

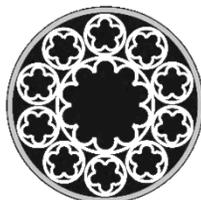
***The Covenant of Our  
Congregation  
Adopted in 1962***

*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.*



***May 13, 2018***

*First Reformed Church  
8 North Church Street  
Schenectady, New York 12305  
(518) 377-2201 [www.1stReformed.com](http://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](http://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.

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

May 13, 2018

\*The congregation may stand.

PRELUDE Norm Thibodeau  
*Danses au soleil du matin dans la campagne*  
Charle Koechlin

10:00 a.m.

GREETING Daniel Carlson  
Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Bill Levering

INTROIT *Friends in Faith* W. Walker

\*HYMN *Jesus Loves Me* #304

\*OUR NEED FOR GOD (*unison*)

**O God beyond our wildest expectations,  
you have given us and all creation new life  
through Jesus Christ. We often fail to trust  
the foundation of this miracle and instead  
are deadened by anxiety and apathy,  
distraction and despair. Forgive us again  
and empower us to live this resurrection  
fully. Amen.**

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE (*unison*)

**Halle, halle, halle, lu-jah!  
Halle, halle, halle, lu-jah!  
Halle, halle, halle, lu-jah!  
Hallelujah! Halle, lu-jah!**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(*from Our Song of Hope*)

**Jesus Christ is the hope of God's world. In  
His death, the justice of God is established;  
forgiveness of sin is proclaimed. On the  
day of the resurrection, the tomb was  
empty; His disciples saw Him; death was  
defeated; new life had come. God's  
purpose for the world was sealed.**

\*PASSING THE PEACE

ANTHEM Norm Thibodeau, flute  
*Hine Ma Tov* arr Neil Ginsberg  
Hine ma tov uma na'im.  
Shevet achim gam yachad.  
How good and pleasant it is.  
For brothers & sisters to sit together.

FIRST LESSON Marilyn Leach  
Guide us, God, by your Word and Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.** *Acts 1:15-17, 21-26* (pg 118)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND LESSON *John 17:6-19* (pg 111)

SERMON Bill Levering  
*How Jesus Prayed for Us*

\*HYMN *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee* #310

OFFERING

OFFERTORY Norm Thibodeau  
*Adagio from Fantaisie in A minor*  
TWV 40:3, by Telemann

\*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 *Fairest Lord Jesus* #306

\*BENEDICTION

## \*CHORAL RESPONSE

*Five Fold Amen*

African American

## POSTLUDE

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### **In Memoriam**

The chancel flowers today are placed in the sanctuary to the glory of God and in loving memory of Emily Nagamatsu from Nancy & Brian and Janet R. Crandell on Mother's Day by her daughters, Linda, Sandy and Donna Fentiman.

### **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:

*Charles Young, Faith W Nix (Riggs), Sybil Liebhafsky, Elizabeth D. Corliss, Harrison Todd, Henry Nagamatsu, Margaret (Peg) Schultes, Stephanie P. Miner Cohen*

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 Risseuw, 2140 Niskayuna Dr. , Niskayuna, NY 12309.

## **Music Notes**

Many thanks to Norm Thibodeau for his flute accompaniment today.

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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.

### **Kinderwyk**

We are looking for a new staff member to play and work with our youngest members. Our great Kinderwyk Assistant, Alexis Wisniewski, will be leaving us to continue her education at SUNY Oneonta! Alexis' last Sunday with us will be August 19.

In addition to finding a new staff for Kinderwyk, we are compiling a list of volunteers for Kinderwyk for the summer and school year. We need an extra adult (over 18) in Kinderwyk each Sunday to keep FRC's child protection policies valid. Please find at least one Sunday this year to devote to this important childcare. It is from 9:45am – 12pm, at the latest.

### **Sunday School**

Planning ahead for the Fall! We are compiling a list of volunteers to teach Sunday School Classes starting in September. We would like individuals to commit to a three-month period (September – November, December – February, March – May).

## **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](http://campfowler.org). Let the church office know if you are attending. Scholarships are available.

### **Who's Graduating?**

To celebrate those graduating we compile a list of them in the June edition of the newsletter. Please let us know.

