

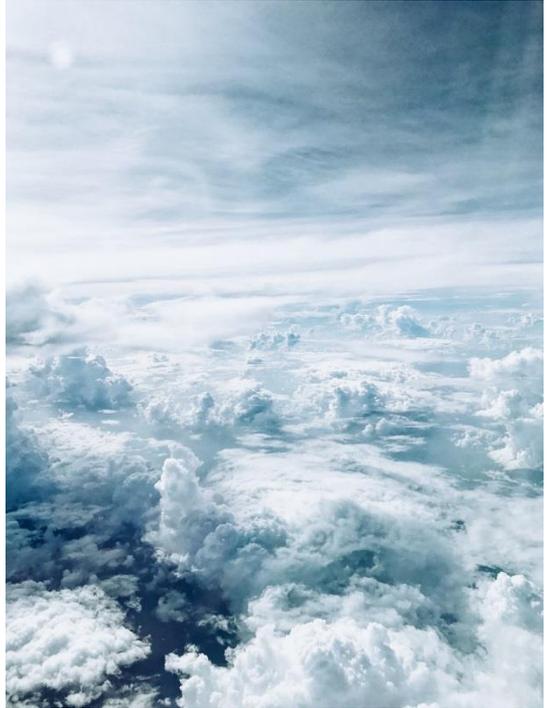
**The Covenant of Our
Congregation
Adopted in 1962**

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.



November 10, 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 Kinderwyk Nursery.

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



Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

November 10, 2019

*The congregation may stand.

PRELUDE

Keep on the Sunny Side
Sanctuary
I'll Fly Away

Stockade Strummers
AP Carter
Scruggs/Thompson
Brumley

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

Down to the River to Pray

Krauss

*HYMN

Ten Thousand Reasons

Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman

REFRAIN:

Bless the Lord oh my soul, oh my soul

Worship God's holy name

Sing like never before, Oh my soul

I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning

It's time to sing your song again

Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before...

Let me be singing when the evening comes. **REFRAIN**

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger

Your name is great and your heart is kind

For all your goodness I will keep on singing...

Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. **REFRAIN**

And on that day when my strength is failing

The end draws near and my time has come

Still my soul will sing your praise unending...

Ten thousand years and then forevermore. **REFRAIN**

*OUR NEED FOR GOD

Gracious God, our mistakes are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. 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 *The Apostles' Creed* (traditional version)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; 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

ANTHEM

Wayfaring Stranger

Folk Band
American Folk Song

I am a poor wayfaring stranger,
While traveling through this world of woe.
Yet there's no sickness, toil nor danger
In that bright world to which I go.
I'm going there to see my Father;
I'm going there no more to roam.
I'm only going over Jordan, I'm only
going over home.

I know dark clouds will gather round me;
I know my way is rough and steep.
But golden fields lie out before me
Where God's redeemed shall ever sleep.

I'm going there to see my Mother,
She said she'd meet me when I come.
I'm only going over Jordan, I'm only
going over home.

I'll soon be free from every trial,
My body sleep in the churchyard;
I'll drop the cross of self denial
And enter on my great reward.
I'm going there to see my Savior,
To sing his praise forevermore.
I'm only going over Jordan, I'm only
going over home.

FIRST LESSON *2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 (pg 205)* Ellie Rowland
Guide us, O God, by your Word and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND LESSON

Luke 20:27-38 (pg 84)

SERMON

Literally

Bill Levering

*HYMN

O Day of Peace

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MINUTE FOR MISSION

Of Gifts and Plans

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

We Are Called

Folk Band

Brian Haas

Come! live in the light!
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom,
to live in the freedom of the city of God!

Come! Open your heart!
Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless,
so all hatred and blindness will be no more!
REFRAIN

REFRAIN:

We are called to act with justice.

We are called to love tenderly.

*We are called to serve one another,
to walk humbly with God.*

Sing! Sing a new song!

Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign and we'll walk with each other
as sisters and brothers united in love!

REFRAIN

*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

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

Threefold Amen

Traditional

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:

Joseph W. Lovell, Alan F. Kuhn, Marilyn Wemple, Richard McCary, Alan D. Attanasio, George Graham, Ruth E. George, Dolph G.P. Ebeling, Josephine Van Nest, Albert Holland, Richard Roberts, John "Jack" Fitts

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.

2nd Sunday Potluck - All Are Welcome

Today after worship join us for the 2nd Sunday church Potluck in Covenant Hall.

In Memoriam

The chancel flowers today are placed in the sanctuary to the glory of God and in loving memory of my beloved husband, Joseph W. Lovell from his wife, Theo Lovell and family.

