

**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.



April 7, 2013

First Reformed Church
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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. The welcome table at the entrance to the Sanctuary, and in Assembly Hall have some helpful church information.

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 Assembly 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 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.

Second Sunday of Easter

April 7, 2013

*The congregation may stand.

PRELUDE

Scott Bassinson

10:00 a.m.

GREETING

Daniel Carlson

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

The Lord has risen indeed! Alleluia!

ANNOUNCEMENTS & WORSHIP
ORIENTATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

INTROIT *Alleluia*

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #113

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today! Llanfair

*PRAYER (*unison*)

God of new life, we lift our hearts in thanksgiving for the hope you have brought us in Jesus. Deepen our lives with the message of your love. Amen.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE



Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!



Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!



Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!



Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

The Lord has risen indeed! Alleluia!

*PASSING THE PEACE

ANTHEM *Psalm 150* Louis Lewandowski

Praise the Lord in His holy place.
Praise the Lord in His Firmament.
Praise the Lord in the firmament of His power.
Sing ye to Him for His great and mighty wonders!
O praise Him with trumpet,
and praise Him with psalt'ry and harp.
O praise Him with timbrel and praise Him with dancing.
O praise Him with stringed instruments.
O praise the Lord on cymbal sounding strong.
Let everything that hath breath praise Him.
Hallelujah!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Grades K-2 are dismissed after Gospel Lesson.

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 24: 13-49

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

Christine Daniels, Linda Witkowski,
Robert Dickson, Choir, Carol Troost

SERMON *Divine Drama* Daniel Carlson

*HYMN #121 *That Easter Day*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY Scott Bassinson

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

COMMUNION PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise!

SANCTUS (*unison*)

Carl Steubing



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord God of Hosts,
Heav'n and earth are full of thy Glo - ry!
Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord, Most High!

COMMUNION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 #104 *Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Scott Bassinson

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Music Note:

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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:

Roberta Hambleton and William Rickard

Entered Into Eternal Rest

Carol Graybill Lewis

April 2, 2013

Johnson Library

Joanna Manning's *The Magdalene Moment* is on display outside the library today. She's a former nun who has written a vision for a "New Christianity." It sits alongside a fascinating biography of the Dalai Lama called *My Spiritual Journey*, describing a wonderful childhood in Tibet, and his flight from the Chinese. Just round the corner, inside the library, is a small table filled with book selections on Love, spiritual growth, and forgiveness. Check it out.

First Forum

Today: Kat Wolfram Electric City CO-OP Update on the plans to bring a Consumers Co-Op Food Store to the former Curtis lumber yard on Erie Boulevard. For an ongoing reference <http://www.electriccityfoodcoop.com/why-a-co-op.html>
April 14: Ministers –Sermon Talkback
April 21: Rev/Dr. Mathew Fox- Continuation of Faith Formation weekend and sermon reflection session on *The Relationship of Contemplation and Social Action*.

April 28: JAC: Practicing Social Justice - Members will lead a brief orientation and then guide participants in writing a letter or two to policy makers, legislators. Bring a pen.

Jazz Appreciation Month Every Sunday, 5pm

Today: 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

April 21: 'Azzaam Hameed, piano; Pete Toigo, bass; Eric Walentowicz, sax; Tom D'Andrea

April 28: Peg Delaney, piano; Bill Delaney, bass; Jim Corigliano, sax; Tom D'Andrea, drums

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: No meetings; Easter break

April 12-13: We will be joining the Union Presbyterian Church youth for their 30-Hour Famine. More information will be forthcoming

Confirmation Class Begins Today

Bill Levering and Stacey Midge lead the confirmation process. Meetings begin today at noon in the office.

Thursday Musical Club 100th Anniversary

Today 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, see Julie Panke, Director, for tickets.

The Art of Forgiving

All are welcome to a new Wednesday morning *Kerygma* class 9:30-11am, 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.

Midweek Evening Prayer

Join us any Wednesday of April and May, 7-7:45pm, for an Eastertide service in Poling Chapel that includes gentle singing accompanied by guitar, guided reflection on the resurrection; 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.

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.

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.

Tuesday Ladies

Meetings are every third Tuesday at 7:30pm. Our next meeting on April 16 is at Connie Young's home. Come and make new or renew old

connections. Contact Connie at 393-7061 for more information.

Prayer Shawl Knitting Group

We will be meeting at 9:30am on Thursday, April 18 at the home of Ronnie Bartholic. We welcome anyone interested in joining us. Please contact Ronnie at 393-7679 with any questions.

Occupy Christianity: A New Reformation

Internationally-known theologian and author, Dr. Matthew Fox, will be in Schenectady April 19-21 lecturing, teaching, and preaching. Fox will be lecturing on Friday at the Unitarian Universalist Association, teaching on Saturday at St. George's Episcopal, and preaching on Sunday right here. Due to our funding of this program, First Reformed folk may attend any or all of his presentations free of charge (registration online www.crtc.org or by phone, 426-2470, is still required).

Earth Day Celebration

The Creation Care Committee invites you to join in the good times at the Sustainable Living Center located at the Central Park Greenhouses from 10-2 on April 20th. There will be free children's activities, demonstrations of water conservation using rain barrels, composting and vermicomposting, recycled container gardening. Take a garden tour; bring your paper to shred, buy vegetable, herb, and house plants from Master Gardeners; check out the herb jars and dried tea from Roots and Wisdom; enjoy beverages sold by Schenectady County 4-H.

