

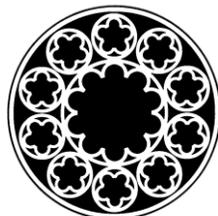
***The Covenant of Our
Congregation
Adopted in 1962***

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 18, 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.

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 18, 2018

*The congregation may stand.

PRELUDE Jean Hayes, flute

Largo from *Sonata I* in b-minor J.S. Bach

Panis Angelicus Cesar Franck

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 *Uyai Mose/Come, All You People*

Shona 1 U - ya - i mo - se, ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri;
English 1 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise your Mak - er;
2 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Sav - ior;
3 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Spir - it;

u - ya - i mo - se, ti - na - ma - te Mwa - re;
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come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Sav - ior;
come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Spir - it;

u - ya - i mo - se Zvi - no.
come now and wor - ship the Lord.
come now and wor - ship the Lord.
come now and wor - ship the Lord.

*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

flute solo Jean Hayes

A Carol for Lent

Mary E. Caldwell

The fragrance of lilies, the clean scent of pine.
The olive trees tipped with the moon's silv'ry shine,
And the paling of starlight that heralds the day,
As Jesus knelt in the garden in anguish
and sorrow to pray.

Now often at night, slender lilies so fair
Will whisper "our master was there."
And the gnarled old olive trees murmuring, say,
Remember who came to this garden,
In anguish and sorrow, to pray.

FIRST LESSON Marilyn Leach
Guide us, God, by your Word and Holy Spirit.
Amen. *Jeremiah 31:31-34* (pg 735)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND LESSON *John 12:20-33* (pg 106)

SERMON Bill Levering
The Broadening Moment

*HYMN *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* #387

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Pie Jesu, Agnus Dei Andrew Lloyd Webber
Soloist Lisa Backman and Kate Rose

Pie Jesu qui tollis peccata mundi dona eis requiem
Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi ies requiem.
The Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world,
have mercy, grant them eternal rest

*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 *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* #404

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Threefold Amen Traditional

POSTLUDE Sicilian Mariners
Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

In Memoriam

The chancel flowers today are placed in the sanctuary to the glory of God and in loving memory of Leroy Jewett given by Mary Jewett.

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:

Phyllis Demont

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.

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 call the church office at 518-377-2201 by March 26.

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.

Music Notes

Out guest flutist today is Jean Hayes.
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College Scholarships

Applications for the Rev. Al Smith Education Scholarship are available through the church office. Please submit your completed application to the church office by Tuesday, May 15. Questions can be directed to the church office.

Offering of Letters

Through Bread for the World, church members & friends are asked to participate in an Offering of Letters to Congress urging them to protect Federal Programs that now help to alleviate hunger in the United States. Materials and sample letters will be available on April 8 during Coffee Hour. Ellie Rowland 518-250-4302.

Johnson Library

Check the library shelf in the Heritage Room for Lent and Easter books.

Faith Book Shop

Check the Book Shop for CDs that folks have brought in and are available for free. More CD donations are appreciated.

Lenten Evening Program Through Mar 21

This Year's Lenten Classes...

Lower Carbon Lent

Led by: Rev. Dr. Daniel Carlson

Location: Mohawk House Pres

Conversations on Being Mortal and Care at the End-of-Life

Led by: Dr. Carolyn Jones-Assini /Joe Doolittle

Location: Dirck-Romeyn Room

We will have Dr. Paul E. Heasley, Medical Director of Community Hospice, join us for our discussion.

Ukulele for Lent

Led by: Local Ukulele Instigator, Jamie Ipsen

Location: Sanctuary

God in the News

Led by: Rev. Dr. Bill Levering

Location: Mohawk House Lunn Room

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**: There will be one for the younger youth in Kinderwyk during the service and one for the School-Aged Youth at 11 am (depending on weather, either outside or in).

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. Child Care will be available from 11:45am through end of service

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.**

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

Date	Time	Event	Description	Place
Mar 18	9am	Chancel Choir	Rehearsal open to all.	Sanctuary
	9am	Chords of Love	We meet every Sunday. Any kids ages 8-18 are welcome. No experience needed.	Mezzanine
	9:45am	Kinderwyk	Childcare for children through Pre-k, until noon downstairs in Friendship Hall.	Friendship Hall
	11:15am	First Forum	Historical Society Tour of the Brouwer House next to FRC. Guide: Michael Diana	Sanctuary
	11:15am	New Prayer Group	A brief time of sharing concerns and praying in a confidential group on the 3rd Sunday of each month. Contact Karen Gonda with questions.	Mohawk House
	12pm	Confirmation Class	Pizza will be served.	Bill's Office
	5pm	Jazz Vespers	Peg Delaney, piano; Bill Delaney, bass	Sanctuary
	6pm	Youth Group	Regular Meeting	Mohawk House
Mar 20	7pm	Short Short Writing	Writing group for 1000 words or less.	Mohawk House Lunn
Mar 21	9:30am	Kerygma Conversations	Discussion of chapter 32 in <i>The Story of Christianity</i> .	Mohawk House
	11am	First Things Volunteers	Help send off our Newsletter. Pizza will be provided. Anyone is welcome.	Mohawk House Lunn
	7pm	Lenten Classes	Our traditional five-week study offering four classes. Lower Carbon Lent, Conversations on Being Mortal and Care at the End-of-Life, Ukulele for Lent and God in the News.	Various
	8pm	Contemplative Worship	A brief, reflective communion service.	Sanctuary
Mar 22	10am	Prayer Shawl Knitting	4th Thursday of every month in the home of Gini McDermott.	21 Carrie Ct, Niskayuna
	10am	Stitch Group	Thursdays, come finish a project or start a new one.	Mezzanine
	7:30pm	Chancel Choir	Rehearsal open to all.	Sanctuary
Mar 24	9am	Hiking and History	A hike to the Saratoga battlefield. Pack a lunch and meet in the church parking lot at 9am. RSVP to James Gonda at 607-765-5349 or jgonda12309@gmail.com.	Church Parking Lot
	3am	March For Our Lives	March with us on March 24 to Washington DC in supporting the children from Florida. If interested contact Connie Young cyoung50@nycap.rr.com or 515-393-7061. Students cost \$10, adults are \$25.	Home Depot parking lot

