

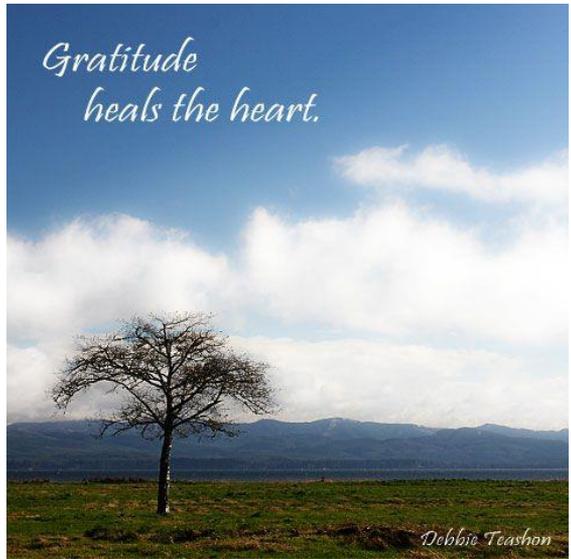
**The Covenant of Our  
Congregation  
Adopted in 1962**

*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.*



**October 13, 2019**

***Because we put God first, we are dedicated to caring for creation, for human diversity, for the next generations, and for each other.***

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## Welcome to First Reformed

***Absolutely everyone is invited to our worship, activities, and service.***

If you are a 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.

### **Parking**

You may park right out in front of the church in the 'no parking' area' (only) if you have trouble getting around. There is an inclination to worship through the office entrance as well.

### **Childcare on Sunday**

Childcare for infants through Pre-k is available from 9:45am until noon downstairs in the Education Level.

### **Youth Ed & Nurture**

Following the Children's Message all children are invited downstairs to the Youth Ed & Nurture Level to participate in Dwell Kids Class (3rd-8th grade) or Young Children and Worship (K-2nd grade); parents pick up their children there at 11:15am.

### **Children's Music After Worship**

Music for kids is offered in the upstairs music level between 11:15-12pm.

### **Elders in Worship**

Past and current leaders called 'elders' walk in together and sit in the front pew. This is to identify them as servants of the church and make it easy to see who you might talk to about the life of our congregation.

### **Helping Others Focus**

It will be easier for God to get through if we silence our cell phones. God can always call you later.

### **After Worship**

Typically, after worship, people stop for a chat and a cookie in Covenant Hall before going to a learning opportunity that lasts until noon. All are welcome.

### **Open Communion**

Our congregation celebrates the Lord's Supper on the first Sunday of the month. All followers of 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 white pew card.



### **Hearing Assistance**

We have a hearing aid loop system that will make it easier to hear. Ask an usher.

### **Non-Emergency Number**

Schenectady Police: 518-630-0911



# Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

October 13, 2019

\*The congregation may stand.

PRELUDE

Max Caplan

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

INTROIT

*O for a World*

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\*HYMN

*Bring Forth the Kingdom*



1 You are— salt for the earth, O peo-ple: salt for the king-dom of God!  
2 You are a light on a hill, O peo-ple: light for the cit - y of God!  
3 You are a seed of the Word, O peo-ple: live for the king-dom of God!

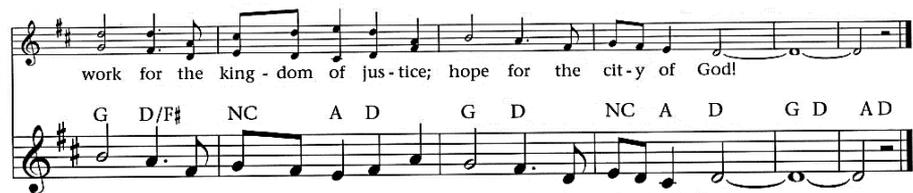


Share the fla-vor of life, O peo-ple: life in the king-dom of God!  
Shine so ho-ly and bright, O peo-ple: shine for the king-dom of God!  
Seeds of mer-cy and seeds of jus-tice, grow in the king-dom of God!

*Descants*



Bring forth the king - dom of mer - cy; pray for the king - dom of peace;



work for the king - dom of jus - tice; hope for the cit - y of God!

work for the king-dom of jus-tice; hope for the cit-y of God!

