

***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.



October 14, 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 infants 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. Children participating in communion on the first Sunday of the month will return to service.

Beaver Bits Children's Bulletins

The Beaver Bulletin Bits includes key Bible verses, thoughts, coloring activity, announcements and a prayer for the coming week. Pick one up from an usher.

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.

World Communion Sunday

October 14, 2018

*The congregation may stand.

PRELUDE Wayne Hawkins

10:00 a.m.

GREETING Daniel Carlson

The grace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP Bill Levering

INTROIT *O God, Unseen Yet Ever Near*
Early American Tune

*HYMN #263
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

*OUR NEED FOR GOD

God of all connections, defender of our promises, keeper of our lives, we confess that we have been lazy and shortsighted in our love for one another. Call us again to the depth and dignity of the joy you wish for all of us. Move through churches and families and laws to bring about your cherished kindom.

*GOD'S FORGIVING LOVE

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE (*unison*)

Hallelujah Zimbabwe



*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(*The Barman Confession*)

The Church's commission, upon which its freedom is founded, consists in delivering the message of the free grace of God to all people.

*PASSING THE PEACE

ANTHEM

Here I am Lord

Dan Schutte
arr. Mark Hayes

I the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin,
my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them, they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone;
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them, my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life for them.
Whom shall I send?

FIRST LESSON Ellie Rowland
Guide us, God, by your Word and Holy Spirit.
Amen. *Job 23:1-9, 16-17* (pg 471)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND LESSON *Mark:17-31* (pg 46)

SERMON Bill Levering
Entering the Kindom

*HYMN #341
Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

MINUTE FOR MISSION
One Great Hour of Sharing

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Speak, O Lord*
Keith Getty and Stuart Townsend

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
to receive the food of Your Holy Word
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
shape and fashion us in Your likeness,

That the Light of Christ may be seen today
in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
all Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility;
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
in the radiance of Your purity.

Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail,
let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak O Lord and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.
Truth unchanged from the dawn of time
that will echo down through eternity.

And by grace we'll stand on Your promises,
and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, 'til Your Church is built
and the earth is filled with Your glory.

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
to receive the truth of Your Holy Word.

*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 *Live Into Hope* #332

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE
Twofold Amen Dresden

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:

*Emma Pitzer, William Fasake, Barbara
Lawrence, Marion Rickard, Dorothy Downing,
Anne B. Coggeshall, Sara Hollister Linder*

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.

Volunteers Needed

The Chancel Guild is looking for volunteers to
prepare Sunday Flowers for home delivery after
Worship and vesting for the upcoming Christmas
season. Please call Marlene Risseeuw at 518-
372-1710 to learn more or sign up. If you would
like to help deliver flowers please sign up on the
church website 1stReformed.com.

Can Collection

Bring in donations of can goods to help the
youth create a Can-Can sculpture for SICM. We
would most appreciate cans with brown labels
(Bush's baked beans or something similar). You
may drop off cans on Sunday in the Dirck
Romeyn room or at the office during week
through Oct 21. Contact Liam Battjes for
questions at liambattjes@gmail.com.

Prayers to Live By Submissions

The deadline has been extended to October 14 for our church collection of prayers to live by. Please share prayers for meal time, bed time or any other time that you think might benefit others and be pleasing to God. Please submit your contributions to Christina Jones at cmjones514@gmail.com.

Please Let Us Know

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 Daniel Carlson 518-346-6416.

“New Life” Stewardship

Precious treasure and oil are in the dwelling of a wise person, but a foolish man consumes them. – Proverbs 21:20

Emergency Contact Info

It has been very helpful to have the emergency contact information for members, especially--but not limited--to those who live alone. If you would like us to keep track of this for you, fill out a white card in worship or call or visit the church office.

Just a reminder: Do not walk through the construction zone.

Sunday Volunteers	This Week	Next Week
Bookshop	Bill Clock	Birdie Blackmer
Church School	Mary Carlson / Dave Pizzolo	Mary Carlson, Dave Pizzolo
Counting Deacons	Peter Ontkush, Christina Jones	Richard Rose, Sarah Bachorik
Flower Delivery	Lauren Cleworth, Connie Young	Vickie & Mike Horan, Barbara & Tom Mancuso
Greeters	Joanne and Hendrick Arnold	Dave & Elsa Hjelmar
Jazz Vespers	Tim Olsen, piano	Peg Delaney, piano; Bill Delaney, bass
Kinderwyk	Dorothy Linder Mitchell & Vickie McGowan-Horan	Dorothy Linder Mitchell, Christina Jones and Gabby Pizzolo
Liturgist	Daniel Carlson	Daniel Carlson
Preacher	Bill Levering	Bill Levering
Processing Elders	Bill Rochelle, Margaret Schadler, Birdie Blackmer, Vickie McGowan-Horan, Peggy King, Del Pierce, Jeanette Davis Ellie Rowland	Margaret Schadler, Barbara Walton, Walt Robb, Richard Rose, Don Leach, Marilyn Leach, Ellie Rowland
Reader	Ellie Rowland	Marilyn Leach
Ushers	Bill Clock, Christina & Matt Jones, Aline Stabler, Nancy Wainwright	Del Pierce, Joe Brown, Lian Drisgula, Christina Lund, Doug Todd, Tom Zych
Sign up for any of these important jobs at 1streformed.com		

