

***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.



June 2, 2019

*First Reformed Church
8 North Church Street
Schenectady, New York 12305
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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



A Celebration of Community, Communion, Children and Youth

June 2, 2019

*The congregation may stand.

PRELUDE *Shelter* Ukuleles

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Daniel Carlson

The grace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

WORSHIP ORIENTATION Liam Battjes

INTROIT Sunday School & Forest Nursery

Behold, Behold! I Make All Things New, Beginning with You

CALL TO WORSHIP *Revelation 22*

Shaking the Tree of Life

Children of Forest Nursery

Riding the River of the Spirit

River Room Children

Following the Way of Christ

Mountain Room Youth

*HYMN *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* #514

*OUR NEED FOR GOD Audrey Mason, Gillian Pizzolo

When the leader says, "But" . . . the congregation may respond:

"The love of Jesus is alive and can really shake things up!"

*GOD'S LOVE IN SONG (*unison*) *Behold, Behold!*

Behold, Behold, I make all things new

beginning with you, and starting from today.

Behold, Behold, I make all things new,

my promise is true, for I am Christ the way.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Kayla Kerwin

Children's version of the Congregations' Covenant

**At the very foundation of our life together
is the ministry and hope of Jesus Christ.**

Christ is why we work to bless children with joy,

inspire young people with high ideals,

face the challenges of life with courage and hope,

care for each other all along the way

and strive to make God's world a better place for all of life.

As a church we don't let opinions, ideas,

**life-styles or backgrounds divide us.
We are united in our commitment to follow Jesus
and to serve the world we touch by doing justice,
loving kindness and walking humbly with God.
We want to be a community of open minds,
warm hearts and hopeful spirits
with a vision for how Jesus walks with us
in loving God and our neighbors.**

*PASSING THE PEACE

ANTHEM Church School Children, Jamie Ipsen, Liam Battjes
When You Learn to Follow Jesus

FIRST LESSON *John 17.20-26 (pg 111)* Hannah Bachorik

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *How Our Leaders Pray for Us*

Kinderwyk leaders thanked; Dorothy Linder prays
Sunday School leaders thanked; Dave Pizzolo prays
J-Walkers Youth Group leaders thanked; Christina Jones prays

SECOND LESSON *Acts 16.16-34 (pg 136)*
Audrey Mason, Gabby Pizzolo James Potter
Gian Stabler, James Gonda

SERMON Molly Mason

*HYMN *Bring Forth the Kingdom* Ukuleles

**You are salt for the earth, O people;
Salt for the Kingdom of God!
Share the flavor of life, O people;
Life in the Kingdom of God!**

*Refrain:
Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,
Pray for the Kingdom of peace,
Work for the Kingdom of justice,
Hope in the City of God!*

**You are a light on the hill, O people;
Light for the City of God!
Shine so holy and bright, O people;
Shine for the Kingdom of God! (*Refrain*)**

**You are a seed of the Word, O people;
Bring forth the Kingdom of God!
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice,
grow in the Kingdom of God! (*Refrain*)**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Slowly

by Gabby Pizzolo

There are two distant roads, both got a mind of their own.
They twist and they turn and they take control.
Which one will I choose? I suddenly feel so alone.
I don't know where to go. Which path will lead me home?
Which one will lead me through?
You say I'll be fine, it's hard to decide, You say "take your time", but oh --
That's one thing I don't got, 'cuz there's not a lot to spare.
But slowly, you help me believe. Slowly get me up on my feet again.
Slowly I can finally breathe, finally breathe. Slowly you comfort my cries,
Slowly - now I'll get up and try. Slowly, you're here by my side, here by my side.

And there are so many ways you save my life everyday.
You're the reason I'm okay, the very reason I'm alive.
And when I'm down on the ground, You turn my world right around.
You're the best thing I've found in this game we all call life.
And there's so much more, I feel so secure 'cuz you are my cure --
And now, though some days we're apart, you're my Moon and my stars tonight.
Yeah slowly, you help me believe. Slowly get me up on my feet again. . .

You give me all your strength, and still you are stronger.
You're helping me the most to grow, and still you are taller.
You train me for my marathon, and I can't even crawl.
But you're right there next to me while I'm running, in case I stumble and fall.
Yeah slowly, you help me believe. Slowly get me up on my feet again. . .

**DOXOLOGY Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow #592*

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION*

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION AND PRAYER

Liam Battjes, Daniel Carlson

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

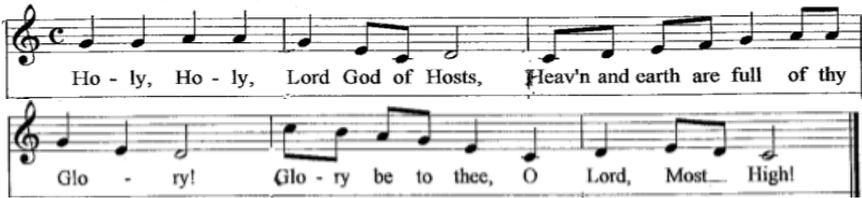
We lift them up to the Lord.

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!

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

Gillian Pizzolo

Callan & Gian Stabler and Elders

Please process forward from the middle aisle, take bread, dip it in the cup, and partake, returning by the side aisle. Gluten free wafers and cup may be received at the middle station. The elements will be served to those unable to come forward.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

James Potter, Gabby Pizzolo

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Written by campers at Fowler, the week of Una Tierra, 2018)*

Our Heavenly Parent, you are everywhere on earth and in heaven.

Your holy name is special

and you make the earth our special home.