### **All Church Picnic – June 3**

After worship, come and join the fun at the annual spring picnic sponsored by the Youth Education and Nurture Committee. We will provide burgers, veggie burgers, hotdogs, and beverages for all. Please sign up to bring a side dish (last name beginning with A-L) or dessert (last name beginning with M-Z). In addition to food and conversation, games will be available for the children. Bring family and friends to share in the fun!

### **New Edition**

One, two, buckle my shoe, three, four, shut the door, five, six, pick up the Spring 2018 *Beverwyck Anthology* in the book store. Your free copy awaits your perusal.

### **Post-Worship Hospitality Needs**

Please consider 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. Questions you may have to James Gonda at 607-765-5349 or [jgonda12309@gmail.com](mailto:jgonda12309@gmail.com).

## **Faith Book Shop**

A year-long, spiral Daily Devotional collection was put together by Group V and wrapped with a beautiful bow ready to give as a meaningful gift to someone else or to keep for nurturing your own spiritual journey. An unwrapped sample is available for perusing. Discounted price when you buy three.

## **Johnson Library**

There are three new books, the first is *Wings of Spring*, by Tom Vezo and Chuck Hagner. Using beautiful illustrations, it describes the courtship, nesting, and fledging of birds that happens every spring. In the next book, Clare Sharp and Clare Foster describe with photos and words how flowers move from bud to seed each year. Finally Marilynne Robinson in *What Are We Doing Here?*, a collection of essays, shares her thoughts on modern politics and the mysteries of faith.

## **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 for: 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.

## **Help with Communion Preparations**

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

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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Place</b>
May 13	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
	<b>11:15am</b>	<b>First Forum</b>	<b>Come and share a favorite poem or story; those about mothers/mothering are especially fitting though any contribution will be welcome— Including those of the Short-Short Writers group.</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
	11:15am	Growing Young	Ongoing discussion of Growing Young: how to help youth and young adults discover and love your church.	Mohawk House Pres
	11:15am	Prayer and Support	Join us for a brief time of sharing concerns and praying in a confidential group every other Sunday. Please contact Karen Gonda with questions.	Mohawk House Lunn
	5pm	Jazz Vespers	Scott Bassinson, piano; Ed Tourge, bass	Sanctuary
May 15		College Scholarships	Last chance to turn in applications for the Rev. Al Smith Education Scholarship.	
	10am	Horizons Bible Study	Guides are available from the church office for \$7.	Mohawk House Pres
	7pm	Short Short Writing	Writing group for 1000 words or less.	Mohawk House Lunn
May 16	2pm	Staff Meeting	All staff meeting.	Office
	7pm	Adult Ukulele	Wednesdays, no experience is needed, call the church office to borrow a ukulele.	Dirck Romeyn
May 17	5:30pm	Nominating Committee	Nominating Committee Meeting.	Mohawk House Pres
	6:30pm	Stephen Ministry	Stephen Ministers meet for Continuing Education and Small Group Peer Supervision.	Mohawk House
	7:30pm	Chancel Choir	Rehearsal open to all.	Sanctuary

