

***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.

“Love is a place
& through this place of
love move
(with brightness of peace)
all places

yes is a world
& in this world of yes live
(skillfully curled)
all worlds”

— E.E. Cummings



July 8, 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.

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 8, 2018

*The congregation may stand.

PRELUDE Avery Tunningley

10:00 a.m.

GREETING Bill Levering

The grace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP John Barclay

*HYMN #474

O Splendor of God's Glory Bright

*OUR NEED FOR GOD

Gracious God, our mistakes are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what we fear to name, what we cannot bear, and what feels like eternal punishment. Set us free from a past we cannot change and open to us a future in which we can be changed into whole and holy reflections of your Christ. Amen.

*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

MUSICAL OFFERING Gene Rowland

Come, ye Disconsolate arr by Alice Parker

Come, ye disconsolate, where-ere you languish:

Come, at the mercy seat __ fervently kneel;

Here bring your wounded hearts, here tell your anguish,
Earth hath no sorrow that heav'n cannot heal.

Joy to the desolate, light of the straying,

Hope when all others die, fadeless and pure.

Here speaks the Comforter, in mercy saying:

“Earth hath no sorrow that heav'n cannot cure.”

Here see the bread of life, see waters flowing

Forth from the throne of God __ pure from above;

Come to the feast prepared, Come ever knowing:

Earth hath no sorrow but heav'n can remove,

Earth hath no sorrow but heav'n can remove.

FIRST LESSON Brad Lewis

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

Amen. *John 14:11-17* (pg 108)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND LESSON *Acts 1:3-5;12-14* (pg 118)

SERMON *Saying "Yes, and..."* John Barclay

*HYMN *Spirit* #319

OFFERING

OFFERTORY Ariel Lin

Deh, Contentatevi Giacomo Carissimi

Pray let me in suffering voice my affliction

For I can no longer be silent

For mercy my pleading resounds!

*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 #281
Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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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:

Linda Malgieri, Roy Hershey, Susan Staffa, John Metcalf, III, Elmer Baldwin, Anne Shepherd, Wemple, Jim Shapland, Jean Buchanan

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.

Worship and Music Notes

The Rev. John E. Barclay was honorably retired by Albany Presbytery at its June meeting in Rensselaerville after serving as Pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Glens Falls for 38 years. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan and Princeton Theological Seminary, is married to Dee Winter-Barclay, and has three children: Sarah, David, and Cate. Today is John's first preaching opportunity since he retired on March 1 of this year.

Ariel Lin is a soprano from Beijing China is a neurosciences major at Union College. *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.

Prayers To Live By

"Now I lay me down to sleep..." "...and we thank you for this food" The Faith Bookshop committee will publish a collection of our church family's prayers to live by—prayers used at mealtime, bedtime or any other time. With your submission, please share author attribution if you know it or a brief message about who introduced you to the prayer. Please send any prayers you are willing to share for this purpose to Christina Jones at cmjones514@gmail.com. Please send in your contributions by September 30, 2018. The collection will be available before Thanksgiving and in our new location (God willing).

SICM Summer Lunches

Summer Lunch at Quackenbush Park is underway and we now have a full schedule of helpers. Thankyou to everyone who volunteered.

Kinderwyk and Sunday School Volunteer Nurturers Needed

Sign up with Dorothy and reserve your time to nurture our growing youth! This will be a year of transition as we move mid-year into our new education wing! We will start out the school year in our classrooms in the Walton House for Sunday school and Kinderwyk will continue to be downstairs in Friendship Hall. If you are interested in Teaching Sunday School Classes, but can't commit to a full 3 month block, let Dorothy know as we are working to create an alternating schedule to fit our volunteers availability!

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.

Empty Pill Bottle Donations

We are collecting empty pill bottle donations to be sent to places where medical supplies are needed, often in developing nations. Look for donation boxes in Dirck Romeyn room, Lobby of Mohawk House, and outside the church office. For questions, contact Scott Ebeling at (518)424-2813 or sebeling8954@gmail.com.

Sunday Volunteers	This Week	Next Week
Bookshop	Martha Winchester	Christina Jones
Counting Deacons	Sarah Bachorik, Joan Lindsay	Gay Doolittle, Bill Rochelle
Flower Delivery	Jim Miller, Tom & Joan Lindsay	Carol Troost, Joe & Gay Doolittle
Jazz Vespers	Azzaam Hameed, piano	Peg Delaney, piano; Bill Delaney, bass
Liturgist	Bill Levering	
Preacher	John Barclay	Daniel Carlson
Processing Elders	Birdie Blackmer, Peggy King, Cathy Lewis, Thomas Lindsay, Katherine Trimarco, Ellie Rowland	Jeanette Davidson, Don Leach, Marilyn Leach, Adam Mason, Maria Todd, Barbara Walton,
Reader	Brad Lewis	Marilyn Leach
Ushers	Michael Horan, Hannah Bachorik, Sarah Bachorik, Crystal Mongillo, Justine Ochal, Ralph Rosenthal	Tom Burgoyne, David Bundy, Joe Gotwals, Karen Gonda, Berta Phipps, Nat Phipps