**Help us take action to make the earth a place
where you are happy to be at home with us.**

**Give us what we need today to get us to tomorrow
— food, shelter, grace and guidance.**

**Help us to forgive ourselves when we make mistakes,
so we can do the hard work of forgiving others.**

**Teach us every day to learn from our mistakes,
so we can avoid the evil that hurts ourselves,
others and the earth.**

**We believe that you are in charge,
and ask you to be in charge of directing us.**

We know that all power and love comes from you.

**Help us to live out our limited days
in ways that reflect your unlimited love,
and may your glorious light shine in us our whole life long.**

Yes! Let's celebrate God!

*CLOSING SONG *Let Us Put on the Clothes of Christ*

Refrain:

**Let us put on the clothes of Christ and live as equals with everyone.
Let us put on the clothes of Christ and reunite the family of God!**

Jew and Greek will live side by side **with the garments of justice on.**
Every door will be open wide **in that sweet and delightful dawn.**
Hate and fear will not come between **Oh, let us unite in love.**
And celebrate our diversity **as we welcome the reign of God.**
(Refrain)

All the captives will be set free **with the garments of justice on.**
Discrimination will cease to be **in that sweet and delightful dawn.**
To the poor we will bring good news **Oh, let us unite in love.**
Our faith will travel beyond the pews **as we welcome the reign of God.**
(Refrain)

Men and Women will live is as one **with the garments of justice on.**
Equal privilege for everyone **in that sweet and delightful dawn.**
Domination will finally end **Oh, let us unite in love.**
The pains of history we will men **as we welcome the reign of God.**
(Refrain)

Let us rise up completely new **with the garments of justice on.**
Living fully in Christ we'll bloom **in that sweet and delightful dawn.**
Like the threads of a tapestry **Oh, let us unite in love.**
And weave a joyful community **as we welcome the reign of God.**
(Refrain)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Daniel Carlson

POSTLUDE

Wayne Hawkins

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Participants

Ukuleles: Bill Brooks, Carrie Brooks,
Mary Carlson, Leila Constable,
Jeanette Davison, Dan Ipsen, Kayla
Kerwin, Audrey Mason, Julia Mason,
Laura Mason, Gabby Pizzolo, Gillian
Pizzolo, Callan Stabler, Gian Stabler,
John VanOort, directed by Jamie
Ipsen.

Kinderwyk Forest Nursery: All
toddlers, Dorothy Linder & Volunteers.

River Room: Natalie Pizzolo, Mary
Carlson, Elsa Hjelmar and kids from
kindergarten to 2nd grade.

Mountain Room: Dave Pizzolo, Tom
Mancuso and youth from 3rd grade
thru 8th grade.

Prayers of the People

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:

Frank C Hammett, Lora Marting, Jean Hay, Julia Amelia, Jackson Phillips, Alice Marcellus, Veronica "Ronnie" Bartholic, Duane Anderson, Harold (Hal) Clements, Chuck Nelson

Nomination Committee

The Nomination Committee presents these members for re-election: Elder: Joanne Arnold; Deacons: Christina Jones, David Hjelmar, Sarah Bachorik. And for Election Elders: Karen Gonda, Kate Rose, Laura Lee; Deacons: Caroline Books, Lian Drisgula, James Reid, Brandon Stabler.

Coming Up

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

Sun, June 2	9am	Chords of Love	Music Level
	9am	Youth Service Rehearsal	Dykstra Chapel
	10am	Youth Service	Sanctuary
	11:15am	Church Picnic	Front Lawn
	12:30pm	Youth Meeting	Education Level
	12:30pm	Elders Meeting	Mohawk House
	3pm	Introductions to the FRC	Church Office
Mon, June 3	5pm	Jazz Vespers	Covenant Hall
	11am	Group V	Dirck Romeyn
Tue, June 4	6:30pm	Creation Care Committee	Library
	11:30am	Support & Care	Mohawk - Pres
Wed, June 5	7pm	Short Short Writing	Mohawk – Lunn
	11:30am	Wednesday Lunch	Covenant Hall
Fri, June 7	7pm	Adult Ukulele	Music Level
	7pm	Rachael Rose Soprano recital	Covenant Hall
Sat, June 8	7pm	Saturday Breakfast	Covenant Hall
Sun, June 9	9am	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary
	9:45am	Kinderwyk	Education Level
	10am	Pentecost/Confirmation	Sanctuary
	11am	Annual Meeting	Sanctuary
	5pm	Jazz Vespers	Covenant Hall

Sunday Volunteers	This Week	Next Week
Bookshop	Sarah Howes	Committee Member
Counting Deacons	Matt Jones, Ralph Rosenthal	Christina Jones, Joan Lindsay
Flower Delivery	Bill & Amanda Potter, David Bundy	Harlene & Herbert Bachorik, Justine Ochal
Greeters	James Gonda, Christina Jones	Rick & Cheryl Zahner
Jazz Vespers	Nat Phipps, piano; Pete Toigo, bass	Wayne Hawkins, piano; Mike Lawrence, bass; Mike Benedict, drums
Kinderwyk	Lian Drisgula, Dorothy Linder-Mitchell	Dorothy Linder-Mitchell, Christina Jones
Liturgist	Liam Battjes	Daniel Carlson
Preacher	Molly Mason	Gregg Mast
Processing Elders	Mary Jewett, Cathy Lewis, Jeanne Shoulder	Barbara Walton, Birdie Blackmer, Christine Daniels, James Gonda, Tom Lindsay, Bill Rochelle
Reader	Youth Readers	Kayla Kerwin
Refreshments	Church Picnic	
Ushers	Art Shultes, Hendrick Arnold, Joan Lindsay, Hannah Bachorik, Julia & Audrey Mason	Del Pierce, Hannah Bachorik, Sarah Bachorik, Crystal Mongillo, Justine Ochal, Ralph Rosenthal