

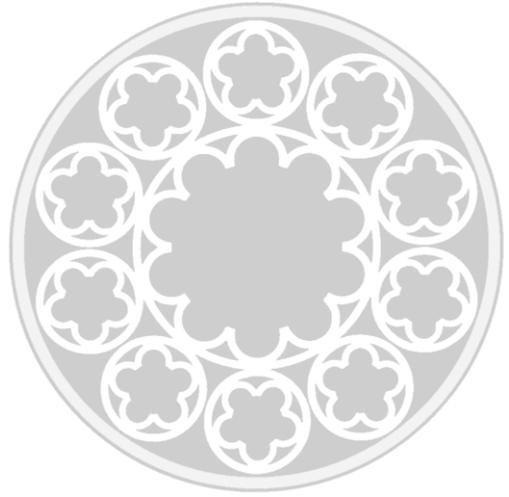
***The Covenant of Our
Congregation
Adopted in 1962***

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 14, 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 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.



Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

July 14, 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

*HYMN

This Is My Father's World

#293

*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

Kate Rose, soprano

I'll Walk With God

Nicholas Brodsky

I'll walk with God from this day on,
His helping hand I'll lean upon
This is my prayer, my humble plea, May the Lord be ever with me.

There is no death, tho' eyes grow dim.
There is no fear when I'm near to him.
I'll lean on Him forever and He'll forsake me never.

He will not fail me as long as my faith is strong,
whatever road I may walk along.

I'll walk with God, I'll take his hand.
I'll talk with God, he'll understand.
I'll pray to him, each day to Him and he'll hear the words that I say.
His hand will guide my throne and rod and I'll never walk alone
while I walk with God.

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 82 (pg 542)

Kristin Lion

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

Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND LESSON

Luke 10: 25-42 (pg 71)

SERMON

Gregg Mast

A Story from Dr. Luke- Sam, Mary and Martha

*HYMN

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

#366

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Kate Rose, soprano

Hymn of Promise

Natalie Sleeth

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise; butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter, there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity.
In our doubt, there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see;
unrevealed until its season, something yet unknown,
which God alone can see.

*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 *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples* #434

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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:

Anne Shepherd Wemple, Jim Shapland, Jean Buchanan, Mary Jane Hasler, Sally Marshall, Ida May Bacon, Herm Lintner

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 Risseeuw, 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.

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

Party at Grafton Lake - July 20

Youth, Families, FRC Sole Searchers, and all are invited for a full day of fun at Grafton Lakes State Park on Sat., July 20 at 10am. There will be something for everyone - swimming, beach volleyball, and a short hike to the fire tower. It's a BYOL (Bring your own lunch) event but some snacks will be provided. Stay tuned for more details. (Grafton Lakes State Park 254 Grafton Lakes State Park Way, Grafton, NY 12082)

Compassionate Dinner and Contemplative Worship - July 17

All are welcome to share a plant-rich main course at 6pm in Covenant Hall. Sides, salads, and sweets are welcome as well. At 7pm we will move to a contemplative service next door in Poling Chapel. The service includes singing led by ukuleles and guitar, meditation on Scripture, communion, prayers, blessing, and Christ's peace.

Orff-estra

Children ages 3 + and adults are welcome to join in with singing and music-making on percussion instruments. We meet Sundays 11:15-12pm in the choir room. Orff music is a great first step into learning to play music, so no experience is necessary!

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 bat guano found in many organic fertilizers have unintended consequences such as introducing outside diseases to bat caves and exploitation of workers? As an alternative, try composting food scraps and yard waste. It's easier than you think.

Sunday Volunteers	This Week	Next Week
Bookshop	Birdie Blackmer	Martha Winchester
Counting Deacons	Richard Rose, Joan Lindsay	Sarah Bachorik, Christina Jones
Flower Delivery	Joan Lindsay, Sue Zeltmann	Gay & Joe Doolittle, Claire Hughes
Jazz Vespers	Wayne Hawkins, piano; Kenny McCabe, sax; Bobby Kendall, bass; Cliff Brucker, drums	Azzaam Hameed, piano; Keith Pray, saxophone; Mike Lawrence, bass; Bob Halek, drums
Kinderwyk	Dorothy Linder-Mitchell, Natalie Pizzolo	Christina Jones, Natalie Pizzolo
Liturgist	Daniel Carlson	Daniel Carlson
Preacher	Gregg Mast	Gregg Mast
Processing Elders	Laura Lee, Kate Rose, Gay Doolittle, Jeanne Shoulder	Jeanette Davidson, Peggy King, Tom Lindsay, Bill Rochelle
Reader	Kristin Lion	Cynde Schwartz
Refreshments	James & Karen Gonda	Fellowship Committee
Ushers	Art Shultes, Jeanette Davidson, Hendrick & Joanne Arnold, Joan Lindsay	Mike Horan, Hannah Bachorik, Sarah Bachorik, Crystal Mongillo, Justine Ochal, Ralph Rosenthal

Coming Up

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

Sun, Jul 14	9:45am	Kinderwyk	Education Level
	11:15am	Orff-estra	Music Level
	5pm	Jazz Vespers	Covenant Hall
Mon, Jul 15	10:30am	Glen Eddy Group	Glen Eddy
Tue, Jul 16	7pm	Short Short Writing	Mohawk - Lunn
Wed, Jul 17	11:30am	First Things Volunteers	Mohawk - Lunn
	11:30am	Wednesday Lunch	Covenant Hall
	6pm	Compassionate Dinner	Covenant Hall
	7pm	Contemplative Worship	Poling Chapel
Sat, Jul 20	10am	All Church Party	Grafton Lake St. Pk.

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