

*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.

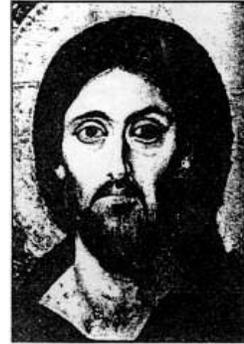
It shall be our aim to bring joy to little children, instruction and high ideals to youth, inspiration to men and women in the midst of life, and comfort to those in life's later years; and to labor together for the betterment of humankind.

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.

WANTED!

NOTORIOUS LEADER
OF AN UNDERGROUND
LIBERATION MOVEMENT



BEWARE!
PROFESSIONAL
AGITATOR

JESUS

FOR
SEDITION, CRIMINAL ANARCHY, VAGRANCY
AND CONSPIRING TO OVERTHROW THE
ESTABLISHED GOVERNMENT

WANTED FOR THE FOLLOWING CRIMES:

Practising Medicine Without a License; Distributing Food Without Permits; Wine Making Without a License; Assault on Money Changers; Disorderly Conduct in the Temple; Parading Without a Permit; Illegal Gathering; Healing on the Sabbath; Casting Out Demons; Allowing Children to Sit on His Lap; Aiding and Abetting Known Prostitutes; Sending Out Revolutionaries into All the World

KNOWN ASSOCIATES: Radicals, Prostitutes, Hustlers, Dissidents

WARNING: Approach With Caution — Followers are Said to be Armed



November 25, 2018

First Reformed Church
8 North Church Street
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(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.

Christ the King Sunday

November 25, 2018

*The congregation may stand.

PRELUDE John Norton

#23 in B Well Tempered Clavier
Bk. 2. J.S. Bach

GREETING Bill Levering

The grace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP Daniel Carlson

INTROIT *Jubilate Deo*

*HYMN *Now Thank We All Our God* #555

*OUR NEED FOR GOD

O Righteous God, you have made Jesus the Lord of all. We humbly confess that our thoughts, words, and deeds reveal that we often fail to acknowledge his rule, giving our allegiance to other powers and short shrift to your justice and love. In your mercy, forgive us and by the power of your Spirit transform us, that we may become faithful followers of Christ, who came to serve and give his life for many. Amen.

*GOD'S FORGIVING LOVE

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE (*unison*)

Hallelujah Zimbabwe



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

PRESENTATION OF PARENTS AND CHILD

Jaclyn & Kevin Weber; Carson Jack Weber

RENOUNCIATION, PROFESSION, AND PROMISE OF PARENTS

*PROMISE OF CONGREGATION

Do you promise to love, encourage and support this brother by teaching the gospel of God's love, by being an example of faith and character by giving the strong support of God's family in fellowship, prayer and service?

We do.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

BAPTISMAL COVENANT

SONG *Borning Cry* Kitty Trimarco

*DECLARATION, BLESSING, WELCOME

Welcome our new brother in Christ.

Joyfully we receive you into the body of Christ. Join with us as we give witness in the world to the good news, for we are all one in Christ Jesus. Alleluia!

*PASSING THE PEACE

ANTHEM Traditional arr. Sheldon Curry
From O Brother, Where Art Thou?

Down to the River to Pray

As I went down to the river to pray,
studying about that good old way
and who shall wear the starry crown,
good Lord, show me the way.
Oh sisters, let's go down,
let's go down, come on down,
Oh sisters, let's go down,
down to the river to pray.

FIRST LESSON Barbara Walton
Guide us, God, by your Word and Holy Spirit.
Amen. 2 Samuel 23:1-4 (pg 299)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND LESSON Mark 11:1-10 (pg 47)

SERMON Daniel Carlson
Subversive Sovereign

*HYMN *Lead On, O King Eternal* #447

MINUTE FOR MISSION Ellie Rowland
Concerned for the Hungry
City Mission Christmas Gifts

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *The Last Words of David*
Randall Thompson

He that ruleth over men must be just,
Ruling in the fear of God.
And he shall be as the light of the morning,
When the sun riseth, even a morning without clouds;
As the tender grass springing out of the earth
by clear shining after rain. Alleluia, amen.

*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 *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* #150

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE *Twofold Amen* Greek

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 Janet and Bruce Crandell on their Wedding Anniversary by their daughters, Linda, Sandy and Donna Fentiman.

