



**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.*

*March 24, 2013*

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## **Welcome to First Reformed Church**

*We are a welcoming and affirming congregation and 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 fill out a little white pew card and place it in the offering plate and join us after the service for coffee and refreshments. Stop by a welcome table at the entrance to the Sanctuary.

### **Parking**

You may park in **any** of the lots around the church or the Stockade Inn on Sunday mornings.

### **Need Help?**

Large print bulletins and audio receivers are available to assist you. Please ask an usher. Special bulletins for children are also available. Restrooms are located out the front right doorway of the sanctuary.

### **Non Emergency Number**

Schenectady Police: 518-382-5200

### **Elders in Worship**

Past and current leaders we call 'Elders' walk in together at the beginning of worship and sit in the front pew. 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.

### **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 in the next orientation please fill out a white pew card.

### **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.

### **Child Care on Sunday**

Childcare for babies through age four is available from 10am and noon in Kinderwyk, which is located in the building near the church office entry.

### **Church School**

All children in grades K-8 are welcome to join in our Church School activities by leaving immediately after the Children's Message. Parents can pick up their children at 11:15am on the 2nd floor at the top of the stairs.

### **Church School On Communion Sundays**

On Communion Sundays (the first Sunday of the month) youth in grades 3-8 remain in the service to participate in Communion while those in grades K-2 are welcome to go upstairs after the Children's Message for music and crafts.

### **Children's Worship Bulletins**

Special bulletins for children, ages 3-6 and 7-12 are available each Sunday. If the ushers are not handing them out, just ask for one.

### **After Worship**

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

### **Service Online**

A recording of each of our worship services is at [1stReformed.com](http://1stReformed.com) one or two days following the service.

### **Lost and Found**

We have a lost and found basket in the Narthex (at the front entrance of the church). If you have lost/misplaced an item at church, please check this basket.

**Easter Sunday**  
March 31, 2013  
*Is your cell phone on?*

PRELUDE Naphtali Rothrock  
*Three Preludes founded on Welsh Hymn Tunes*  
Ralph Vaughan Williams

*I. Bryn Calfaria*  
*II. Rhosymedre*  
*III. Hyfrydol*

10:00 a.m.

GREETING Daniel Carlson  
Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS & WORSHIP  
ORIENTATION

CALL TO WORSHIP Bill Levering

INTROIT *This is the Day* Gary Alan Smith

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #123  
*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* Easter Hymn

\*PRAYER (*unison*)  
**God of new life, we lift our hearts in  
thanksgiving for the hope you have  
brought us in Jesus Christ. Deepen our  
shallowness with the message of your  
love. Amen.**

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE  
Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*unison*)  
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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM  
Charles Richard Tobin

PRESENTATION AND PROMISES  
Amanda and Richard Tobin

PRAYER & BAPTISMAL COVENANT

\*BLESSING AND WELCOME  
Welcome our brother in Christ.  
**Joyfully we receive you. Join us to give  
witness in the world to the good news,  
for we are all one in Christ Jesus.**  
**Alleluia!**

\*PASSING THE PEACE

ANTHEM *The Lord is Risen Again*  
K. Lee Scott

FIRST LESSON *Isaiah 65:17-25 (page 696)*  
Christine Daniels  
Guide us, O Lord, by your Word and Holy  
Spirit. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE  
K-8 are invited to participate in an Easter Egg Hunt.

SECOND LESSON *Luke 24:1-12 (page 90)*

SERMON *Resurrecting Resurrection*  
Bill Levering

\*HYMN #114 *Come, Ye Faithful*

## OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Awake, My Heart*  
Carolyn Jennings

\*HYMN #592 *Praise God...* Doxology

## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Stacey Midge  
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 #118 *The Day of Resurrection!*

*Anyone wishing to sing the Halleluiah Chorus should come forward during this hymn.*

## \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE *Hallelujah Chorus*  
G.F. Handel

POSTLUDE Naphtali Rothrock  
*Toccata from Symphony #5 for Organ*  
Charles-Marie Widor

\*The congregation may stand.

