

***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 31, 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](http://1stReformed.com).



## Fourth Sunday In Lent

March 31, 2019

\*The congregation may stand.

### PRELUDE

Ann Marie Barker Schwartz

*Farwell to Stromness*  
*Allegro and March*

Peter Maxwell Davies (1934-2016)  
F. Carulli (1770-1841)

### GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liam Battjes

The grace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Bill Levering

\*HYMN      *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*      #280 (vs 1-3)

\*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!**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*adapted from Isaiah 58*)

**This is the fast to which we are called:**

**to free those who are wrongly imprisoned and lighten the burden of those who work, to let the oppressed go free and remove the chains that bind people, to share our food with the hungry and give shelter to the homeless, to give clothes to those who need them, and not hide from those who need our help. Then our salvation will come like the dawn, and our wounds will quickly heal. Then our light will shine out from the darkness, and the darkness around us will be as bright as noon.**

\*PASSING THE PEACE



## 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:

*Kenneth Mathes, 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.

### Entered Into Eternal Rest

Ann Peterson  
John Eshbach

Richard (Dick) Carlson (Former UPC)

## In Memoriam

The chancel flowers today are placed in the sanctuary to the glory of God and in loving memory of David and Elenora Schweizer by Tod Schweizer.

## Music Notes

The ensemble is Musicians of Ma'alwyck (Ann-Marie Barker Schwartz, violin and Sten Yngvar Isachsen, guitar).

## Getting into Church

There is a gently sloping incline from the office entrance into the Sanctuary that is easy to navigate that replaces the big aluminum ramp that will be coming down soon. We are working on more accessible parking.

## 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**

**April 3:** Non-violent Communication Review of NVC

**2. Future Visions: Schenectady and First Reformed – Poling Chapel**

**April 3:** Philip Morris, CEO of Proctor's Theatre

## 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 signup sheet in Covenant Hall or confirm with Barbara Mancuso: [brmancuso@yahoo.com](mailto: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.

### **Helping Youth Mission Trip**

You can support the Youth Mission Trip to Kanatsiohareke (Mohawk Village) by selecting a bark shingle from the Longhouse display that is in the atrium. Gifts may be food, tools, transportation or funds. Join us in connecting to this Mohawk Community, while honoring the Mohawk Members of the Reformed Church who helped to rebuild Schenectady.

### **Sunday Shared Lunch,**

Next Sunday, April 7, there will be a short presentation on the portraits of the Mohawk leaders who were members of First Reformed Church and a review of the youth trip to Kanatsiohareke. Join us for an interactive presentation at 11:30am and lunch served at 12:15pm. Bring something with strawberries or one of the three sisters (beans, corn or squash) if you would like to recognize Mohawk culture. This could be as simple as corn chips with bean dip, pumpkin soup, or a salad.

### **Daily Check-in Calls**

Hearing a warm "Good morning!" is a wonderful way to start the day. Your Care and Support committee is aware that some in our family of faith, especially those who may live alone, would enjoy such a daily call. Knowing that each day or so a friendly caller would ask, "How are you, today?" would be a comfort for such folks. If you would be interested in being such a caller--or the recipient of such calls--please contact the church office or Rev. Daniel Carlson.

### **Community Yoga**

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

### **Johnson Library News/ Open House**

The library is officially open for normal use. The books are shelved and the computer is available for searches and can be found on the desk in the back of the library. The low bookcase has a collection of Lenten and Easter books as well as some books that will to help you think Spring. During the remainder of Lent and Easter week, look for a selection of our large art books displayed on the large table in the library. They are arranged to guide you through many of the paintings artists have created depicting the events between the time Christ entered Jerusalem and his Resurrection.

### **Let Us Know**

Whenever you are ill, hospitalized, homebound, needing a meal, transportation to a doctor, or grieving a loss, we would like to know...so we can do what our Committee is named for: support and care! Please help us to help you, by calling Support and Care Chair, Barb Walton 518-346-1943 or Daniel Carlson 518-346-6416.

### **Support and Care**

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

Not until we are lost do we begin to understand ourselves. – Henry David Thoreau

You got to go down a lot of wrong roads to find the right one. – Bob Parsons

Feeling lost, crazy and desperate belongs to a good life as much as optimism, certainty and reason. – Alain De Botton

When I feel confused or depressed, I remember back to junior high and I silently repeat, 'This, too, shall pass.'  
– Josh Groban

I got lost but look what I found. – Irving Berlin

A young man is so strong, so mad, so certain, and so lost. He has everything and he is able to use nothing.  
– Thomas Wolfe

I think winter wear is communal. You get some gloves and a scarf from a lost-and-found box, wash them, wear them for a while until you lose them. Then somebody else does the same thing. – Adrian Grenier

If I ever lose my mind I hope some honest person will find it and take it to Lost and Found. – George Carlin

<b>Sunday Volunteers</b>	<b>This Week</b>	<b>Next Week</b>
<b>Bookshop</b>	Nancy Wainwright	Sarah Howes
<b>Church School</b>	Liam Battjes, Dave Pizzolo	Mary Carlson
<b>Counting Deacons</b>	Dave Hjelm, Richard Rose	Vickie McGowan-Horan, Carol Troost
<b>Flower Delivery</b>	Ellie & Gene Rowland, James & Karen Gonda	Barbara Walton, Richard Lupi
<b>Greeters</b>	Don & Ginger Mason, Vernetta Thuener	Vilhelm & Christine Lund, Renate-Reeves Ellington
<b>Jazz Vespers</b>	Dave Gleason, piano	Nat Phipps, piano; Brian Patneau, saxophone; Pete Toigo, bass; Tim Coakley, drums
<b>Kinderwyk</b>	Liz Gleason, Dorothy Linder Mitchell	Lian Drisgula, Dorothy Linder Mitchell
<b>Liturgist</b>	Liam Battjes	Liam Battjes
<b>Preacher</b>	Bill Levering	Bill Levering
<b>Processing Elders</b>	Birdie Blackmer, Gay Doolittle, Tom Lindsay, Del pierce, Bill Rochelle, Barbara Walton	Joanne Arnold, Christine Daniels, Brad & Cathy Lewis, Liz Mastrianni, Gay Doolittle, James Gonda, Peggy King
<b>Reader</b>	Therese McCarty	Hannah Bachorik
<b>Ushers</b>	Bill Clock, Christina & Matt Jones, Aline Stabler, Nancy Wainwrights	Del pierce, Lian Drisgula, Christine Lund, Doug Todd, Tom Zych
<b>Sign up for any of these important jobs at <a href="http://1streformed.com">1streformed.com</a></b>		

## Coming Up

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

<b>Sun, Mar 31</b>	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
	5pm	Youth Group	Sky Room
	5pm	Jazz Vespers	Covenant Hall
<b>Wed, April 3</b>	9:30am	Kerygma	Mohawk - Pres.
	11:30am	Wednesday Lunch	Covenant Hall
	6pm	Lenten Meal	Covenant Hall
	7pm	Lenten Series	Various
	8pm	Closing Worship	Sanctuary
<b>Thu, April 4</b>	10am	Stitch Group	Mezzanine
	7pm	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary
<b>Fri, April 5</b>	7pm	Wayne Hawkins Presents: First	Covenant Hall
<b>Sat, April 6</b>	8:30am	Saturday Breakfast	Moon & River Cafe
<b>Sun, April 7</b>	8:30am	Devotional Conversations	Mohawk - Pres.
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	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.	