\*OUR NEED FOR GOD

**Gracious God, our mistakes are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire. Set us free from a past that we cannot change and open to us a future in which we can be changed, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.**

\*GOD'S FORGIVING LOVE

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE (*unison*)

**God welcomes all, strangers and friends;  
God's love is strong and it never ends!**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*from Our Song of Hope*)

**We sing to our Lord a new song;  
We sing in our world a sure Hope:  
Our God loves this world, God called it into being,  
God renews it through Jesus Christ,  
God governs it by the Spirit.  
God is the world's true Hope.**

\*PASSING THE PEACE

ANTHEM

*By Faith and Not by Sight*

Lloyd Larson

We walk by faith and not by sight;  
no gracious words we hear  
From Him who spoke as none e'er spoke; but  
we believe him near.

We may not touch His hands, his side,  
nor follow where He trod;  
But in His promise we rejoice,  
and cry, "My Lord and God!"

We walk by faith and not by sight, empow'ered  
by resurrection might;  
Touched by the Christ, our given Lord,  
cleansed by the water and the Word.  
Help us to walk by faith and not by sight!

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;  
and may our faith abound,  
To call on You when You are near,  
and seek where You are found;

That when our life of faith is done.  
In realms of clearer light  
We may behold You as You are,  
with full and endless sight.

We walk by faith and not by sight, empow'ered  
by resurrection might;  
Touched by the Christ, our given Lord,  
cleansed by the water and the Word.  
Help us to walk by faith and not by sight

FIRST LESSON

*2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c (pg 336)*

Anne Putnam

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND LESSON

*Luke 17:11-19 (pg 80)*

\*HYMN

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

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OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*It is Well with My Soul*

arr. John Ness Beck

When peace like a river attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea billows roll.  
Whatever my lot,  
Thou hast taught me to say.  
It is well with my soul.

Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more:  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord O my soul!

And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be  
sight,

The clouds be rolled back as a scroll:  
The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall  
descend, "Even so" it is well with my soul.

My sin- O the joy of this glorious thought-  
My sin, not in part, but the whole

\*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

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\*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

*O for a World*

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\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

*Threefold Amen*

Danish

POSTLUDE

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**FRC Sole Searchers**

On Saturday, October 19, the FRC Sole Searchers will head back to the Catskills to the Palenville Overlook. This 5-mile round trip excursion will cover moderate terrain for a truly spectacular payoff. Pack a lunch and meet in the church parking lot at 9am. RSVP to [jgonda12309@gmail.com](mailto:jgonda12309@gmail.com).

**Green Steps**

Be a creation advocate: Speak with or write a personalized letter or email to a representative. One-on-one conversations reveal the passion and compassion of the issue to our leaders.

## 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:

*Frederick White, Emma Pitzer, William Fasake, Barbara Lawrence, Marion Rickard, Dorothy Downing*

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.

## Johnson Library

You can find Free Books in the Johnson Library during October. Look for the sign.

## Mystery Guest Dinner

Our next Mystery Guest Dinner is on Nov 2 from 5-7pm. Hosts are needed to open their homes to guests who remain anonymous until they knock on their host's door. Hosts provide a main dish for 6 to 8 people. Guests supply sides, salad, appetizer, or dessert. Contact Elsa Hjelm at [elsahjelm@gmail.com](mailto:elsahjelm@gmail.com) for questions or to reserve your spot.

## Photos Needed

We are updating the church website and need some great photos. Please email your best and brightest high resolution (600 dpi+) images of our church and, more importantly, the people at our church, to [1streformedyouth@gmail.com](mailto:1streformedyouth@gmail.com) for use on the site. \*Please be sure you have the rights and permission from those pictured (if applicable) to share the image(s) you're sending.

Sunday Volunteers	This Week	Next Week
Bookshop	Birdie Blackmer	Sarah Howes
Children & Worship	Jeanette Davidson, Alexis Wisniewski	Elsa Hjelm
Counting Deacons	Christine Jones, Bill Rochelle	Brandon Stabler, Kim Burgoyne
Dwell Kids Teacher	James Gonda	Tom Mancuso
Flower Delivery	Jeanette Davidson, Carol Troost	Jeanette Davidson, Gay & Joe Doolittle
Forum	Coffee and Conversation	Church Committee Fair
Jazz Vespers	Terry Gordon, trumpet; Dan Dobek, piano; Mike Lawrence, bass; Bob Halek, drums	Peg Delaney, piano; Bill Delaney, bass; Dave Ray, violin; Tim Coakley, drums
Kinderwyk	Jaclyn Weber, Dave Pizzolo	Claire Hughes, Natalie Pizzolo
Liturgist		Daniel Carlson
Preacher	Bill Levering	Bill Levering
Processing Elders	Karen Gonda, Birdie Blackmer, Darwin Brudos, Peggy King, Don & Marilyn Leach,	Christine Daniels, Bill Rochelle, Richard Rose, Jeanne Shoulder, Maria Todd, Barbara Walton
Reader	Anne Putnam	Cynde Schwartz
Refreshments	Jamie Ipsen	Ellie Rowland
Ushers	Mike Horan, Matt & Christina Jones, Crystal Mongillo, Justine Ochal, Ralph Rosenthal	Tom Burgoyne, David Bundy, Joe Gotwals, Karen Gonda, Gabby Pizzolo, Julia Etkin

