

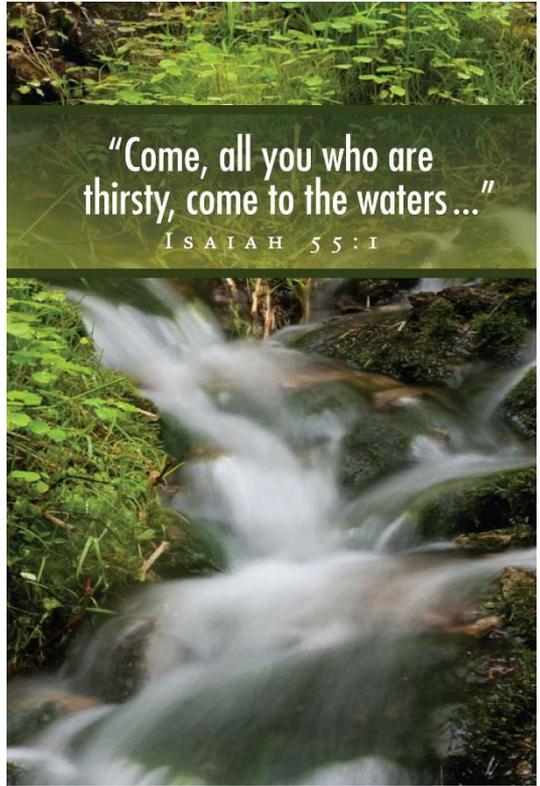
***The Covenant of Our
Congregation
Adopted in 1962***

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.



March 24, 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 the Forest Nursery room.

Church School

All children in grades K-8 are welcome to join in our Church School program in the education level by leaving the sanctuary after the children's message. Parents can pick up their children at 11:15am.

Children's Music

Music for kids is offered in the upstairs music level between 11:15-12pm.

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 In Lent

March 24, 2019

*The congregation may stand.

PRELUDE

Helderberg Madrigal Singers

Et la la la

Ninot le Petit (16th century)

Psallite Domino

Heinrich Isaac (1450-1517)

Sing ye to the Lord,
who mounteth above the heaven of heavens,
to the east. Alleluia.

Lord, For Thy Tender Mercy's Sake

Richard Farrant (1530-1580)

Psallite Domino

William Byrd (c. 1540-1623)

Gia Torna

Luca Marenzio (c. 1553-1590)

Spring returns, with balmy zephyrs softly breathed.
April the young and gay, with flowers wreathed...
Silence around is falling: Morning returns, the song of joy recalling.

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Daniel Carlson

The grace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bill Levering

INTROIT

Enter His Gates With Thanksgiving

Albert Whitworth

Psalm 100:4

*HYMN

Kum ba Yah

#338

*OUR NEED FOR GOD

(silent prayer)

*GOD'S FORGIVING LOVE

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE (*unison*)

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

(3) And let all who toil
Let them come to the water
And let all who are weary
Let them come to the Lord
All who labor without rest
How can your soul find rest
Except for the Lord?

(4) And let all the poor
Let them come to the water
And let the ones who are laden
Let them come to the Lord
Bring the children without might
Easy the load and light
Come to the Lord

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Samaritan Counseling

David Olsen

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Helderberg Madrigal Singers

O Quam Gloriosum

Tomas Luis de Victoria (1548-1611)

O how glorious is the kingdom
in which all the saints rejoice with
Christ,

clad in robes of white
they follow the Lamb wherever he
goes.

*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

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

#356

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy, never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise

Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it
Mount of Thy redeeming love!

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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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:

Frida Kramer, Robert Matz, Margaret Reed, Roy Peters, Virginia Bard

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.

Music Notes

Helderberg Madrigal Singers: Martha Bond, soprano; Sarah Johnsen Popiel, soprano; Dawn Dana, alto; Beth Gurzler, alto; Dick Dana, tenor; Dave Metz, bass; Tim Smith, bass.

Give Easter Memorial Flowers

Your family can contribute to remember or honor a loved one. Please send your suggested donation of \$20 to Chancel Guild c/o Marlene Risseeuw, 2140 Niskayuna Dr., Niskayuna, NY 12309 and contact the church office with the name of the person the flowers are in honor or memory of. Even if you have donated in previous years, please place an order by April 17.

Easter Sunday Refreshments

Interested in contributing to our Easter Sunday Refreshments April 21? Please use the sign-up sheet in Covenant Hall or confirm with Barbara Mancuso: brmancuso@yahoo.com. We are looking for a team effort to create a festive spread!

Faith Book Shop

The Book Shop is settling in to its new location, the area around the fire place in the Library room. Though it's still a work in progress, browsers are welcome.

Community Yoga

Weekly Community Yoga class start date has been change, it will meet on Mondays starting April 8.