Rev. Midge Away

Stacey will be away from April 22 - May 9 on a combination of study leave and vacation.

The Teen Brain

Samaritan Counselor's Oona Edmands, LCSW and Katina Saxton, LMSW will present a free hour long workshop here on Wednesday, April 24 at 7pm on working with teenagers, from a family systems perspective in order to address common issues.

Movie Night ~ Save The Date

It's the movie event we've all been waiting for! On Saturday, April 27, join in the fun for a night out at the Bowtie Cinema in Schenectady to see the crime drama *The Place Beyond the Pines*. The home of our own Andy and Heather Chestnut appears in the movie, and word has it that Heather herself makes an appearance as well. For those who wish, there will be opportunities to gather at local Schenectady eateries before and after the film. Detailed information for this event will be available on the church website beginning Tuesday, April 23.

CROP Walk

On Sunday, May 5, the annual Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty (CROP) walk will take place at 12:30pm, beginning at Emmanuel Friedens Church and winding 5k through Schenectady. The proceeds support hunger-fighting efforts around the world, with 25% going to local food pantries, Community Crisis Network, and Senior Meals. Want to walk? Get a donation form from Stacey Midge. Non-walkers can drop off their donations at the church office. Checks should be made out to "CWS/CROP."

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 or by contacting Stacey Midge at 377-2201.

Consistory Nominations

The Nominating Committee of First Reformed Church is charged to nominate Elders and Deacons to serve two-year Consistory terms. The Committee begins its work soliciting recommendations from the congregation for Elder and Deacon Candidates. Those being recommended and those making recommendations must be members of First Reformed Church. Candidates for Consistory should be representative of the congregation, have vision, leadership skills, and be active participants in the worship and activities of this church.

Elders and Deacons together with the Ministers form the Consistory, which is the governing body of this congregation. Elders exercise particular concern for the interior life and programs of the church (Worship, Fellowship, Education, and Congregational Care). Deacons exercise

particular concern for the outreach of the church (Mission and Benevolence, Finance, Justice Advocacy, and Historical Concerns). Elders and Deacons will be elected at the annual meeting of the congregation on **June 2, 2013**.

The names of recommended candidates for Elder and Deacon may be submitted on a **white pew card or a yellow nomination form** and delivered to the church office or given to any member of the Committee: Joe Gallagher, Lyn Gordon, Rebecca Grande, Hans Erickson, Jennifer Evans; Senior Elders, Caroline Brooks, Keith Muse; Ministers, Bill Levering, Daniel Carlson, or Stacey Midge. The Nominating Committee would appreciate your response as soon as possible.

Help Decipher FRC Marriage Records

You can look over a copy of the records after service in Assembly Hall the first three Sundays in April.

	This Sunday	Next Sunday
Counting Deacons	Claire Hughes, Carol Troost	Fred Daniels, Douglas Todd
Faith Bookshop	Nancy Wainwright	Bill Clock
Flower Delivery	Breitenbach Family, Carol Troost	Veronica Bartholic, Donna & Dave Bundy
Greeters	Virginia & Mark McDermott	Wisniewski Family
Kinderwyck	Sarah Bachorik	Sarah Bachorik, Linda Stanhope
Liturgist		Daniel Carlson
Preacher	Daniel Carlson	Stacey Midge
Processing Elders	Darwin Brudos, Christine Daniels, Rob Dickson, Carolyn Jones-Assini, Catherine Lewis, Tom Lindsay, Gay Doolittle	Veronica Bartholic, Caroline Brooks, Bob Beadle, William Brooks, Art Casey, Maria G. Todd
Reader	Various	Charles Van Wie
Refreshments		
Offertory Deacons/ Ushers	Claire Hughes, Tom Burgoyne, Kimberly Burgoyne, Richard Davis, Bill Martin, Nancy Wainwright, Rebecca Grande, Leah Kidwell-Fernandes	Delbert Pierce (head usher), Carol Troost, Karen Dickson, Robert Dickson, Douglas Todd, Michael Horan, Victoria McGowan

Calendar for the Week of April 7, 2013

Sunday April 7	9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
	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
Monday April 8	9:00 a.m. Mens News Group, Poling Conference Room
	6:00 p.m. African Drumming Instruction, Library
	7:00 p.m. Samaritan Mindfulness, Assembly Hall
Tuesday April 9	10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer, Dykstra Chapel
	11:00 a.m. Administrative Staff Meeting, Office
	6:00 p.m. Archives, Archives Room
	6:30 p.m. Standing Committees, Various Locations
	7:30 p.m. Consistory, Assembly Hall
Wednesday April 10	9:30 a.m. Kerygma Class, Poling Conference Room
	1:00 p.m. Archives, Archives Room
	2:00 p.m. Staff Meeting, Walton Conference Room
	7:00 p.m. Midweek Evening Prayer, Poling Chapel
Thursday April 11	7:30 a.m. Breakfast Bible Bunch, Walton Conf. Room
	10:00 a.m. Stitch Group, Poling Conference Room
	6:45 p.m. Yoga, Assembly Hall
	7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir, Choir Room/Sanctuary
Sunday April 14	9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
	9:15 a.m. High School Choir, Upstairs, Room 20
	10:00 a.m. Worship, 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
	4:00 p.m. Youth Orchestra, Sanctuary
	5:00 p.m. Jazz Vespers, Poling Chapel
	6:00 p.m. Mission Shareholders Dinner, Friendship Hall