

***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 16, 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.

### **Summer Church School**

On the first Sunday of July, August, and September children in grades K-2 share in an Church School activity. After the Children's Message, they follow the leader down stairs to the education level; parents/guardians may pick them up after 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](http://1stReformed.com).

### **Non-Emergency Number**

Schenectady Police: 518-630-0911



## Trinity Sunday

June 16, 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

Viki Brooks

INTROIT

*Friends in Faith*

\*HYMN

*Be Thou My Vision*

#339

\*OUR NEED FOR GOD

**O Blessed Trinity, we settle for so much less than the fullness of life you intend. Be Thou our vision, O Lord, that we may see and delight in your glory. Deepen us down, Christ Jesus, that we may be transformed by your grace. Revive and reconnect us, Spirit of life, that we may love you above all, one another as ourselves, and serve the world we touch. 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

*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.**

\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

ANTHEM

*Lord of the Small*

Dan Forrest

Praise to the Lord of the small, broken things,  
Who sees the poor sparrow that cannot take wing.  
Who loves the lame child, and the wretch in the street,  
Who comforts their sorrows and washes their feet.

Praise to the Lord of the faint and afraid,  
Who girds them with courage and lends them His aid:  
He pours out His Spirit on vessels so weak  
That the timid can serve and the silent can speak.

Praise to the Lord of the frail and the ill,  
Who heals their afflictions, or carries them till  
They leave this tired frame and to paradise fly,  
To never be sick and never to die.

Praise Him, O praise Him all ye who yet live,  
Who've been given so much and can so little give,  
Our frail, lisping praise God will never despise:  
He sees His dear children through mercy filled eyes.

FIRST LESSON

*John 16:12-15* (pg 110)

Gene Rowland

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Viki Brooks

SECOND LESSON

*Romans 5:1-5* (pg 155)

SERMON

*Of Facts, Truth and Guidance*

Viki Brooks

## OFFERING

OFFERTORY      *Speak, O Lord*      Keith Getty, Stuart Townend

Speak, O Lord, as we come to  
 You to receive the food of Your Holy Word  
 Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;  
 shape and fashion us in Your likeness,  
 That the Light of Christ may be seen today  
 in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
 Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, Holy reverence, true humility;  
 Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of Your purity.  
 Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see  
 Your majestic love and authority.  
 Words of pow'r that can never fail,  
 let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak O Lord and renew our minds;  
 Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.  
 Truth unchanged from the dawn of time  
 that will echo down through eternity.  
 And by grace we'll stand on Your promises,  
 and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.  
 Speak, O Lord, 'til Your Church is built  
 and the earth is filled with Your glory.  
 Speak, O Lord, as we come to  
 You to receive the truth of Your Holy Word.

\*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                      *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand*                      #262

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE                      *Threefold Amen*                      Traditional

POSTLUDE

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**In Celebration**

The chancel flowers today are placed in the sanctuary to the glory of God and in celebration of the wedding of Sutton and Mark Wemple married on 6/15/2019.

**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:

*Grace Vandewater, Bernetta Cronk, Walter Kozak, Roland Carreker, Rev. Donald Troost, Sonia Lintner, David Packard, Donald Kleiber, Dorothy 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.

**Music Notes**

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**Strategic Planning Task Force**

Interested in helping discern and plan our future 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 Risseuw, 2140 Niskayuna Dr., Niskayuna, NY 12309

**Newly Elected Officers**

Deacons: Caroline Brooks, Lian Drisgula, and Brandon Stabler.  
Elders: Karen Gonda, Laura Lee and Kate Rose.

## **Green Steps**

Welcome to Green Steps! As our church continues to grow and green, look for weekly tips designed to educate and empower, brought to you by the Creation Care Green Team. Starting in July, find them in the weekly bulletin, First Things, the FRC Facebook page, and all email blasts.

## **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.

## **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](mailto:fristreformedlibrary@gmail.com).

## **Post-Worship Hospitality**

Please consider hosting our post-worship fellowship by signing up for a couple of Sundays during the year. The sign-up sheet and instructions are in Covenant Hall.

## **Committal Service**

A committal service for Jack and Lolly Fitts will be held on their 70th wedding anniversary, 2pm, June 18, 2019 at Gerald B.H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery 200 Duell Rd, Schuylerville, NY. Friends are welcome to join the family for this time of final farewell.

## **Support and Care Committee**

We are looking for those interested in grocery shopping for the homebound in our midst. Give Daniel Carlson, 518-346-6416 or Barbara Walton, 518-346-1943 a call if you feel moved to care in this way.

## **Daily Check-in Calls**

Hearing a warm "Good morning!" is a wonderful way to start the day. Your Care and Support committee is aware that some in our family of faith, especially those who may live alone, would enjoy such a daily call. Knowing that each day or so a friendly caller would ask, "How are you, today?" would be a comfort for such folks. If you would be interested in being such a caller--or the recipient of such calls--please contact the church office or Rev. Daniel Carlson.

## **Care & Prayer**

Need a moment for prayerful support after worship? Trained Stephen Ministers will be available in the Dykstra Chapel right after the service on the last Sunday of each month to sit with, listen to, and pray for and with you. Please stop by if this sounds like it may be just what you need.

## Coming Up

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

<b>Sun, Jun 16</b>	9am	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary
	9:45am	Kinderwyk	Education Level
	11:15am	Orff-estra	Music Level
	5pm	Jazz Vespers	Covenant Hall
<b>Mon, Jun 17</b>	10:30am	Glen Eddy Group	Glen Eddy
	6pm	Community Yoga	Covenant Hall
<b>Tue, Jun 18</b>	7pm	Short Short Writing	Mohawk - Lunn
<b>Wed, Jun 19</b>	11:30am	Wednesday Lunch	Covenant Hall
	11:30am	First Things Volunteers	Mohawk - Lunn
	6pm	Compassionate Dinner	Covenant Hall
	7pm	Contemplative Worship	Covenant Hall
	7pm	Adult Ukulele	Music Level

<b>Sunday Volunteers</b>	<b>This Week</b>	<b>Next Week</b>
<b>Bookshop</b>	Sally Bestgen	Committee Member
<b>Counting Deacons</b>	Kim Burgoyne, Vickie McGowan-Horan	Richard Gardner, Clair Hughes
<b>Flower Delivery</b>	Florence Reed, Kim & Tom Burgoyne	Cynde Schwartz, Andrew & Heather Chestnut
<b>Greeters</b>	Renate Reeves-Ellington	Ellie & Gene Rowland
<b>Jazz Vespers</b>	Peg Delaney, piano; Bill Delaney, bass; Gene Garone, drums	Mike Lamkin, piano; Ron Gardner, bass
<b>Kinderwyk</b>	Dorothy Linder-Mitchell, Liz Gleason	Dorothy Linder-Mitchell, Peter Lion
<b>Liturgist</b>	Daniel Carlson	Daniel Carlson
<b>Preacher</b>	Viki Brooks	Gregg Mast
<b>Processing Elders</b>	Marilyn Leach, Darwin Brudos, Gay Doolittle, Don Leach, Walt Robb, Richard Rose	Barbara Walton, Eric Evans, Peggy King, Bill Rochelle, Maria Todd
<b>Reader</b>	Gene Rowland	Ellie Rowland
<b>Refreshments</b>	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
<b>Ushers</b>	Tom Burgoyne, David Bundy, Joe Gotwals, Christina Jones, Berta & Nat Phipps	Bill Clock, Aline Stabler, Nancy Wainwright, James & Karen Gonda