

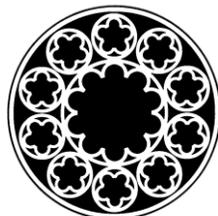
***The Covenant of Our
Congregation
Adopted in 1962***

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 21, 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.

Unity Sunday

January 21, 2018

*The congregation may stand.

PRELUDE Avery Tunningley

10:00 a.m.

GREETING Daniel Carlson
The grace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & ORIENTATION

CALL TO WORSHIP Bill Levering

INTROIT
O Come Let Us Worship and Bow Down
Michael D. Tebbano

*HYMN *The Church's One Foundation* #442

*OUR NEED FOR GOD (*unison*)
**God of all people and nations, we confess
that we are often shortsighted and selfish.
We need your help to understand who is
our neighbor and how we can live together
in peace. Broaden our vision and deepen
our compassion, we pray.**

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE *Gloria, Gloria*



① Dm Round 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 - la, al - le - lu - ia!

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
(from the Belhar Confession)
**Unity must become visible so that the
world may believe that separation, enmity
and hatred between people and groups is
sin which Christ has already conquered,
and accordingly that anything which
threatens this unity may have no place in
the church and must be resisted.**

*PASSING THE PEACE

ANTHEM

Sing Ye That Love the Lord
George Frederick Handel

Hallelujah! Sing ye that love the Lord!
Join in a song of praise, a song of sweet accord!
Ye angels in the heavens, sing songs of glorious praise;
Earth echoing their joy, glad songs all voices raise!

Hallelujah! Sing ye that love the Lord!
Join in a song of praise, a song of sweet accord!
Sound trumpets, clashing cymbals, organ's mighty strains!
Hosanna in the highest! Jesus o'er us reigns!

FIRST LESSON Norm Kuchar
Guide us, God, by your Word and Holy Spirit.
Amen. *Psalm 62:5-10* (pg 526)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND LESSON
Ephesians 4:1-6, 14-15 (pg 193)

SERMON Bill Levering
Common Primary Values

*HYMN #439
In Christ There Is No East or West

OFFERING

OFFERTORY
I Will Rise and Go To Jesus
Austin C. Lovelace

I will arise and go to Jesus.
He will embrace me with his arms
In the arms of my dear Savior,
Oh! There are ten thousand charms.
Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of Thy redeeming love.

*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 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* #438

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Threefold Amen Traditional

POSTLUDE

Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing
Sicilian Mariners

+ + +

Entered Into Eternal Rest

Nancy Beekman – January 10, 2018
Service will be held January 27 at 11am

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:

Richard Vandercar, Janet Buchanan, Donald Mackintosh, Mary Louise Martin-Stern, Mary McCarty, Douw Kunhardt Beekman, Marguerite Wellborn, Barbara Gifford, Caleb Paine

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 / UPC Unity Celebration – Today

Today 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.

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 **Today in the Mohawk House**. 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.

Youth Group Scheduling Note

There was an error in the youth group schedule. Due to meeting yesterday and selling pigs today, youth group is meeting NEXT Sunday the 28 and not this evening.

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.

Restroom

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

Music Notes

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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!

Out to Lunch Bunch - Jan 26

At 11am, one hour earlier than usual, we will meet with India Spartz, curator and head of special collections and archives, at the Schaffer Library on the Union campus. She will talk about restoring these historically significant Bibles, and in particular, show us the Romeyn Bible. This Bible was printed in Holland in the Dutch language by Jacob Keur in 1744. Following our meeting with Ms. Spartz, we will walk on over to the College's Student Union and mingle with the students over a cafeteria lunch. Please let Gay Doolittle know of your plans to join us in this unique and special opportunity at 518-399-0499 or gaysdoolittle@gmail.com.

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 Creation Care Resolution, the success of our implementation efforts and 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

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 11

February 11, 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.

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.

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**.

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. To learn more about this opportunity, pick up a brochure from the bulletin board near the Dirck Romeyn room exit.

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.

Unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways:

in that we love one another;

that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another;

that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another;

that we share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind; have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit, are baptized with one baptism, eat of one bread and drink of one cup, confess one name, are obedient to one Lord, work for one cause, and share one hope;

together come to know the height and the breadth and the depth of the love of Christ; together are built up to the stature of Christ, to the new humanity;

together know and bear one another's burdens, thereby fulfilling the law of Christ that we need one another and upbuild one another, admonishing and comforting one another;

that we suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness; pray together; together serve God in this world; and together fight against all which may threaten or hinder this unity;

