

***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.

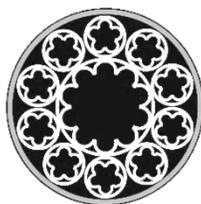
So, no more running.

I aim to misbehave.

-Joss Whedon

**Love God and
sin boldly.**

-Martin Luther



June 10, 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.

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 after Pentecost

June 10, 2018

*The congregation may stand.

PRELUDE Dan Gleason, Marimba

A Little Prayer Evelyn Glennie

Rain Dance Alice Gomez and Marilyn Rife

The Offering Michael Burritt

10:00 a.m.

GREETING Daniel Carlson

The grace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Bill Levering

INTROIT Tune; *Hiding Place Early American*

My Morning Song George McDonald

*HYMN *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* #288

*OUR NEED FOR GOD

God of order and ardor, Lord of structure and chaos, help us to know when to follow the rules and when to act for a higher purpose. Forgive us for our selfish disorder and our mindless following. Lift our eyes to behold your truth that exposes our shallow systems and our personal shortsightedness.

*GOD'S FORGIVING LOVE

*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

The Apostles' Creed - Ecumenical version

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, 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 *arr. By Mary McDonald*

Blessed Be Your Name Matt & Beth Redman

Blessed be Your name
in the land that is plentiful,
where Your streams of abundance flow,
blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name
when I'm found in the desert place.
though I walk through the wilderness,
blessed be Your name.

Every blessing You pour out
I'll turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in,
Lord, still I will say,

"Blessed be the name of the Lord,
blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord,
blessed be Your Glorious name."

You give and take away,
You give and take away.
My heart will choose to say,
"Lord blessed be Your name."
Blessed be Your name
when the sun's shining down on me,
when the world's "all as it should be"
blessed be Your name.

CHOIR RECOGNITION

FIRST LESSON

Norm Kuchar

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

Amen.

Psalm 138 (pg 577)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND LESSON

Mark 3:20-35 (pg 37)

SERMON

Jesus, Behave!

Bill Levering

*HYMN

The Servant Song

1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney; we are trav - 'lers
 3 I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh, I'll
 5 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as

Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to
 on the road. We are here to help each oth - er
 of your fear. I will hold my hand out to you,
 laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row
 Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to

let you be my ser - vant too.
 walk the mile and bear the load.
 speak the peace you long to hear.
 till we've seen this jour - ney through.
 let you be my ser - vant too.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

arr. by Jack Schrader

Shout to the Lord

Darlene Zschech

My Jesus my Savior,
 Lord there is none like You.
 All of my days I want praise

The wonders of Your mighty love.

My comfort, my shelter
 tower of and strength;
 Let every breath, all that I am
 never cease to worship you.

Shout to the Lord! All the earth let us sing
 Power and majesty, praise to the King!
 Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
 At the sound of your name!

I sing for joy at the work of your hands;
 Forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand.
 Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.

*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

I Danced in the Morning

#302

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Threefold Amen

Traditional

POSTLUDE

+ + +

In Memoriam

The chancel flowers today are placed in the sanctuary to the glory of God and in loving memory of Donald Troost by Carol, Deborah, and Matthew Troost.

Music Notes

FRC Choir Members/Part Time Singers:

Marey Bailey, Joey Brown, Amy Brule, Wayne Brule, Luke Carlson, Andy Chestnut, Heather Chestnut, Polly Clements, Linnea D'Andrea, Carol DeLaMarter, Louise Dickinson, Alden Doolittle, Dan Ertel, Becky Grande, Dan Ipsen, Willis Johnny, Abby Levering, Adam Mason, Bill McColl, Sue Moses, John Norton, Kathy Peterson, Kate Rose, Rachael Rose, Gene Rowland, Vernetta Thuener, George Trimarco, Kitty Trimarco, Carol Troost, Lynn Wilkanowski.

Guest Singers:

John Allen, Lisa Backman, Chip Bradley, Angelo Cavallaro, Eric Chan, Elyse Clark, Carol Cristiana, Ellen Foster, William Garner, Nate Gillespie, Matthew Hacker, Tom Johnson, Haley Jones, Chujun Li, Ariel Lin, Deborah Mazzone, Celia Murry, Hope Noonan-Stone, Nathan Oasis, Cynthia Paz, Johanna Peterson, Sam Riordan, Cathy Roberts, Marjorie Rush, Huguens Saint-Fort, John Spinelli, Janet Stasio, Jeannette Storch, Lydia Walrath.

