

***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.*



*artist: Ed de Guzman*

***April 28, 2019***



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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).



## Second Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2019

\*The congregation may stand.

PRELUDE

Wayne Hawkins

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liam Battjes

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Daniel Carlson

INTROIT

*Christ is Risen! Alleluia!*

\*HYMN

*I've Got Peace Like a River*

#368

\*OUR NEED FOR GOD

**O God beyond our wildest expectations, you have given us and all creation new life through Jesus Christ. We however, often fail to trust the foundation of this miracle and instead are deadened by anxiety and apathy, distraction and despair. Forgive us again and empower us by your Spirit to live this resurrection fully. Amen.**

\*GOD'S FORGIVING LOVE

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE (*unison*)

**Halle, halle, halle, lu-jah!**

**Halle, halle, halle, lu-jah!**

**Halle, halle, halle, lu-jah!**

**Hallelujah! Halle, lu-jah!**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*from Our Song of Hope*)

**Jesus Christ is the hope of God's world. In His death, the justice of God is established; forgiveness of sin is proclaimed. On the day of the resurrection, the tomb was empty; His disciples saw Him; death was defeated; new life had come. God's purpose for the world was sealed.**

\*PASSING THE PEACE

ANTHEM

*Antiphon*

Ralph Vaughan Williams  
from Five Mystical Songs

Let all the world in every corner sing,  
My God and King  
The heavens are not too high,  
His praise may thither fly:  
The earth is not too low,  
His praises thee may grow.

The Church with Psalms must shout,  
No door can keep them out:  
But above all the heart must bear  
the longest part.  
Let all the world in every corner sing,  
My God and King

FIRST LESSON

*Psalm 150* (pg 583)

Norm Kuchar

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

**Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Liam Battjes

SECOND LESSON

*John 20:19 - 23* (pg 114)

SERMON

*Proclaiming Peace*

Daniel Carlson

\*HYMN

*Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

#316 (vs 1-3)

MINUTE FOR MISSION

*CROP Walk*

Cathy Lewis

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*Sanctus*

Franz Schubert

Holy is the Lord, Ev'rywhere adored!  
He without beginning, Blessed Trinity.  
Ever is and ruleth through eternity.

Glory, love and wonder circling round  
His throne.  
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord of life alone.

\*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                      *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*                      #376 (vs 1-3)

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE                      *Threefold Amen*                      Traditional

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:

*Rachel Rowe, Babara Cockerham, Rev. Dr. J. Dean Dykstra, Patricia Dykstra, Dae Gillespie, Leonard Grupe, James Tillma, Garrett Veeder, Dorothy Greenwood, Harold Cassidy, Katherine Studer, Leroy Moody, Clarence H. Linder Sr.*

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.

**In Memoriam**

The chancel flowers today are placed in the sanctuary to the glory of God and in loving memory of Pauline Gaige and Donna Porter from Don & Jeanette Davidson.

**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 Risseuw, 2140 Niskayuna Dr. , Niskayuna, NY 12309.

**Music Notes**

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### **Today's First Forum**

The Youth Group will give the congregation stories and photos of our experience at Kanatsiohareke while the memories are fresh on our mind. Join us for refreshments and reflections on enduring relationship with the Mohawk Nation.

### **Creation Care Advocacy: Write your NY State Reps!**

Stop by the Creation Care Action table in Covenant Hall Today to write a quick letter in support of current beneficial legislation: the Climate and Community Protection Act. Sample letters and word-smith help available.

### **Faith Book Shop**

The Book Shop is seeking a leader for its committee members who cashier at the desk on Sundays and help make decisions regarding the Shop's inventory and programs. Anyone interested in joining the committee and acting as chair, or learning more, please contact Birdie Blackmer (current chair), committee member Bill Clock, Nancy Wainwright, Martha Winchester, Sarah Howes or Rev. Daniel Carlson.

### **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.

### **An Evening with Len Tantillo**

On Friday, May 3 at 3pm, Artist/Historian Len Tantillo will be presenting us with a larger framed print of that painting which will more closely resemble the original which hangs at the Schenectady County Historical Society. He is an engaging speaker with many ties to Schenectady. He combines his knowledge of history, architecture, computer imaging, and fine art to create accurate historical and marine paintings.

### **Mystery Guest Dinner**

The Membership/Fellowship Committee would like you to join us for the second Mystery Guest Dinner Saturday, May 4. This is a dinner party where you will not know the guests or the host until the day of the event - adding to the fun of the day. Each guest will be assigned a dish to bring salad, side or dessert. Each host will provide a main dish and drinks. Get to know some new people through this wonderful fellowship activity! Families with kids are welcome. Sign up now with Barbara Mancuso at 518-381-8860 or [brmancuso@yahoo.com](mailto:brmancuso@yahoo.com).

