

***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.



February 10, 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.

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 10, 2019

*The congregation may stand.

PRELUDE

Wayne Hawkins

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Daniel Carlson

The grace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bill Levering

INTROIT

We Are One In The Spirit

*HYMN

Will You Come and Follow Me

(See Back Page)

*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

The Apostles' Creed

(traditional version)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy

**catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*PASSING THE PEACE

ANTHEM

Here I am Lord

I the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin,
my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.

Dan Schutte arr by Mark Hayes

I have wept for love of them,
they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone;
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them,
my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts
be satisfied.
I will give my life for them.
Whom shall I send?

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 138 (pg 577)

Cynde Schwartz

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Liam Battjes

SECOND LESSON

Luke 5:1-11 (pg 62)

SERMON

Angling

Bill Levering

*HYMN

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

#377

(Choir sings first 2 verses, all sing 3-4)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

God Be In My Head

Old English Prayer

John Rutter

God be in my head and in my understanding.
God be in mine eyes and in my looking.
God be in my mouth and in my speaking.
God by in mine heart and in my thinking.
God by at my end and in my departing.

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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**

Take My Life

#391

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

Threefold Amen

Traditional

POSTLUDE

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FRC Sole Searchers

On Saturday, February 16, the FRC Sole Searchers will embark on a "walk, snowshoe, or ski guided tour" sponsored by the Town of Glenville. The tour will commence at 10am at the Indians Meadows playground pavilion and meander to the Andersen Dog Park and then back again. There will be a warming fire and hot chocolate at the pavilion. Pack your favorite snacks and meet in the church parking lot at 9:30am OR meet us at the Indian Meadows playground at 10am. The park is located at 155 Droms Rd, Schenectady. RSVP to James at jgonda12309@gmail.com.

Johnson Library News

There are two new books in the new library area. The first is by Stephen Hawking. In brief answers to big questions, Hawking answers questions like; Will humanity survive? Should we colonize space? Does God exist? In the second book, Bryson's dictionary of troublesome words; a writer's guide to getting it right, Bryson gives the reader just that in his often witty way.

Lenten Devotional Submissions

The deadline for submissions is today February 10. Make a contribution to the Lenten Devotional booklet: a poem, drawing, response to a Bible verse or Lenten reflection. Contact Bill 518-641-2585, or Karen karengonda6@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:

Esther Langworthy, Myrtle Wilson, Bruno DePaoli, Bernice Stratton, Mary Reimherr, Gladys Toung

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.

Union Presbyterian Mission Fund

The Union Presbyterian Mission Fund Committee has \$25,000 remaining available in 2019 to fund not-for-profit mission projects. It has already distributed \$6,000 to the Schenectady Community Ministries, Summer Lunch Program. The committee requests project proposals from the congregation. The project may be local, regional, national / international; and valued \$1,000 to \$5,000. Please submit the proposed project(s) no later than April 30 to Liz Mastrianni, lzmastro@gmail.com or the FRC office. The UP Mission Fund Committee has adopted the FRC "Unified Mission Funding Request Form" for not-for-profit agencies to use for project proposals. The form can be found on the FRC website 1stReformed.com under Activities / Union Presbyterian Fund or in the church office.

Sunday Volunteers	This Week	Next Week
Bookshop	Nancy Wainwright	Bill Clock
Church School	Sarah Bachorik, Dave Pizzolo	Natalie & Dave Pizzolo
Counting Deacons	Fred Daniels, Carol Troost	Bill Rochelle, Carol Troost
Flower Delivery	Roberta Blackmer, Karen & John Norton	Brad & Cathy Lewis, Laura Lee
Greeters	Donna & David Bundy	Cathy & Brad Lewis
Jazz Vespers	Wayne Hawkins, piano	Peg Delaney, piano; Bill Delaney, bass
Kinderwyk	Dorothy Linder Mitchell, Christina Jones	Dorothy Linder Mitchell, Liz Gleason
Liturgist	Daniel Carlson	Daniel Carlson
Preacher	Bill Levering	Bill Levering
Processing Elders	Birdie Blackmer, Christine Daniels, Jeanette Davidson, Peggy King, Tom Lindsay, Bill Rochelle Jr	Phil Falconer, Brad & Cathy Lewis, Tom Lindsay, Walt Robb, Bill Rochelle
Reader	Cynde Schwartz	Ellie Rowland
Ushers	Tom Burgoyne, David Bundy, Joe Gotwals, Ralph Rosenthal, Berta & Nat Phipps	Bill Clock, Matt & Christina Jones, Aline Stabler, Nancy Wainwright
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.

Sun, Feb 10	9am	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary
	9am	Chords of Love	Roof Top
	9:45am	Kinderwyk	Forest Nursery
	10:15am	Church School	Education Level
	11:15am	Coffee and Conversation	Sanctuary
	12pm	J-Walkers Youth Group	Sky Room
	12pm	Adult Education & Nurture	Mohawk – Pres.
	5pm	Jazz Vespers	Covenant Hall
Tues, Feb 12	10am	Horizons Bible Study	Mohawk - Pres.
	6pm	Finance Meeting	Mohawk – Pres.
	6:30pm	Standing Committees	Various
	7:30pm	Consistory	Dirck Romeyn
Wed, Feb 13	11:30am	Wednesday Lunch	Covenant Hall
	1pm	Archives	Archives Room
	2pm	Staff Meeting	Church Office
	6pm	Good Earth Band	Covenant Hall
	7pm	Good Earth Café	Covenant Hall
	7pm	Adult Ukulele	Roof Top
	8pm	EPIC Conversation	Covenant Hall
Thurs, Feb 14	10am	Stitch Group	Mezzanine
	6pm	Recycle and Refurbish	Friendship Hall
	7:30pm	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary
Sat, Feb 16	9:30am	FRC Sole Searchers	Church Parking Lot

“There is a fine line between fishing and just standing on the shore like an idiot.” — Steven Wright

“He liked fishing and seemed to take pride in being able to like such a stupid occupation.” — Leo Tolstoy, Anna Karenina

“Last year I went fishing with Salvador Dali. He was using a dotted line. He caught every other fish.” — Steven Wright

“Anyone can be a fisherman in May.”
— Ernest Hemingway

“As no man is born an artist, so no man is born an angler.” — Izaak Walton

“[A]ngling or float fishing I can only compare to a stick and a string, with a worm at one end and a fool at the other.” — Samuel Johnson

“Caught fish are never on tender hooks.” — Anthony T. Hincks

Will You Come Follow Me



1 Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
 2 Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
 3 Will you let the blind-ed see if I but call your name?
 4 Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.



Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
 Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er be the same?
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the world a - round,
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.



will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.