The instrument used in today's prelude is known as a marimba, and is a close relative of the xylophone. This is very similar to the instruments that will be used by the FRC Orff Group beginning next week, although with a much greater range and laid out like a piano. Halle, Halle, Hallelujah! text Marty Haugen, copyright GIA Pub. Inc.; music Caribbean; arr. John Bell and Graham Maule copyright 1990, WGRG the Iona Community; GIA Pub. All rights reserved. OneLicense.net License #A-700700.

SICM Summer Lunches

New date & place for 1st Reformed's volunteers to serve SICM Summer Lunches. We will serve at Quackenbush Park, between Mt. Pleasant & Pleasant Valley schools. The volunteer time is from 11:30am-1pm starting from June 25 to July 9. Three volunteers are needed for each day, except July 4. Sign up in the Dirck Romeyn room or call Ellie Rowland, 518-250-4302.

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:

Edwards Murray, Mandalay Grems, Helen P. Lindsay, Ruth Doering, Grace Vandewater, Bernetta Cronk, Walter Kozak, Roland Carreker

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.

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.

Johnson Library

Three books have been added to the library's shelf. In *The Secrets of Wildflowers*, Jack Sanders shares wonderful superstitions as well descriptions of habitats and the essential roles of wildflowers in our environment. Dirk Hayhurst's book, *Out of My League*, tells the story of his life as minor & major league baseball pitcher in a very real & humorous way. *The Brothers Vonnegut* is in part a Schenectady & GE story since both Kurt, a great literary talent, and Bernard, a weather scientist, both worked at GE. The book is a cultural history of the 1950's seen through the lives of the two brothers.

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

| Date | Time | Event | Description | Place |
|----------------|----------------|--|---|-------------------------------|
| June 10 | 9am | Ushers & Greeters Breakfast | All current Ushers, Greeters and those interested in these Sunday jobs are invited to attend breakfast. | Mohawk House Lunn |
| | 9am | Chancel Choir | Rehearsal open to all. | Sanctuary |
| | 9:45am | Kinderwyk | Childcare for children through Pre-k, until noon downstairs in Friendship Hall. | Friendship Hall |
| | 11:15am | First Forum | A Tercentenary Funded Educational Adventure: Certificate in Theology and Ministry by Lisa Etkin | Sanctuary |
| | 11:15am | Staffing Committee | Staffing Committee Meeting | Mohawk House Pres. |
| | 12pm | Gay Pride Parade | Please contact Jeanne Shoulder for if interested in attending 781-724-5030 or jmshoulder@hotmail.com | Washington Square Park |
| | 5pm | Jazz Vespers | Dave Gleason, piano | Sanctuary |
| June 12 | 6:30pm | Standing Committees | Individual Committees meet on their own. | Various |
| | 7:30pm | Consistory | Officers meeting | Dirck Romeyn |
| June 13 | 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 |
| June 16 | 9am | FRC Sole Searchers | We will be heading to the Landis Arboretum in nearby Esperance. This three to four mile excursion over easy terrain will feature cultivated trees, shrubs and old growth forest. Pack a lunch and meet in the church parking lot at 9am. RSVP to James at 607-765-5349 or jgonda12309@gmail.com. | Church Parking Lot |
| June 17 | 9am | Chancel Choir | Rehearsal open to all. | Sanctuary |
| | 9:45am | Kinderwyk | Childcare for children through Pre-k, until noon downstairs in Friendship Hall. | Friendship Hall |
| | 10am | Officers Ordination & Installation | New officers; Bill Clock, Vickie Horan, Kristin Lion, Barbara Mancuso, Justine Ochal, Kitty Trimarco | Sanctuary |
| | 11:15am | FRC Orff Group | The FRC Orff Group will have its first meeting following church service. We will play throughout the summer. Children ages 4+ and adults are welcome to join. No experience is necessary! | Sanctuary Balcony |
| | 5pm | Jazz Vespers | Peg Delaney, piano; Bill Delaney, bass | Sanctuary |