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	11am	Easter Egg Hunt	There will be one for the younger youth in Kinderwyk during the service and one for the School-Aged Youth at 11am.	Outside or inside Church
	11am	Care & Prayer	Trained Stephen Ministers are available to sit with, listen to & pray for & with you.	Dykstra Chapel
	11:15am	First Forum	Mary Pat D'Ambrosio, Diabetic Educator Pre-Diabetic Program at Ellis Hospital	Sanctuary
	5pm	Jazz Vespers	Wayne Hawkins, piano	Sanctuary
	6pm	Youth Group	Pastor Jonathan's Farewell.	Mohawk House
Mar 28	7pm	Adult Ukulele	Wednesdays, no experience is needed, call the church office to borrow a ukulele.	Dirck Romeyn
	7:30pm	Maundy Thursday	A series of readings and a darkening sanctuary create a somber and reflective remembrance of the trials of Jesus.	Sanctuary
Mar 30	12pm	Good Friday	The Passion of Jesus will be proclaimed by gospel readers, periods of silence, & holy songs. We will lift prayers before departing in quiet to consider the depth of God's self-giving love for all creation.	Sanctuary
April 1	10am	Easter Sunday	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.	Sanctuary
	3pm	Information Session	Relaxed, noncommittal, and interactive. It's just not Bill spewing facts and figures about FRC, it's also about us gleaning information about you and what you're looking for in a church family.	Church Office
	5pm	Jazz Vespers	Nat Phipps Trio with Pete Toigo and Tom D'Andrea	Sanctuary
April 6	7pm	Avery Presents	Soprano Jean Leonard will present "Spring Serenade," a musical program with vocal selections for the season. Accompanied by Avery Tunningley at the piano.	Sanctuary
April 8	11:15am	First Forum	Update Activities at Camp Fowler by Kent Bushman	Sanctuary
	5pm	Jazz Vespers	Dave Gleason, piano; Jim Corigliano, sax (courtesy union); Mike Lawrence, bass; Tim Coakley, drums	Sanctuary
April 14	8am	Saturday Breakfast	Our Program is "Poetry Shared: Words from the Heart of Memory" with David Walsh.	Dirck Romeyn

“Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts.”

— Winston S. Churchill

“I can't give you a sure-fire formula for success, but I can give you a formula for failure: try to please everybody all the time.”

— Herbert Bayard Swope

“Try not to become a man of success. Rather become a man of value.” — Albert Einstein

“The worst part of success is trying to find someone who is happy for you.” — Bette Midler

“Success is stumbling from failure to failure with no loss of enthusiasm.”

— Winston S. Churchill

“I'm a success today because I had a friend who believed in me and I didn't have the heart to let him down.” — Abraham Lincoln

“Life is like a story, when all the resolution is resolved, you heave a sigh of relief.”

— Michael Bassey Johnson

“Sometimes it takes a good fall to really know where you stand”— Hayley Williams

“The only point in creating something is to watch it die. Like a story that must come to a climax, what I have done will not be fulfilled until the end has arrived.”

— Brandon Sanderson, *The Hero of Ages*

“She has achieved success who has lived well,
laughed often, and loved much;
Who has enjoyed the trust of pure hearts,
the respect of intelligent minds and the
love of little children;
Who has filled her niche and
accomplished her task;
Who has never lacked appreciation of Earth's
beauty or failed to express it;
Who has left the world better than she found it,
Whether an improved poppy, a perfect poem,
or a rescued soul;
Who has always looked for the best in others
and given them the best she had;
Whose life was an inspiration;
Whose memory a benediction.”
— Bessie Anderson Stanley

Sunday Volunteers	This Week	Next Week
Bookshop	Birdie Blackmer	Bill Clock
Counting Deacons	Christina Jones, Tom Burgoyne	Ellie Brudos, Vickie McGowan-Horan
Flower Delivery	Cynthia Hamilton, Judy Shopmyer	Dorothy Linder-Mitchell, Phil & Jane Falconer
Greeters	James & Karen Gonda Ralph Rosenthal	Mike & Vickie Horan Peggy King
Jazz Vespers	Peg Delaney, piano; Bill Delaney, bass	Wayne Hawkins, solo piano
Liturgist	Daniel Carlson	Daniel Carlson
Preacher	Bill Levering	Bill Levering
Processing Elders	Marilyn Leach, Art Casey, Phil Falconer, Don Leach, Ellie Rowland, Richard Rose	Norma Brown, Walt Robb, Bill Rochelle, Maria Todd,
Reader	Marilyn Leach	Kristin Lion
Ushers	Bill Clock, Julia Etkin, Lisa Etkin, Lian Drisgula, Tom Zych, Aline Stabler, Nancy Wainwright	Del Pierce, Joe Brown, Christine Lund, Doug Todd, Christine Jones, Matt Jones