

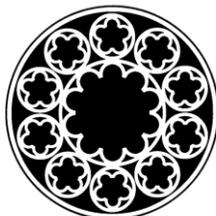
***The Covenant of Our
Congregation
Adopted in 1962***

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.



March 4, 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.

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.

Parking Reminder

Our handicap parking lot is designated for contractors Monday-Friday. Please park in our other two available lots. Also, please leave the spaces in front of the church open on Sundays for drop off.

Third Sunday in Lent

March 4, 2018

*The congregation may stand.

PRELUDE John Norton

Prelude and Fugue in D J.S. Bach

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 Agincourt Song

O Love How Deep How Broad, How High

*HYMN *Kum Ba Yah* #338

*OUR NEED FOR GOD (*unison*)

Beginning with silent prayer...

Greek Ky - ri-e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri-e e - le - i - son.
English: Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Ky - ri-e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri-e e - le - i - son.
Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE #579

Glory Be to the Father

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed (traditional version)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus
Christ his only Son our Lord; who was
conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the
Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius**

**Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he
descended into hell; the third day he rose
again from the dead; he ascended into
heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of
God the Father Almighty; from thence he
shall come to judge the quick and the
dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy
catholic church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of
the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*PASSING THE PEACE

ANTHEM

Laudate Dominum W. A. Mozart

Praise the Lord all Nations. Praise Him all ye people
For his merciful Kindness is great toward us,
And the truth of the Lord endureth forever
Glory be to the Father and the Son, and the Holy Spirit
As it was in the Beginning is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen.

FIRST LESSON Norma Brown

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

Amen. *1 Corinthians 1:18-25* (pg 166)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND LESSON *John 2:13-22* (pg 93)

SERMON *How To Be Angry* Bill Levering

*HYMN *Now to Your Table Spread* #515

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

The Ground Ola Gjeilo

Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory;
Hosanna in the highest".

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.
Grant us peace.

*DOXOLOGY #592

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION and PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise!

SANCTUS (unison) Carl Steubing

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Hosts,
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.**

Glory be to Thee, O Lord most high.

RECEPTION OF THE ELEMENTS

*Hold until all are served. Gluten free wafers
are available.*

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 *Lord, Make Us More Holy* #536

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Threefold Amen Traditional

POSTLUDE

Sicilian Mariners

Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

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Entered into Eternal Rest

Eugene Zeltmann – February 24, 2018

A memorial service will be held on
April 21 at 11am.

Music Notes

Please welcome Union College singers who are joining us for these anthems: Mozart's Laudate Dominum Psalm 118 which was composed in 1780 for Salzburg Cathedral. Ola Gjeilo's The Ground is a chorale from the last movement of his 2008 Sunrise Mass. Kyrie 1987, Dinah Reindorf; arr. 2001 CRC Publications All rights reserved.

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:

*Sally Murray, Sallie Wemple, Peter Ipsen,
Linda Witkowski, Daniel Thuener, Roy Stratton,
Len Garver*

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.

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 Dr. , Niskayuna, NY 12309.

Give Easter Memorial Flowers

At Easter, members deliver beautiful Easter flowers to recently bereaved and home-bound church members. You can give in memory or honor of a loved one. Please send \$20 to Chancel Guild c/o Marlene Risseeuw, 2140 Niskayuna Dr., Niskayuna, NY 12309 and contact the church office with the name of the person the flowers are in honor or memory of. Even if you have donated in previous years, please place an order by March 26.

Director of Christian Development

We are seeking a long-term, full-time staff member to lead efforts in Christian development. Ordination as clergy is welcome but not required. Please submit resumes to search@1stReformed.com by May 1, 2018.

Seeking Sunday school Teachers

We are looking for a teacher for Spring Time (March thru May/beginning of June) to work with our Kindergarten through 2nd graders. If you are interested in teaching our young members, contact Dorothy.

Kinderwyk Volunteers Needed

Looking for a volunteer for April 1 to work and play with our youngest members! We are also looking for volunteers commit to volunteering this summer! Contact Dorothy if you are available!

Help with Communion Preparations

Worship Committee is looking for Volunteers to help with Communion Preparations. Currently Gerry Meyers and Amy Brule are preparing communion and we would like to add others to our team. Contact Amy Brule at 518-785-8201 if you can help.