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:

*Richard (Dick) Mathews, Leroy Brandt
Elsie Anderson Emory, Virginia Cain,
Rev. Edwin McLane, Harvey Schadler,
Jean Sands Brown, Donald Lemon,
Maurice B. Tracy, Eulia Arnds, Edgar Pitzer*

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.

Thanksgiving Offering

Monies collected at our church will be sent to Concerned for the Hungry and are used to purchase supplies in bulk at greatly reduced prices. Checks should be made payable to FRC, with Concerned for the Hungry in the memo line. GE matching make the payable to Concern for the Hungry with matching in the memo line.

Calling All FRC and UPC Choral Alumni

This year for our 5pm Christmas Eve service we are looking to have as many First Reformed and UPC alumni who grew up in our choirs to stand and sing together. In past years, we have had a choir consisting of our recent alumni and we would like to expand our possibilities! This year we would like to include ALL of our past youth members in singing a song together. Please call Jamie Ipsen 518-399-6848 or let the church office know if you will be attending the 5pm service so she can get music to you and notify you of rehearsals. JamieIpsen88@gmail.com

Christmas gifts for the Men of City Mission

Suggestion cards can be taken from the small Christmas tree in the Dirck Romeyn room. Buy new gifts and bring them back unwrapped and place them by the tree Sunday December 2-16. Warm clothing and coats are suggested. Contact Amy Brule with any questions.

How to Give Memorial Flowers for Christmas

Each year the church is decorated with plants and greens during the holiday season. Your loved ones will be remembered in the bulletin on December 16. The donation is \$20. Even if you have donated in previous years, you must place a new order for Christmas 2018. Please call 518-377-2201 or email, 1streformedpub@gmail.com the church office no later than Thursday, December 13, to make arrangements. Send payment to Chancel Guild, c/o Marlene Risseeuw, 2140 Niskayuna Drive, 12309.

Poinsettia Flower Delivery

Volunteers are needed on Sunday, December 16 to deliver poinsettia plants to homebound church members. The plants, along with addressed cards for each recipient, will be available after the service. This is a meaningful opportunity to extend our care and support to church members not able to join us for worship.

Sunday Volunteers	This Week	Next Week
Bookshop	Birdie Blackmer	Committee Member
Church School	Mary Carlson, Dave Pizzolo	Sarah Bachorik/ Return to Worship
Counting Deacons	Carol Troost, Ralph Rosenthal	Christina Jones,
Flower Delivery	Linda Ward, Vernetta Thuener	
Jazz Vespers	Wayne Hawkins, piano	Nat Phipps, piano; Pete Toigo, bass
Kinderwyk	Dorothy Linder Mitchell, Lian Drisgula	Dorothy Linder Mitchell, Vickie McGowan-Horan
Liturgist	Bill Levering	Daniel Carlson
Preacher	Daniel Carlson	Bill Levering
Processing Elders	Birdie Blackmer, James Gonda, Mary Jewett, Barbara Walton	Joanne Arnolds, Birdie Blackmer, Jeanette Davidson, Eric Evans, Mary Jewett, Liz Mastrianni, Barbara Walton
Reader	Barbara Walton	Carol Troost
Ushers	Bill Clock, Christina Jones, Matt Jones, Aline Stabler, Nancy Wainwright	Del Pierce, Joe Brown, Lian Drisgula, Christine 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	Group	Description	Place
Sun Nov 25	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.	Walton
	11am	Care & Prayer	Trained Stephen Ministers are available to sit with, listen to, and pray for you.	Dykstra Chapel
	11:15am	First Forum	Coffee and Conversation	Mohawk House Lunn
	11:15am	FRC Orff Group	All generations are welcome, including children age 3 & up. No musical experience is necessary, just a willingness to sing and hit things! We will be performing during service on with the ukuleles on Dec 23.	Balcony
	5pm	Jazz Vespers	Wayne Hawkins, piano	Sanctuary
	5:30pm	J-Walkers Music	Youth Group J-Walkers Music	mezzanine
	6:30pm	J-Walkers Youth Group	J-Walker will be going to Interfaith Thanksgiving, meet here at 6:30pm and we'll drive to Islamic Center.	Church Parking lot
7pm	Interfaith Thanksgiving	We invite the community to join together to acknowledge the gratitude of our lives, the complex grief of the history of the Thanksgiving holiday and how the legacy of those stories continues to perpetuate harm and division.	Islamic Center 21 Lansing Rd N, Sch'dy	
Wed Nov 28	9:30am	Kerygma Conversations	All welcome to new discussion of Watch For the Light: Readings for Advent and Christmas. Copies available in Faith Bookshop. Contact Daniel Carlson with questions.	Mohawk House Pres.
	4:30pm	A Special Viewing of Church Artifacts	FRC members are invited to Beneath Schenectady between 4:30pm and 6pm to see artifacts that were found in the Church's front yard during excavations in 2016. Otherwise, the exhibit is open until December 15.	SUNY SCCC Begley Library
	7pm	Adult Ukulele	Wednesdays, no experience is needed, call the church office to borrow a ukulele.	Mohawk House Pres.

