

**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.



The Road Not Taken by Robert Frost

*Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveler, long I stood
And looked down one as far as I could
To where it bent in the undergrowth;*

*Then took the other, as just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim,
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;
Though as for that the passing there
Had worn them really about the same,*

*And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no step had trodden black.
Oh, I kept the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,
I doubted if I should ever come back.*

*I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.*

June 2, 2013

First Reformed Church

8 North Church Street

Schenectady, New York 12305

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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 tables 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 Basket

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 After Pentecost

June 2, 2013

*The congregation may stand.

PRELUDE Patty Fusco, flute & Joe Hetko, guitar
My Love's an Arbutus Irish Traditional
Largo - from "The Four Seasons": Winter
Antonio Vivaldi
Siciliana - from Sonata No. 2 in Eb Major
Johann Sebastian Bach
Gayment Georg Philipp Telemann

10:00 a.m.

GREETING Stacey Midge
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of
God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be
with you. **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS & WORSHIP ORIENTATION

CALL TO WORSHIP Bill Levering

INTROIT *O Sing a New Song* Hal Hopson

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #442
The Church's One Foundation Aurelia

*OUR NEED FOR GOD (*unison*)

In the wideness of your grace, our narrow
vision is revealed. Where we see scarcity, you
provide enough for all. Where we cling to what
is ours, you invite us to share. Where we
divide and exclude, you welcome all. Where
we focus on ourselves and our own wants, you
ask us to tend to the needs of others. God of
goodness, renew us. Turn our shortcomings to
new beginnings, open to the leading of your
Spirit. Amen.

*GOD'S FORGIVING LOVE

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE #579
Glory Be to the Father Gloria Patri

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*unison*) (*from the United Church of Canada*)

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We
believe in God: who has created and is
creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word
made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who
works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust
in God. We are called to be the Church: to
celebrate God's presence, to live with respect
in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek
justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus,
crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In
life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with
us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

*PASSING THE PEACE

ANTHEM *The Name We Treasure* Jim Taylor

To the name of our salvation
laud and honor let us pay,
Which for many a generation
hid in God's fore-knowledge lay;
But with holy exultation
we may sing aloud today.

Jesus is the name we treasure;
Name beyond what words can tell;
Name of gladness, Name of pleasure,
ear and heart delighting well,
Name of sweetness, passing measure,
saving us from sin and hell.

'Tis the Name that whoso preacheth
speaks like music to the ear;
who in prayer this Name beseecheth
sweetest comfort findeth near;

Therefore we, in love adoring,
This most blessed Name revere;
Holy Jesus, thee imploring
so to write it in us here,
That hereafter, heav'nward soaring,
we may sing with angels there,

Alleluia, alleluia.
We will sing with angels there.

15th C. Latin

FIRST LESSON Chris Fernandes
Guide us, O Lord, by your Word and Holy Spirit. **Amen.** *Psalm 96 (page 550)*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND LESSON *1 Kings 18:20-21 (page 325)*

SERMON *Limping About* Bill Levering

*HYMN #430 *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy*
Darwall's 148th

OFFERING

OFFERTORY Patty Fusco & Joe Hetko
Gymnepe'die Erik Satie

*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.

*RECESSIONAL HYMN #447
Lead On, O King Eternal Lancashire

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE *Fourfold Amen*
Ken Barker

Please be seated for Postlude

POSTLUDE Patty Fusco & Joe Hetko
Finale - from "Concerto a tre"
Georg Philipp Telemann

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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:

Duane Anderson, Burton Delack, Jean Hay, Alice Marcellus, Lora Marting, and Julia Amelia Jackson Phillips

On Communion Sundays we also bear in mind those members who are unable to join us for worship, including:

Jean Brown, Dolph Ebeling, Deleo Gravink, Belle Kozak, Helen McCary, Tom Norton, Margaret Reed, Elyne Schulte

Celebratory or Memorial Flowers

A flower calendar is posted on the right side of the Poling House entrance to the sanctuary wherein you can choose a date for donating chancel flowers to remember a loved one or to honor a special event. Please inform the office of your wishes. The cost of the flowers is \$30 for the two bouquets. You may send your check payable to Chancel Guild, c/o Marlene Risseeuw, 2140 Niskayuna Dr., Niskayuna, NY 12309.