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**Entered Into Eternal Rest**  
Phyllis Demont  
March 21, 2013

## Music Notes

We are grateful for today's instrumentalists: David and Robert Hosley, trumpets; William Hoeprich and Jon Kusche, trombones; Andrew Janack, timpani; Judy Moore, Jen Salm, and Nancy Wainwright, handbells.

## 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 this congregation who entered eternal rest in previous years about this time:

*Virginia Bard, Frida Kramer, Kenneth Mathes, and Roy Peters*

## Faith Bookshop

The Bookshop will be closed today, but anyone needing urgently to make a purchase may speak to Roberta Blackmer in Friendship Hall after the service.

## First Forum

**April 7:** Kat Wolfram Electric City CO-OP Ms. Wolfram will provide an update on the exciting plans to bring a Consumers Co-Operative Food Store to the former Curtis lumber yard/railroad depot on Erie Boulevard.

## Jazz Vespers Every Sunday, 5pm

**Today:** Scott Bassinson, piano

**April 7:** Nat Phipps, piano; Pete Toigo, bass; Dylan Canterbury, trumpet; Tom D'Andrea

**April 14:** Dave Gleason, piano; Erik Johnson, bass; Alex Slomka, trombone; Tom D'Andrea

## Junior & Senior High Youth Groups

Unless otherwise noted (see below), the Youth Groups meet every Sunday, Junior High (grades 6-8) at 5pm and Senior High (grades 9-12) at 7pm. Friends are always welcome.

**Today & April 7:** No meetings; Easter break



### **Easter Flowers Delivery**

Volunteers are needed today to deliver Easter flowers to recently-bereaved and home-bound church members. The flowers and an addressed card for each recipient will be available for pick up after the service. Thank you for participating in this ministry and extending a lovely symbol of God's great faithfulness!

### **Easter Offering**

#### **Schenectady Day Nursery**

Our Easter offering will support the Schenectady Day Nursery located in downtown Schenectady. The nursery was founded in 1902 by a group of church women to address the needs of working mothers. SDN's mission today is "To provide a special place where even the youngest child feels safe and has the opportunity to grow and learn in a caring environment." SDN serves 125 families per year and offers care for infants, toddlers, pre-K, and elementary school children with a variety of programs. They operate about \$1000 short of need for every child and make up the difference with government funding, donations, and fundraisers. Government funding cuts are having a real impact. SDN sliding fee rates run from \$125-\$240 per week for each child, based on the child's age and family income. Additional information will be provided at an Adult Forum on March 24.

### **The Art of Forgiving Begins April 3**

All are welcome to a new Wednesday morning *Kerygma* class during April and May. The book, *The Art of Forgiving: When You Need to Forgive and Don't Know How* will be the basis of our conversations, examining the what, why, whom, and how of forgiveness. Pick up a copy of the book from Daniel Carlson today, or at our first class April 3, 9:30-11am.

### **Confirmation Class Begins**

Bill Levering and Stacey Midge lead the confirmation process. Meetings begin April 7 at noon. You can look at what it's all about online on the church website under Activities->Confirmation.

### **Midweek Evening Prayer Resumes April 3**

Join any Wednesday of April and May at 7-7:45pm, for an Eastertide service in Poling Chapel that includes gentle singing accompanied by guitar, guided reflection on the day, joyful sharing of the Lord's Supper (homemade bread; wine or juice,) praying aloud or in silence, and extending a sign or word of Christ's peace. All who wish to rekindle their awareness of God's loving presence within, among, and beyond us are welcome.

### **Thursday Musical Club 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

On Sunday, April 7 at 2:30pm in the Sanctuary. The concert will feature notable popular songs from the several musical eras since 1913. A script, complementing the music and focusing on the achievements of Schenectady women, will be read by Elaine Houston. Guest artists will be the Musicians of Ma'alwyck. Tony Riccobono and Leonard Tobler will accompany the chorus on bass and drums, and Elinore Farnum on organ and piano. Complimentary tickets for all church members are available. Please stop by the church office or see Julie Panke, Director, for tickets.

