

***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 9, 2019

***First Reformed Church
8 North Church Street
Schenectady, New York 12305
(518)377-2201 www.1stReformed.com***

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.

Summer Church School

On the first Sunday of July, August, and September children in grades K-2 are invited to share in an Church School activity. After the Children's Message, the Church School leader will bring them down the stairs to the education level; parents/guardians will pick up their children following worship.

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 who seek to follow 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



Pentecost

June 9, 2019

*The congregation may stand.

PRELUDE

Wayne Hawkins

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Daniel Carlson

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Gregg Mast

INTROIT

Friends in Faith

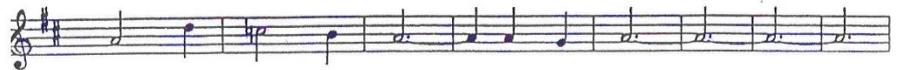
*HYMN

Where the Spirit Is

Per Harling



Where the Spir – it is, there's free – dom.



Where the Spir – it is, there is life!



1. Not by this age can our freedom be nourished, not by our things,
2. Kingdom of God present among us, gives to us all
3. Wounds will be healed eyes will be opened, imaging God



only by Spirit. Practice my children to live by the Spirit,
strength for the journey. Practice my children to live by the Spirit,
reflecting Jesus. Practice my children to live by the Spirit,



drop all your masks, take freedom's cloth—ing!
tasting to – day hope for God's fu— ture!
heaven is here, time made e – ter – nal!

***OUR NEED FOR GOD**

God of all, we come in humility, confessing that we are often obstructive and afraid. When your Spirit speaks, we distrust what we hear, for we fear what you may be calling us to do. When your Spirit lights a fire, we extinguish the flame, afraid of the light and heat you may be bringing. When your Spirit blows, we close the windows of our hearts, afraid of your disrupting our lives. Forgive us, O Lord, and open us anew to your Spirit.

***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!**

RECEPTION OF CONFESSING MEMBERS

**Kayla Kerwin, Audrey Mason, Derek Muir,
Gillian Pizzolo, James Potter, Gian Stabler**

PRESENTATION AND PROMISES OF CONFESSING MEMBERS

***PROMISE OF THE CONGREGATION**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed - Ecumenical version

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER AND BLESSEING

*WELCOME

We are ambassadors for Christ.

We are the salt of the earth;
we are the light of the world.

Welcome our sisters and brothers in Christ.

Joyfully we receive you. Join with us as we give witness in the world to the good news, for we are all one in Christ Jesus.

Alleluia!

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

ANTHEM

Empty of Me

David Kantz III

I hunger in the morning
for a taste of Your Grace,
I thirst for You Spirit full and free.
You promised You would fill me
with Your power divine,
But first I must be empty of me.

Fill me up, Lord I want to overflow,
Fill me up with Your Spirit full and Free.
Turn me upside down,
pour me out on the ground
Then fill me up
and keep me empty of me.

Light the flame of Your Spirit
in my vessel today,
Pour out all that would quench
the holy fire.
Lord, fill me with Your Spirit
till my cup overflows
And always keep me empty of me.

So Spirit, make my heart your home,
My soul Your very own,
Full of you is what I long to be.
A live that's overflowing
with Your mercy and grace.
Fill me up and keep me empty of me.

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 2:1-9 (pg 2)

Kayla Kerwin

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

Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Daniel Carlson

SECOND LESSON

Acts 2: 1-21 (pg 119)

SERMON

A Story from Dr. Luke: The Breath of Life

Gregg Mast

*HYMN

On Pentecost They Gathered

#128

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Come Flood This Heart of Mine* David Lantz III

Come flood this heart of mine
with your great love divine.
Come, Spirit, make Your home,
my heart is Yours alone.
Come flood this heart of mine
with your great love divine.
My Eve'ry sin forgive as one
with You I live.

Come fill my heart,
I am longing for Your pow'r.
Your presence and peace
will be mine this very hour.

Come fill my heart with your
Spirit in his place.
Let my heart overflow with
the fullness of Your grace.