| Date | Time | Event | Description | Place |
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| June 19 | 1pm | Stephen Leaders | Stephen Leaders gather to provide guidance for our one-to-one compassionate Christian care ministry | Hope Room |
| | 7pm | Short Short Writing | Writing group for 1000 words or less. | Mohawk House Lunn |
| June 20 | 9:30am | Summer Kerygma | Discuss newly released movie, First Reformed. | Mohawk House |
| | 11:30am | First Things Volunteers | Help send off our Newsletter. Pizza will be provided. Anyone is welcome. | Mohawk House Lunn |
| | 6pm | Fellowship Meal | Complimentary dinner & informal conversations shared before Contemplative Worship. | Dirck Romeyn |
| | 7pm | Contemplative Worship | Reflective service of song, Scripture, communion, prayers, and Christ's peace. | Sanctuary |
| | 7pm | Adult Ukulele | Ukuleles play during Contemplative Worship. | Dirck Romeyn |
| June 21 | 6:30pm | Stephen Ministry | All Stephen Ministers gather for continuing education and small group peer supervision | Hope Room |
| June 24 | 9:45am | Kinderwyk | Childcare for children through Pre-k, until noon downstairs in Friendship Hall. | Friendship Hall |
| | 11am | Care & Prayer | Trained Stephen Ministers are available to sit with, listen to & pray for & with you. | Dykstra Chapel |
| | 11:15am | FRC Orff Group | We will play throughout the summer. Children ages 4 and older and adults are welcome to join. No experience is necessary! | Sanctuary Balcony |
| | 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 | Tim Olsen, piano | Sanctuary |
| June 27 | 7pm | Adult Ukulele | Wednesdays, no experience is needed, call the church office to borrow a ukulele. | Dirck Romeyn |
| July 1 | 9:45am | Kinderwyk | Childcare for children through Pre-k, until noon downstairs in Friendship Hall. | Friendship Hall |
| | 11:15am | FRC Orff Group | We will play throughout the summer. Children ages 4 and older and adults are welcome to join. No experience is necessary! | Sanctuary Balcony |
| | 5pm | Jazz Vespers | Nat Phipps, piano; Pete Toigo, bass | Sanctuary |
| July 3 | 7pm | Short Short Writing | Writing group for 1000 words or less. | Mohawk House Lunn |
| July 8 | 9:45am | Kinderwyk | Childcare for children through Pre-k, until noon downstairs in Friendship Hall. | Friendship Hall |

“The statistics on sanity are that one out of every four people is suffering from a mental illness. Look at your 3 best friends. If they're ok, then it's you.”

— Rita Mae Brown

“It is sometimes an appropriate response to reality to go insane.”

— Philip K. Dick

“In individuals, insanity is rare; but in groups, parties, nations and epochs, it is the rule.”

— Friedrich Nietzsche

“I'll take crazy over stupid any day.”

— Joss Whedon

“The Edge... There is no honest way to explain it because the only people who really know where it is are the ones who have gone over.”

— Hunter S. Thompson, *Hell's Angels: A Strange and Terrible Saga*

“Men have called me mad; but the question is not yet settled, whether madness is or is not the loftiest intelligence— whether much that is glorious— whether all that is profound— does not spring from disease of thought— from moods of mind exalted at the expense of the general intellect.”

— Edgar Allan Poe, *Complete Tales and Poems*

“If you think anyone is sane you just don't know enough about them.”

— Christopher Moore, *Practical Demonkeeping*

“I mean, maybe I am crazy. I mean, maybe. But if this is all there is, then I don't want to be sane.”

— Neil Gaiman, *Neverwhere*

“The scientists of today think deeply instead of clearly. One must be sane to think clearly, but one can think deeply and be quite insane.”

— Nikola Tesla

| Sunday Volunteers | This Week | Next Week |
|--------------------------|---|--|
| Bookshop | Sarah Howes | Martha Winchester |
| Counting Deacons | Ellie Brudos, Thomas Burgoyne | Ralph Rosenthal, Joan Lindsay |
| Flower Delivery | Lisa Etkin, Richard Lupi | Inge-Lise Pangburn, Scott Ebeling |
| Greeters | Daniel & Mary Carlson | Bill & Abby Levering |
| Jazz Vespers | Dave Gleason, piano | Peg Delaney, piano; Bill Delaney, bass |
| Liturgist | Daniel Carlson | Daniel Carlson |
| Preacher | Bill Levering | Bill Levering |
| Processing Elders | Carolyn Jones-Assini, Norm Kuchar, Richard Rose, Ellie Rowland, Margaret Schadler, Barbara Walton | Marilyn Leach, Darwin Brudos, Christine Daniels, Thomas Lindsay, Bill Rochelle |
| Reader | Norm Kuchar | Carol Troost |
| Ushers | Bill Clock, Julia Etkin, Lisa Etkin, Sarah Bachorik, Hannah Bachorik, Aline Stabler, Nancy Wainwright | Del Pierce, Joe Brown, Lian Drisgula, Christine Lund, Carol Troost, Tom Zych |