

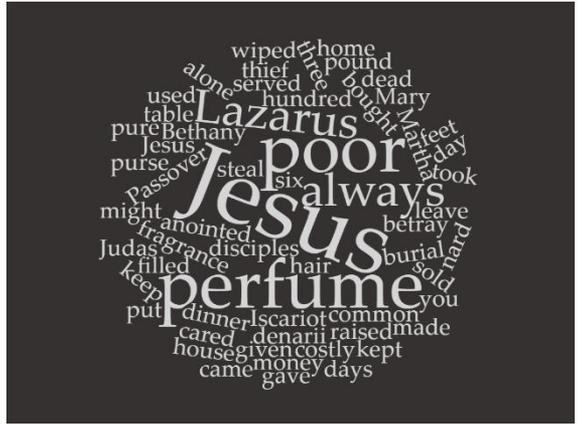
***The Covenant of Our  
Congregation  
Adopted in 1962***

*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.*



***April 7, 2019***

*First Reformed Church  
8 North Church Street  
Schenectady, New York 12305  
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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).



## Fifth Sunday In Lent

April 7, 2019

\*The congregation may stand.

### PRELUDE

Wayne Hawkins

*Fugue #23 in B from Book 2. Well-Tempered*

Clavier Johann Sebastian Bach

*Scaramouche 2. Modere - for two pianos*

Darius Milhaud (1937)

### GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Daniel Carlson

The grace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Bill Levering

### INTROIT

*O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High*

### \*HYMN

*Gather Us In*

(see back)

### \*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

ANTHEM

*Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*

J.S. Bach

Jeannette Storch, oboe

Jesu, joy of man's desiring,  
Holy wisdom Love most bright,  
Drawn by Thee, our souls aspiring,  
Soar to uncreated light.

Word of God our flesh that fashion'd,  
With the fire of life impassion'd  
Striving still to Truth unknown,  
Soaring, dying, round Thy throne.

FIRST LESSON

*Isaiah 43:16-21* (pg 672)

Hannah Bachorik

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Liam Battjes

SECOND LESSON

*John 12:1-8* (pg 106)

SERMON

*Many Poverties*

Bill Levering

\*HYMN

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart #521 (vs 1,2,3,5)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*Pilgrimage Psalm*

James J. Chepponis  
Jeannette Storch, oboe

Let us go to the house of  
the Lord giving thanks.  
And now our feet are standing with-in  
the gates of the house of the Lord.  
Peace be to Jerusalem!  
May those who love you prosper.  
Peace be in your dwellings, prosperity  
in your homes.

Since all are my family,  
all are my friends,  
May God's peace be with you!  
Because of the house of  
the Lord our God,  
I will pray for your good.

\*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



RECEPTION OF THE ELEMENTS

*Gluten free wafers are available. Indicate your interest to the roving Minister.*

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                      *God Be with You Till We Meet Again*                      #540

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

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**Today's First Forum**

Come learn about the Growing Young emerging initiative at FRC. Leaders of the Growing Young Guiding Coalition will speak about what various churches do to help all people--and especially those between the ages of 15-29--discover and love the church. Tune in to this exciting venture in mission and how you can participate!

**Sunday Shared Lunch**

Join us for an interactive presentation today at 11:30am and lunch at 12:15pm. There will be a short presentation on the portraits of the Mohawk leaders who were members of FRC and a review of the youth trip to Kanatsiohareke.

## 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:

*Roberta Hambleton, William Rickard, Duncan Mewherter, Ann Matthews, Madelyn Young*

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.

## Easter Sunday Refreshments

Please use the signup sheet in Covenant Hall or confirm with Barbara Mancuso: brmancuso@yahoo.com to contributing to our Easter Sunday Refreshments. We are looking for a team effort!