Post-Worship Hospitality Needs

Please consider providing treats and hosting our post-worship fellowship by signing up for a couple of Sundays during the year. The sign-up sheet and instructions are in Dirck Romeyn room. Direct any questions you may have to James Gonda at 607-765-5349 or jgonda12309@gmail.com.

Classis Assessment

Sometime soon you will be receiving a letter about our Classis assessment. We are currently assessed \$98.97 a member to keep the denomination and its mission going. It's a lot, but we don't mind since it keeps us together nationally. It's sort of a franchise fee per member.

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.

Union Presbyterian Mission Fund seeks applications

The Union Presbyterian Mission Fund of the First Reformed Church was established to the glory of God and to give shape to a continuing memory and activity in mission from the former Union Presbyterian Church. The purpose of the Fund is to provide for mission causes.

- Distributions will be for no less than \$1,000.
- Distributions may be one-time or multi-year.
- Distributions will attempt to generally honor the mission directions of the former Union Presbyterian Church.
- Distributions will not normally fund the internal activities of the First Reformed Church, but may underwrite mission efforts funded in the budget.

The application form is available on the front page of our website 1stReformed.com.

Easter Offering to One Great Hour of Sharing

This cause is directed to 3 important areas. The Hunger Program works to alleviate hunger throughout the world and supports ministries addressing homelessness and affordable housing. The Disaster Assistance Program provides disaster response locally, nationally, and throughout the world. Self-development of People collaborates with groups that assist those oppressed by poverty or social systems to help people take charge of their lives. Please share your resources to change lives with this offering on Easter Sunday, April 1.

Holy Week

Palm Sunday

March 25 – 10am

This celebration of the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem marks the beginning of Holy Week. This year the day includes the **Easter Egg Hunt** that begins about 11am.

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, March 29 – 7:30pm

First Reformed has long celebrated a service of darkening on Maundy Thursday that includes the Lord's Supper. A series of readings and a darkening sanctuary create a somber and reflective remembrance of the trials of Jesus.

Good Friday

Friday, March 30 – 12pm

This service is unlike any other of the year. A large hand-hewed cross will stand at the center of the chancel. The Passion of Jesus will be proclaimed by gospel readers, periods of silence, and holy songs. Finally, we will lift prayers before departing in quiet to consider the depth of God's self-giving love for all creation.

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 1 – 10am

Music for Easter Sunday will be featuring a brass quartet and the Halleluiah Chorus in which **we will invite people to join in and sing with the choir.**

“Never go to bed mad. Stay up and fight.”

— Phyllis Diller

“Angry people are not always wise.”

— Jane Austen, *Pride and Prejudice*

“Bitterness is like cancer. It eats upon the host. But anger is like fire. It burns it all clean.”

— Maya Angelou

“Anybody can become angry — that is easy, but to be angry with the right person and to the right degree and at the right time and for the right purpose, and in the right way — that is not within everybody's power and is not easy.”

— Aristotle

“Speak when you are angry and you will make the best speech you will ever regret.”

— Ambrose Bierce

“If you spend your time hoping someone will suffer the consequences for what they did to your heart, then you're allowing them to hurt you a second time in your mind.”

— Shannon L. Alder

“Anger is an acid that can do more harm to the vessel in which it is stored than to anything on which it is poured.” — Mark Twain

“Anger is like flowing water; there's nothing wrong with it as long as you let it flow. Hate is like stagnant water; anger that you denied yourself the freedom to feel, the freedom to flow; water that you gathered in one place and left to forget. Stagnant water becomes dirty, stinky, disease-ridden, poisonous, deadly; that is your hate. On flowing water travels little paper boats; paper boats of forgiveness. Allow yourself to feel anger, allow your waters to flow, along with all the paper boats of forgiveness. Be human.” — C. JoyBell C.