### **Union Presbyterian Breakfast Group**

We will take part in the SICM Day of Service on Sat., April 13. Rather than eating breakfast at UPC as we usually do, we will go to the Faith United Methodist Church at 811 Brandywine Ave. for a kickoff continental breakfast (at 8:45am), and from there we will go directly to one of the work sites. Please RSVP to Gene Rowland 370-1958.

### **Mission Shareholders Dinner April 14**

For those who purchased Mission Shares for the SHYG's mission trip to Staten Island, there will be a dinner on April 14 at 6pm in Friendship Hall. The youth will speak about their experiences, show a video and pictures of the trip, and serve a meal. It is not too late to purchase a Mission Share for \$25 to contribute to the mission trip fund and attend the dinner! Just contact Stacey Midge or any member of the youth group to donate at any time.

## Group VII

On Friday, April 19 at 11:30am we will have small group lunches in the homes of Gay Doolittle, Ann Gotwals, and Connie Young. Members will be contacted by the Hostesses. If any questions, contact Ronnie Bartholic at 393-7679

## Cape Cod Retreat Information and Signup

Updated brochures and a signup sheet for this May 3-5 retreat may be found on the Adult Education bulletin board (next to Johnson Memorial Library). The deadline for sign-ups is Sunday, April 14. For more information contact Daniel Carlson.

## College Bound?

Applications for the Rev. Al Smith Education Scholarship are available through the Church Office. Please submit your completed application to the Church Office by Wednesday, May 15th. Questions can be directed to Sara Erickson at 374-4161 or ericksonhs@aol.com.

## Summer at Camp Fowler

Registration is now open for summer camp 2013! The theme is *Unexpected People*. Campers are students in grades 3-12; Fowler also offers a family camp. Volunteers are also needed as cabin counselors and kitchen and maintenance staff. You can find more information on the website at [campfowler.org](http://campfowler.org) or by contacting Stacey Midge at 377-2201.

	<b>This Sunday</b>	<b>Next Sunday</b>
<b>Counting Deacons</b>	Richard Davis, Leah Kidwell-Fernandes	Claire Hughes, Carol Troost
<b>Faith Bookshop</b>	Closed	Nancy Wainwright
<b>Flower Delivery</b>	Volunteers	Breitenbach Family, Carol Troost
<b>Greeters</b>	Ellie & Darwin Brudos	
<b>Kinderwyck</b>	Sarah Bachorik	Sarah Bachorik, Gay Doolittle
<b>Liturgists</b>	Daniel Carlson, Stacey Midge	Stacey Midge
<b>Preacher</b>	Bill Levering	Daniel Carlson
<b>Processing Elders</b>	Carolyn Jones-Assini, Del Pierce, Catherine Lewis, Margaret Schadler, Christine Daniels, Tom Lindsay	Darwin Brudos, Christine Daniels, Rob Dickson, Gay Doolittle, Carolyn Jones-Assini, Catherine Lewis, Tom Lindsay, Margaret Schadler
<b>Reader</b>	Christine Daniels	Carol Troost
<b>Refreshments</b>	Easter Reception, Downstairs (FH)	
<b>Ushers/ Offertory Deacons</b>	Bill Clock (head usher), Louis Acquasanta, Joe Gallagher, Maurice Robbins	Claire Hughes, Tom Burgoyne, Kimberly Burgoyne, Richard Davis, Bill Martin, Nancy Wainwright, Rebecca Grande, Joan Lindsay