Paris to Pittsburgh with Pizza- Nov 16

You are invited to view the film *Paris to Pittsburgh* at 5:30pm in Covenant Hall, and join the discussion after Questions? See Carrie Brooks.

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Sunday November 24, 6-8pm at Unitarian Universalist Society at 1221 Wendell Ave, Schenectady, NY 12308.

Green Steps: Thoughtful Travel

Look at eco-tourism options through travel companies who support sustainable development, avoid negative environmental impact, and financially support local communities. For more info, check out the FRC website.

Sunday Volunteers	This Week	Next Week
Bookshop	Jane Wilkinson	Full Committee
Children & Worship	Natalie Pizzolo	Sarah Bachorik
Counting Deacons	Matt Jones, Joan Lindsay	Claire Hughes, Doug Todd
Dwell Kids Teacher	Dave Pizzolo	Dave Pizzolo
Flower Delivery	Gay & Joe Doolittle, Ellie & Gen Rowland	Kip & Joanne Arnold, Kitty & George Trimarco
Forum	2 nd Sunday Potluck	Community Choice Aggregation by Jeff Corbin from Union College
Jazz Vespers	Mike Lamkin, piano	Dave Gleason, piano
Kinderwyk	Alexis Wisniewski, Vickie McGowan	Kristin Lion, Natalie Pizzolo
Preacher	Bill Levering	Bill Levering
Processing Elders	Brad Lewis, Phil Falconer, Cathy Lewis, Tom Lindsay, Bill Rochelle, Ellie Rowland	Joanne Arnold, Christine Daniels, Gay Doolittle, Mary Jewett, Peggy King, Maria Todd
Reader	Ellie Rowland	Amy Brule
Refreshments	Everyone bring a dish to share	Rose Family
Ushers	Jim & Sharron McCullough, Renate Reeves-Ellington, Amanda & Bill Potter	Art Shultes, Hendrick Arnold, Joanne Arnold, Jeanette Davidson, Joan Lindsay



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.

This Year’s Emphasis: **Every Member Planned Giving**

This year, we are not asking for any percentage increase from those who are accustomed to pledging. **We are asking everyone to consider an intentional goal for their gifts for next year.** We hope this gift would go beyond what we might contribute when we attend worship, but even an estimate of that would be helpful. No one will berate you if your life changes. Simply help us develop a responsible plan for the church budget. Together.

**Get started with even a small
estimated contribution for 2020.**

**ALL THINGS WORK
TOGETHER for Good**
ROMANES 8:28

Coming Up

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

Sun, Nov 10	9am	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary
	9am	Chords of Love	Music Level
	9:45am	Kinderwyk Childcare	Forest Nursery
	10am	Worship	Sanctuary
	10:15am	Dwell Kids' Class	Mountain room
	10:15am	Young Children and Worship	River room
	11am	2nd Sunday Potluck	Covenant Hall
	11:15am	Children's Music	Roof Top room
	5pm	Jazz Vespers	Covenant Hall
Mon, Nov 11		Veterans Day	
	6pm	Community Yoga	Covenant Hall
	6pm	Youth Ed. & Nurture	Education Level
Tue, Nov 12	10am	Horizon's Bible Study	Mohawk – Pres.
	6:30pm	Standing Committees	Various
	7:30pm	Consistory	Covenant Hall
Wed, Nov 13	9:30am	Kerygma Conversations	Mohawk – Pres.
	11:30am	Wednesday Lunch	Covenant Hall
	2pm	Staff Meeting	Church Office
	6:30pm	Square Dancing	Covenant Hall
	7pm	Adult Ukulele	Poling Chapel
Thu, Nov 14	7:30am	Breakfast Bible Bunch	Mohawk – Lunn
	10am	Stitch Group	Walton Room
	7pm	Chancel Choir	Choir room
Fri, Nov 13	2pm	Herring Memorial Service	Sanctuary
Sat, Nov 16	5:30pm	Paris to Pittsburgh Film	Covenant Hall
Sun, Nov 17	9am	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary
	9am	Chords of Love	Music Level
	9:45am	Kinderwyk Childcare	Forest Nursery
	10am	Worship	Sanctuary
	10:15am	Dwell Kids' Class	Mountain room
	10:15am	Young Children and Worship	River room
	11:15am	First Forum	Poling Chapel
	11:15am	Children's Music	Roof Top room
	5pm	Jazz Vespers	Covenant Hall
5pm	Youth Group	Trinity Pres.	