

***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 28, 2018***

*First Reformed Church  
8 North Church Street  
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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 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.

**All Saints Day**

October 28, 2018

\*The congregation may stand.

PRELUDE Wayne Hawkins

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 *arr Hal Hopson*

\*HYMN #364  
*I Sing a Song of the Saints of God*

\*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 Kirk Singers  
*The Saints of God* James Bassi

The saints of God their conflict past,  
and life's long battle won at last,  
no more they need the shield or sword,  
they cast them down before their Lord:  
O happy saints forever blest,  
at Jesus' feet how safe your rest.

The saints of God life's voyage o'er,  
safe landed on that blissful shore,  
No stormy tempests now they dread,  
no roaring billows lift their head:  
O happy saints forever blest,  
in that calm haven of your rest.

The saints of God their vigil keep,  
while yet their mortal bodies sleep,  
till from the dust they too shall rise  
and soar triumphant to the skies:  
O happy saints rejoice and sing:  
He quickly comes your Lord and King!

FIRST LESSON Anne Putnam  
Guide us, God, by your Word and Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.** *Psalms 126 (pg 572)*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND LESSON *Mark 10:46-52 (pg 47)*

SERMON Bill Levering  
*What Do You Want?*

\*HYMN #280  
*Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

MINUTE FOR MISSION Kim Otis

## OFFERING

### OFFERTORY

*Lord of the Small*  
Dan Forrest

Praise to the Lord of the small, broken things,  
Who sees the poor sparrow that cannot take wing.  
Who loves the lame child, and the wretch in the street,  
Who comforts their sorrows and washes their feet.

Praise to the Lord of the faint and afraid,  
Who girds them with courage and lends them His aid:  
He pours out His Spirit on vessels so weak  
That the timid can serve and the silent can speak.

Praise to the Lord of the frail and the ill,  
Who heals their afflictions, or carries them till  
They leave this tired frame and to paradise fly,  
To never be sick and never to die.

Praise Him, O praise Him all ye who yet live,  
Who've been given so much and can so little give,  
Our frail, lisping praise God will never despise:  
He sees His dear children through mercy filled eyes.

\*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 *For All the Saints* #526

### \*BENEDICTION

### \*CHORAL RESPONSE

*Twofold Amen* Greek

## POSTLUDE

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## Lost & Found

Lost or misplaced items can be found in the Narthex.

## 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:

*Evelyn Johnson, F. David Schweizer,  
Ted DeBoer, Robert V. Shepherd,  
John Schmulbach, Vera Van Zandt*

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.

## In Memoriam

The chancel flowers today are placed in the sanctuary to the glory of God and in loving memory of my parents Dena and Earle Van Heyningen by Carol Troost.

## Music Notes

Lord of the Small was written in Memoriam to Erin Buenger who was diagnosed with neuroblastoma at age five. She endured various treatments for seven years still singing in her church choir, an honor student, serving on student council and playing sports. May we all live life as Erin did to the glory of God.

## Johnson Library

*Character Is Destiny*, is a book by the late John McCain and co-authored by Mark Slater. It is a collection of inspiring stories about people Senator McCain felt we should all remember. Another book you might try if you have fond memories of *Out of Africa* is by the same author. In *Shadows in the Grass*, Isak Dinesen continues to tell stories of her time in Kenya with her same wonderful gift for storytelling. Finally, you will find a new biography by Walter Isaacson. It is *Leonardo Di Vinci* and is filled with pictures of his art as well as many samples of his notebook sketches which detail his scientific inquiries.

## 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.

## 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.

**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.**

## Stewardship



*Re-used doors from old Christian Education Classrooms, now located in the new music area.*

Sunday Volunteers	This Week	Next Week
<b>Bookshop</b>	Christina Jones	Bill Clock
<b>Church School</b>	Natalie Pizzolo, Liam Battjes	Natalie Pizzolo
<b>Counting Deacons</b>	Claire Hughes, Gay Doolittle	Carol Troost, Joan Lindsay
<b>Flower Delivery</b>	Connie Young, Claire Hughes	Jeanne Shoulder, Kate Rose
<b>Greeters</b>	Joanne Bedell, Jeanette Davidson	Fred & Christine Daniels
<b>Jazz Vespers</b>	Wayne Hawkins, piano	Nat Phipps, piano; Pete Toigo, bass
<b>Kinderwyk</b>	Dorothy Linder Mitchell, Lian Drisgula, Vickie McGowan-Horan	Dorothy Linder Mitchell, Lian Drisgula
<b>Liturgist</b>	Daniel Carlson	Daniel Carlson
<b>Preacher</b>	Bill Levering	Bill Levering
<b>Processing Elders</b>	Joanne Arnold, Birdie Blackmer, Christine Daniels, Peggy King, Tom Lindsay, Vickie McGowan-Horan, Walt Robb, Ellie Rowland	Joanne Arnold, Birdie Blackmer, Eric Evans, Mary Jewett, Del Pierce, Walt Robb, Jeanne Shoulder
<b>Reader</b>	Anne Putnam	Gene Rowland
<b>Ushers</b>	Art Shultes, Alden Brown, Adam Kerwin, Joan Lindsay	Jim & Sharron McCullough, Hendrick & Joanne Arnold, Jeanette & Don Davidson
<b>Sign up for any of these important jobs at <a href="http://1streformed.com">1streformed.com</a></b>		

