

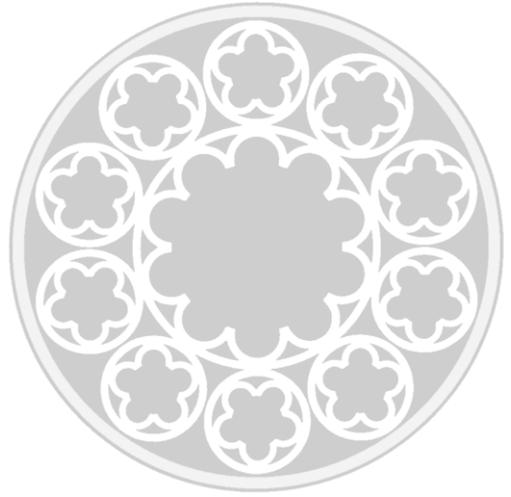
***The Covenant of Our
Congregation
Adopted in 1962***

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 19, 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.

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



Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 19, 2019

*The congregation may stand.

PRELUDE

Chords of Love & The Stockade Strummers

Rainbow Connection

Paul Williams

All in All

Dennis Jernigan

He Turned the Water Into Wine

Johnny Cash

Rain Down

Jaime Cortez

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

All Creatures of Our God and King

#455 (vs. 1-5)

*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

**We will work with each other, we will work side by side;
We will work with each other, we will work side by side;
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride.
(refrain)**

**All praise to the Father, from whom all things come;
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son.
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one. (refrain)**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Stay with Us

Egil Hovland

Stay with us, Lord Jesus, stay with us.
It soon is evening and night is falling.
Jesus Christ, the world's true light!
Shine so the darkness cannot
overcome it!

Let your light pierce the darkness.
And fill your church with its glory.
Stay with us, Lord Jesus, stay with us,
It soon is evening, and night is falling.

***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**

Be Thou My Vision

#339

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

Threefold Amen

Traditional

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:

Stephanie P. Miner Cohen, Edward Lustenader, Jr., Katherine W. Williams, Hazel A. Feiker, Martha Wallender, Arthur Lord, Judith Bresler, William George, Ricard Lawton

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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Consistory Nominations

Due Today

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.

Yellow forms are in the pews and can be placed in offering plates.

Today's First Forum

Caroline Brooks will present Tools of Hope: An Eco-Deep Dive. She will focus on the idea of finding light in the darkness of environmental despair and is a firm believer that action really is an antidote to despair. Her presentation will give you some tools to work towards making a difference in these difficult times.

New Beverwyck Anthology Is Out

The eighth and newest edition of The Beverwyck Anthology is out! Your complimentary copy of First Reformed's literary journal can be found in the bookstore, awaiting your pickup.

Youth Schedule

Today: Rehearsal for the Youth Service is happening Today from 5-7pm. Please plan to meeting. Dinner will be provided.

6/2: A second rehearsal at 9am; we'll start in the Dykstra Chapel. Please try to attend both rehearsals if possible. Thank you!

Camp Fowler Scholarships

If you have a child signed up for summer camp and wishing to receive a scholarship you will need to email a copy of your registration to 1streformed@gmail.com.

Church Picnic - June 2

The church wide picnic is on June 2 on the front lawn of the church. It will follow the youth service and all are welcome. Bring an item to share. Families with last names A-S bring a side dish, T-Z please bring a dessert. If your dish requires refrigeration, please drop it off before the service in the kitchen.

Johnson Library News

There are two new books on display in the library. The first by David Brooks is *The Second Mountain; the quest for a moral life*. He examines the four commitments that define a life of meaning and purpose; to a spouse and family. The second is *Sea Prayer* by Khaled Hosseini, using illustrations and poetic language. In this book he lets us see a father prepare his son for a long, perilous journey from Homs (Syria) to a hopefully a safer place.

Check Out The Youth Library

The Youth Library is located directly downstairs by the youth classrooms. Questions or suggestions for library programs contact Karen Gonda, karengonda6@gmail.com.

Sunday Volunteers	This Week	Next Week
Bookshop	Bill Clock	Birdie Blackmer
Church School	Mary Carlson, Dave Pizzolo	Natalie & Dave Pizzolo
Counting Deacons	Fred Daniels, Elsa Hjelmar	Justine Ochal, Bill Rochelle
Flower Delivery	Fred Daniels, Aline Stabler	Laura Lee, Ruth Roinos
Greeters	Tom & Kim Burgoyne, Gay Doolittle	Vickie & Mike Horan
Jazz Vespers	Peg Delaney, piano; Bill Delaney, bass; Tom D'Andrea, drums	Tim Olsen, piano; Eric Walentowicz, sax
Kinderwyk	Kristin Lion, Alexis Wisniewski	Vickie McGowan, Dorothy Linder-Mitchell
Liturgist	Daniel Carlson	Daniel Carlson
Preacher	Gregg Mast	Sara Baron
Processing Elders	Joanne Arnold, Christine Daniels, Peggy King, Tom Lindsay, Walt Robb, Richard Rose	Birdie Blackmer, Eric Evans, James Gonda, Barbara Mancuso, Bill Rochelle, Maria Todd
Reader	Carol Troost	Cynde Schwartz
Refreshments	Ann Hicks, Ann Bish	Fellowship
Ushers	Mike Horan, Lian Drisgula, Christine Lund, Doug Todd, Tom Zych	Jim & Sharron McCullough, Adam Kerwin
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 19	9am	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary
	9am	Chords of Love	Music Level
	9am	SFRC Sunday Cyclists	Covenant Hall
	9:45am	Kinderwyk	Education Level
	10:15am	Church School	Education Level
	11:15am	First Forum	Poling Chapel
	11:15am	Beginner Ukulele	Roof Top
	12pm	Resisting Structural Evil Group	Mohawk – Pres.
	2pm	Confirmation	Mohawk – Pres.
	5pm	Jazz Vespers	Covenant Hall
5pm	Youth Group Dinner & Rehearsal	Sky room	
Mon, May 20	10am	Creation - Crisis Preaching	Poling Chapel
	12pm	The Glen Eddy Group	Glen Eddy
	6pm	Community Yoga	Covenant Hall
Tue, May 21	7pm	Short Short Writing	Mohawk - Lunn
Wed, May 22	9:30am	Kerygma	Brown's House
	11:30am	Wednesday Lunch	Covenant Hall
	11:30am	First Things Volunteers	Mohawk – Lunn
	1:15pm	Nominating Committee	Mohawk - Pres.
	7pm	Adult Ukulele	Roof Top
7pm	Evening Circle	Mohawk – Lunn	
Sun, May 26	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
	12pm	Resisting Structural Evil Group	Mohawk – Pres.
	5pm	Jazz Vespers	Covenant Hall