

***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.*

The biggest **myth**  
about leadership is  
that you have to be  
**in charge**  
in order to lead.

— Craig Groeschel —



**October 21, 2018**

*First Reformed Church  
8 North Church Street  
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(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 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](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.

# Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

October 21, 2018

\*The congregation may stand.

PRELUDE Chords of Love

\*The congregation is invited to sing along

*The Servant Song* Richard Gillard  
*Here I Am Lord* Dan Schutte  
*Count On Me* Bruno Mars

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 #411  
*Arise, Your Light Is Come!*

\*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 kingdom.**

\*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 Kirk Singers

*This Little Light of Mine* Harry Dixon Loes

FIRST LESSON Marilyn Leach

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

**Amen.** *Psalm 91:9-16* (pg 548)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND LESSON *Mark 10:35-45* (pg 47)

SERMON Bill Levering

*Servant Leadership*

\*HYMN *We Are Your People* #436

MINUTE FOR MISSION Hurricane Relief

Abby Norton-Levering

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*O Love*

Elaine Hagenbery

O Love, that will not let me go,  
I rest my weary soul in Thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe,  
That in thy ocean depths its flow  
May richer, fuller be.

O Joy, that seeks me through the pain,  
I cannot close my heart to thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain,  
And feel the promise is not vain  
That morn shall tearless be.

\*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 #392  
*Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord*

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE  
*Threefold Amen* Traditional

## 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:

*Marie Pletenik, Loretta Bloomquist,  
Alice Harrington, Virginia (Ginnie) Mills*

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.

### Consistory Minutes

Approved Consistory minutes are now on line for all to read. From the Homepage, click on About Us, scroll down to Consistory and click on Minutes, then click on the minutes for the month you want to read. We hope that this will help all to be better informed as to what is happening.

### 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.

### 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.

### "New Life" Stewardship

Honor the Lord with your possessions and with the first produce of your entire harvest. – Proverbs 3:9

### **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 Barbara Walton at 518-346-1943.

### **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.

### **Sunday Music**

Calling all singers and musicians. Please join us to sing a beautiful and joyful variety of musical styles this season. Please contact Corine Salon if you have any questions about the choir at csalon@nycap.rr.com or 518-346-9060.

**Just a reminder: Do not walk through the construction zone. If you do need to see something in the new space please contact Gary Nelson ahead of time.**

<b>Sunday Volunteers</b>	<b>This Week</b>	<b>Next Week</b>
<b>Bookshop</b>	Birdie Blackmer	Christina Jones
<b>Church School</b>	Mary Carlson, Dave Pizzolo	Natalie Pizzolo, Liam Battjes
<b>Counting Deacons</b>	Richard Rose, Sarah Bachorik	Claire Hughes,
<b>Flower Delivery</b>	Vickie & Mike Horan, Barbara & Tom Mancuso	Connie Young, Claire Hughes
<b>Greeters</b>	Dave & Elsa Hjelmar	Joanne Bedell and Jeanette Davidson
<b>Jazz Vespers</b>	Peg Delaney, piano; Bill Delaney, bass	Wayne Hawkins, piano
<b>Kinderwyk</b>	Dorothy Linder Mitchell, Christina Jones, Gabby Pizzolo	Dorothy Linder Mitchell, Lian Drisgula, Vickie McGowan-Horan
<b>Liturgist</b>	Daniel Carlson	Daniel Carlson
<b>Preacher</b>	Bill Levering	Bill Levering
<b>Processing Elders</b>	Margaret Schadler, Barbara Walton, Walt Robb, Richard Rose, Don Leach, Marilyn Leach, Ellie Rowland	Birdie Blackmer, Walt Robb, Vickie McGowan-Horan, Christine Daniels, Joanne Arnold, Peggy King, Tom Lindsay, Ellie Rowland
<b>Reader</b>	Marilyn Leach	Anne Putnam
<b>Ushers</b>	Del Pierce, Joe Brown, Lian Drisgula, Christina Lund, Karen Norton, Doug Todd, Tom Zych	Art Shultes, Alden Brown, Adam Kerwin, Joan Lindsay

**Sign up for any of these important jobs at [1streformed.com](http://1streformed.com)**

**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>
Oct 21	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	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.
	11:30am	First Things Volunteers	Help send off our Newsletter. Pizza will be provided. Anyone is welcome.	Mohawk House Lunn
Oct 24	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.

Date	Time	Event	Description	Place
Oct 25	10am	Stitch Group	Meets every Thursday. Come finish a project or start a new one.	Mezzanine
	7:30pm	Chancel Choir	Rehearsal open to all.	Sanctuary
Oct 27	9am	FRC Sole Searchers	To commemorate All Souls Day we will head to the Albany Rural Cemetery for a guided tour by our very own Norm Kuchar. Pack a lunch! RSVP to James Gonda at <a href="mailto:jgonda12309@gmail.com">jgonda12309@gmail.com</a> or 697-765-5349.	Church Parking Lot
	6pm	Youth Group	At the City Mission	City Mission
Oct 28	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
	11am	Care & Prayer	Trained Stephen Ministers are available to sit with, listen to, and pray for you.	Dykstra Chapel
	11:15am	First Forum	Union College Follow Program on Being Mortal by Carol Weiss	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, until 11/18. Contact Aline Stabler for more information at 518-369-9275 or <a href="mailto:agianfagna@gmail.com">agianfagna@gmail.com</a> .	Mohawk House Pres.
	5pm	Jazz Vespers	Dave Gleason, piano	Sanctuary
Oct 30	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 <a href="mailto:waltonbl@aol.com">waltonbl@aol.com</a> if you have questions.	Mohawk House Pres.
Oct 31	9:30am	Kerygma Conversations	Fully subscribed Bible study and discussion of God's command to speak out.	Mohawk House Pres.
	7pm	Adult Ukulele	Wednesdays, no experience is needed, call the church office to borrow a ukulele.	Mohawk House Pres.
Nov 1	10am	Stitch Group	Meets every Thursday. Come finish a project or start a new one.	Mezzanine

## Notes

Contrary to popular opinion, leadership is not a reserved position for a particular group of people who were elected or appointed, ordained or enthroned. Leadership is self-made, self-retained, self-inculcated and then exposed through a faithful, sincere and exemplary life.”  
— Israelmore Ayivor

“Power is meant to be shared with the goal of empowering others. Hoarded power weakens others and exalts oneself. Power, when grounded in biblical values, serves others by liberating them. It acknowledges that people bear the image of God and treats them in a way that will nurture the development of that image. In so doing, we honor their Creator.”— Duane Elmer

“What praise is more valuable than the praise of an intelligent servant?” — Jane Austen

“Power is to be used in the service of others and only secondarily, if at all, for the benefit of oneself.” — Duane Elmer

“The only way Jesus can be our King is if we allow Him to be our Servant” — Stuart Greaves

“LEADERSHIP is your org chart turned upside down.” — Richie Norton

“If I put others first, I will never find myself being last.” — Craig D. Lounsbrough

“Keep your eyes down and don't speak unless you're spoken to were the only two rules a servant had to follow, and those just so happened also to be the basics of espionage.”  
— Danielle Bennett, Dragon Soul

“If I am not a servant to others, by process of elimination I am then a servant to myself. And that serves no one.” — Craig D. Lounsbrough

“To lead is to serve. Conversely, to serve is to lead. And if either of these elements are removed from the equation, we'll soon find that we're doing neither.” — Craig D. Lounsbrough