Coming Up

See the newsletter or call the church office for more information

Date	Time	Event	Description	Place
July 8	9:45am	Kinderwyk	Childcare for children through Pre-k, until noon downstairs in Friendship Hall.	Friendship Hall
	11:15am	FRC Orff Group	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	Azzaam Hameed, piano	Mohawk House
July 9	6pm	NAMI Course	The local chapter of the National Alliance for Mental Illness offers this free course in caring for a loved one with mental illness. Email namisohenectady@gmail.com	Mohawk House Lunn
July 11	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
July 15	9:45am	Kinderwyk	Childcare for children through Pre-k, until noon downstairs in Friendship Hall.	Friendship Hall
	11:15am	FRC Orff Group Cancelled	Orff Group is cancelled for today. We will not be meeting until next Sunday July 22.	Sanctuary Balcony
	5pm	Jazz Vespers	Peg Delaney, piano; Bill Delaney, bass	Sanctuary
July 16	6pm	NAMI Course	The local chapter of the National Alliance for Mental Illness offers this free course in caring for a loved one with mental illness. Email namisohenectady@gmail.com	Mohawk House Lunn
July 17	7pm	Short Short Writing	Writing group for 1000 words or less.	Mohawk House Lunn
July 18	7pm	Kerygma Summer Adventure	Reflections on and discussion of the experience of serving lunch to children who are hungry as part of SICMs summer lunch ministry.	Mohawk House Pres.

Date	Time	Event	Description	Place
July 22	9:45am	Kinderwyk	Childcare for children through Pre-k, until noon downstairs in Friendship Hall.	Friendship Hall
	11:15am	FRC Orff Group	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	Mike Lamkin, piano	Mohawk House
July 23	6pm	NAMI Course	The local chapter of the National Alliance for Mental Illness offers this free course in caring for a loved one with mental illness. Email namischenectady@gmail.com	Mohawk House Lunn
July 24	6:30pm	Youth Group	Evening at Jumpin' Jack's. Meet up for dinner around 6:30pm and water ski show at 7pm	5 Schonowee Ave, Scotia
July 28	10am	Youth Group Breakfast	Please join us for breakfast at Puzzles Cafe in Schenectady. This will be a great chance to meet some new people and get connected. Any questions? Email cmjones514@gmail.com.	Puzzles Cafe 515 State St
July 29	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	Children ages 4 and older and adults are welcome to join. No experience is necessary!	Sanctuary Balcony
	5pm	Jazz Vespers	Dave Gleason, piano	Mohawk House
July 30	6pm	NAMI Course	The local chapter of the National Alliance for Mental Illness offers this free course in caring for a loved one with mental illness. Email namischenectady@gmail.com	Mohawk House Lunn
Aug 1	7pm	Adult Ukulele	Wednesdays, no experience is needed, call the church office to borrow a ukulele.	Mohawk House Pres
Aug 5	9:45am	Kinderwyk	Childcare for children through Pre-k, until noon downstairs in Friendship Hall.	Friendship Hall
	11:15am	FRC Orff Group	Children ages 4 and older and adults are welcome to join. No experience is necessary!	Sanctuary Balcony

Notes

“If somebody offers you an amazing opportunity but you are not sure you can do it, say yes – then learn how to do it later!” — Richard Branson

“Now we are citizens of nothing. the sun itself knows the sad truth of how we surrendered our lives and deaths to simple ritual....how we said no, no, no, no to the most beautiful YES ever uttered -life itself.” — Charles Bukowski

“If we’re saying ‘no’ to God, have we considered what we’re saying ‘yes’ to?”
— Craig D. Lounsbrough

“To know the hope and the struggle and the stay still and the run away and the come here and the push back. And also what it is to say yes, to be present exactly where you are.”
— Jeanette LeBlanc

“When I was saying “yes”,
I was always the best,
The minute I said “no”,
I became their foe”
— Charmaine J Forde

“There are many manipulators and opportunists out there, who prey on kind-hearted people, the ones who can’t say “no” without feeling guilty. Stop saying “yes” just to be named the best.” — Charmaine J Forde

“Against all odds, when the 'no' out-weighs the 'yes' faith become the only bridge to your answer” — Ikechukwu Izuakor

“Will you go out with me for a cup of coffee?”
"No." "No?" "I prefer tea, thank you.” — Padma Venkatraman, A Time to Dance