Date	Time	Group	Description	Place
Thurs Nov 29	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
Sun Dec 2	11:15am	First Forum	M&B Christmas Offering by Andy Chestnut	Mohawk House Lunn
	11:15am	FRC Orff Group	All generations are welcome, including children age 3 & up. No musical experience is necessary.	Balcony
	3pm	What's What @ FRC	This is a relaxed time to learn more about First Reformed and possible membership.	Church Office
	5pm	Jazz Vespers	Nat Phipps, piano; Pete Toigo, bass	Sanctuary
	5pm	Advent Festival	Come share an Advent themed dinner and prepare your heart and home with beautiful crafts and prayers suited for this holy season.	Mohawk House
Mon Dec 3	11am	Group V	Questions contact Maria Todd at (518)882-6555.	Dirck Romeyn
Tues Dec 4	11:30am	Support & Care Committee	We meet the first Tuesday of each month.	Mohawk House Pres.
	7pm	Short Short Writing	Writing group for 1000 words or less.	Mohawk House Lunn
Wed Dec 5	9:30am	Kerygma Conversations	All welcome to new discussion of <i>Watch For the Light: Readings for Advent and Christmas</i> . Copies available in Faith Bookshop. Contact Daniel Carlson with questions.	Mohawk House Pres.
	7pm	Adult Ukulele	Wednesdays, no experience is needed, call the church office to borrow a ukulele.	Mohawk House Pres.
Dec 7	6pm	J-Walkers & JAC	Pizza and Movie. The movie <i>Good Boy</i> explores how being the "Top Dog" does not help to build community, but when we welcome others we create a caring family.	Mohawk House
Dec 8	8:30am	Saturday Breakfast	Introducing Wayne Hawkins, our Church Musician. He will tell us about himself and his prior experience, and he will play a short program of holiday music.	Mohawk House
Dec 9	8:30am	St. Nicholas Breakfast	No matter your age, join us for a complimentary Dutch breakfast and a visit from the just and generous Sinterklaas, telling stories and giving gifts!	Dirck Romeyn
	11:15am	First Forum	Poor Peoples' Campaign	Mohawk House Lunn
	5pm	Jazz Vespers	Dave Gleason- piano; Mike Lawrence, bass; Brian Patneau, sax; Ben O'Shea, trombone.	Sanctuary

Jesus was a master at subversion.

—Eugene Peterson

The first passion of Jesus was the kingdom of God, namely, to incarnate the justice of God by demanding for all a fair share of a world belonging to and ruled by the covenantal God of Israel. —Marcus Borg and John Crossan

The most consistent way to challenge the destructive forces of popular culture is to live contrary to them--to actually be the change we want to see. —Jeffrey Vanderstelt

We need to get comfortable with being uncomfortable. —Marcia Mortimer

“Use me, God. Show me how to take who I am, who I want to be, and what I can do, and use it for a purpose greater than myself.”
— Martin Luther King Jr.

[T]he power to accomplish the change in our whole lifestyle, that the global emergency requires...requires more than a combination of frightening facts and moral concern. The church betrays the presences and visions by which it lives if it gives up on its account of God's steadily revolutionary activity. The community of the people of God, who live and are held within God's grace, has another an wilder thing to do. They are a people caught and held by a vision of a King, a kingdom, and a consummation--and by the massive contexts of culture, history, nature as fields of its holy disturbance. —Joseph Sittler

As Christians, we should be the best collaborators in the world. We should be quick to find unlikely allies and subversive friends, like Jesus did. —Shane Claiborne

If our faith does not transform our lives to reflect Jesus Christ, no one will listen to us. If we do not find creative ways to both point to and exhibit the radical, shocking, and subversive love of Christ, no one will pay any attention.
—Seeds of Faith Community

Notes