

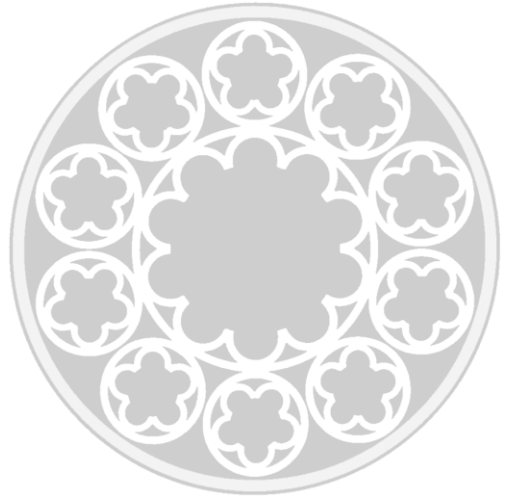
***The Covenant of Our  
Congregation  
Adopted in 1962***

*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.*



***May 5, 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.

### **Child Care on Sunday - Kinderwyk**

Childcare for infants through Pre-k is available from 9:45am until noon downstairs in the Education Level.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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).

### **Non-Emergency Number**

Schenectady Police: 518-630-0911



**Third Sunday of Easter**

May 5, 2019

\*The congregation may stand.

PRELUDE

Bruce Holden, piano

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Daniel Carlson

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

CALL TO WORSHIP

INTROIT

*Christ is Risen! Alleluia!*

\*HYMN

*I Danced in the Morning*

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\*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

*Worthy is the Lamb*

Bruce Holden, piano  
Allen Pote

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain  
Worthy to receive power,  
worthy to receive riches,  
Worthy to receive wisdom and strength.

Worthy to receive honor, worthy to receive glory,  
Worthy to receive blessing is the Lamb of God

To the One seated on the throne and unto the Lamb  
Be blessing and honor and glory.  
Forever and forever. Amen

FIRST LESSON

*Psalm 30* (pg 505)

Therese McCarty

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

**Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Liam Battjes

SECOND LESSON

*Acts 9:1-6* (pg 127)

Sarah Howes

SERMON

*Jesus Loves Me Too*

Sarah Howes

\*HYMN

*O Savior, in this Quiet Place*

#390 (vs 1, 2, 4)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Most Holy Lamb

Bruce Holden, piano  
Benjamin Harlan

You left Your Father's side, Most Holy Lamb of God.  
To be bruised and crucified, Most Holy Lamb of God.  
How we, How we love You, Holy, Holy One,  
And now with us abide, Most Holy Lamb of God.

In innocence alone, Most Holy Lamb of God.  
Transgressions to atone, Most Holy Lamb of God.  
How we, How we love You, Holy, Holy One,  
And now with us abide, Most Holy Lamb of God.

In humbleness we sing, Most Holy Lamb of God.  
True thankfulness we bring, Most Holy Lamb of God.  
Alleluia; We bow before our King,  
Most Holy Lamb of God.

\*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



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord God of Hosts, Heav'n and earth are full of thy  
Glo - ry! Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord, Most High!

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

*Live Into Hope*

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\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

*Twofold Amen*

Dresden

POSTLUDE

## **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:

*Erin Falconer Cullen, Elizabeth Paine,  
Lloyd Johnston, Albert Zink, Rev.  
Cornelius Van Leeuwen*

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**

Betty Kleiber – 4/27/2019

## **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**

We will have a Sermon Talk-back with Sarah Howes on Jesus Loves Me Too.

## **CROP Walk - Today**

Rain or Shine, the CROP walk will be 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. See Cathy Lewis or Richard Rose to sponsor a walker and/or join the walk!

## **Consistory Nominations Requested**

The Nominating Committee of First Reformed Church seeks recommendations from the congregation for Elder and Deacon Candidates from members of FRC. Candidates for Consistory should have a vision, leadership skills, and be active participants in the worship and activities of this church. Elders and Deacons will be elected at the annual meeting of the congregation on June 9. There are yellow nomination forms located at the various entrances of the church or you may write your suggestions on a white pew card or submit online. Recommendations may be submitted to the church office or any member of the Committee: Jeanette Davidson, Stephanie Parker, Bill Rochelle, Amy Brule, Barbara Walton, Marilyn Leach, and Daniel Carlson.

