

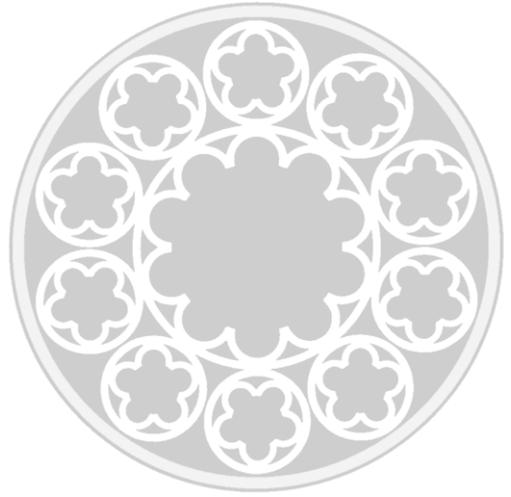
***The Covenant of Our
Congregation
Adopted in 1962***

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 12, 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.

Non-Emergency Number

Schenectady Police: 518-630-0911



Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 12, 2019

*The congregation may stand.

PRELUDE

Wayne Hawkins

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Daniel Carlson

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Gregg Mast

INTROIT

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

*HYMN

Colossians

Let the words of the Lord Jesus Christ dwell in you (echo)

And whatever you say and whatever you do (echo)

Do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ

Who rose from the dead and gives you new life in Him.

Let the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ fill your heart (echo)

And whatever your gift and whatever your part (echo)

Do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ

Who rose from the dead and gives you new life in Him.

Let the Spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ guide your way (echo)

Whether walking at night or walking in the day (echo)

Walk in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ

Who rose from the dead and gives you new life in Him.

*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

Noël Nouvelet Medieval French Easter Carol

Now the Green Blade Rises

John Carter

Now the green blade
rises from the buried grain,
Wheat that in the dark
earth many years has lain;
Love lives again,
that with the dead has been:
Love is come again,
like wheat arising green.

In the grave they laid Him,
Love by hatred slain,
Thinking that he would
never wake again,
Laid in the earth like
grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again,
I like wheat arising green.

Forth he came at Easter,
like the risen grain,
He that for three days
in the grave had lain;
Raised from the dead my living
Lord is seen:
Love is come again,
like wheat arising green.

When our hearts are wintry,
grieving or in pain,
Your touch can call us
back to life again;
Fields of our hearts
that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again,
like wheat arising green.

John Macleod Campbell Crumb

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 23 (pg 501)

Marilyn Leach

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

Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Liam Battjes

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:

Charles Young, Faith W Nix (Riggs), Sybil Liebhafsky, Elizabeth D. Corliss, Harrison Todd, Henry Nagamatsu, Margaret (Peg) Schultes

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.

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.

Music Notes

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Today's First Forum

Welcome to FRC by Dr. Gregg Mast.

Al Smith Education Fund Scholarship

If you or an immediate family member will be attending post-secondary education during the 2019-2020 academic year, you can pick up an application for the Al Smith Scholarship fund in the church office. There are two application types- for the dependent and independent student. Applications and supporting documents will be due into the church office by May 15. Questions? Contact Kristin Lion at kristinmj@gmail.com.

Understanding Anxiety - May 16

Come learn about different forms of and anxiety and treatment from Linda Ward, PhD, at our annual continuing ed. evening sponsored by the congregation's Stephen Ministry Linda is a retired psychologist, long-time Stephen Minister and the Professional Mental Health Consultant for our Stephen Ministry. No RSVP is needed.

Faith Book Shop

If you need a last-minute Mother's Day gift, check in the Book Shop There's more; browsers welcome!. The Book Shop now shares former Assembly Hall with the library.

Looking for Graduates

If you know of anyone who is graduating church office by May 15.

FRC Sole Searchers - May 18

The bird is the word! We will migrate to the Vischer Ferry Nature Preserve in Rexford for our annual bird-watching trek, led by Jamie Taft. Pack your favorite snacks and meet in the church parking lot at 8:30am. RSVP to James at jgonda12309@gmail.com.

Check Out The Youth Library!

Fiction, non-fiction, biographies and picture books are longing to be read. Self-check-out is easy with book pocket cards. The Youth Library is located directly downstairs by the youth classrooms. Questions or suggestions for library programs contact Karen Gonda, karengonda6@gmail.com.

Bike To Church Month

Ride your bike to worship early on May 19. Sweet treats and tasty coffee await.

Consistory Nominations Requested

The Nominating Committee 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 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.

Sunday Volunteers	This Week	Next Week
Bookshop	Martha Winchester	Bill Clock
Church School	Elsa Hjelmars,	Mary Carlson, Dave Pizzolo
Counting Deacons	Bill Clock, Vickie McGowan-Horan	Fred Daniels, Elsa Hjelmars
Flower Delivery	Christina Jones, Del Pierce	Fred Daniels, Aline Stabler
Greeters	Christina & Matt Jones	Tom & Kim Burgoyne, Gay Doolittle
Jazz Vespers	Wayne Hawkins, piano; Eric Walentowicz, sax	Peg Delaney, piano; Bill Delaney, bass; Tom D'Andrea, drums
Kinderwyk	Liz Gleason, Dorothy Linder-Mitchell	Kristin Lion, Alexis
Liturgist	Daniel Carlson	Daniel Carlson
Preacher	Gregg Mast	Gregg Mast
Processing Elders	Darwin Brudos, Gay Doolittle, James Gonda, Vickie McGowan-Horan, Don Leach, Marilyn Leach	Joanne Arnold, Christine Daniels, Peggy King, Tom Lindsay, Walt Robb, Richard Rose
Reader	Marilyn Leach	Carol Troost
Refreshments	Jeanette Davidson	Ann Hicks, Ann Bish
Ushers	Bill Clock, Christina & Matt Jones, Aline Stabler, Nancy Wainwright	Del Pierce, Lian Drisgula, Christine Lund, Doug Todd, Tom Zych

Sign up for any of these important jobs at 1streformed.com

Coming Up

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

Sun, May 12	9am	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary
	9am	Chords of Love	Roof Top
	9:45am	Kinderwyk	Education Level
	10:15am	Church School	Education Level
	11:15am	Beginner Ukulele	Music Level
	11:15am	First Forum	Poling Chapel
	12pm	Resisting Structural Evil Group	Mohawk – Pres.
	5pm	Jazz Vespers	Covenant Hall
Tue, May 14	10am	Horizons Bible Study	Mohawk - Pres.
	6:30pm	Standing Committees	Various
	7:30pm	Consistory	Covenant Hall
Wed, May 15	9:30am	Kerygma	Mohawk - Pres.
	11:30am	Wednesday Lunch	Covenant Hall
	6pm	Community Yoga	Covenant Hall
	7pm	Adult Ukulele	Music Level
Thu, May 16	6:30pm	Understanding Anxiety	Mohawk House
	7pm	Chancel Choir	Choir room
Fri, May 17	12pm	Group VII	Glen Eddy
Sat, May 18	8:30am	Saturday Breakfast	Mohawk – Lunn
	8:30am	FRC Sole Searchers Hike	Parking Lot
Sun, May 19	9am	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary
	9am	Chords of Love	Music Level
	9:30am	SFRC Sunday Bicyclists	Covenant Hall
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