Date	Time	Event	Description	Place
May 20		Pentecost	Wear Red to Worship	
	11:15am	First Forum	<b>Masters Degree Project "Virtual World Designed for Teaching" by Wales Brown</b>	Sanctuary
	11:15am	Growing Young	Ongoing discussion of Growing Young: how to help youth and young adults discover and love your church.	Mohawk House Pres
	12pm	Bike Ride	<b>A leisurely group ride from our church facility on the bike path about 5 miles west to Kiwani's Park. We will embark after First Forum and enjoy our packed lunches upon arrival.</b>	
	5pm	History Potluck	Come and enjoy great company, good food, and the beginning history of our church. Everyone is welcome! RSVP to Dorothy Linder-Mitchell at 518-281-5673.	Mohawk House
	5pm	Jazz Vespers	Peg Delaney, piano; Bill Delaney, bass	Sanctuary
May 23	11am	First Things Volunteers	Help send off our Newsletter. Pizza will be provided. Anyone is welcome.	Mohawk House Lunn
May 24	10am	Prayer Shawl Knitting	4th Thursday of every month in the home of Gini McDermott.	21 Carrie Ct, Niskayuna
May 25	12pm	Out to Lunch Bunch	<b>Part breakfast/lunch cafe, part gourmet market, seasonal cider mill and garden center. Located at 336 Schaubert Rd, Ballston Lake. Clue Gay 518-399-0499 if you're coming or just show up.</b>	Lakeside Farms
May 27	11:15am	First Forum	<b>Coffee &amp; Conversation – Memorial Day Weekend</b>	Sanctuary
	6:30pm	Stephen Ministry	Stephen Ministers meet for Continuing Education and Small Group Peer Supervision.	Mohawk House
<b>May 28 – Memorial Day, Office Closed</b>				
June 3	10am	Youth Service	Our children and youth will again be leading worship. Please contact Jamie Ipsen, Dorothy Mitchell Linder, or Daniel Carlson with any questions regarding this lively liturgy.	Sanctuary
	11am	Annual Meeting	We will receive annual reports, elect officers & the nominating committee.	Sanctuary
	11am	All Church Picnic	Our Annual spring picnic.. Please bring a side dish, dessert, or snack to share. In addition to food and conversation, games will be available for the children.	Church Front Lawn

“We never know how God will answer our prayers, but we can expect that He will get us involved in His plan for the answer. If we are true intercessors, we must be ready to take part in God’s work on behalf of the people for whom we pray.” — Corrie ten Boom

“True intercession involves bringing the person, or the circumstance that seems to be crashing in on you, before God, until you are changed by His attitude toward that person or circumstance. People describe intercession by saying, "It is putting yourself in someone else’s place." That is not true! Intercession is putting yourself in God’s place; it is having His mind and His perspective.” — Oswald Chambers

“In his life Christ is an example showing us how to live in his death he is a sacrifice satisfying our sins in his resurrection a conqueror in his ascension a king in his intercession a high priest.”  
— Martin Luther

“Do not pray for an easy life, pray for the strength to endure a difficult one” — Bruce Lee

“As prayer without faith is but a beating of the air, so trust without prayer [is] but a presumptuous bravado. He that promises to give, and bids us trust His promises, commands us to pray, and expects obedience to his commands. He will give, but not without our asking.”  
— Thomas Lye

“Praying is holy pilgrimage.”  
— Lailah Gifty Akita

“Prayer is not asking. It is a longing of the soul. It is daily admission of one's weakness. It is better in prayer to have a heart without words than words without a heart.”  
— Mahatma Gandhi

“The function of prayer is not to influence God, but rather to change the nature of the one who prays.” — Søren Kierkegaard

“I have been driven many times upon my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had no where else to go. My own wisdom and that of all about me seemed insufficient for that day.”  
— Abraham Lincoln

<b>Sunday Volunteers</b>	<b>This Week</b>	<b>Next Week</b>
<b>Bookshop</b>	Bill Clock	Christina Jones
<b>Counting Deacons</b>	Peter Ontkush, Cathy Lewis	Sarah Bachorik, Richard Rose
<b>Flower Delivery</b>	Karen & James Gonda, Ellie & Gene Rowland	Jeanette & John Davidson, Sarah Howes
<b>Greeters</b>	Doug & Maria Todd	Christina Jones
<b>Jazz Vespers</b>	Scott Bassinson, piano; Ed Tourge, bass	Peg Delaney, piano; Bill Delaney, bass
<b>Liturgist</b>	Daniel Carlson	Daniel Carlson
<b>Preacher</b>	Bill Levering	Bill Levering
<b>Processing Elders</b>	Darwin Brudos, Don Leach, Marilyn Leach, Brad Lewis, Cathy Lewis, Walt Robb	Barbara Walton, Roberta Blackmer, Christine Daniels, Eric Evans, Richard Rose, Margaret Schadler
<b>Reader</b>	Marilyn Leach	Barbara Walton
<b>Ushers</b>	Christina Jones, Matt Jones, Alden Brown, Adam Kerwin	Art Shultes, Hendrick Arnold, Joanne Arnold, Jeanette Davidson, Don Davidson, Karen Gonda