

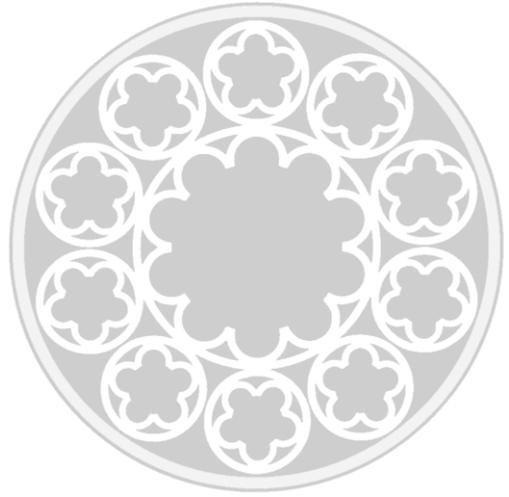
***The Covenant of Our
Congregation
Adopted in 1962***

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.



August 4, 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 welcomed 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.



Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

August 4, 2019

*The congregation may stand.

PRELUDE

Lullaby

Harry George Pellegrin

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

Here I Am Lord

#525

*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 *Vals Brevis 6* Harry George Pellegrin

FIRST LESSON *Psalms 139:1-14* (pg 577) Gene Rowland
Guide us, O God, by your Word and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND LESSON *1 Kings 19:1-16* (pg 326)

SERMON *What Are You Doing Here?* Megan Hodgkin

*HYMN *Be Thou My Vision* #339

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *The Prayer* Harry George Pellegrin

*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 *How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord* #419 (stanzas 1, 2, 4)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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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

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, 1strefomededucation@gmail.com or 518-867-6502.

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:

Charles VanWie, Bill Piper, Alice Niedrach, Peter Ten Eyck, Drew Mills, Thomas S. Getty, Miriam Carreker

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.

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.

Aug 7: Soup, salad, fresh fruit

Aug 14: Greek salad, falafel, pita

Aug 21: Spaghetti and meatballs, salad, garlic rolls

Summer Lunch Program

We still need people for the week of Aug. 5 – 9. Please sign up in Covenant Hall, call the church office or Ellie Rowland, 518-250-4302.

Music Notes

Harry George Pellegrin, who is a performer, composer and teacher has studied at The Mannes College of Music in Manhattan, with Albert Valdés-Blain and Eliot Fisk, two well-known, respected performers and teachers as well as students of Andrés Segovia. Since 2008 he has been a member of the adjunct faculty of Union College. He was installed on the Board of Directors of the Classical Guitar Society of Upstate New York in 2011 and is an Artist member of the Monday Musical Club of Albany. He has performed extensively in New York City and the Capital District and has had four CD's released on the PAB label. He is the author of numerous books on guitar pedagogy.

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Adult Ukulele

Stockade Strummers

Adult Ukulele meets Wednesday evenings from 7-8:15pm. No experience needed and we have ukuleles that can be borrowed. Contact Jamie Ipsen at 518-399-6848.

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.

Host Summer Refreshments

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

Green Steps

Thoughtful eating means choosing local farmer's markets. It uses fewer greenhouse gasses while providing more nutritional food. Find out more in the FRC Green Steps.

Google Training Class

Interested in learning how to use Google? There are several classes available. Spots are limited, so you must rsvp to 1streformed@gmail.com. Bring your laptop.

The following dates are scheduled:

Today, 11:15am: If you haven't been to a class before.

Thursday, August 8, 2pm: If this is your second time attending.

Monday, August 15, 6:30pm: If you haven't been to a class before.

Sunday Volunteers	This Week	Next Week
Bookshop	Committee Member	Committee Member
Counting Deacons	Vickie McGowan-Horan, Brandon Stabler	Bill Rochelle, Claire Hughes
Flower Delivery	Committee Member	Committee Member
Jazz Vespers	Nat Phipps, piano; Pete Toigo, bass	Tim Reyes, guitar; Keith Pray, sax; Mike Lawrence, bass; Bob Halek, drums
Kinderwyk	Vickie McGowan-Horan, Natalie Pizzolo, Alexis Wisniewski	Elizabeth Gleason, Natalie Pizzolo
Liturgist	Daniel Carlson	Daniel Carlson
Preacher	Megan Hodgkin	A. Reilly
Processing Elders	Amy & Wayne Brule, Joanne Arnold, Kate Rose	Joanne Arnold, Norm Kuchar, Tom Lindsay, Adam Mason
Reader	Gene Rowland	Norm Kuchar
Refreshments	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Ushers	Bill Clock, Aline Stabler, Karen & James Gonda,	Del Pierce, Lian Drisgula, Carol Troost, Tom Zych

Coming Up

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

Sun, Aug 4	9:45am	Kinderwyk	Education Level
	10am	Worship & Communion	Covenant Hall
	10:15am	Children's church for K-2	Education Level
	11:15am	Orff-estra	Music Level
	12pm	Google Training	Office
	5pm	Jazz Vespers	Covenant Hall
Tue, Aug 6	7pm	Short Short Writing	Mohawk - Lunn
Wed, Aug 7	11:30am	Wednesday Lunch	Covenant Hall
	7pm	Adult Ukulele	Music Level
Sun, Aug 11	9:45am	Kinderwyk	Education Level
	10am	Worship	Covenant Hall
	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