

**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.*



**January 19, 2020**

**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.

### **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



## Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 19, 2020

\*The congregation may stand.

### PRELUDE

*Minuet and Pavane*

Lydia Zotto, harp

Bernard Andrès

### GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The grace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Bill Levering

### CALL TO WORSHIP

### INTROIT

*Gather Us In*

### \*HYMN

*Come Holy Ghost*

(see back)

### \*OUR NEED FOR GOD

**Almighty God, who makes all things new, in this new year we need your help to heal our division, break bad patterns, and show us new ways of living that lead to a better life. Give us wisdom and courage, we pray.**

### \*GOD'S FORGIVING LOVE

### \*RESPONSE OF PRAISE (unison)

*Gloria, Gloria*

#576



Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!  
Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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

**Our only hope is Jesus Christ. After we refused to live in the image of God, He was born of the Virgin Mary, sharing our genes and instincts, entering our culture, speaking our language, fulfilling the law of our God. Being united to Christ's humanity, we know ourselves when we rest in Him.**

### \*PASSING THE PEACE

ANTHEM *Pie Jesu* Andrew Lloyd Webber

Pie Jesu qui tollis peccata mundi dona eis requiem  
Agnus Die qui tollis peccata mundi ies requiem.

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 49:1-7 (pg 679) Gene Rowland

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Bill Levering

SECOND LESSON *John 1:35-51 (pg 92)*

SERMON *Come and See* Abby Norton Levering

\*HYMN *O Sing a Song of Bethlehem* #308

OFFERING

OFFERTORY Lydia Zotto, harp  
*Sicillienne* Bernard Andrès

\*DOXOLOGY *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow* #592

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Bill Levering

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

**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 *Prayer of Saint Francis*

Lord, make us servants of your peace:  
Where there is hate, may we sow love;  
Where there is hurt, may we forgive;  
Where there is strife, may we make one.

Where all is doubt, may we sow faith;  
Where all is gloom, may we sow hope;  
Where all is night, may we sow light;  
Where all is tears, may we sow joy.

Jesus, our Lord, may we not seek  
To be consoled, but to console,  
Nor look to understanding hearts,  
But look for hearts to understand.

May we not look for love's return,  
But seek to love unselfishly,  
For in our giving we receive,  
And in forgiving are forgiven.

Dying, we live, and are reborn  
Through death's dark night to endless day;  
Lord, make us servants of your peace,  
To wake at last in heaven's light.

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*CHORAL RESPONSE**

*Threefold Amen*

Danish

**POSTLUDE**

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**Celebratory or Memorial Flowers**

Sign up for flowers in the church office where you can 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.

**Excursion at Vischer Ferry**

On Saturday, January 25, the FRC Sole Searchers will head to Vischer Ferry Preserve for a 4-5mile loop hike on flat terrain. Pack a lunch and meet in the church parking lot at 9am. RSVP to James at [jgonda12309@gmail.com](mailto:jgonda12309@gmail.com).

**Youth Group Mission Trip**

Please supporting the Youth Group's Mission Trip to WV in one (or many) of these ways:

- 1) Attend the chili cook off & auction dinner on Sat 2/8 and bid on items
- 2) Supply a batch of chili for the cook-off
- 3) Supply a batch of corn bread for the bake-off
- 4) Donate an experience (preferable) or item (needs approval) for auctioning

Please contact Christina Jones at [1streformedyouth@gmail.com](mailto:1streformedyouth@gmail.com) with how you can help.

## 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:

*Dorothy Murray, James Stevenson, Marion Clapsaddle, Ann L. Walraven, Constance Blair, Richard Vandercar, Janet Buchanan, Donald Mackintosh, Mary Louise Martin-Stern, Mary McCarty*

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.

## Green Steps - Buying Healthy Rugs

When buying a rug (or any product), use websites such as Global Organic Textile Standards (GOTS), OEKO-TEX, and GREENGUARD Gold Certification to check on the brand you are considering. GOTS addresses fair trade issues too.

