

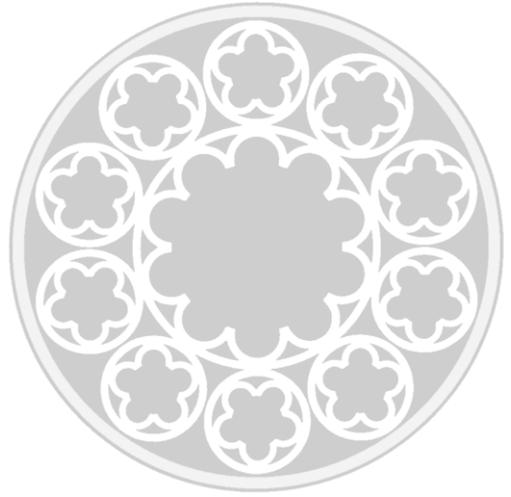
***The Covenant of Our
Congregation
Adopted in 1962***

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 25, 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.



Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

August 25, 2019

*The congregation may stand.

PRELUDE

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bill Levering

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

Abby Norton Levering

*HYMN

Come to the Water



1. O let all who thirst, _____ let them come _____
2. And let all who seek, _____ let them come _____
3. And let all who toil, _____ let them come _____
4. And let all the poor, _____ let them come _____



1. _____ to the wa - ter. _____ And let all who have _____
2. _____ to the wa - ter. _____ And let all who have _____
3. _____ to the wa - ter. _____ And let all who are _____
4. _____ to the wa - ter. _____ Bring the ones who are _____



1. noth - ing, _____ let them come to _____ the Lord: _____
2. noth - ing, _____ let them come to _____ the Lord: _____
3. wea - ry, _____ let them come to _____ the Lord: _____
4. lad - en, _____ bring them all to _____ the Lord: _____



1. _____ with - out mon - ey, _____ with - out price. _____
2. _____ with - out mon - ey, _____ with - out strife. _____
3. _____ all who la - bor, _____ with - out rest. _____
4. _____ bring the chil - dren _____ with - out might. _____



1. Why should you pay the price, _____ ex - cept for the _____
2. Why should you spend your life, _____ ex - cept for the _____
3. How can your soul find rest, _____ ex - cept for the _____
4. Ea - sy the load and light: _____ y come to the _____



1. Lord? _____
2. Lord? _____
3. Lord? _____
4. Lord. _____

***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

Guest Musicians

Speak O Lord

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
To receive the food of Your Holy Word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen
today

In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory.
Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility;
Test our thoughts and our attitudes

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 Marie Buchanan, John Herring, Beth Herring, Frances Shuey, Hope Crutcher, Robert Moore, Norma Peterson

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.

In Memoriam

The chancel flowers today are placed in the sanctuary to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dave Houghtaling by his wife, Alice and son, Paul.

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

Fall Picnic

Following Church on September 8, come together for a time of fun, food and fellowship. Bring a side, salad or dessert. Volunteers needed for setup and takedown. Contact Sarah Bachorik at sbachori@gmail.com.

Music Notes

Guest Musicians in today's service are: Andy Chestnut, bass; Jacob Ettkin, ukulele; Wayne Hawkins, piano; Bob Lemmerman, banjo; Barbara Mancuso, guitar; Abby Norton-Levering, violin; John Norton, melodica; Johnny Willis, mandolin and guitar.

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Wednesday Lunch

Join us for lunch every Wednesday, 11:30-12:30pm in Covenant Hall. Suggested donation is \$2 per person.

Aug 28: Tuna salad & chickpea salad sandwiches, pasta salad.

Children and Families

Church school children and families are invited to attend the ValleyCats game on Sunday, Sept 1. The game starts at 5pm and will be followed by fireworks. Tickets are \$10. RSVP asap to 1streformededucation@gmail.com!

Green Steps

Thoughtful eating: Think of meat as a delicacy instead of a staple. The planet's beef is the 3rd largest producer of greenhouse gasses. Find out more in the FRC Green Steps.

Creation Celebration - Oct 11-13

Early reservations for this annual retreat at Fowler are open for a very limited time to FRC individuals, couples, and families of all ages: <https://campfowler.wufoo.com/forms/z1x4ue60067ypvx/>

Coming Up

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

Sun, Aug 25	9:45am	Kinderwyk	Education Level
	10am	Worship	Covenant Hall
	11am	Care & Prayer	Poling Chapel
	5pm	Jazz Vespers	Covenant Hall
Wed, Aug 28	11:30am	Wednesday Lunch	Covenant Hall
	6:30pm	Square Dancing	Covenant Hall
	7pm	Adult Ukulele	Music Level
	7pm	Children's Ministry Training	Education Level
Sun, Sept 1	9:45am	Kinderwyk	Education Level
	10am	Worship & Communion	Sanctuary
	5pm	Youth Ed Trip	Tri-city ValleyCats
	5pm	Jazz Vespers	Covenant Hall

Sunday Volunteers	This Week	Next Week
Bookshop	Jane Wilkinson	Committee Member
Counting Deacons	Lian Drisgula, Therese McCarthy	Tom Burgoyne, Cynthia Gallagher
Jazz Vespers	Wayne Hawkins, piano; Mike Lawrence, bass; Pete Sweeney, drums	Nat Phipps, piano; Pete Toigo, bass
Kinderwyk	Vickie McGowan-Horan, Natalie Pizzolo	Lian Drisgula, Alexis Wisniewski, Natalie Pizzolo
Liturgist	Bill Levering	Daniel Carlson
Preacher	Abby Norton Levering	Bill Levering
Processing Elders	Birdie Blackmer, Brad & Cathy Lewis, Jeanne Shoulder	Amy & Wayne Brule, Laura Lee, Kitty Trimarco
Reader	Therese McCarty	Brad Lewis
Refreshments	Ann Hicks and Ann Bish	Volunteer Needed
Ushers	Art Shultes, Hendrick & Joanne Arnold, Jeanette Davidson, Joan Lindsay	Mike Horan, Hannah Bachorik, Sarah Bachorik, Crystal Mongillo, Justine Ochal, Ralph Rosenthal

Come Holy Ghost

1 Dm F C

1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, Cre - a - tor blest, and in our
 2 O Com - fort - er, to thee we cry, thou heaven - ly
 3 O Ho - ly Ghost, through thee a - lone, know we the
 4 Praise we the Lord: Fa - ther and Son, and Ho - ly

Gsus G Dm

hearts take up thy rest; come with thy grace
 gift of God most high; thou fount of life,
 Fa - ther and the Son; be this our firm
 Spir - it with them one; and may the Son

F C Gsus G

and heaven - ly aid to fill our hearts which thou hast made,
 and fire of love, and sweet a - noint - ing from a - bove,
 un - chang - ing creed, that thou dost from them both pro - ceed,
 on us be - stow all gifts that from the Spir - it flow,

B^b Fsus F

to fill our hearts which thou hast made.
 and sweet a - noint - ing from a - bove.
 that thou dost from them both pro - ceed.
 all gifts that from the Spir - it flow.

Refrain G *Dm Echo F

Be not a - fraid. Be not a - fraid.

C G Fine

Where you go there I am with you.

Dm B^b B^b Fsus F To stanza

Optional instrumental interlude