

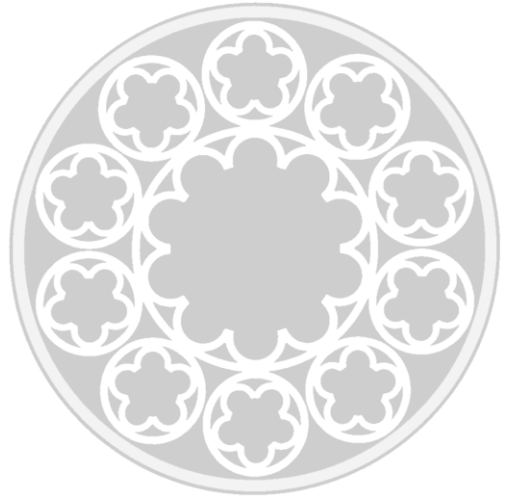
***The Covenant of Our  
Congregation  
Adopted in 1962***

*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.*



***July 7, 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 pick up and fill out a Welcome Card and place it in the offering plate. After the service please join us for 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 a faith activity. After the Children's Message, they follow the leader to the Education Level; parents meet them there 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 seats. 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.

### **Non-Emergency Number**

Schenectady Police: 518-630-0911

### **Worshiping In Covenant Hall**

For July and August we'll avoid the heat of the sanctuary and praise God in our new air-conditioned space.

### **After Worship**

Typically, after worship, people stay for chat and a cookie in Covenant Hall. Visitors are warmly 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 Welcome 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).



## Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

July 7, 2019

\*The congregation may stand.

### PRELUDE

*Concerto for violin in C Major II. Adagio*  
*Sonata for violin in D Major I. Adagio*

Leonid Polishchuk, violin

J. Haydn

G.F. Handel

### 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

#### \*HYMN

*Morning Has Broken*

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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!**

#### \*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

MUSICAL OFFERING Leonid Polishchuk, violin  
*Air on G string.* J.S. Bach

FIRST LESSON *Psalm 139: 1-18* (pg 577) Gabriella Pizzolo  
Guide us, O God, by your Word and Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND LESSON *Galatians 6:1-10* (pg 191)

SERMON *Declaration of Interdependence* Daniel Carlson

\*HYMN *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* #438

OFFERING

OFFERTORY Leonid Polishchuk, violin  
*Gavotte* F.J. Gossec

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

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION AND PRAYER

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



## DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

*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.*

## 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

*Called as Partners in Christ’s Service*

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\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

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### In Memoriam

The chancel flowers today are placed in the sanctuary to the glory of God and in loving memory of Glenn Winchester by his family.

### 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

### Host Summer Refreshments

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

## **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:

*Dorothy Sanderson, Chuck Greskovich, Linda Malgieri, Roy Hershey, Susan Staffa, John Metcalf, III, Elmer Baldwin*

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.

## **Kinderwyk Volunteers Needed**

Child Care needed in Kinderwyk on Sundays for infants through Pre-K from 9:45am until noon in the education level. If you are interested in volunteering contact Natalie Pizzolo, 1streformededucation@gmail.com or 518-867-6502.

## **Fowler Camper Mail**

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

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

## **SiCM Summer Lunch Program**

We still need more help for these dates: Tues 7/9, Fri. 7/12 and Thur 7/11. There is a signup sheet in Covenant Hall, the church office, and Ellie Rowland has one. For any questions or to sign-up call Ellie, 518-250-4302.

## **Summer Kerygma**

We'll gather on Wednesday, July 10, 9:30-11am; Mohawk House, to reflect on serving lunch to youth who are hungry in Schenectady. To participate in this discussion, and/or to sign up to server lunches with this SiCM sponsored ministry at Quakenbush Park, July 8-12.

## **Square Dancing**

Swing your partner, do-si-do! If you wanted to try square dancing but did not know where to start, then your chance is coming soon. On Saturday, July 13 from 2-4:30pm, four seasoned square dance couples and two expert callers will give a demo in Covenant Hall. FYI: square dancing is fun, easy, and a great form of exercise. Come on down and take a look! All ages are welcome. Please RSVP to Scott Ebeling at sebeling8954@gmail.com or 518-424-2813. It is our aim to start a square dancing group at First Reformed.

## **Donation Bins**

There is a new collection bin for pill bottles, clothing & food items located in the church office entrance. The doors are open Mon-Fri 8am – 4pm, Sun 8am-12pm.

## Green Steps

Did you know that many seeds on the market are genetically engineered to require more harmful fertilizers? As an alternative, look for certified organic seeds and heirloom plants.

## Let Us Know

Whenever you are ill, hospitalized, homebound, needing a meal, transportation to a doctor, or grieving a loss, we would like to know...so we can support and care! Please help us to help you when you are in need by calling Support and Care new Co-Chair, Joanne Arnold and Vickie McGowan-Horan or Daniel Carlson 518-346-6416.

## Johnson Library News

Four new books have been added to the Johnson Library. *Trauma and Grace* by Serene Jones, is about the vulnerable and how violence can challenge theological understandings. Next autobiography *Becoming*, by Michelle Obama, in which she shares experiences that shaped her. The last two books examine women in the bible. The books are *Women in Scripture* by Carol Meyer and *Reading the women of the Bible* by Tikva Frymer-Kensky. The two books explore all women in the bible, both named and unnamed.

<b>Sunday Volunteers</b>	<b>This Week</b>	<b>Next Week</b>
<b>Bookshop</b>	Sarah Howes	Birdie Blackmer
<b>Counting Deacons</b>	Vickie McGowan-Horan, Carol Troost	Richard Rose, Joan Lindsay
<b>Flower Delivery</b>	Gini McDermott, Sharron McCullough	Joan Lindsay, Sue Zeltmann
<b>Jazz Vespers</b>	Nat Phipps, piano; Pete Toigo, bass	Wayne Hawkins, piano; Kenny McCabe, sax; Bobby Kendall, bass; Cliff Brucker, drums
<b>Kinderwyk</b>	Dorothy Linder-Mitchell, Alexis Wisniewski, Natalie Pizzolo	Dorothy Linder-Mitchell, Natalie Pizzolo
<b>Liturgist</b>		Daniel Carlson
<b>Preacher</b>	Daniel Carlson	Gregg Mast
<b>Processing Elders</b>	Amy & Wayne Brule, Birdie Blackmer, Art Casey	Laura Lee, Kate Rose, Gay Doolittle, Jeanne Shoulder
<b>Reader</b>	Gabriella Pizzolo	
<b>Refreshments</b>	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
<b>Ushers</b>	Jim & Sharron McCullough, Adam Kerwin Renate Reeves-Ellington, Amanda & Bill Potter	Art Shultes, Jeanette Davidson, Hendrick & Joanne Arnold, Joan Lindsay

## Coming Up

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

<b>Sun, Jul 7</b>	9:45am	Kinderwyk	Education Level
	10:15am	Children's Church for K-2	Education Level
	11:15am	Orff-estra	Music Level
	5pm	Jazz Vespers	Covenant Hall
<b>Wed, Jul 10</b>	9:30am	Summer Kerygma Adventure	Mohawk - Lunn
	11:30am	Wednesday Lunch	Covenant Hall
<b>Sat, Jul 13</b>	2pm	Square Dancing	Covenant Hall
<b>Sun, Jul 14</b>	9:45am	Kinderwyk	Education Level
	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