

***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 23, 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.

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.

Non-Emergency Number

Schenectady Police: 518-630-0911



Second Sunday After Pentecost

June 23, 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

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

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*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!

ORDINATION/INSTALLATION OF DEACONS AND ELDERS

PRESENTATION OF OFFICERS ELECT

Deacons: Caroline Brooks, Lian Drisgula and Brandon Stabler

Elders: Karen Gonda, Laura Lee and Kate Rose

*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.**

PROMISES OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

LAYING ON OF HANDS AND PRAYER

ORDINATION CHARGE

PROMISES OF CONGREGATION

DECLARATION OF INSTALLATION

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

ANTHEM

As the Deer

Martin Nystrom

Sue Moses and Carmen Duncan

As the deer pants for the water,
so my soul longs after You.
You alone are my heart's desire,
and I long to worship You.

I want You more than Gold or silver,
Only you can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy-giver
And the apple of my eye.

Chorus:
You alone are my strength, my shield,
to You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire,
and I long to worship You.

You're my Friend You are my Brother,
Even though You are a King.
I love You more than any other,
So much more than anything.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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:

Robert B. Gilbert, Richard McLane

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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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.

Strategic Planning Task Force

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

Summer Lunch Program

First Reformed Church of Schenectady will be responsible for July 1-5. July 8-12 and August 5-9 from 11:30am-1pm each day at the Quackenbush site for the Summer Lunch Program. We will need at least three people. There is a signup sheet in the Covenant Hall, the church office and Ellie has one at home. For any questions or to sign-up mail Ellie Rowland or call 518-250-4302. Please sign-up

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.

Coming Up

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

Sun, Jun 23	9:45am Kinderwyk 11:15am Orff-estra 11:30am Growing Young 5pm Jazz Vespers	Education Level Music Level Mohawk - Pres Covenant Hall
Mon, Jun 24	6:30pm Creation Care Committee	Hope Room
Wed, Jun 26	11:30am Wednesday Lunch 7pm Adult Ukulele	Covenant Hall Music Level
Sun, Jun 30	9:45am Kinderwyk 11am Care and Prayer 11:15am Orff-estra 5pm Jazz Vespers	Education Level Dykstra Chapel Music Level Covenant Hall

Sunday Volunteers	This Week	Next Week
Bookshop	Sally Bestgen	Birdie Blackmer
Counting Deacons	Richard Gardner, Claire Hughes	Andy Chestnut, Kristin Lion
Flower Delivery	Cynde Schwartz, Andrew & Heather Chestnut	Sharron & James McCullough
Greeters	Ellie & Gene Rowland	Richard Burt
Jazz Vespers	Mike Lamkin, piano; Ron Gardner, bass	Tim Olsen- piano; Keith Pray- sax
Kinderwyk	Dorothy Linder-Mitchell, Peter Lion	Dorothy Linder-Mitchell, Natalie Pizzolo
Liturgist	Daniel Carlson	Daniel Carlson
Preacher	Gregg Mast	Megan Hodgkin
Processing Elders	Barbara Walton, Eric Evans, Peggy King, Bill Rochelle, Maria Todd	Joanne Arnold, Del Pierce, Birdie Blackmer, Gay Doolittle, James Gonda, Mary Jewett
Reader	Ellie Rowland	Barbara Walton
Refreshments	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Ushers	Bill Clock, Aline Stabler, James & Karen Gonda	Del Pierce, Lian Drisgula, Christine Lund, Carol Troost, Tom Zych

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF SCHENECTADY

We are a welcoming and affirming congregation and absolutely everyone is invited to our worship, activities, and service.

THE CURRENT CONSISTORY

Elders

Del Pierce, Senior Elder
Joanne Arnold, Senior Elder
Karen Gonda
Laura Lee
Brad Lewis
Barbara Mancuso
Liz Mastrianni
Vickie McGowan-Horan
Kate Rose
Kitty Trimarco

Deacons

Sarah Bachorik
Caroline Brooks
Andy Chestnut
Lian Drisgula
Dave Hjelmar
Christina Jones
Kristin Lion
Ralph Rosenthal
Brandon Stabler

Ministers

Bill Levering, Senior Minister
Daniel Carlson, Associate Minister

Other Officers

Catherine Lewis, Treasurer
Joanne Bedell, Clerk