“Let us be grateful to the people who make us happy; they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom.” — Marcel Proust

“Be mindful. Be grateful. Be positive. Be true. Be kind.” — Roy T. Bennett, *The Light in the Heart*

If you aren't grateful for what you already have, what makes you think you would be happy with more.” — Roy T. Bennett, *The Light in the Heart*

“Pursue what catches your heart, not what catches your eyes.” — Roy T. Bennett, *The Light in the Heart*

“Do not spoil what you have by desiring what you have not; remember that what you now have was once among the things you only hoped for.” — Epicurus

“We can complain because rose bushes have thorns, or rejoice because thorns have roses.” — Alphonse Karr, *A Tour Round My Garden*

“Great things happen to those who don't stop believing, trying, learning, and being grateful.” — Roy T. Bennett, *The Light in the Heart*

“Piglet noticed that even though he had a Very Small Heart, it could hold a rather large amount of Gratitude.” — A.A. Milne, *Winnie-the-Pooh*

“Let gratitude be the pillow upon which you kneel to say your nightly prayer. And let faith be the bridge you build to overcome evil and welcome good.”  
— Maya Angelou, *Celebrations: Rituals of Peace and Prayer*

“Acknowledging the good that you already have in your life is the foundation for all abundance.” — Eckhart Tolle,

“In the end, though, maybe we must all give up trying to pay back the people in this world who sustain our lives. In the end, maybe it's wiser to surrender before the miraculous scope of human generosity and to just keep saying thank you, forever and sincerely, for as long as we have voices.” — Elizabeth Gilbert

“If the only prayer you said was thank you, that would be enough.” — Meister Eckhart

“When we give cheerfully and accept gratefully, everyone is blessed.” — Maya Angelou

“We must find time to stop and thank the people who make a difference in our lives.” — John F. Kennedy

## Together

Planned Giving  
for Everyone

### Churchy Words about Giving

Some churches call it tithing or pledging. Some use the word 'stewardship.' Some ask every week. At First Reformed, we have an appeal every fall to help us plan a responsible budget for the following year.



## Coming Up

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

<b>Sun, Oct 13</b>	9am	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary
	9am	Chords of Love	Music Level
	9:45am	Kinderwyk	Forest Nursery
	10am	Worship	Sanctuary
	10:15am	Dwell Kids' Class	Mountain room
	10:15am	Young Children and Worship	River room
	11:15am	Children's Music	Music Level
	5pm	Jazz Vespers	Covenant Hall
<b>Mon, Oct 14</b>		Church Office Closed	
	6pm	Community Yoga	Covenant Hall
<b>Tue, Oct 15</b>	10am	Horizon's Bible Study	Mohawk – Pres
	7pm	Writers' Critique Group	Mohawk – Pres
<b>Wed, Oct 16</b>	9:30am	Kerygma Conversations	Mohawk – Pres
	11:30am	Wednesday Lunch	Covenant Hall
	11:30am	First Things Volunteers	Mohawk House
	6pm	Compassionate Meal	Covenant Hall
	7pm	Contemplative Worship	Poling Chapel
	7pm	Adult Ukulele	Music Level
<b>Thu, Oct 17</b>	7:30am	Breakfast Bible Bunch	Mohawk – Lunn
	6:30pm	Stephen Ministry	Mohawk – Lunn
	7pm	Chancel Choir	Choir room
<b>Sat, Oct 19</b>	9am	FRC Sole Searchers Hike	Church Parking lot
<b>Sun, Oct 20</b>	9am	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary
	9am	Chords of Love	Music Level
	9:45am	Kinderwyk	Forest Nursery
	10am	Worship	Sanctuary
	10:15am	Dwell Kids' Class	Mountain room
	10:15am	Young Children and Worship	River room
	11:15am	Children's Music	Music Level
	11:15am	Committee Fair	Poling Chapel
	3pm	Music Company Orchestra	Sanctuary
5pm	Jazz Vespers	Covenant Hall	