## Johnson Library News

Several books have been added to the library's collection. The first is *On the Brink of Everything* by Parker Palmer. In it are a "set of meditations in prose and poetry that turn the prism on the meaning of one's life." In *God's Politics*, Jim Wallis argues that the separation of church and state does not banish moral and religious values from the public square. Shane Claiborne, in *The Irresistible Revolution*, describes an authentic faith rooted in belief, action and love.

The new Puzzle exchange's puzzle boxes are located on the lower shelves of the bookcases under the windows. On a clipboard near the puzzle boxes, you will find instructions on how to use the exchange and a sign out sheet.

## 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/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.

## FRC Sole Searchers - May 11

We 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 will be four miles or so on moderate terrain. Pack a lunch and meet in the church parking lot at 9am. RSVP to [jgonda12309@gmail.com](mailto:jgonda12309@gmail.com).

Sunday Volunteers	This Week	Next Week
Bookshop	Committee Member	Committee Member
Church School	Elsa Hjelmär	Elsa Hjelmär, Dave Pizzolo
Counting Deacons	Dave Hjelmär, Therese McCarty	Bill Clock, Vickie McGowan-Horan
Flower Delivery	Linda Ward, Kay Opdyke	Christina Jones, Del Pierce
Greeters	Aline & Brandon Stabler	Christina & Matt Jones
Jazz Vespers	Nat Phipps, piano; Pete Toigo, bass	Wayne Hawkins, piano; Eric Walentowicz, sax
Kinderwyk	Dorothy Linder-Mitchell	Liz Gleason, Dorothy Linder-Mitchell
Liturgist	Daniel Carlson	Daniel Carlson
Preacher	Sarah Howes	Gregg Mast
Processing Elders	Birdie Blackmer, Barbara Mancuso, Liz Mastrianni, Del Pierce, Barbara Walton, Eric Evans, Peggy King, Jeanne Shoulder	Darwin Brudos, Gay Doolittle, James Gonda, Vickie McGowan-Horan, Don Leach, Marilyn Leach
Reader	Therese McCarty	Marilyn Leach
Refreshments	Barbara Walton	Volunteers Needed
Ushers	Tom Burgoyne, David Bundy, Joe Gotwals, Karen Gonda, Berta & Nat Phipps	Bill Clock, Christina & Matt Jones, Aline Stabler, Nancy Wainwright
<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, May 5</b>	8:30am	Devotional Conversation	Mohawk – Pres
	9am	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary
	9am	Chords of Love	Music Level
	9:45am	Kinderwyk	Education Level
	10:15am	Church School	Education Level
	11:15am	First Forum	Poling Chapel
	11:15am	Beginner Ukulele	Music Level
	11:15am	UPC Mission Fund	Walton Room
	11:30am	Growing Young Coalition	Mohawk – Lunn
	12pm	Resisting Structural Evil Group	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
<b>Mon, May 6</b>	11am	Group V	Dirck Romeyn
	6pm	Community Yoga	Covenant Hall
<b>Tue, May 7</b>	10am	Horizons Bible Study	Mohawk – Pres.
	11:30am	Support & Care	Mohawk – Pres.
	7pm	Short Short Writing	Mohawk – Lunn
<b>Wed, May 8</b>	9:30am	Kerygma	Mohawk – Pres.
	11:30am	Wednesday Lunch	Covenant Hall
	2pm	Staff Meeting	Church Office
	7pm	Contemplative Worship	Poling Chapel
	7pm	Adult Ukulele	Music Level
<b>Thu, May 9</b>	7pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
<b>Sat, May 11</b>	9:30am	FRC Sole Searchers Hike	Parking Lot
	9:30am	Children & Worship Training	Education Level
<b>Sun, May 12</b>	9am	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary
	9am	Chords of Love	Music Level
	9:45am	Kinderwyk	Education Level
	10:15am	Church School	Education Level
	11:15am	Beginner Ukulele	Music Level
	11:15am	First Forum	Poling Chapel
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