 7pm. Good music, good fellowship, good results.	Sanctuary
Jan 14	9:45am	Kinderwyk	Childcare for children through Pre-k, until noon downstairs in Friendship Hall.	Friendship Hall
Jan 14	11:15am	First Forum	GE History of Lasers – Marshall Jones	Sanctuary
Jan 14	5pm	Jazz Vespers	Scott Bassinson, piano	Sanctuary
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Jan 16	10am	Horizons Bible Study	Nine-week study of the book of James, using a study guide by N.T.Wright.	Mohawk House Pres.
Jan 16	7pm	Tuesday Ladies	Call Inge-Lise Pangburn if you are coming (518)399-1027.	Inge-Lise Pangburn's
Jan 16	7pm	Short Short Writing	Writing group for 1000 words or less.	Mohawk House Lunn
Jan 17	9:30am	Kerygma Conversations	Discussion of chapter 25 in <i>The Story of Christianity</i> .	Dirck Romeyn
Jan 17	7pm	Adult Ukulele	No experience is needed. Call the church office to borrow a ukulele.	Dirck Romeyn
Jan 18	10am	Stitch Group	Meets every Thursday. Contact Joan Lindsay (518)399-3153.	Mezzanine
Jan 18	6:30pm	Stephen Ministry	Stephen Ministers meet for continuing education and small group peer supervision.	Mohawk House
Jan 18	7pm	Chancel Choir	Can't make it? Come to Sunday 9am rehearsals Contact Corine Salon csalon@nycap.rr.com.	Sanctuary
Jan 19	11:30am	Group VII	Call Connie Young at (518)393-7061 if you are coming. 891 Riverview Rd, Rexford 12148	Edison Club
Jan 19	6pm	Interfaith Soup Shabbat	Join our pastors & the JAC at Interfaith Soup Shabbat/MLK Lecture, we'll enjoy soup and discuss other clergy around issues of diversity.	Congregation Gates of Heaven
Jan 20	1pm	Youth Group	Making Pigs-in-a-blanket.	Mohawk House
Jan 21	11:15am	Unity Celebration Reception	Honoring the coming together of Union Presbyterian Church and First Reformed November, 23, 2014.	Dirck Romeyn

Sunday, January 14

8:00am.....Organ Practice
 8:30am.....Adult Boundaries Class
 9:00am.....Choir Rehearsal
 9:00am.....Chords of Love
 9:45am.....Kinderwyk
 10:00am.....Worship
 10:15am.....Church School
 11:00am.....Bookshop/Library
 11:15am.....Forum
 11:15am.....Kirk Ringers
 5:00pm.....Jazz Vespers

Monday, January 15**Office Closed – Martin Luther King Day**

9:00am.....Mens New Group

Tuesday, January 16

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

Wednesday, January 17

9:30amKerygma Conversations
 1:00pmPastoral Team Meeting
 7:00pmAdult Ukulele

Thursday, January 18

11:00amStitch Group
 6:30pmStephen Ministry
 7:00pmChancel Choir

Saturday, January 20

1:00pmYouth Group

Sunday, January 21

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
 11:00am Bookshop/Library
 11:15am Unity Sunday Reception
 11:15am Kirk Ringers
 5:00pm Jazz Vespers
 6:00pm Youth Group

Sunday Volunteers	This Week	Next Week
Jazz Vespers	Scott Bassinson, solo piano	Peg Delaney, piano; Bill Delaney, bass
Bookshop	Bill Clock	Birdie Blackmer
Counting Deacons	Bill Rochelle, Peter Ontkush	Richard Rose, Richard Gardner
Flower Delivery	Doug Todd, Keith Muse	Vernetta Thuener, Connie Young
Greeters	Ralph Rosenthal, Peggy King	Tom Zych, Lian Drisgula
Preacher	Daniel Carlson	Bill Levering
Liturgist	Lisa Etkin	Daniel Carlson
Processing Elders	Christine Daniels, Peggy King, Bill Rochelle, Richard Rose, Margaret Schadler, Maria Todd,	Joanne Arnold, Marilyn Leach, Jeanne Shoulder, Arthur Casey, Norm Kuchar, Don Leach,
Reader	Christine Daniels	Norm Kuchar
Refreshments	Sarah Bachorik	Unity Sunday
Ushers	Art Shultes (head usher), Jeanette Davidson, Don Davidson, Joan Arnold, Jim McCullough, Sharron McCullough	Michael Horan, Hannah Bachorik, Sarah Bachorik, Crystal Mongillo, Justine Ochal, Ralph Rosenthal