In Memoriam

The chancel flowers today are placed in the sanctuary to the glory of God by Peter and Diane Ontkush in loving memory of Peter's son Michael Ontkush and Diane's daughter Laurel Davis Jeffers. We are grateful that these flowers, which represent our prayers and praise, will be taken to church family members to recognize a special need or celebration.

Grades K-8

Today: Communion 3-8 stay in worship.

June 9 – August: Summer Church School:

Children in grades K-8 are welcome to meet in room 20 after the Children's Message for fun and games! We promise your children will leave smarter than when they arrived!

Annual Meeting, Today

Immediately following worship, there will be a meeting of the congregation for the purposes of receiving annual reports and the election of officers.

This year's Nominating Committee's slate of officers-bearers are:

Elders: Peggy King, Rob Dickson

Deacons: Bill Rochelle, Gay Doolittle, Vicky McGowan, George Trimarco

First Forum

Today: Annual Meeting

June 9: Appreciation, Celebration and Reflections with our Covenanters and Missioners

June 23: Temple Gates of Heaven Exchange; Conversation with Rabbi Mathew Cutler

Post Service Refreshments

We are always looking for volunteers to bring in food! It can be cookies, cheese and crackers, fruit, or anything you want. There is a sign-up sheet in Assembly Hall. Food should be brought around 9:30am, unless it is already set up on a platter. Beginning June 9, whenever possible, our post service refreshments will be served in the Huntley Garden. Please consider signing up for set-up, refreshments, and clean-up by yourself or with a friend. If any questions contact Heather Chestnut 346-7887.

Faith Bookshop

The Bookshop will be open briefly after worship service today.

Jazz Appreciation Month Every Sunday, 5pm

Today: 'Azzaam Hameed

June 9: Nat Phipps, piano; Pete Toigo, bass; Tom D'Andrea, drums

June 16: Peg Delaney, piano; Bill Delaney, bass; Tom D'Andrea, drums

June 23: Dave Gleason, piano

June 30: Scott Bassinson, piano

Junior & Senior High Youth Groups

Normal youth group programming will be on hiatus for the summer, but stay tuned for special events in the warm weather!

Evensong Service ~ Today

The Chancel Choir of FRC and the choir at St. George's Episcopal Church, 30 N. Ferry St., will jointly sing a service of Evensong at St. George's at 5pm. Julie Panke will direct, Andrew Krystopolski will play the organ, and Naphtali Rothrock will play the Prelude. All are invited.

Extended Study Leave

Daniel Carlson will be away June 2-22 to begin his Doctor of Ministry coursework in Chicago.

Group VII

On Friday, June 14 at 11:30am Group VII will meet at the home of Diane Ontkush (1202 Viewmont Dr. in Niskayuna) for our annual

picnic. Co-hostesses: Martha Winchester and Ronnie Bartholic. If there are any questions please contact Ronnie at 393-7679.

Community Picnic and Outreach Partnership

In cooperation with State Street Presbyterian and Union Presbyterian churches, we will be hosting a community picnic for the Vale Neighborhood on June 14 at 6pm. We will be giving out free food and the gym will be open for basketball and other games. Everyone is welcome, and we need volunteers to grill, serve food, oversee the gym, and generally be present. This event is the first stage in a partnership between our three churches, aimed toward doing mission and outreach in the Hill and Vale neighborhoods of Schenectady. Please drop by for some food and fun, and to get to know our partner church members, and contact Stacey Midge if you would like to volunteer for the picnic.

Interfaith Worship Exchange 50th Anniversary June 20-23

For 50 years our congregation and Congregation Gates of Heaven have worshipped together one weekend a year to stand as a witness against prejudice and as a testimony to the need for respect among religious people.