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

Date	Time	Event	Description	Place
Mar 4	9am	Chancel Choir	Choir Rehearsals	Sanctuary
Mar 4	9am	Chords of Love	We meet every Sunday. Any kids ages 8-18 are welcome. No experience needed.	Mezzanine
Mar 4	9:45am	Kinderwyk	Childcare for children through Pre-k, until noon downstairs in Friendship Hall.	Friendship Hall
Mar 4	11:15am	First Forum	Bill Levering: Hiring Update	Sanctuary
Mar 4	11:15am	Faith Bookshop	New book offered, "No Greater Glory" by Dan Kurzman which includes Clark Poling one of the clergymen at FRC. The cost is \$8.	Bookshop
Mar 4	12pm	Confirmation Class Begins	Led by Viki Brooks and Bill Levering; grades 7-12 are invited to participate in the spring confirmation class. Pizza is served.	Mohawk House Lunn
Mar 4	3pm	New Members Class	Interested folks are invited to a membership orientation that includes a tour of the church.	Church Office
Mar 4	5pm	Jazz Vespers	Nat Phipps, piano; Mike Lawrence, bass	Sanctuary
Mar 4	5pm	History Potluck Dinner	Come and enjoy great company, good food, and learn some of the history of our church!	Mohawk House
Mar 5	11am	Group V	Questions contact Maria Todd at (518)882-6555.	Dirck Romeyn
Mar 6	10am	Horizons Bible Study	Nine-week study of the book of James, using a study guide by N.T. Wright.	Mohawk House Pres
Mar 6	7pm	Short Short Writing	Writing group for 1000 words or less.	Mohawk House Lunn
Mar 7	9:30am	Kerygma Conversations	Discussion of chapter 31 in <i>The Story of Christianity</i> .	Dirck Romeyn
Mar 7	7pm	Lenten Classes	Classes through March 21.	Various
Mar 7	8pm	Worship	A brief, reflective communion service.	Sanctuary
Mar 8	10am	Stitch Group	Meets every Thursday. Come finish a project or start a new one.	Mezzanine
Mar 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
Mar 10	8am	Saturday Breakfast	Bob and Pat Lillquist will spin hundred-year-old Cylinder records on equally old phonographs while telling the story of the earliest history of recorded music for the American home.	Mohawk House
Mar 10	8am	Mental Health First Aid Training	This 8-hour training, which lays out the basics of how to help someone experiencing a mental health crisis. Fully subscribed with a waiting list.	Dirck Romeyn

Sunday, March 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
 12:00pm.....Confirmation Class
 3:00pm.....New Members Class
 5:00pm.....Jazz Vespers
 5:00pm.....History Potluck Dinner

Monday, March 5

9:00am.....Mens New Group
 11:00am.....Group V

Tuesday, March 6

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

Wednesday, March 7

9:30amKerygma Conversations
 1:00pmPastoral Team Meeting
 7:00pmLenten Classes
 8:00pmContemplative Worship

Thursday, March 8

7:30amBreakfast Bible Bunch
 11:00amStitch Group
 7:00pmChancel Choir

Saturday, March 10

8:00amMental Health First Aid
 8:00amSaturday Breakfast

Sunday, March 11

8:00amOrgan Practice
 9:00amChoir Rehearsal
 9:00amChords of Love
 9:45amKinderwyk
 10:00amWorship
 10:00amCommunion
 10:15amChurch School K-5
 11:00amBookshop/Library
 11:15amForum
 11:15amKirk Ringers
 5:00pmJazz Vespers
 6:00pmYouth Group

Sunday Volunteers	This Week	Next Week
Bookshop	Nancy Wainwright	Christina Jones
Counting Deacons	Fred Daniels, Peter Ontkush	David Bundy, Joan Lindsay
Flower Delivery	Joanne Bedell, Liz Mastrianni	Dave & Donna Bundy, Aline Stabler
Greeters	Chuck & Inge-Lise Pangburn, Barbara Walton, Lyn Gordon	Matt & Christina Jones Cheryl Zahner
Jazz Vespers	Nat Phipps, piano; Mike Lawrence, bass	Tim Olsen, piano; Pete Toigo, bass
Liturgist	Daniel Carlson	Bill Levering
Preacher	Bill Levering	Jonathan Vanderbeck
Processing Elders	Liz Mastrianni, Christine Daniels, James Gonda, Jeanne Shoulder, Eric Evans, Keith Muse, Maria Todd, Barbara Walton	Jeanne Shoulder, Barbara Walton, Norma Brown, Peggy King, Thomas Lindsay, Margaret Schadler
Reader	Norma Brown	George Trimarco
Ushers	Michael Horan, Christina & Matt Jones, Crystal Mongillo, Justine Ochal, Ralph Rosenthal	Tom Burgoyne, David Bundy, Joe Gotwals, Karen Gonda, Berta Phipps, Nat Phipps