Make of this heart of mine
a vessel wholly Thine.
Drive dark and doubt away,
O fill me, Lord, I pray.
Come flood this heart of mine
with your great love divine.
Come, Spirit, make Your home,
my heart is Yours 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 *Come, O Spirit* #127

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE *Twofold Amen* Greek

POSTLUDE

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Entered Into Eternal Rest

Fleurette Traxler – May 31, 2019
Service will be at United Methodist
Church in Burnt Hills, on July 13,
11:30am

In Memoriam

The chancel flowers today are placed
in the sanctuary to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Bill Dotter by
his wife and children.

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:

Jocelyn Mathes, Jean Bundy, William Dotter, Edwards Murray, Mandalay Grems, Helen P. Lindsay, Ruth Doering

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.

Music Notes

Instrumentalists: Robert Lemmerman, Banjo; Don Lester, Bass; Celia Murray, Violin.

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Faith Book Shop

A great way to reduce the use of plastic bags in the grocery store: use a stretchy, open weave, cotton crocheted bag available for purchase in the Book Shop. The bags (two sizes are available) can be used over and over and when empty fit easily in a purse, ready for your next shopping trip. These bags were crocheted by Kitty Trimarco, and she would be happy to show others how to make them.

Confirmation Celebration!

Personally welcome our newest confessing members after the Annual Meeting.

Nominating Committee

The committee presents for election: Elders - Karen Gonda, Laura Lee and Kate Rose.
Deacons - Caroline Brooks, Lian Drisgula, and Brandon Stabler.

Strategic Planning Task Force

Interested in helping discern our future vision and mission? Contact Daniel Carlson.

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.

FRC Sole Searchers - June 15

We will head to the Albany Rural Cemetery for a guided tour, led by our very own Norm Kuchar. Pack your favorite snacks or a lunch and meet in the church parking lot at 9am. RSVP to James at jgonda12309@gmail.com.

Johnson Library News

Several Great Courses have been added to our collection: *Geological Wonders, Museum Masterpieces and Container Gardening*. All include a course guidebook.

We are looking for volunteers for the library. If interested, email Ruth Roinos at fristreformedlibrary@gmail.com

Coming Up

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

Sun, Jun 9	9:45am	Kinderwyk	Education Level
	10am	Pentecost/Confirmation	Sanctuary
	11am	Annual Meeting	Sanctuary
	11:15am	Orff-estra	Music Level
	5pm	Jazz Vespers	Covenant Hall
Tue, Jun 11	6:30pm	Committee Meetings	Various
	7:30pm	Consistory	Covenant Hall
Wed, Jun 12	11:30am	Wednesday Lunch	Covenant Hall
	2pm	Staff Meeting	Covenant Hall
	7pm	Adult Ukulele	Music Level
Thu, Jun 13	7pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
Fri, Jun 14	8pm	Screening of "A Fan's Sermon"	Covenant Hall
Sat, Jun 15	9am	FRC Sole Searchers	Parking Lot

Sunday Volunteers	This Week	Next Week
Bookshop	Martha Winchester	Sally Bestgen
Counting Deacons	Christina Jones, Joan Lindsay	Kim Burgoyne, Vickie McGowan-Horan
Flower Delivery	Justine Ochal, Harlene & Herbert Bachorik	Florence Reed, Kim & Tom Burgoyne
Greeters	Rick & Cheryl Zahner	
Jazz Vespers	Wayne Hawkins, piano; Mike Lawrence, bass; Mike Benedict, drums	Peg Delaney, piano; Bill Delaney, bass; Gene Garone, drums
Kinderwyk	Dorothy Linder-Mitchell, Christina Jones	Dorothy Linder-Mitchell, Liz Gleason
Liturgist	Daniel Carlson	Daniel Carlson
Preacher	Gregg Mast	Viki Brooks
Processing Elders	Barbara Walton, Birdie Blackmer, Christine Daniels, James Gonda, Tom Lindsay, Bill Rochelle	Marilyn Leach, Darwin Brudos, Gay Doolittle, Don Leach, Walt Robb, Richard Rose
Reader	Kayla Kerwin	Gene Rowland
Refreshments	Confirmation Celebration	
Ushers	Del Pierce, Hannah Bachorik, Sarah Bachorik, Crystal Mongillo, Justine Ochal, Ralph Rosenthal	Tom Burgoyne, David Bundy, Joe Gotwals, Karen Gonda, Berta & Nat Phipps