

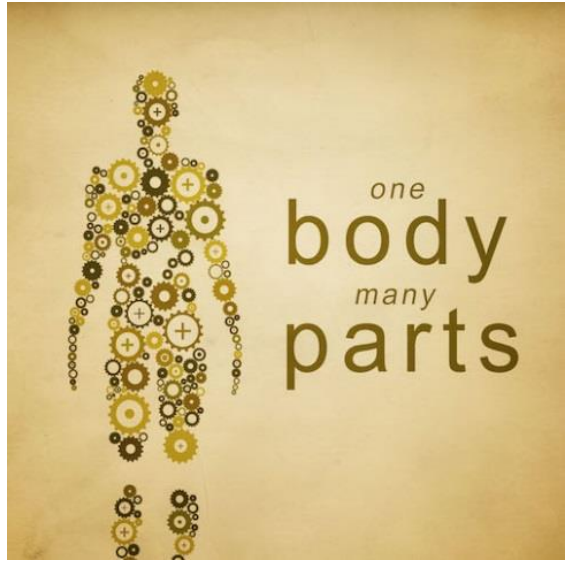
***The Covenant of Our
Congregation
Adopted in 1962***

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 27, 2019

*First Reformed Church
8 North Church Street
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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.

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 27, 2019

*The congregation may stand.

PRELUDE

Shelter

Dona Nobis Pacem

We Shall Overcome

FRC Ukuleles

Traditional

Tindley

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The grace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Daniel Carlson

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come from different places.

Yet we are one.

We do not look the same.

Yet we are one.

We hold different ideas.

Yet we are one.

We are full of different feelings.

Yet we are one.

Bill Levering

INTROIT

We Are One In The Spirit

*HYMN

I Come With Joy

#507

*OUR NEED FOR GOD *(from the French Reformed Church)*

O God, forgive our pride and our lack of faith, which are the causes of our divisions. Deliver us from narrow-mindedness, from our bitterness, from our prejudices. Save us from considering as normal that which is a scandal to the world and an offence to your love. Teach us to recognize the gifts of grace among all.

*GOD'S FORGIVING LOVE

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE (*unison*) *Amen, Amen*

Black Spiritual

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*from The Belhar Confession*)

We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family. We believe that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain. We believe that this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered.

*PASSING THE PEACE

ANTHEM

Laudate Dominum

Christine Walthers, soloist
Mozart

Praise the Lord all ye nations, all ye people.
For his mercy has been bestowed upon us,
And the truth of the Lord endures for eternity.
Glory be to the Father and the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be, World without end. Amen

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 19 (pg 498)

Barbara Walton

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Liam Battjes

SECOND LESSON

I Corinthians 12:12-31 (pg 174)

SERMON

Who Does What

Bill Levering

*HYMN

One People, Here, We Gather

(See back page)

MINUTE FOR MISSION

The Center for Community Justice

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Sing Praises Unto His Holy Name

J.S. Bach

Unto His holy name sing praises. Praise Him with songs of great joy.
For His is the glory, and His is the honor. For His is the glory, the honor and thanks.

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Ecumenical) (*unison*)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

*HYMN *The Church's One Foundation* #442

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE *Amen* #585

POSTLUDE

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Building Dedication - Feb 2 at 3pm

You are invited to the ribbon cutting and dedication of our new spaces. The dramatic renovations were two years in the making. Come help us open it up. There will be a 30-minute program and then time to tour the renovations.

Lenten Devotional Submissions

Everyone's welcome to make a contribution to the 2019 Lenten Devotional booklet. The deadline is February 3, sign-up in Covenant Hall. For questions, please contact Bill Clock, 518-641-2585, or Karen Gonda, karengonda6@gmail.com.

Entered Into Eternal Rest

Priscilla Brightly – January 7, 2019

Minute For Mission

Cheryl Vallee; Director for The Center for Community Justice will give the Minute For Mission today. The Center will provide the refreshments for the after church coffee hour as a thank you to the church for the support of the Center for a long time.

Recycle & Refurbish for January

Help is needed for the Nursery. Thursday's from 6-9pm and Saturday's from 10-1pm Liam will be available to help with the transition. We need a volunteers of all types. Let Liam know he's got a team of friends to work with. Call or text 616-856-3611 or email LiamBattjes@gmail.com.

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:

Ann L. Walraven, Richard Vandercar, Janet Buchanan, Donald Mackintosh, Mary Louise Martin-Stern, Mary McCarty, Douw Kunhardt Beekman, Marguerite Wellborn, Barbara Gifford, Caleb Paine, William Tucker, Herbert Strong, Emily Nagamatsu, Matilda Fontaine, Ellsworth Langdon, Rev. Bertram D. Atwood, George Stroebel

“All the world's a stage, And all the men and women merely players; They have their exits and their entrances, And one man in his time plays many parts,
— William Shakespeare, *As You Like It*

“When we all play our part the world will run as designed. Do your part and do it now!” — TemitOpe Ibrahim

“No matter what role you play in a meeting, how you show up in that role is critical to the meeting’s success.”
— Emily M. Axelrod

