

***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.

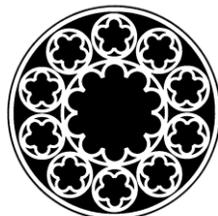
It shall be our aim to bring joy to little children, instruction and high ideals to youth, inspiration to men and women in the midst of life, and comfort to those in life's later years; and to labor together for the betterment of humankind.

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.



February 4, 2018



*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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Restroom

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



Hearing Assistance

We have a hearing aid loop system that will make it easier to hear. Ask an usher.



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.

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.

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.

Heritage Sunday

February 4, 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 *Gather Us In*

Here in this place new light is streaming
Now is the darkness vanished away
See in this space our fears and our dreamings
Brought here to you in the light of this day
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken
Gather us in, the blind and the lame
Call to us now and we shall awaken
We shall arise at the sound of our name

We are the young, our lives are a mystery
We are the old who yearn for your face
We have been sung throughout all of history
Called to be light to the whole human race
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty
Gather us in, the proud and the strong
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly
Give us the courage to enter the song

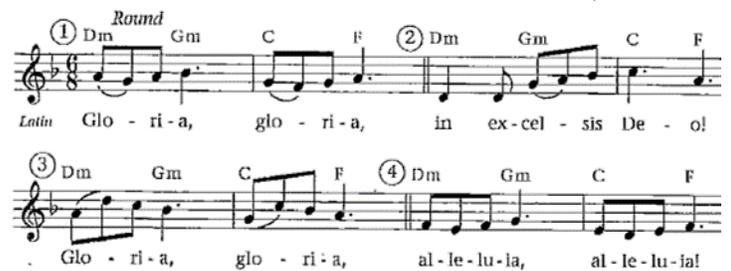
Here we will take the wine and the water
Here we will take the bread of new birth
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters
Call us anew to be salt for the earth
Give us to drink the wine of compassion
Give us to eat the bread that is you
Nourish us well and teach us to fashion
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true

Not in the dark of buildings confining
Not in some heaven light years away
But here in this place the new light is shining
Now is the kingdom, now is the day
Gather us in and hold us forever
Gather us in and make us your own
Gather us in, all peoples together
Fire of love in our flesh and our bones
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*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*



Latin Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!
Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, 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 *Ain'a that Good News*
William Dawson

I got a crown up in a the Kingdom, Ain'-a that good news!
I'm a goin' to lay down this world, goin'-a shoulder up-uh my cross,
Goin'-a take it home a to my Jesus, Ain'-a that good news!

I got a harp up in a the Kingdom, Ain'-a that good news!
I'm a goin' to lay down this world, goin'-a shoulder up-uh my cross,
Goin'-a take it home a to my Jesus, Ain'-a that good news!

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:

Herbert Stare, Virginia Cleveland, Janet Schwem, Janice Flom, Raymond Fisher, Janet Gardner, Philip Mathews, Lois Joyce Berner Mix, Esther Langworthy

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.

Lydius Cup

From 1694 to 1698, between the times of the first and second buildings, Dominie Godfrey Dellius of our mother church in Albany came to Schenectady when needed. In those days each minister carried his own chalice. Research has shown that what was known as the Dellius Communion Cup actually belonged to Dominie Johannes Lydius when he served as pastor here from 1702 to 1709. The cup was given to the church by his descendants and is still used at special services.

Confirmation Mentors Sought

Returning to an earlier model, we are seeking a few mentors to meet with a confirmation class participant over a meal, at an event, and in some kind of service. Contact Dr. Levering if you are interested.

New Members Class – Today

We invite interested folks to a membership orientation meeting on February 4 that includes a tour of the church and a chat about who we are. It lasts 90 minutes and meets in the church office at 3pm on the first Sunday of the month.

Heritage Sunday – Today

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.

Mission Trip Parents Meeting – Today

All mission trip participants and their families: there will be a BRIEF info meeting at noon today following First Forum. Please let Pastor Jonathan know if you are unable to attend.

Youth Group Notes – Feb 10

Our next gathering is next Saturday from 9am-Noon. We will be meeting at Trinity Reformed Church (705 Curry Rd) to help with their food pantry and to prepare food for their community pancake breakfast. Come for as much as you can, we need all the help we can get!