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

Date	Time	Event	Description	Place
Oct 14	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
	10:15am	Church School	Children in grades K-5 are invited to go upstairs for church school after the Children's Message.	Schermerhorn & Walton
	11:15am	First Forum	Working Group on Girls Thank you by Gwyne Delong	Sanctuary
	3pm	Google Docs Class	Bill Levering will be teaching a class on Google Docs.	Mohawk House Lunn
	5pm	Jazz Vespers	Tim Olsen, piano	Sanctuary
	6pm	Youth Group	Meeting with a Rich & Poor Scavenger Hunt. If you had to scavenge our neighborhood for basic needs, where would you do your laundry? Find a friend and join in the fun.	Mohawk House Lunn
Oct 15	10:30am	Stephen Ministry Glen Eddy Group	An informal get together to share our life experiences and enjoy Friends from FRC. We meet every 3rd Monday.	Fireside room at the Eddy
Oct 16	10am	Horizons Bible Study	Contact Barbara Walton, (518) 894-5021 or waltonbl@aol.com if you have questions.	Mohawk House Pres
	7pm	Short Short Writing	Writing group for 1000 words or less.	Mohawk House Lunn
Oct 17	9:30am	Kerygma Conversations	Fully subscribed Bible study and discussion of God's command to speak out.	Mohawk House Pres
	11:30am	First Things Volunteers	Help send off our Newsletter. Pizza will be provided. Anyone is welcome.	Mohawk House Lunn
	7pm	Adult Ukulele	Wednesdays, no experience is needed, call the church office to borrow a ukulele.	Mohawk House Pres
Oct 18	10am	Stitch Group	Meets every Thursday. Come finish a project or start a new one.	Mezzanine
	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
Oct 19	6pm	Youth Group Pizza and a Movie Night	Bring a friend or salad, or a friend who looks like a salad, and join us for Pursuit of Happiness. The Youth and their families are exploring income disparity this month.	Mohawk House Lunn

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Oct 20	8am	Fellowship Breakfast	Learning about Muslims; Arthur's Historic Market and Coffee House, Cost \$10 RSVP to Gene Rowland rowland.gene2@gmail.com, or Joe Doolittle aldenjoe@nycap.rr.com if you plan to attend.	Arthur's Market
	11am	Celebration of Life for Ursula Settle.	All are invited to gather and give thanks for the life of this dear steadfast saint in Christ Jesus. A reception will follow, provided by the family.	37 Van Voast Ln. Scotia
Oct 21	11:15am	Church Committee Fair	This will be an opportunity for everyone to see firsthand the activities and programs of the committee of Consistory. Committee members will be available for questions.	Sanctuary
	11:15am	Sharing Sacred Stories	Let us grow together in faith and fellowship, sharing stories of God at work in our lives. Sundays 11:15-12pm from 10/21-11/18. Contact Aline Stabler for more information at 518-369-9275 or agianfagna@gmail.com.	Mohawk House Pres
	11:15am	Open Hearts	Join us for a brief time of sharing concerns and praying in a confidential group every third Sunday. Please contact Karen Gonda with questions.	Mohawk House Lunn
	5pm	Jazz Vespers	Peg Delaney, piano; Bill Delaney, bass	Sanctuary
	5pm	Family Potluck Dinner	A Harvest of Justice. Bring some autumn harvest food to share.	Mohawk House Lunn
Oct 23	10am	Horizons Bible Study	Our study guide <i>God's Promise: I am with you</i> is available in the church office for \$10. Contact Barbara Walton, (518) 894-5021 or waltonbl@aol.com if you have questions.	Mohawk House Pres
Oct 24	9:30am	Kerygma Conversations	Fully subscribed Bible study and discussion of God's command to speak out.	Mohawk House Pres
	6pm	Evening Circle	We will meet for dinner at the Casa Real Mexican restaurant at 1400 Altamont Ave. RSVP to contacting Ellie Rowland at erowland@nycap.rr.com or 518-250-4302.	Casa Real Mexican Restaurant
	7pm	Adult Ukulele	Wednesdays, no experience is needed, call the church office to borrow a ukulele.	Mohawk House Pres
Oct 25	10am	Prayer Shawl Knitting	4th Thursday of every month in the home of Gini McDermott.	21 Carrie Ct, Niskayuna
Oct 27	9am	FRC Sole Searchers	Albany Rural Cemetery for a guided tour by our very own Norm Kuchar. Pack a lunch! RSVP to James Gonda at jgonda12309@gmail.com or 697-765-5349.	Church Parking Lot
	6pm	Youth Group	At the City Mission	City Mission
Oct 28	11:15am	First Forum	Union College Follow Program on Being Mortal by Carol Weiss	Sanctuary

Notes

“I've been making a list of the things they don't teach you at school. They don't teach you how to love somebody. They don't teach you how to be famous. They don't teach you how to be rich or how to be poor. They don't teach you how to walk away from someone you don't love any longer. They don't teach you how to know what's going on in someone else's mind. They don't teach you what to say to someone who's dying. They don't teach you anything worth knowing.”
— Neil Gaiman, *The Kindly Ones*

“The Seven Social Sins are:
Wealth without work.
Pleasure without conscience.
Knowledge without character.
Commerce without morality.
Science without humanity.
Worship without sacrifice.
Politics without principle.
— Frederick Lewis Donaldson, 1925

“Wealth consists not in having great possessions, but in having few wants.” — Epictetus

“The test of our progress is not whether we add more to the abundance of those who have much; it is whether we provide enough for those who have too little.” — Franklin D. Roosevelt

“I'd rather have roses on my table than diamonds on my neck.” — Emma Goldman

“Seek not greater wealth, but simpler pleasure; not higher fortune, but deeper felicity.”
— Mahatma Ghandi

“If you've got a dollar and you spend 29 cents on a loaf of bread, you've got 71 cents left; But if you've got seventeen grand and you spend 29 cents on a loaf of bread, you've still got seventeen grand. There's a math lesson for you.”
— Steve Martin

“I'd like to live as a poor man with lots of money.” — Pablo Picasso