Wednesdays in Lent

Lenten Meal – 6pm

Lenten Series Studies - 7pm

Closing Worship – 8pm

1. A Taste of the Good Earth Café with Liam Battjes – Covenant Hall
March 27: Choosing a Path. Guest Betty Pieper and landscape paintings.

2. Future Visions: Schenectady and First Reformed – Poling Chapel
March 27: Sharon Jordan, past Schenectady City Chief of Staff, and Carmel Patrick, County Library Board Chair.

“An infinite God can give all of Himself to each of His children. He does not distribute Himself that each may have a part, but to each one He gives all of Himself as fully as if there were no others.” — A.W. Tozer

“God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our consciences, but shouts in our pains.” — C.S. Lewis

“We are not necessarily doubting that God will do the best for us; we are wondering how painful the best will turn out to be.” — C.S. Lewis

“Owners of dogs will have noticed that, if you provide them with food and water and shelter and affection, they will think you are god. Whereas owners of cats are compelled to realize that, if you provide them with food and water and shelter and affection, they draw the conclusion that they are gods.”
— Christopher Hitchens

“I believe in God, but not as one thing, not as an old man in the sky. I believe that what people call God is something in all of us. I believe that what Jesus and Mohammed and Buddha and all the rest said was right. It's just that the translations have gone wrong.” — John Lennon

“God does not play dice with the universe; He plays an ineffable game of His own devising, which might be compared, from the perspective of any of the other players [i.e. everybody], to being involved in an obscure and complex variant of poker in a pitch-dark room, with blank cards, for infinite stakes, with a Dealer who won't tell you the rules, and who smiles all the time.”
— Terry Pratchett

“If we find ourselves with a desire that nothing in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that we were made for another world.” — C.S. Lewis

Sunday Volunteers	This Week	Next Week
Bookshop	Birdie Blackmer	Nancy Wainwright
Church School	Liam Battjes, Dave Pizzolo	Liam Battjes, Dave Pizzolo
Counting Deacons	Fred Daniels, Claire Hughes	Dave Hjelmar, Richard Rose
Flower Delivery	Sharon Gazin, Carol DeLaMarter	Ellie & Gene Rowland, James & Karen Gonda
Greeters	Elsa & Dave Hjelmar	
Jazz Vespers	Tim Olsen, piano; Pete Toigo, bass	Dave Gleason, piano
Kinderwyk	Alexis Wisniewski, Dorothy Linder Mitchell	Liz Gleason, Dorothy Linder Mitchell
Liturgist	Daniel Carlson	Daniel Carlson
Preacher	Bill Levering	Bill Levering
Processing Elders	Christine Daniels, Peggy King, Tom Lindsay, Barbara Mancuso, Del Pierce, Richard Rose	Birdie Blackmer, Gay Doolittle, Tom Lindsay, Del pierce, Bill Rochelle, Barbara Walton
Reader	Christine Daniels	Therese McCarty
Ushers	Tom Burgoyne, David Bundy, Joe Gotwals, Karen Gonda, Berta & Nat Phipps	Bill Clock, Christina & Matt Jones, Aline Stabler, Nancy Wainwrights
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, Mar 24	8:30am	Devotional Conversations	Mohawk - Pres.
	9am	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary
	9am	Chords of Love	Roof Top
	9:45am	Kinderwyk	Education Level
	10:15am	Church School	Education Level
	11:15am	First Forum	Poling Chapel
	11:15am	Orffestra	Choir Room
	12pm	Growing Young	Mohawk – Lunn
	12pm	Resisting Structural Evil Book	Mohawk – Pres.
	5pm	Jazz Vespers	Covenant Hall
Wed, Mar 27	9:30am	Kerygma	Mohawk - Pres.
	11:30am	Wednesday Lunch	Covenant Hall
	6pm	Lenten Meal	Covenant Hall
	7pm	Lenten Series	Various
	8pm	Closing Worship	Sanctuary
Thu, Mar 28	10am	Stitch Group	Mezzanine
	7:30pm	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary
Sat, Mar30	10am	Mural Painting	Friendship Hall
	3pm	Musicians of Ma'alwk	Sanctuary
Sun, Mar 31	8:30am	Devotional Conversations	Mohawk - Pres.
	9am	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary
	9am	Chords of Love	Roof Top
	9:45am	Kinderwyk	Education Level
	10:15am	Church School	Education Level
	11am	Care & Prayer	Dykstra Chapel
	11:15am	First Forum	Poling Chapel
	11:15am	Orffestra	Choir Room
	11:15am	Beginner Ukulele Class	Roof Top
	12pm	Resisting Structural Evil Book	Mohawk – Pres.
5pm	J-Walkers Youth Group	Sky Room	
5pm	Jazz Vespers	Covenant Hall	
Fri, April 5	7pm	Wayne Hawkins Presents: First	Covenant Hall