

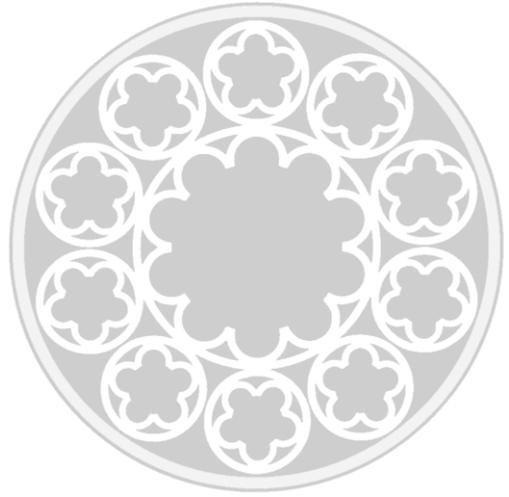
***The Covenant of Our  
Congregation  
Adopted in 1962***

*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 30, 2019***

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



## Third Sunday After Pentecost

June 30, 2019

\*The congregation may stand.

PRELUDE

*Amazing Grace*

Alexandra Burgess

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

Megan Hodgin

\*HYMN

*Micah 6:8*

God has shown you (**echo**)

O People (**echo**)

**What is good and what the Lord requires of you.**

But to do justice (**echo**)

And to love kindness (**echo**)

**And to walk humbly with your God.**

\*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!**

RECEPTION OF CONFESSING MEMBERS

PRESENTATION & PROMISES OF CONFESSING MEMBERS

Ronald & Ginger Mason, Florence Reed, Sutton Wemple

\*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 BLESSING

\*WELCOME

We are ambassadors for Christ.

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

Welcome our sisters and brother 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

MUSICAL OFFERING

Gene Rowland

*Morning Has Broken*

Words by Eleanor Farjeon Arr by John Donato

Morning has broken, like the first morning,  
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning,  
Praise for them springing fresh from the word.



\*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 Grace and God of Glory*

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\*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 Marshall, Glenn Roe, Amy Coons Van Voast Raimo, Peter J. VonHerrmann, Dorothy Langdon, Linda Van Alstyne, Marjorie Frick, Belle Kozak, Glenn Winchester*

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.

**Strategic Planning Task Force**

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

**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 Risseeuw, 2140 Niskayuna Dr., Niskayuna, NY 12309

**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.

## Fowler Camper Mail

Send a letter to our campers for during the week they are at Camp Fowler.

Gian Stabler (week #30) June 30  
Matthew Mitchell (week #30) June 30  
Zane Salem (week #40) July 7  
Elaina Van der Veen (week #70) July 28  
Tim Burgess (week #80) August 4

## Lay out for sending a letter

Camp Fowler  
Camper Name (week#)  
PO Box 207  
Lake Pleasant, NY 12108

## Summer Lunch Program

We still need some others. These are the dates we need: two more people for Wed. July 3, one person for July 8, 9 and 10, three for July 11 and two more for July. There is a signup sheet in Covenant Hall, the church office, and Ellie has one. For any questions or to sign-up call Ellie, 518-250-4302.

## Johnson Library News

New books have been added. In *Trauma and Grace*, by Serene Jones, she writes a on the vulnerable and how violence can challenge theological understandings. Next autobiography *Becoming*, by Michelle Obama, in which she shares experiences that shaped her.

Sunday Volunteers	This Week	Next Week
Bookshop	Birdie Blackmer	Committee Member
Counting Deacons	Andy Chestnut, Kristin Lion	Vickie McGowan-Horan, Linnea D'Andrea
Flower Delivery	Sharron & James McCullough, Florence Reed	Gini McDermott, Sharron McCullough
Greeters	Richard Burt	
Jazz Vespers	Tim Olsen, piano; Keith Pray, sax	Nat Phipps, piano; Pete Toigo, bass
Kinderwyk	Dorothy Linder-Mitchell, Natalie Pizzolo	Dorothy Linder-Mitchell, Alexis Wisniewski, Natalie Pizzolo
Liturgist	Daniel Carlson	
Preacher	Megan Hodgkin	Daniel Carlson
Processing Elders	Joanne Arnold, Del Pierce, Birdie Blackmer, Gay Doolittle, James Gonda, Mary Jewett	Amy & Wayne Brule, Birdie Blackmer, Art Casey
Reader	Barbara Walton	
Refreshments	Fellowship	Volunteer Needed
Ushers	Del Pierce, Lian Drisgula, Christine Lund, Carol Troost, Tom Zych	Jim & Sharron McCullough, Adam Kerwin

## Coming Up

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

<b>Sun, Jun 30</b>	9:45am	Kinderwyk	Education Level
	11am	Care & Prayer	Dykstra Chapel
	5pm	Jazz Vespers	Covenant Hall
<b>Mon, Jul 1</b>	6:30pm	Creation Care Committee	Covenant Hall
	6:30pm	Google Training	Church Office
<b>Tue, Jul 2</b>	7pm	Short Short Writing	Mohawk - Lunn
<b>Wed, Jul 3</b>	11:30am	Wednesday Lunch	Covenant Hall
	7pm	Adult Ukulele	Music Level
<b>Thu, July 4</b>	Independence Day - Office Closed		
<b>Fri, July, 5</b>	Staff Day - Office Closed		
<b>Sun, Jul 7</b>	9:45am	Kinderwyk	Education Level
	11am	Care and Prayer	Dykstra Chapel
	11:15am	Orff-estra	Music Level
	5pm	Jazz Vespers	Covenant Hall

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## 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  
Bill Rochelle  
Ralph Rosenthal  
Brandon Stabler

#### Ministers

Bill Levering, Senior Minister  
Daniel Carlson, Associate Minister

#### Other Officers

Catherine Lewis, Treasurer  
Joanne Bedell, Clerk