

***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 14, 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 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.



Palm Sunday

April 14, 2019

*The congregation may stand.

PRELUDE The Stockade Strummers

Amazing Grace Traditional
Soon and Very Soon Crouch
Hallelujah! Sing Hosanna! Eernisse

10:00 a.m.

GREETING Daniel Carlson
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of
the Lord. **Hosanna!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS & ORIENTATION

CALL TO WORSHIP Bill Levering

*HYMN *All Glory Laud and Honor* #88
Refrain & Vs 1,2,4 Congregation V 3 choir only

*OUR NEED FOR GOD (*unison*)

**Merciful God, in exuberance and apathy
we have fallen short in what we have done
and what we have left undone. We have
not loved you with our whole heart and
mind and strength. We have not loved our
neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy
forgive what we have been, help us amend
what we are, and give us courage to choose
what we will be.**

*GODS FORGIVING LOVE

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of
the Lord. **Hosanna!**

*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 Orff-estra
Palm Processional Kerri Lynn Nichols
Sing to the Lord a Joyful Song
Michael Ruel Nichols

FIRST LESSON Gian Stabler
Guide us, God, by your Word and Holy Spirit.
Amen. *Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29* (pg 565)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Liam Battjes

SECOND LESSON *Mark 11:1-11* (pg 47)

SERMON *Shout!* Bill Levering

*HYMN *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* #89

MINUTE FOR MISSION Don Wheeler
SICM Easter Offering

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Shout Hosanna! Russell E. Nagy

Shout! Shout! Daughter of Jerusalem: See your King comes to
you riding in majesty. Sing out, O daughter of Zion!
See your King comes to you riding in Splendor;

Your King comes to you righteous and having salvation,
righteous and having salvation.

Sing out people of Israel, see your King: Hail the Messiah, Jesus
Christ, Wonderful Counselor, Light of the World.

Hosanna, Hosanna King of Kings.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Shout! Shout! Daughter of Jerusalem: See your King comes to
you riding in majesty. Sing out! Daughter of Zion:
See your King. Hail the Messiah, Jesus Christ,
Wonderful Counselor, Light of the World.

*DOXOLOGY #592
Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*unison*)

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 *Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!* #91

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Twofold Amen Dresden

POSTLUDE *The Palms* J. Faure

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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:

Garfield Williamson, Susan E. Shepherd, Barbara Weber, Iris Read, Marjorie McSwain, Kouan Fong, Margaret R. Miller, Kathryn Pontius, Lewis Carosella, Charlotte Hubbard, Margaret (Peg) Miller

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

John Moses – 4/4/2019

Donna Bundy – 4/6/2019

Suzanne Sheldon – 4/8/2019

Service will be held on April 17 at 11am.

Ilah DePaoli – 4/9/2019

Service will be held on April 15 at 11am

Celebratory or Memorial Flowers

Sign up for flowers in the church office where you can 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.

Waving Eco-Palms

Today, as in years past, we're using palm fronds from the tropical ecosystems of Mexico and Guatemala, amidst forests that are sustainably managed by harvesters who receive a just wage for their labors. Several years ago our Worship Committee identified this initiative as a fitting way to move us to praise God and care for creation – both plants and people.

Today's First Forum

Stockade Resilience: Flooding and Roadways. Come hear updates on infrastructure projects impacting anyone who drives in and out of Stockade neighborhood and updates on Flood mitigation analysis and design project. The city of Schenectady has received FEMA funding to investigate options to protect an area that includes 70+ houses in NYS's first historic district. The team of consultants recently held a series of three workshops to present 10 options and get feedback from neighbors especially those impacted by occasional flooding. Carol DeLaMarter is president of the Stockade Neighborhood Association.

Give Easter Memorial Flowers

Each Easter, members of Chancel Guild adorn our church with beautiful Easter flowers. Your family can contribute to remember a loved one 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 Offering - SICM Food Pantry

The volunteers, staff and residents visiting the food pantry at SICM (Schenectady Community Ministries), know that for many in Schenectady, poverty is an everyday reality. Demand for food continues to grow while funding struggles to keep pace. This year the Mission & Benevolence committee has chosen SICM's food pantry to be the recipient of 2019's Easter Offering. Please give generously to help your neighbors living in a world of food insecurity and financial instability.