Mission Shares

You can be a part of the Youth Group mission trip to Philadelphia by helping with the costs. For \$25 you can purchase a mission share which helps youth serve people in need, broaden their cultural perspectives, and become better equipped to see and address similar needs in their own communities.

Bottles & Cans Collection

Turn in your redeemable recyclables at Creating Change Redemption Center at 309 Saratoga Rd. in Glenville. 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.

Camp Fowler Registration is Open!

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.

Musicians of Ma'alwyck – Feb 9

Complementary tickets are available to church members for the Musicians of Ma'alwyck concert on February 9, 7pm at Schenectady Community College. Stop by the church office or call if you are interested in tickets.

History Potluck Dinner – Feb 11

On February 11, from 5-7pm Youth Ed and Nurture Committee will be hosting a History potluck dinner. This will be the first in a series of 4 Pot-lucks with a presentation of the history of our church. Come enjoy great company, good food, and the history of our church. Everyone is welcome to attend! RSVP to Dorothy Linder-Mitchell at 518-281-5673 with number of family members attending and the dish you will bring. We ask that the dish you bring be a part of your family's history or heritage, whether it be an appetizer, main dish, or dessert. Series dates: March 4, April 15 & May TBD.

Ash Wednesday Service – Feb 14

On Ash Wednesday, join with others seeking to grow in faith and faithfulness hearing of the Word and marking our mortality and God's mercy in the sign of an ashen cross. Our service will be held in the sanctuary on February 14 at 7pm. With advanced notice, childcare can be offered. Children are also welcome to participate.

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.

Johnson Library

There are new books on the library's shelf. A *Boy In Winter*, by Rachel Seiffert is about a small Ukrainian town overrun by the SS shortly after the start of WWII. *The Checklist Manifesto* by Atul Gawande is about the challenge of delivering safe patient care given the complexity of medical knowledge today. Paul Hawken's book, *Blessed Unrest* describes the growth of a movement of millions of small and larger organizations dedicated to combating climate change. *Inside Animal Hearts and Minds* by Belinda Recio showcases fascinating and heartwarming examples of animal cognition and emotion. Finally, *The Water Will Come*, Jeff Goodell writes about the rising sea levels and higher tides.

Mental Health First Aid Training

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 on 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. To register go to 1streformed.com or contact Rev. Carlson or Laura Marx 518-791-1544 Area Director, American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

Support and Care

Do you know what the Support and Care Committee does? Stop by our table after worship and we would love to tell you.

“If you don't know history, then you don't know anything. You are a leaf that doesn't know it is part of a tree.” — Michael Crichton

“The most effective way to destroy people is to deny and obliterate their own understanding of their history.” — George Orwell

“Remember, remember always, that all of us, and you and I especially, are descended from immigrants and revolutionists.”
— Franklin D. Roosevelt