***The sanctuary and the chapels are adorned to the glory of God and in loving memory or in honor of:***

- Our parents, Richard and Ruth Arthur and P.J. and Edith Brownell by Dick and Judy Arthur
- Russell V. Jones and Dr. Charles J. Assini by the family of Carolyn and John Assini
- Loved ones by Audrey Bain
- Robert Bruce Crandell by Janet Crandell
- Arthur and Alma Paulson and Julian and Luella D'Andrea by Tom and Linnea D'Andrea
- Mr. and Mrs. Bruno De Paoli, Sr. and Dr. and Mrs. James M. Neill by the family
- Parents and siblings by Gay and Joe Doolittle
- Bill Dotter by his wife Elsie Dotter and children
- Warren D. and Ethel F. Barrett by their children and grandchildren
- Carlton W. Dyer by his wife, Janice B. Dyer
- Sylvia R. Ebeling by Dolph Ebeling
- Lorraine Ebeling by Scott Ebeling
- Rudolph and Therese Mahlberg by the Erickson family
- William and Louise Stange by Marlene Risseuw and the Erickson's
- For wife, Addy Graham by Wally Graham
- Loved ones by Cynthia Hamilton
- Peter G. Ipsen by his family
- LeRoy Jewett by his family
- Husband and Dad, Harold W. Lapham
- Parents, Frances and Ralph Schilling and Emma and Harold G. Lapham
- Loved ones by Fred and Pat Mett
- Dorothy and Edmund Sanderson given by Neil and Sandy Moynihan
- Loved ones, by Anne Peterson
- Robert J. Brown and John Sands by Susan Plant and Jean Brown
- My Dad, Edgar (Bud) Read by Susan Read
- Lorraine Schulte Ebeling; Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Howard; Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Cope, and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McNeil by Elyne Schulte
- Eldon Springsted by his wife, Elaine
- Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Niles; Mr. and Mrs. Francis Swann; Florence B. Niles and Donald T. Armington by Dale and Nancy Ellen Swann
- My Grandpa, Al Holland and my Uncle Alan Attanasio
- Daniel J. Thuener by wife, Vernetta and family
- Charles Greskovich from your earth family; Maria, Chad and Ann
- Melissa Lynne ~ you gave us much light in your life, enjoy your happiness now. Maria, Chad and Ann
- Donald Troost
- Anne Shepherd Wemple, Robert V. Shepherd and Susan Shepherd by the Welch family
- Palmer V. Welch, Marian A. Welch, Mary C. Welch by the Welch family
- Barbara R. Murray
- Loved ones by Glenn and Martha Winchester
- Barth and Tom Young, and Ann Caldwell by Roger and Madelyn Young
- Donald E. Craig, Elizabeth Craig, and Corinne Craig; Eugene C. Zeltmann and Ruth Zeltmann by Susan and Eugene Zeltmann

## Calendar for the Week of March 31, 2013

<b>Easter Sunday</b>	9:00 a.m. ....Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
March 31	10:00 a.m. ....Worship, Sanctuary
	10:15 a.m. ....Easter Egg Hunt, Upstairs Room 20
	11:00 a.m. ....Coffee & Refreshments, Downstairs (FH)
	5:00 p.m. ....Jazz Vespers, Poling Chapel
<b>Monday</b>	9:00 a.m. ....Mens News Group, Poling Conference Room
April 1	6:00 p.m. ....African Drumming Instruction, Library
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00 a.m. ....Morning Prayer, Dykstra Chapel
April 2	11:00 a.m. ....Administrative Staff Meeting, Office
	1:30 p.m. ....Worship Planning, Office
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:30 a.m. ....Kerygma Class, Poling Conference Room
April 3	7:00 p.m. ....Midweek Evening Prayer, Poling Chapel
<b>Thursday</b>	7:30 a.m. ....Breakfast Bible Bunch, Walton Conf. Room
April 4	10:00 a.m. ....Stitch Group, Poling Conference Room
	4:00 p.m. ....Staff Meeting, Assembly Hall
	6:45 p.m. ....Yoga, Assembly Hall
	7:30 p.m. ....Chancel Choir, Choir Room/Sanctuary
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 a.m. ....Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
April 7	9:15 a.m. ....High School Choir, Upstairs, Room 20
	10:00 a.m. ....Worship with Communion, Sanctuary
	10:15 a.m. ....Church School, Upstairs Room 20
	11:00 a.m. ....Coffee & Refreshments, Assembly Hall
	11:15 a.m. ....First Forum, Poling Chapel
	11:15 a.m. ....Kirk Ringers, Upstairs, Room 20
	12:00 p.m. ....Confirmation Class, Pastor's Office
	12:00 p.m. ....Justice Action Council, Walton Conf. Room
	2:30 p.m. ....Thursday Musical Club Concert, Sanctuary/AH
	4:00 p.m. ....Youth Orchestra, Sanctuary
	5:00 p.m. ....Jazz Vespers, Poling Chapel