Flower Delivery - Help Share the Easter Joy

We need volunteers on Easter Sunday to deliver flowers to recently bereaved and home-bound church members. The flowers, an addressed card for each recipient, and a bulletin will be available for pick up after the service. Members of the Support and Care Committee will assist. Please plan on participating in this ministry of delivering, to those in need, a fragrant symbol of God's faithfulness and a warm greeting on behalf their family of faith.

FRC Sole Searchers

On Saturday, April 20, the FRC Sole Searchers will head to the Taconic Falls SP and traverse over the state line to the Bash Bish Falls, the highest waterfall in MA. On the way back we will also visit the historic Copake Iron Works. Total hiking distance: four miles or so on moderate terrain. Pack a lunch and meet in the church parking lot at 9am. RSVP to James at jgonda12309@gmail.com.

Evening Circle

We will meet April 24 at 7pm in Poling Chapel. Program will be The Journey To Success at the Steinmetz teaching and Learning Academy.

Johnson Library News

Stop in and learn how to search the catalogue for books on the library's computer. The art book display of Christ's last days from his entry into Jerusalem to his crucifixion is still on the table. Easter books can be found on the low bookcase.

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.

Community Yoga at FRC

Weekly Community Yoga class is every Monday from 6-7pm in the Covenant Hall. Led by certified instructor Doug Goodbee, it is from gentle to moderate yoga. Bring a yoga mat and any other props you wish to use. Cost is free - heartfelt donations appreciated.

Crop Walk

Crop Walk, Rain or Shine, Sunday May 5, starting at 1pm at Emanuel Friedens Church, 218 Nott Terrace. You may bring any donation of nonperishable food items to the event even if you are not walking, all are invited to drop by to fill the SiCM food van. The van will be parked in the Emmanuel Friedens Church's parking lot the day of the CROP Walk. See Cathy Lewis or Richard Rose to sponsor a walker and/or join the fun walk!

Faith Book Shop

Two small folk-art plaques from El Salvador (Jesus on the cross and The Last Supper), are timely items for sale and displayed on one of the round tables in the new Book Shop. Among the books available for purchase are "Companionship in Grief" , Memoirs of Notable Authors, compiled by Jeffrey Berman who spoke recently at Post Service, and a book written by Bill Buell, Schenectady Historian. For children, "Miss Fanny's Hat" by Jan Koran and "The Giving Tree" would delight.

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday

Today – 10am

This celebration of the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem marks the beginning of Holy Week. We wave palm fronds to welcome God into our lives.

Palm Sunday Neiborhood Pick-Up! 11:15pm

Join members of the Creation Care Committee following worship today for our annual neighborhood cleanup. We will meet in Covenant Hall. Bring gloves; bags provided.

Maundy Thursday

April 18 – 7:30pm

First Reformed has long celebrated a service of darkening on Maundy Thursday that includes the Lord's Supper. A series of readings and a darkening sanctuary create a somber and reflective remembrance of the trials of Jesus.

Good Friday

April 19 – Noon

This service is unlike any other of the year. A large hand-hewed cross will stand at the center of the chancel. The Passion of Jesus will be proclaimed by gospel readers, periods of silence, and holy songs. Finally, we will lift prayers before departing in quiet to consider the depth of God's self-giving love for all creation.

Easter Sunday, April 21

5:15am - Early Easter Excursion

Join Daniel and the other early risers for a short walk across the Mohawk to the sunrise service at Scotia Reformed Church, overlooking Collins Lake. We will enjoy a complimentary Easter breakfast in their fellowship hall before returning to our own sanctuary by 9am for a little rest before worship.

10am - Worship

Music for Easter Sunday will be featuring a brass quartet and our own Dan Gleason on Timpani for the anthems: Now, O Death where is thy sting, Christ is Risen, and Handel's Hallelujah Chorus. We invite all singers to join us for any or all of this festive music to celebrate Easter.

10:15am - Easter Egg Hunt

Children will be invited to the Education Level after the children's message to hear the Easter Story and prepare for the Egg Hunt. If the weather is bad, we will use the entire Education Level.

5pm - Easter Jazz Vespers

The Peg Delaney Quartet will feature joyous music of Easter and upbeat celebrations in this mostly music service of joy.



