

***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.



We stand at the mat of life
Waiting for someone
To open the door
To welcome us
To feed us
To give us rest



July 29, 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.

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

July 29, 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.

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Justin Meyers

*HYMN *Morning Has Broken* #469

*OUR NEED FOR GOD

Merciful God, we confess that we have fallen short of your vision for us in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done and what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart, mind, soul, or strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We ask that you forgive what we have been and help us amend what we are, so that we may lead the full life you desire for us. 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 Gail Blinckmann

Lord, Make Me An Instrument

Arr. Jonathan Willcocks

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace;
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is discord, may there be union,
Where there is doubt, faith

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace.
Where there is despair, let there be hope,
Where there is darkness light,
Where there is sadness, may there be joy,

Lord make me an instrument of Thy peace
May we all be in peace and only peace,
And may that peace come unto each of us.

FIRST LESSON Ellie Rowland

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

Amen. *Psalm 119:17-24* (pg 566)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Dave Pizzolo

SECOND LESSON *Luke 10:1-11* (pg 71)

SERMON Rev. Justin Meyers

The Initial Commission

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

OFFERING

OFFERTORY Avery Tunningley

*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 *Go Walk With God* Carolyn Gillette
Tune. *O Waly Waly*

Go walk with God in all you do,
And may God's love bring joy to you.
May gifts of peace fill all your days,
And may God's truth guide you always.

O may the grace of Christ our Lord,
The wondrous love that comes from God,
The Spirit's fellowship now be
God's gifts to you eternally.

We thank you, Lord, for life to share
Through learning, serving, praise and prayer.
And when we say good-bye to friends,
We thank you, Lord: Love never ends.

*BENEDICTION

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 our dear mother and mother-in-law, Virginia Laumeister, on her birthday by Brett, Glenn, Cody and Suzanne.

Music Notes

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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:

*Robert Templeton, William Hubbard,
Charles VanWie*

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.

Kinderwyk Staff Needed

With Alexis' departure, we are in need of a new Kinderwyk Staff member! If you, or anyone you know is interested in working with young children and are 18 or over, contact Dorothy! We are looking for someone to be dedicated to work Sunday's from 9:30-12 and as needed for special youth events. Kinderwyk is a fun place to be with a wonderful group of little ones who are all growing up too fast and eager to learn about God and the bible!

Kinderwyk and Sunday School Volunteer Nurturers Needed

Sign up with Dorothy and reserve your time to nurture our growing youth. 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

The library added three books to its shelf. Two were just found, as the collection has been moving to its new digital format. They are about Christian missionaries in faraway places. The first, *The Fabulous Flemings of Kathmandu*, by Grace Nies Fletcher is about two medical missionaries who travel to Nepal in the 1950s to provide much needed medical care. The second, *The Chinese Ginger Jars*, by Myra Scovel is an autobiography of her missionary family's time in China during the Japanese occupation in WWII and later the Communist regime. The final book by Stanley Hauerwas, *The Character of Virtue* is a compilation of letters written to his godson on each birthday which discusses a virtue and its importance in living a Christian life.

Flower Delivery

Volunteers are needed on Sundays to deliver flowers to homebound church members. Please sign up on the church website 1stReformed.com. This is a meaningful opportunity to extend our care and support to church members not able to join us for worship.

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 by September 30. The collection will be available before Thanksgiving and in our new location.

Support and Care

Whenever you are ill, hospitalized, homebound, needing a meal, transportation to a doctor, or grieving a loss, we would 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.

Sunday Volunteers	This Week	Next Week
Bookshop	Committee Member	Bill Clock
Counting Deacons	Ralph Rosenthal, Ellie Brudos	Justine Ochal, Therese McCarty
Flower Delivery	Marey Bailey, James & Karen Gonda	Joanne and Kip Arnold, Mike & Vickie McGowan-Horan
Jazz Vespers	Dave Gleason, piano	Nat Phipps, piano; Pete Toigo, bass
Liturgist	Bill Levering	Daniel Carlson
Preacher	Rev. Justin Meyers	Bill Levering
Processing Elders	Darwin Brudos, Gay Doolittle, Eric Evans, Tom Lindsay, Bill Rochelle, Ellie Rowland	Vickie McGowan-Horan, Liz Mastrianni, Amy Brule, Wayne Brule
Reader	Ellie Rowland	Liz Mastrianni
Ushers	Del Pierce, Joe Brown, Lian Drisgula, Carol Troost, Tom Zych	Jim McCullough, Sharron McCullough, Alden Brown, Adam Kerwin