## Johnson Library

Look for a collection of *The Great Courses* CD's and DVDs, as well a group of books recently added to the library. They are on the display area as you enter the Johnson Library.

## Meal Delivery Volunteers Needed

The Support and Care Committee is in need of volunteers to sign up to prepare meals for home delivery to members in need of meal assistance. Contact Kim Burgoyne, Joanne Arnold or Vickie McGowan Horan.

<b>Sunday Volunteers</b>	<b>This Week</b>	<b>Next Week</b>
<b>Bookshop</b>	Sarah Howes	Martha Winchester
<b>Children &amp; Worship</b>	Natalie Pizzolo	Sarah Bachorik
<b>Counting Deacons</b>	Christina Jones, Richard Gardner	Joan Lindsay, Therese McCarty
<b>Dwell Kids Teacher</b>	Tom Mancuso	James Gonda
<b>Flower Delivery</b>	Carol Troost, Lynn Wilkanowski	Joanne Arnold, Inge-Lise Pangburn
<b>Forum</b>	Union College Campus Protestant Ministry by Rev. Tim Coombs	Senior and Long Term Caregiver Issues by Cathryn Bern-Smith
<b>Jazz Vespers</b>	Tim Olsen, piano	Peg Delaney, piano; Bill Delaney, bass; Tim Coakley, drums
<b>Kinderwyk</b>	Lian Drisgula, Ellie Rowland	Natalie Pizzolo, Dave Bundy
<b>Liturgist</b>	Bill Levering	Daniel Carlson
<b>Preacher</b>	Abby Norton Levering	Bill Levering
<b>Processing Elders</b>	Karen Gonda, Art Casey, Mary Jewett, Peggy King, Walt Robb, Barbara Walton	Phil Falconer, Don & Marilyn Leach, Thomas Lindsay, Bill Rochelle, Maria Todd
<b>Reader</b>	Gene Rowland	Therese McCarty
<b>Refreshments</b>	Membership and Fellowship	
<b>Ushers</b>	Matt & Christina Jones, Florence Reed, Aline Stabler, Phillip Zollweg	Del Pierce, Lian Drisgula, Christine Lund, Doug Todd, Tom Zych

## Coming Up

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

<b>Sun, Jan 19</b>	9am	Choir Rehearsal	Music Level
	9am	Ukuleles For All Ages	Rooftop Room
	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	Rooftop Room
	5pm	Jazz Vespers	Covenant Hall
<b>Mon, Jan 20</b>		<b>Martin Luther King Day – Office Closed</b>	
	10:30am	The Glen Eddy Group	Glen Eddy
	6pm	Community Yoga	Covenant Hall
<b>Tue, Jan 21</b>	7pm	Writer's Critique Group	Mohawk – Lunn
<b>Wed, Jan 22</b>	11:30am	Wednesday Lunch	Covenant Hall
	11:30am	First Things Volunteers	Mohawk – Lunn
	6:30pm	Square Dancing	Covenant Hall
	7pm	Adult Ukulele	Poling Chapel
<b>Thu, Jan 23</b>	7:30am	Breakfast Bible Bunch	Mohawk – Lunn
	10am	Hymn Picking	Bill's Office
	10am	Stitch Group	Walton Room
	7pm	Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
<b>Sun, Jan 26</b>	9am	Choir Rehearsal	Music Level
	9am	Ukuleles For All Ages	Rooftop Room
	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	Care & Prayer	Dykstra Chapel
	11:15am	First Forum	Poling Chapel
	11:15am	Children's Music	Rooftop Room
5pm	Jazz Vespers	Covenant Hall	
	5pm	Youth Group	Glen Eddy

# Come Holy Ghost

Chords: 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

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

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,

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

## Echo

Be not a - fraid.

Be not a - fraid.

Where you go there I am with you.