

***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 18, 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 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.



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

John Norton, Eric Marczak

Abby Norton Levering

Honor Song Navajo traditional piano arrangement: Peg Delaney

FIRST LESSON

Acts 8: 26-40 (pg 126)

Hannah Bachorik

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 21:12-17 (pg 23)

SERMON

Gregg Mast

A Story from Dr. Luke- On the Wilderness Road

*HYMN

Gather Us In

(see back)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Eric Marczak

Son Kushlar

Turkish

Birol Yayla

*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**

The Peace of the Earth

The peace of the earth — be with you, the peace of the hea - vens too; — the
peace of the riv - ers be with you, the peace of the o - ceans too. —
Deep peace fall - ing ov - er you;
God's peace grow - ing in you.

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

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Entered Into Eternal Rest

Nancy Wainwright – 8/16/2019
A service will be held on Tuesday,
August 20 at 11am.

In Memoriam

The chancel flowers today are placed in the sanctuary to the glory of God and in memory of Dorothy Davidson 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

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:

Cameron Barrie Rowe, Ursula (Sue) Settle

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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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 21: Spaghetti and meatballs, salad, garlic rolls

Children and Families Trip

There is a trip planned for church school aged children and their families to the Albany Pine Bush Preserve on Saturday, August 23 at 10am. We will explore the Discovery center and take a short hike. Please RSVP to 1streformededucation@gmail.com asap if you would like to attend.

FRC Sole Searchers

On Saturday, August 24, the FRC Sole Searchers will head to the Plotter Kill Preserve in Rotterdam. This 3- to 4-mile loop will cover moderate terrain with spectacular views. After the hike, we climb back into our cars and make the short drive to the waterfalls. Pack a lunch and meet in the church parking lot at 9am. Please RSVP to James at jgonda12309@gmail.com.

Green Steps

Thoughtful eating is careful shopping at the grocery. Eating as seasonally and locally as possible is healthier for you and the planet. 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:
Monday, August 19, 6:30pm: If you haven't been to a class before.

Creation Celebration - Oct 11-13

Early accommodation reservations for this annual favorite retreat at Fowler are now open for a very limited time to FRC individuals, couples, and families of all ages: <https://campfowler.wufoo.com/forms/z1x4ue60067ypvx/>
To learn more about the event, visit the Fowler Camp & Retreat Center website <https://www.campfowler.org/creationcelebration> Don't delay, register today!

Fall Book Study

Additional recommended resources for those participating in this fall book study: Books: *The New Jim Crow*, *Between the World and Me*; Films: 13th - available on Netflix; America after the Civil War - PBS

In addition, Johnson Library has a number of books on racism. Call the church office to sign up for this study. Begins September 17, 7- 8:30pm.

Coming Up

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

Sun, Aug 18	9:45am Kinderwyk 10am Worship 11:15am Orff-estra 5pm Jazz Vespers	Education Level Covenant Hall Music Level Covenant Hall
Tue, Aug 20	7pm Short Short Writing	Mohawk – Lunn
Wed, Aug 21	11am First Things Volunteers 11:30am Wednesday Lunch 7pm Adult Ukulele 6pm Compassionate Dinner 7pm Contemplative Worship	Mohawk – Lunn Covenant Hall Music Level Covenant Hall Poling Chapel
Thu, Aug 24	9am FRC Sole Searchers Hike	Parking Lot
Sun, Aug 25	9:45am Kinderwyk 10am Worship 11am Care & Prayer 11:15am Orff-estra 5pm Jazz Vespers	Education Level Covenant Hall Poling Chapel Music Level Covenant Hall

Sunday Volunteers	This Week	Next Week
Bookshop	Martha Winchester	Jane Wilkinson
Counting Deacons	Ralph Rosenthal, George Trimarco	Lian Drisgula, Therese McCarthy
Jazz Vespers	Peg Delaney, piano; Bill Delaney, bass	Wayne Hawkins, piano; Mike Lawrence, bass; Pete Sweeney, drums
Kinderwyk	Lian Drisgula, Natalie Pizzolo	Vickie McGowan-Horan, Natalie Pizzolo
Liturgist	Daniel Carlson	Bill Levering
Preacher	Gregg Mast	Abby Norton Levering
Processing Elders	Vickie McGowan-Horan, Jeanette Davidson, Peggy King, Margaret Schadler	Birdie Blackmer, Brad & Cathy Lewis, Jeanne Shoulder
Reader	Hannah Bachorik	Therese McCarty
Refreshments	Membership & Fellowship Committee	Ann Hicks and Ann Bish
Ushers	Jim & Sharron McCullough, Renate Reeves-Ellington, Bill & Amanda Potter	Art Shultes, Hendrick & Joanne Arnold, Jeanette Davidson, Joan Lindsay

Gather Us In



1 Here in this place— new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - tery, we are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van-ish'd a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through-out all of his - tory,
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



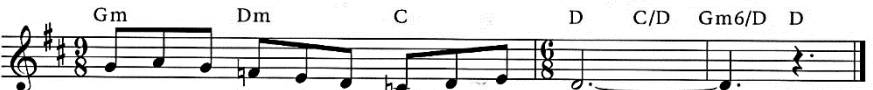
brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas - sion, give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath - er us in, all peop - les to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en - ter the song.
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
 fire— of love in our flesh and our bone.