### **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 walk!

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not let them be afraid.

— Jesus

The fruit of silence is prayer, the fruit of prayer is faith, the fruit of faith is love, the fruit of love is service, the fruit of service is peace. — Mother Theresa

We desire peace, but not the things that make for peace.

— Thomas a Kempis

True peace is not merely the absence of tension it is the presence of justice.

— Martin Luther King Jr.

Inaction breeds doubt and fear. Action breeds confidence and courage. If you want to conquer fear, do not sit home and think about it. Go out and get busy.

— Dale Carnegie

“When I say it's you I like, I'm talking about that part of you that knows that life is far more than anything you can ever see or hear or touch. That deep part of you that allows you to stand for those things without which humankind cannot survive. Love that conquers hate, peace that rises triumphant over war, and justice that proves more powerful than greed.” — Fred Rogers

Easter tells us of something children can't understand, because it addresses things they don't yet have to know: the weariness of life, the pain, the profound loneliness and hovering fear of meaninglessness. — Frederica Mathewes-Green

The peace of the earth be with you, the peace of heavens too. The peace of the rivers be with you, the peace of the ocean blue. Deep peace, falling over you, God's peace growing in you.

— blessing ascribed to Guatemalan church

<b>Sunday Volunteers</b>	<b>This Week</b>	<b>Next Week</b>
<b>Bookshop</b>	Birdie Blackmer	Committee Member
<b>Church School</b>	Mary Carlson, Dave Pizzolo	Elsa Hjelmar
<b>Counting Deacons</b>	Sarah Bachorik, Carol Troost	Dave Hjelmar, Therese McCarty
<b>Flower Delivery</b>	Nancy Wainwright, Barbara Walton	
<b>Greeters</b>	Karen & James Gonda	Aline Stabler, Brandon Stabler
<b>Jazz Vespers</b>	Mike Lamkin, piano; Jim Corigliano, saxophone; Mike Lawrence, bass; Bill Jensen, drums	Nat Phipps, piano; Pete Toigo, bass
<b>Kinderwyk</b>	Dorothy Linder-Mitchell, Alexis Wisniewski	Dorothy Linder-Mitchell
<b>Liturgist</b>	Liam Battjes	Daniel Carlson
<b>Preacher</b>	Daniel Carlson	Sarah Howes
<b>Processing Elders</b>	Barbara Walton, Birdie Blackmer, Art Casey, Norm Kuchar, Tom Lindsay, Margaret Schadler	Joanne Arnold, Barbara Mancuso, Liz Mastrianni, Del Pierce, Barbara Walton, Eric Evans, Peggy King
<b>Reader</b>	Norm Kuchar	Therese McCarty
<b>Ushers</b>	Mike Horan, Hannah Bachorik, Sarah Bachorik, Crystal Mongillo, Justine Ochal, Ralph Rosenthal	Tom Burgoyne, David Bundy, Joe Gotwals, Karen Gonda, Berta & Nat Phipps
<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 28</b>	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	Beginner Ukulele	Roof Top
	12pm	Resisting Structural Evil Book	Mohawk – Pres.
	5pm	Jazz Vespers	Covenant Hall
<b>Mon, Apr 29</b>	6pm	Community Yoga	Covenant Hall
<b>Tues, Apr 30</b>	10am	Horizons Bible Study	Mohawk - Pres.
<b>Wed, May 1</b>	9:30am	Kerygma	Mohawk - Pres.
	11:30am	Wednesday Lunch	Covenant Hall
	7pm	Adult Ukulele	Roof Top
<b>Thu, May 2</b>	7pm	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary
<b>Fri, May 3</b>	6:30pm	Evening with Len Tantillo	Covenant Hall
<b>Sat, May 4</b>		Mystery Guest For Dinner	Various
<b>Sun, May 5</b>	8:30am	Devotional Conversation	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	Beginner Ukulele	Roof Top
	11:15am	UPC Mission Fund	Walton Room
	11:30am	Growing Young Coalition	Mohawk – Lunn
	12pm	Resisting Structural Evil Book	Mohawk – Pres.
	1pm	Crop Walk	218 Nott Terrace
	2pm	Confirmation Class	Mohawk – Pres.
	3pm	Introductions to the FRC	Church Office
5pm	Jazz Vespers	Covenant Hall	