## 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.

## Lenten Series Studies - 7pm

- 1. A Taste of the Good Earth Café:** Being a Comforting Presence
- 2. Future Visions:** People of First Reformed review & respond

## Celebratory or Memorial Flowers

Choose a date for donating flowers to remember a loved one or to honor a special event. The cost of the flowers is \$30 for two bouquets. You may send your check payable to Chancel Guild c/o Marlene Risseeuw, 2140 Niskayuna Dr. , Niskayuna, NY 12309.

Sunday Volunteers	This Week	Next Week
Bookshop	Sarah Howes	Martha Winchester
Church School	Mary Carlson	Natalie & Dave Pizzolo
Counting Deacons	Vickie McGowan-Horan, Carol Troost	Fred Daniels, Ricard Rose
Flower Delivery	Barbara Walton, Rit Lupi	Liz Mastrianni, Maria Todd
Greeters	Vilhelm & Christine Lund, Renate Reeves-Ellington	Maria & Doug Todd
Jazz Vespers	Nat Phipps, piano; Brian Patneau, saxophone; Pete Toigo, bass; Tim Coakley, drums	Wayne Hawkins, piano; Keith Pray, saxophone; Mike Lawrence, bass; Graeme Francis, drums
Kinderwyk	Lian Drisgula, Dorothy Linder Mitchell	Dorothy Linder Mitchell
Liturgist	Daniel Carlson	Daniel Carlson
Preacher	Bill Levering	Bill Levering
Processing Elders	Joanne Arnold, Christine Daniels, Brad & Cathy Lewis, Liz Mastrianni, Gay Doolittle, James Gonda, Vickie McGowan-Horan	Vickie McGowan-Horan, Barbara Walton, Art Casey, Walt Robb, Maria Todd
Reader	Hannah Bachorik	Gian Stabler
Ushers	Del Pierce, Lian Drisgula, Christine Lund, Doug Todd, Tom Zych	Jim & Sharron McCullough, Alden Brown, Adam Kerwin
<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, Apr 7</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
	11:15am	First Forum	Poling Chapel
	11:15am	Orff-estra	Choir Room
	11:30am	Sunday Shared Lunch	Mohawk House
	12pm	Resisting Structural Evil Group	Mohawk – Pres.
		3pm	Introductions to the FRC
	5pm	Jazz Vespers	Covenant Hall
<b>Mon, Apr 8</b>	6pm	Community Yoga	Covenant Hall
	11am	Group V	Dirck Romeyn
<b>Tue, Apr 9</b>	6:30pm	Standing Committees	Various
	7:30pm	Consistory	Covenant Hall
<b>Wed, Apr 10</b>	9:30am	Kerygma	Mohawk - Pres.
	11:30am	Wednesday Lunch	Covenant Hall
	2pm	Staff Meeting	Church Office
	6pm	Lenten Meal	Covenant Hall
	7pm	Lenten Series	Various
	8pm	Closing Worship	Sanctuary
<b>Thu, Apr 11</b>	10am	Stitch Group	Mezzanine
	7pm	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary

You might be poor, your shoes might be broken, but your mind is a palace.”

— Frank McCourt, *Angela's Ashes*

“The greatest disease in the West today is not TB or leprosy; it is being unwanted, unloved, and uncared for. We can cure physical diseases with medicine, but the only cure for loneliness, despair, and hopelessness is love. There are many in the world who are dying for a piece of bread but there are many more dying for a little love. The poverty in the West is a different kind of poverty -- it is not only a poverty of loneliness but also of spirituality. There's a hunger for love, as there is a hunger for God.”

— Mother Teresa

“There are people in the world so hungry, that God cannot appear to them except in the form of bread.”

— Mahatma Gandhi

“Every gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket fired signifies in the final sense, a theft from those who hunger and are not fed, those who are cold and are not clothed. This world in arms is not spending money alone. It is spending the sweat of its laborers, the genius of its scientists, the hopes of its children. This is not a way of life at all in any true sense. Under the clouds of war, it is humanity hanging on a cross of iron.” — Dwight D. Eisenhower

# 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-ish-ed 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.