

***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 21, 2019

*First Reformed Church
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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 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.



Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

July 21, 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

For the Beauty of the Earth

#473

*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

Rachel Rose

How Great Thou Art

Stuart K. Hine

O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made.
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee:
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee:
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze: (*Refrain*)

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin: (*Refrain*)

When Christ shall come with shouts of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art! (*Refrain*)

FIRST LESSON

Acts 8: 9-17 (pg 126)

Cynde Schwartz

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

Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND LESSON *John 2: 1-12 (pg 93)*

SERMON Gregg Mast
A Story from Dr. Luke - Magic or Mystery?

*HYMN *Take My Life* #391

OFFERING

OFFERTORY Rachel Rose
Ave Maria Franz Schubert

Hail Mary, full of grace,
The Lord is with Thee.
Blessed art thou among women
And Blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus.
Holy Mary, mother of God,
Pray for us sinners.
Now and at the hour of our death.

*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 *We Gather Here to Bid Farewell* #444

*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:

*Marvin Humphrey, George Feiker,
Richard Gordon, Alice Junker, Rhonda
Phillips, Leonard B. Vandenberg*

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.

Entered Into Eternal Rest
Jean Lindsay – July 16, 2019

In Memoriam

The chancel flowers today are placed in the sanctuary to the glory of God and in loving memory of George Gaige from Don & Jeanette Davidson.

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

Thank you Dorothy Linder

Today is Dorothy Linder's last Sunday at FRC. Join us during worship as we give thanks to her work here at FRC.

Wednesday Lunch

Every Wednesday 11:30 – 12:30pm in Covenant Hall. All are welcome to join, open to members and the public. Suggested donation is \$2 per person. Meal cards are available for \$20.

July 24: Pulled pork pulled & jackfruit sandwiches, slaw potato salad

July 31: Loaded baked potatoes, salad

Music Notes

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Kinderwyk Volunteers Needed

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

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

Square Dancing

If you missed the first square dancing demo, a second has been scheduled for Wednesday, July 24, from 6:30 to 8:30pm inside Covenant Hall. Four experienced square dance couples and two expert callers will "show how it's done." FYI: Square dancing is fun, easy, and a great form of exercise. The young, not-so-young, married, and single folks are welcome. RSVP to Scott Ebeling at sebeling8954@gmail.com or 518-424-2813.

Church Directory

Need an updated photo for the Church Directory? Contact Ralph Rosenthal to schedule up an appointment after work.

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!

Green Steps

Looking to start a home composting system? Search Cornell Cooperative Extension for articles related to building and maintaining a backyard compost system. Go to cce.cornell.edu and in the "search this site" box type: composting. Click "search" and you are on your way to home composting!

Sunday Volunteers	This Week	Next Week
Bookshop	Martha Winchester	Birdie Blackmer
Counting Deacons	Sarah Bachorik, Christina Jones	Brandon Stabler, Kim Burgoyne
Flower Delivery	Gay & Joe Doolittle, Claire Hughes	Mark & Sutton Wemple, Lisa Etkin
Jazz Vespers	Keith Pray, sax; Mike Lawrence, bass; Dave Gleason, piano; Bob Halek, drums	Dave Gleason, piano; Mike Lawrence, bass
Kinderwyk	Christina Jones, Natalie Pizzolo	Peter Lion, Alexis Wisniewski
Liturgist	Daniel Carlson	
Preacher	Gregg Mast	Lindsey DeKruif
Processing Elders	Jeanette Davidson, Peggy King, Tom Lindsay, Bill Rochelle	Don & Marilyn Leach, Barbara Walton, Kitty Trimarco
Reader	Cynde Schwartz	Barbara Walton
Refreshments	Fellowship Committee	Elaine and Vernetta Thuener
Ushers	Mike Horan, Hannah Bachorik, Sarah Bachorik, Crystal Mongillo, Justine Ochal, Ralph Rosenthal	Tom Burgoyne, David Bundy, Joe Gotwals, Karen Gonda, Berta & Nat Phipps

Coming Up

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

Sun, Jul 21	9:45am	Kinderwyk	Education Level
	5pm	Jazz Vespers	Covenant Hall
Tue, Jul 23	7pm	Short Short Writing	Mohawk - Lunn
Wed, Jul 24	11:30am	First Things Volunteers	Mohawk - Lunn
	11:30am	Wednesday Lunch	Covenant Hall
Sun, Jul 28	9:45am	Kinderwyk	Education Level
	11am	Care & Prayer	Poling Chapel
	11:15am	Orff-estra	Music Level
	5pm	Jazz Vespers	Covenant Hall

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