

***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.



January 6, 2019

*First Reformed Church
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Welcome to First Reformed

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.

After Worship

Typically, after worship, people stop for a chat and a cookie in Covenant Hall before going to a learning opportunity that lasts until noon. Visitors are welcome to join in.

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

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.



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 please fill out a white pew card.

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.

Service Online

A live stream of the worship service as well as some of the past services can be found at 1stReformed.com.

PRAISE ANTHEM

Ann Marie Barker Schwartz

Minuetto from L'Arlesienne Suite No. 2
Andantino

Georges Bizet
(1838-1875)

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 72:1-14 (pg 533)

George Trimarco

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Liam Battjes

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 2:1-23 (pg 2)

SERMON

Parsing the Epiphany

Daniel Carlson

*HYMN

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

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OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Ann Marie Barker Schwartz

Italian Air from Suite in A Minor for flute
Largo

Georg Phillip Telemann
(1681-1767)

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow* #592

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION AND PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise!

SANCTUS (*unison*)

Carl Steubing

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord God of Hosts, Heav'n and earth are full of thy
Glo - ry! Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord, Most High!

RECEPTION OF THE ELEMENTS

Come forward from the middle, take bread, dip it in the cup of juice, and eat; returning by the side aisle. Gluten free wafers are at the middle station. Tell an usher if you need to be served in your pew.

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

All Beautiful the March of Days

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*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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New Beverwyck Book

The Seventh and newest edition of The Beverwyck Anthology is out! Your complimentary copy can be found in the bookstore.

Lenten Devotional Submissions

You are invited to make a contribution to the 2019 Lenten Devotional booklet. The deadline is February 3rd, sign-up in Covenant Hall. Please contact Bill Clock, 518-641-2585, or Karen Gonda, karengonda6@gmail.com, with questions.

Offering Envelopes

2019 Offering Envelopes are available in the church office.

Support and Care

We invite you to consider helping with a new supportive ministry. We are looking for those interested in grocery shopping for the homebound members. Give Daniel Carlson, 518-346-6416 or Barbara Walton, 518-346-1943 a call if you feel moved to care in this way.

Daily Check-in Calls

Hearing a warm "Good morning!" is a wonderful way to start the day. Your Care & Support committee is aware that some in our family of faith, would enjoy such a daily call. If you would be interested in being a caller or recipient of such calls please contact the church office or Rev. Daniel Carlson.

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:

James Caufield, Barbara Stroebel, Charlotte King, Albert Lawrence, Maude Dunlap, Frederick Arnds, Helen Gallagher, Walter Betka, Nancy Beekman, Ruth Scholtz, Clarence Countermine, Dr. Ming Lee

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.

Recycle and Refurbish for January

Creative help is needed to make the Kinderwyk / Forest Nursery an inviting, safe and creative place to care for our youngest members/visitors. Thursday from 6-9pm and Saturday from 10-1pm Liam will be available to explain projects and help with the transition from Friendship Hall to the new Forest Nursery. We need a wood worker to build flower window-sill boxes, an artist to help design and paint a tree mural, a carpenter to create a hallway painting easel, child care volunteers who can work out changing table needs, and volunteers to clean and organize toys. Let him know he's got a team of friends to work with. Call or text 616-856-3611 or email LiamBattjes@gmail.com.

Sunday Volunteers	This Week	Next Week
Bookshop	Bill Clock	Martha Winchester
Church School	Liam Battjes, Natalie Pizzolo	Natalie Pizzolo, Tom Mancuso
Counting Deacons	Gay Doolittle, Joan Lindsay	Vickie McGowan-Horan, Doug Todd
Flower Delivery	Lynn Wilkanowski, Diane & G. Preston Lewis	Sally & Jack Bestgen, Brad & Cathy Lewis
Greeters	Sarah Bachorik, Renate Reeves-Ellington	Fred & Christine Daniels
Jazz Vespers	Nat Phipps, piano; Pete Toigo, bass	Wayne Hawkins, piano; Mike Lawrence, bass
Kinderwyk	Dorothy Linder-Mitchell, Kristin Lion	Dorothy Linder-Mitchell, Peter Lion
Liturgist	Liam Battjes	
Preacher	Daniel Carlson	Liam Battjes
Processing Elders	Eric Evans, Phil Falconer, Gay Doolittle, Jeanette Davidson, Birdie Blackmer, Peggy King,	Maria Todd, Bill Rochelle, Vickie McGowan-Horan, Don & Marilyn Leach
Reader	George Trimarco	Marilyn Leach
Ushers	Bill Clock, Christina & Matt Jones, Aline Stable, Nancy Wainwright	Tom Burgoyne, Joe Brown, Lian Drisgula, Doug Todd, Tom Zych
Sign up for any of these important jobs at 1streformed.com		

Coming Up

More information is in the newsletter at the back of the sanctuary

Jan 5	4:30pm	Epiphany Party	119 Park Pl, Schdy
Jan 6	9am	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary
	9am	Chords of Love	Mezzanine
	9:45am	Kinderwyk	Friendship Hall
	10:15am	Church School	Walton House
	11:15am	First Forum - Schoharie Floods	Mohawk - Lunn
	11:15am	FRC Orff Group	Balcony
	12pm	J-Walkers Youth Group	Mohawk - Lunn
	3pm	Introductions to FRC	Church Office
	5pm	Jazz Vespers	Sanctuary
Jan 7	11am	Group V	Dirck Romeyn
Jan 8	11:30am	Support and Care Meeting	Mohawk - Pres.
	6:30pm	Standing Committees	Various
	7:30pm	Consistory	Dirck Romeyn
Jan 9	9:30am	Kerygma Conversations	Mohawk - Pres.
	11:30am	Elder Diner Lunches	Covenant Hall
	6pm	Good Earth Band Rehearses	Covenant Hall
	7pm	Good Earth Café	Covenant Hall
	8pm	EPIC Conversation	Covenant Hall
	7pm	Adult Ukulele	Mohawk - Pres.
Jan 10	10am	Stitch Group	Mezzanine
	7:30pm	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary
Jan 11	12pm	Group VII	Glen Eddy
Jan 12	8:30am	Saturday Breakfast	Mohawk - Lunn
Jan 13	9am	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary
	9am	Chords of Love	Mezzanine
	9:45am	Kinderwyk	Friendship Hall
	10:15am	Church School	Walton House
	11:15am	First Forum - Final Tour of Building	Mohawk - Lunn
	11:15am	FRC Orff Group	Balcony
	12pm	J-Walkers Youth Group	Mohawk - Lunn
	5pm	Jazz Vespers	Covenant Hall
Jan 15	10am	Horizons Bible Study	Mohawk - Pres.
	7pm	Short Short Writing	Mohawk - Lunn
Jan 16	11:30am	Elder Diner Lunches	Covenant Hall

Gather Us In



1 Here in this place — new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - tery, we are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van-ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through-out all of his - tory,
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a - way — here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peop-les to-geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en - ter the song.
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
 fire — of love in our flesh and our bone.