Coming Up

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

Sun, April 14 Palm Sunday	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
	11:15am	Palm Sunday Neiborhood Pick-Up!	Covenant Hall
	12pm	Resisting Structural Evil Book Group	Mohawk – Pres.
	5pm	Jazz Vespers	Covenant Hall
	5pm	Youth Group	Sky room
Mon, April 15	11am	Ilah DePaoli Memorial Service	Sanctuary
	6pm	Community Yoga	Covenant Hall
Tue, April 16	7pm	Short Short Writing	Mohawk - Lunn
Wed, April 17	9:30am	Kerygma	Mohawk - Pres.
	11am	Suzanne Sheldon Memorial Service	Sanctuary
	11:30am	Wednesday Lunch	Covenant Hall
	11:30am	First Things Volunteers	Mohawk House
	7pm	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary
	7pm	Adult Ukulele	Roof Top
Thu, April 18	6:30pm	Stephen Ministry	Mohawk House
	7:30pm	Maundy Thursday Service	Sanctuary
	10am	Stitch Group	Mezzanine
Fri, April 19	12pm	Good Friday Service	Sanctuary
Sat, April 20	9am	FRC Sole Searchers Hike	Church Parking Lot
Sun, April 21 Easter	5:15am	Early Easter Excursion	FRC Parking Lot
	9am	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary
	9am	Chords of Love	Roof Top
	9:45am	Kinderwyk	Education Level
	10:15am	Church School	Education Level
	10:15am	Easter Egg Hunt	Outside
	11:15am	First Forum	Poling Chapel
	11:15am	Orff-estra	Choir Room
	12pm	Resisting Structural Evil Book Group	Mohawk – Pres.
	5pm	Easter Jazz Vespers	Covenant Hall
Tues, April 23	10am	Horizons Bible Study	Mohawk - Pres.
Wed, April 24	9:30am	Kerygma	Mohawk - Pres.

“Submit in silence and scream from within.
Or... Stand up and shout and silence the pain.”
— Anthony T. Hincks

“We don't shout 'Don't panic!' towards anyone
who's in panic.” — Toba Beta

“Words are the new violence. Mouth is the
new gun.” — Vineet Raj Kapoor

“True love for our nation will compel us to
shout on the streets and get on our knees and
ask people to repent” — Sunday Adelaja

“The battle is all over except the "shouting"
when one knows what is wanted and has made
up his mind to get it, whatever the price may
be.” — Napoleon Hill

“Don't raise your voice, improve your
argument.” — Desmond Tutu

“I do not like the raw sound of the human
voice in unison unless it is under the
discipline of music.” — Flannery O'Connor,
The Habit of Being: Letters of Flannery
O'Connor

“We can't change the world by shouting, but
our words can have meaning if we give them
enough respect.” — Evan Meekins

“we only shout when we neglect what silence
can do” — Ernest Agyemang Yeboah

“When some things go wrong; do not shout!”
— Lailah Gifty Akita

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Sunday Volunteers	This Week	Next Week
Bookshop	Martha Winchester	Closed For Easter
Church School	Natalie & Dave Pizzolo	Natalie & Dave Pizzolo
Counting Deacons	Fred Daniels, Ricard Rose	Gay Doolittle, Brad Lewis
Flower Delivery	Liz Mastrianni, Maria Todd	Easter Sunday – Lilies Delivery
Greeters	Maria & Doug Todd	Abby Norton Levering, Gay Doolittle
Jazz Vespers	Wayne Hawkins, piano; Keith Pray, saxophone; Mike Lawrence, bass; Graeme Francis, drums	Easter Vespers – Peg Delaney, piano; Dylan Canterbury, trumpet; Bill Delaney, bass; Gene Garone, drums
Kinderwyk	Dorothy Linder Mitchell	Alexis Wisniewski, Christina Jones
Liturgist	Daniel Carlson	Daniel Carlson
Preacher	Bill Levering	Bill Levering
Processing Elders	Vickie McGowan-Horan, Barbara Walton, Art Casey, Walt Robb, Maria Todd	Brad & Cathy Lewis, Del Pierce, Bill Rochelle, Margaret Schadler, Jeanne Shoulder
Reader	Gian Stabler	Abby Norton Levering
Ushers	Jim & Sharron McCullough, Alden Brown, Adam Kerwin	Art Shultes, Hedrick Arnold, Joan Lindsay Don & Jeanette Davidson,
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