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

| Date | Time | Event | Description | Place |
|-------------|-------------|------------------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| Jan 21 | 9am | Chords of Love | We meet every Sunday. Any kids ages 8-18 are welcome. No experience needed. | Mezzanine |
| Jan 21 | 9am | Chancel Choir | Rehearsals start at 9am. | Sanctuary |
| Jan 21 | 9:45am | Kinderwyk | Childcare for children through Pre-k, until noon downstairs in Friendship Hall. | Friendship Hall |
| Jan 21 | 11am | Youth Group | Selling Pigs-in-a-blanket. | Mohawk House |
| Jan 21 | 11am | Unity Celebration Reception | Honoring the coming together of Union Presbyterian Church and First Reformed November, 23, 2014. | Dirck Romeyn |
| Jan 21 | 5pm | Jazz Vespers | Peg Delaney, Piano; Bill Delaney, bass | Sanctuary |
| Jan 23 | 10am | Horizons Bible Study | Nine-week study of the book of James, using a study guide by N.T.Wright. | Mohawk House Pres. |
| Jan 24 | 9:30am | Kerygma Conversations | Discussion of chapter 26 in The Story of Christianity. | Dirck Romeyn |
| Jan 24 | 11:30am | First Things Volunteers | Help send off our Newsletter. Pizza will be provided. Anyone is welcome. | Mohawk House Lunn |
| Jan 24 | 7pm | Adult Ukulele | Wednesdays, no experience is needed, call the church office to borrow a ukulele. | Dirck Romeyn |
| Jan 25 | 10am | Prayer Shawl Knitting | 4th Thursday of every month in the home of Gini McDermott. | 21 Carrie Ct, Niskayuna. |
| Jan 25 | 10am | Stitch Group | Meets every Thursday. Contact Joan Lindsay (518)399-3153. | Mezzanine |
| Jan 25 | 7:30pm | Chancel Choir | Like to sing? Please consider joining our chancel choir. Rehearsals are Thursdays at 7:30pm. Corine at csalon@nycap.rr.com. | Sanctuary |
| Jan 26 | 11am | Out to Lunch Bunch | One hour earlier than usual, Let Gay Doolittle know if you're coming at 518-399-0499 or gaysdoolittle@gmail.com | Union College |
| Jan 27 | 11am | Memorial Service | Nancy Beekman Memorial Service | Sanctuary |
| Jan 28 | 9am | Chords of Love | We meet every Sunday. Any kids ages 8-18 are welcome. No experience needed. | Mezzanine |
| Jan 28 | 9am | Chancel Choir | Like to sing? Please consider joining our chancel choir. Rehearsals on Sunday start at 9am, good music & good fellowship. | Sanctuary |

Unity 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
 11:00am.....Bookshop/Library
 11:00am.....Unity Sunday
 11:15am.....Kirk Ringers
 5:00pm.....Jazz Vespers

Monday, January 22

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

Tuesday, January 23

10:00am.....Morning Prayer
 10:00am.....Horizons Bible Study
 11:00am.....Admin Meeting

Wednesday, January 24

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

Thursday, January 25

7:30amBreakfast Bible Bunch
 10:00amPrayer Shawl Knitting
 11:00amStitch Group
 7:30pmChancel Choir

Saturday, January 26

11:00amOut To Lunch Bunch

Saturday, January 27

11:00amBeekman Memorial Service

Sunday, January 28

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
 11:00am Care & Prayer
 11:15am Forum
 11:15am Kirk Ringers
 5:00pm Jazz Vespers
 6:00pm Youth Group

| Sunday Volunteers | This Week | Next Week |
|--------------------------|--|--|
| Jazz Vespers | Peg Delaney, piano; Bill Delaney, bass | Azzaam Hameed, solo piano |
| Bookshop | Birdie Blackmer | Christina Jones |
| Counting Deacons | Richard Rose, Richard Gardner | Cathy Lewis, Therese McCarthy |
| Flower Delivery | Vernetta Thuener, Connie Young | Brad Lewis, Bill Ward |
| Greeters | Tom Zych, Lian Drisgula | Christina Lund, James Gonda, Lisa Etkin |
| Preacher | Bill Levering | Bill Levering |
| Liturgist | Daniel Carlson | Daniel Carlson |
| Processing Elders | Joanne Arnold, Marilyn Leach, Jeanne Shoulder, Arthur Casey, Norm Kuchar, Don Leach, | Brad Lewis, Joyce Griggs, Jerry Griggs, Cathy Lewis, Tom Lindsay, Walt Robb |
| Reader | Norm Kuchar | Barbara Walton |
| Refreshments | Unity Sunday | |
| Ushers | Michael Horan, Hannah Bachorik, Sarah Bachorik, Crystal Mongillo, Justine Ochal, Ralph Rosenthal | Tom Burgoyne, David Bundy, Joe Gotwals, Karen Gonda, Berta Phipps, Nat Phipps, |