“Everyone is playing roles. Mother, friend, caretaker, friend, boss, etcetera. Every role comes with values and intentions. Identify all the roles you are playing. What are the values and intentions of those roles? Awareness can help you to be more effective in your roles.” — Akiroq Brost

| Sunday Volunteers | This Week | Next Week |
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| Bookshop | Birdie Blackmer | Committee Member |
| Church School | Mary Carlson, Tom Mancuso | Sarah Bachorik / Return to Worship |
| Counting Deacons | Richard Rose, Gay Doolittle | George Trimarco, Vickie McGowan-Horan |
| Flower Delivery | Carol DeLaMarter, Vickie McGowan-Horan | Berta & Nat Phipps Karen & John Norton |
| Greeters | James & Sharron McCullough | Renate Reeve-Ellington, Gay Doolittle |
| Jazz Vespers | Scott Bassinson, piano | Nat Phipps, piano; Pete Toigo, bass |
| Kinderwyk | Dorothy Linder-Mitchell, Vickie McGowan-Horan | Alexis Wisniewski Lian Drisgula |
| Liturgist | Daniel Carlson | Liam Battjes |
| Preacher | Bill Levering | Bill Levering |
| Processing Elders | Jeanne Shoulder, Richard Rose, Tom Lindsay, Birdie Blackmer, Peggy King | Eric Evans, Vickie McGowan Horan, Gay Doolittle, Cathy & Brad Lewis, Liz Mastrianni, Barbara Walton |
| Reader | Barbara Walton | Liz Mastrianni |
| Ushers | Art Shultes, Joan Lindsay, Hendrick & Joanne Arnold, Don & Jeanette Davidson | Mike Horan, Hannah Bachorik, Sarah Bachorik, Crystal Mongillo, Justine Ochal, Ralph Rosenthal |
| 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

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| Jan 27 | 9am | Chancel Choir | Sanctuary |
| | 9am | Chords of Love | Mezzanine |
| | 9:45am | Kinderwyk | Friendship Hall |
| | 10:15am | Church School | Walton House |
| | 11am | Care & Prayer | Dykstra Chapel |
| | 11:15am | First Forum - Sabbatical by Bill | Mohawk - Lunn |
| | 12pm | J-Walkers Youth Group | Mohawk - Lunn |
| | 5pm | Jazz Vespers | Covenant Hall |
| | 7pm | Story Sunday | Covenant Hall |
| Jan 28 | 6:30pm | Creation Care Committee | Hope Room |
| Jan 29 | 10am | Horizons Bible Study | Mohawk - Pres. |
| Jan 30 | 11:30am | Wednesday Lunch | Covenant Hall |
| | 6pm | Good Earth Band Rehearses | Covenant Hall |
| | 7pm | Good Earth Café | Covenant Hall |
| | 7pm | Adult Ukulele | Mohawk - Pres. |
| | 8pm | EPIC Conversation | Covenant Hall |
| Jan 31 | 10am | Stitch Group | Mezzanine |
| | 6pm | Recycle and Refurbish | Friendship Hall |
| | 7:30pm | Chancel Choir | Sanctuary |
| Feb 2 | 10am | Recycle and Refurbish | Friendship Hall |
| | 3pm | Building Dedication | Covenant Hall |
| Feb 3 | 9am | Chancel Choir | Sanctuary |
| | 9am | Chords of Love | Mezzanine |
| | 9:45am | Kinderwyk | Friendship Hall |
| | 10:15am | Church School | Walton House |
| | 11:15am | First Forum | Mohawk - Lunn |
| | 12pm | J-Walkers Youth Group | Mohawk - Lunn |
| | 5pm | Jazz Vespers | Covenant Hall |
| Feb 5 | 10am | Horizons Bible Study | Mohawk - Pres. |
| | 11:30am | Support and Care Meeting | Mohawk - Pres. |
| Feb 6 | 11:30am | Wednesday Lunch | Covenant Hall |
| | 6pm | Good Earth Band Rehearses | Covenant Hall |
| | 7pm | Good Earth Café | Covenant Hall |
| | 7pm | Adult Ukulele | Mohawk - Pres. |
| | 8pm | EPIC Conversation | Covenant Hall |

One People, Here, We Gather

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1 One peo - ple, here, we gath - er; one gos - pel here up - lifts
 2 One teach - er calls dis - ci - ples to Ma - ry's "bet - ter part":
 3 One world in - vites our nur - ture, a stew - ard - ship of care
 4 One Spir - it sends us on - ward in wit - ness to the earth,

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a Pen - te - cost of na - tions, va - ri - e - ties of gifts.
 to lis - ten to Christ's les - sons; to learn with o - pen heart;
 for o - ceans, fields, and for - ests—one hab - i - tat we share.
 as min - is - ters of jus - tice and mid - wives for re - birth:

B^{b7} Fm Cm F7 B^b

When Ba - bel tongues con - found us or dif - fer - en - ces di - vide,
 to live with hon - est ques - tions; to knock, to seek, to find;
 We tend one sa - cred gar - den, as God's own breath im - plores,
 to lead the church with cour - age on ven - tures new be - gun,

E^b A^b B^{b7} E^b

we break one loaf to - geth - er of Christ the cru - ci - fied.
 to love the God of wis - dom with soul and strength and mind.
 from coast - al bays to moun - tains, from east to west - ern shores.
 re - formed yet still re - form - ing, till God's whole will is done.