Coming Up

See the newsletter or call the church office for more information

Date	Time	Event	Description	Place
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. We are now in the Mohawk House until the construction is complete. It has air conditioning!	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 4	1pm	Camp Fowler Open House	Everyone is invited to Camp to experience what Fowler is like in the summer. This is a great event to bring someone to who has never been to Fowler before.	152 Pelcher Rd, Lake Pleasant, NY
Aug 5	9:45am	Kinderwyk	Childcare for children through Pre-k, until noon downstairs in Friendship Hall.	Friendship Hall
	11am	Consistory Retreat	Getting to know one another and strengthening relationships in a variety of ways.	Mohawk House
	11:15am	FRC Orff Group	Children ages 4 and older and adults are welcome to join. No experience is necessary!	Sanctuary Balcony
	11:15am	Open Hearts	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	Nat Phipps, piano; Pete Toigo, bass	Mohawk House
Aug 6	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 7	7pm	Short Short Writing	Writing group for 1000 words or less.	Mohawk House Lunn
Aug 8	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

Date	Time	Event	Description	Place
Aug 8	7pm	Adult Ukulele	Ukuleles play during Contemplative Worship.	Mohawk House Pres
Aug 10	10am	BBQ Potluck for Youth Families	Hosted by the Pizzolo Family,. RSVP to Natalie Pizzolo 518-867-6502 by 8/7 and let her know what side dish, salad or dessert you will be bringing!	Pizzolo's 1682 Providence, Niskayuna
Aug 12	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
	5pm	Jazz Vespers	Wayne Hawkins, piano	Mohawk House
Aug 13	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 15	9:30am	Kerygma Summer Adventure	Road Trip to grave of Pierre Teilhard de Chardin and lunch at Culinary Institute.	Mohawk House
	7pm	Adult Ukulele	Wednesdays, no experience is needed, call the church office to borrow a ukulele.	Mohawk House Pres
Aug 16	2pm	Planning Meeting	Dear Staff: This meeting is important as we plan event dates for the church calendar year.	Mohawk House Pres
Aug 17	11:30am	Youth Group Picnic	Everyone welcome! Enjoy the playground and new splash pad! Bring any other outdoor activity!	Schonowee Ave, Scotia, NY 12302
Aug 19	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	Open Hearts	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	Peg Delaney, piano; Bill Delaney, bass	Mohawk House
Aug 21	7pm	Short Short Writing	Writing group for 1000 words or less.	Mohawk House Lunn
Aug 22	11:30am	First Things Volunteers	Help send off our Newsletter. Pizza will be provided. Anyone is welcome.	Mohawk House Lunn
Aug 25	9am	FRC Sole Searchers	We will head to the Taconic Crest Trail near the New York/Massachusetts border. Make sure to pack a lunch. RSVP to James at jgonda12309@gmail.com	Church Parking Lot

Notes

“Don't be bothered by troubles because they are generally guests we ourselves invite - they will stay for some time and then leave”

— Amit Abraham

“To be an ideal guest, stay at home.”

— E.W. Howe

“In short, my aunt demanded that whoever came to see her must at one and the same time approve of her way of life, commiserate with her in her sufferings, and assure her of ultimate recovery.”

— Marcel Proust, *Swann's Way*

“Open the windows and the doors, she shouted, cook some meat and fish, buy the largest turtles around, let strangers come in and spread their mats in the corners and urinate in the rose bushes and sit down to eat as many times as they want, and belch and rant and muddy everything with their boots, and let them do whatever they want to us, because that's the only way to drive off ruin.” — Gabriel García Márquez

“For all the secret societies lunatics out there who think they know anything, why don't you chill.. We're ALL guests on Earth, not Management.” — Ziad K. Abdelnour

“To be a good houseguest, you should be as independent as possible. You should buy groceries or take your hosts out for dinner. Pick up after yourself. Pretend to have a good time even if you're not. Say, 'I'd like to make a dinner reservation tonight. What's your favorite restaurant?' Try not to break anything. Be quiet.” — Tim Gunn

“As often as not, a man who sticks at home knows next to nothing about his guest.”

— Kevin Crossley-Holland

“Guests are invited to distract attention from the real aim of parties.” — Noha Alaa El-Din