## Coming Up

**See the newsletter or call the church office for more information**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Group</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Place</b>
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
	10:20am	Preparation for Communion	Preparing children to participate in communion.	Mezzanine
	11am	Care & Prayer	Trained Stephen Ministers are available to sit with, listen to, and pray for you.	Dykstra Chapel
	11:15am	First Forum	Follow-Up Presentation on Being Mortal by Carol Weiss of Union College.	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.
	2pm	J-Walkers (Youth Group)	J-Walkers create a can-can sculpture for SICM food pantry at fundraising dinner.	1st Reformed of Scotia
5pm	Jazz Vespers	Dave Gleason, piano	Sanctuary	
Oct 30	10am	Horizons Bible Study	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
	7:30pm	Chancel Choir	Rehearsal open to all.	Sanctuary
Nov 3	9am	J-Walkers & JAC	Trip to Iroquois Museum. Learning about our relationship to the Iroquois and volunteering for winterizing.	Church Parking lot

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Group</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Place</b>
Nov 4	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
	10am	Stewardship Sunday	Our stewardship campaign for 2019 will highlight the new doors in our building that lead us to new places. You will be hearing more about this program and we hope you will be able to give generously.	Sanctuary
	10:15am	Church School	Children in grades K-5 are invited to go upstairs for church school after the Children's Message.	Schermerhorn & Walton
	10:20am	Lord's Supper with Family	Families gather for a simple meal of soup and bread while reviewing communion.	Mezzanine & Schermerhorn
	11:15am	First Forum	Stewardship Sunday, James and Karen Gonda	Sanctuary
	3pm	Music Company Orchestra	The Music Company Orchestra presents a benefit concert to support Schenectady Community Ministries (SiCM). Please bring a canned/nonperishable item for Thanksgiving Dinner for the SiCM Food Program.	Sanctuary
	5pm	Jazz Vespers	Nat Phipps, piano; Pete Toigo, bass	Sanctuary
Nov 5	11am	Group V	Questions contact Maria Todd at (518)882-6555.	Dirck Romeyn
Nov 6	11:30am	Support & Care Committee	We meet the first Tuesday of each month.	Mohawk House Pres.
Nov 9	6pm	J-Walkers & JAC	Pizza and Movie. Children over 13 and adults watch The New World to discuss Native American history.	Mohawk House
Nov 11	11:15am	First Forum	Celebrate Our Veterans with Richard Rose	Sanctuary
	5pm	Jazz Vespers	Scott Bassinson, piano	Sanctuary
	6pm	The Great Thanksgiving	Youth see Thanksgiving from different points of view and artistically give-thanks.	Mohawk House
Nov 18	11:15am	First Forum	Stewardship Celebration Luncheon at the Water's Edge Lighthouse Restaurant	Sanctuary
	5pm	Jazz Vespers	Thanksgiving Vespers- Wayne Hawkins Trio, Nat Phipps Group, Peg Delaney, Bill Delaney. Honoring Tom D'Andrea.	Sanctuary

## Notes

“Living is Easy with Eyes Closed.”

— John Lennon

“There are two ways to be fooled. One is to believe what isn't true; the other is to refuse to believe what is true.” — Soren Kierkegaard

“There's none so blind as those who will not listen.” — Neil Gaiman, American Gods

“Had I been in love, I could not have been more wretchedly blind. But vanity, not love, has been my folly.” — Jane Austen, Pride and Prejudice

“Just because you are blind, and unable to see my beauty doesn't mean it does not exist.”

— Margaret Cho

“There are poisons that blind you, and poisons that open your eyes.” — August Strindberg

“Nothing limits intelligence more than ignorance; nothing fosters ignorance more than one's own opinions; nothing strengthens opinions more than refusing to look at reality.”

— Sheri S. Tepper, The Visitor

“To crooked eyes truth may wear a wry face”

— J.R.R. Tolkien

“I don't think it had ever occurred to me that man's supremacy is not primarily due to his brain, as most of the books would have one think. It is due to the brain's capacity to make use of the information conveyed to it by a narrow band of visible light rays. His civilization, all that he had achieved or might achieve, hung upon his ability to perceive that range of vibrations from red to violet. Without that, he was lost.” — John Wyndham

“We scarcely know how much of our pleasure and interest in life comes to us through our eyes until we have to do without them; and part of that pleasure is that the eyes can choose where to look. But the ears can't choose where to listen.”

— Ursula K. Le Guin, Gifts