“History is a set of lies agreed upon.”
— Napoléon Bonaparte

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

Date	Time	Event	Description	Place
Feb 1		Mental Health First Aid Training on March 10	Last call for early register is Feb 1, at 1streformed.com or contact Rev. Carlson or Laura Marx 518-791-1544.	
Feb 1	10am	Stitch Group	Meets every Thursday. Come finish a project or start a new one.	Mezzanine
Feb 1	7:30pm	Chancel Choir	Like to sing? Please consider joining our chancel choir. Rehearsals are Thursdays at 7:30pm. Contact Corine at csalon@nycap.rr.com.	Sanctuary
Feb 2	7pm	Avery Presents	The Usual Suspects will perform rich and eclectic mix of contemporary pop, country, classic rock, blues, jazz & oldies.	Sanctuary
Feb 3	8am	Saturday Breakfast	Nat Phipps sharing reflections on music, his role as an educator and advocate for social justice.	Dirck Romeyn
Feb 4	9am	Chancel Choir	Rehearsals start at 9am.	Sanctuary
Feb 4	9am	Chords of Love	We meet every Sunday. Any kids ages 8-18 are welcome. No experience needed.	Mezzanine
Feb 4	9:45am	Kinderwyk	Childcare for children through Pre-k, until noon downstairs in Friendship Hall.	Friendship Hall
Feb 4	11:15pm	Forum	For Heritage Sunday, two members of FRC, Bill Rochelle and Ralph Rosenthal will talk about their experiences in World War II.	Sanctuary
Feb 4	12pm	Mission Trip Info Meeting	A brief mission trip information meeting. All trip participants & parents are required to go. If you have a conflict, let Pastor Jonathan know ASAP.	Church Office
Feb 4	3pm	New Members Class	Interested folks are invited to a membership orientation that includes a tour of the church.	Church Office
Feb 4	5pm	Jazz Vespers	Nat Phipps, piano; Pete Toigo, bass	Sanctuary
Feb 5	11am	Group V	Questions contact Maria Todd at (518)882-6555.	Dirck Romeyn
Feb 6	10am	Horizons Bible Study	Nine-week study of the book of James, using a study guide by N.T. Wright.	Mohawk House Pres.
Feb 6	7pm	Short Short Writing	Writing group for 1000 words or less.	Mohawk House Lunn
Feb 7	9:30am	Kerygma Conversations	Discussion of chapter 27 in <i>The Story of Christianity</i> .	Dirck Romeyn
Feb 7	7pm	Adult Ukulele	Wednesdays, no experience is needed, call the church office to borrow a ukulele.	Dirck Romeyn
Feb 8	10am	Stitch Group	Meets every Thursday. Come finish a project or start a new one.	Mezzanine
Feb 8	7:30pm	Chancel Choir	Like to sing? Please consider joining our chancel choir. Rehearsals are Thursdays at 7:30pm, good music & good fellowship	Sanctuary

Heritage Sunday, February 4

- 8:00am.....Organ Practice
- 9:00am.....Choir Rehearsal
- 9:00am.....Chords of Love
- 9:45am.....Kinderwyk
- 10:00am.....Worship
- 10:00am.....Communion
- 10:15am.....Church School K-5
- 11:00am.....Bookshop/Library
- 11:15am.....Forum
- 11:15am.....Kirk Ringers
- 11:15am.....Finance Meeting
- 12:00pm.....Mission Trip Info Meeting
- 3:00pm.....New Members Class
- 5:00pm.....Jazz Vespers

Monday, February 5

- 9:00am.....Mens New Group
- 11:00am.....Group V
- 3:30pm.....Stephen Ministry Leaders

Tuesday, February 6

- 10:00am.....Morning Prayer
- 10:00am.....Horizons Bible Study
- 11:00am.....Admin Meeting
- 11:30am.....Support & Care
- 7:00pm..... Short Short Writing

Wednesday, February 7

- 9:30am Kerygma Conversations
- 1:00pm Pastoral Team Meeting
- 7:00pm Adult Ukulele

Thursday, February 8

- 7:30am Breakfast Bible Bunch
- 11:00am Stitch Group
- 7:00pm Chancel Choir

Saturday, February 10

- 11:00am Walraven Memorial Service

Sunday, February 11

- 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 Forum
- 11:15am Kirk Ringers
- 11:15am UPC Mission Fund Meeting
- 5:00pm Jazz Vespers
- 5:00pm Family History Potluck

Sunday Volunteers	This Week	Next Week
Bookshop	Nancy Wainwright	Bill Clock
Counting Deacons	Sarah Bachorik, Ralph Rosenthal	Joan Lindsay, Doug Todd
Flower Delivery	Inge-Lise Pangburn, Joanne Arnold	Vickie McGowan-Horan, Maria Todd
Greeters	Jack & Sally Bestgen	Mike & Vickie Horan
Jazz Vespers	Nat Phipps, piano; Pete Toigo, bass	Mike Lamkin, piano
Liturgist	Daniel Carlson	Daniel Carlson
Preacher	Bill Levering	Bill Levering
Processing Elders	Joanne Arnold, Liz Mastrianni, Jeanne Shoulder, Barbara Walton, Birdie Blackmer, Darwin Brudos, Christine Daniels, Keith Muse	Marilyn Leach, Brad Lewis, Phil Falconer, Don Leach, Tom Lindsay, Maria Todd
Reader	Gene Rowland	Brad Lewis
Ushers	Bill Clock, Julia Etkin, Lisa Etkin, Christina Jones, Matt Jones, Aline Stabler, Nancy Wainwright	Del Pierce, Joe Brown, Lian Drisgula, Christina Lund, Doug Todd, Tom Zych