Thursday, June 20, 7 pm

Where We Have Been, Where We Are Going at Congregation Gates of Heaven. a retrospective of the past 50 years and a discussion about the future role of faith

Friday, June 21, 7 pm

Service at CGOH

Dr. Levering preaching

Sunday, June 23

Service at FRC, 10am Rabbi Cutler Preaching

Dinner at FRC, 6 pm

Assembly Hall

All programs and dinner are free and open to the public. However, reservations are required for dinner and the Thursday evening program. Please RSVP to Michelle 374-8173 or send e-mail to mwarren@cgo.org.

Summertime Kerygma Conversations

Read a book, seen a movie, attended a concert, taken a trip, or begun a class that you'd like to talk about with others? Stop by Dirck Romeyn Room 9:30-11am the last Wednesday of June, July, or August and share your new found learning and experience with others who value mutual sharing all year long! Contact Daniel Carlson for further details.

Kinderwyk

Kinderwyk needs volunteers (18 & over per FRC's child protection policies.) Please find one Sunday this year to devote to this important child care from 9:45am - noon. No experience is required. You can find signup sheets, outside room 20 and Kinderwyk, or fill out a white pew card letting us know you would like to be on the list of volunteers.

Reformed Church World Service

Join Reformed Church World Service to help victims of the Oklahoma City tornado. Early response coordinators are already in Oklahoma, helping with spiritual care and needs assessment. Financial donations are urgently needed. Give at www.rca.org/tornadoes or send a check to Reformed Church in America, Attn: Finance Department, 4500 60th St. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49512, or, in Canada, to Regional Synod of Canada, 201 Paradise Rd. N., Hamilton, ON L8S 3T3. Checks should be designated "U.S. Tornadoes."

Communion By Intinction

The dates are: July 7, August 4, September 1 and the 11pm Christmas Eve service.

	This Sunday	Next Sunday
Counting Deacons	Leah Kidwell-Fernandes, Nancy Wainwright	Fred Daniels, Douglas Todd
Faith Bookshop	Roberta Blackmer	Committee Member
Flower Delivery	Virginia & Mark McDermott, Roberta & Richard Blackmer	Diane & Peter Ontkush, Linda & William Ward
Greeters	Karen & Robert Dickson	Ann Gotwals
Kinderwyck	Sarah Bachorik	Sarah Bachorik, Shannon Kerwin
Liturgist	Stacey Midge	Stacey Midge
Preacher	Bill Levering	Bill Levering
Processing Elders	Mary Jewett, Keith Muse, Roberta Blackmer, Darwin Brudos, Christine Daniels, Peggy King, Thomas Lindsay, Delbert Pierce	William Ward, Robert Beadle, Roberta Blackmer, Darwin Brudos, Maria G. Todd, Linda Witkowski
Reader	Chris Fernandes	Nancy Wainwright
Refreshments	Virginia McDermott, Inge-Lise Pangburn	Sandy & Craig Kominoski
Offertory Deacon/ Usher	Lisa Etkin, Leah Kidwell- Fernandes, Claire Hughes, Bill Martin, Nancy Wainwright, Caroline Welch, Tom Burgoyne	Delbert Pierce (head usher), Carol Troost, Karen Dickson, Robert Dickson, Douglas Todd, Michael Horan, Victoria McGowan

“It is our choices, Harry, that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities.” ~J.K. Rowling, Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets

Sunday, June 2

10:00 am Worship with Communion
11:00 am Annual Meeting
11:00 am Coffee & Refreshments
11:15 am First Forum
5:00 pm Jazz Vespers

“In the end that was the choice you made, and it doesn't matter how hard it was to make it. It matters that you did.” ~Cassandra Clare, City of Glass

*“Choose your love. Love your choice.”
~Thomas S. Monson*

Monday, June 3

9:00 am Mens News Group
11:00 am Group V

“We are our choices.” ~Jean-Paul Sartre

*“Alice came to a fork in the road. 'Which road do I take?' she asked. 'Where do you want to go?' responded the Cheshire Cat. 'I don't know,' Alice answered. Then, said the Cat, 'it doesn't matter.’”
~Lewis Carroll, Alice in Wonderland*

Tuesday, June 4

10:00 am Morning Prayer
1:30 pm Worship Planning

“We don't get to chose what is true. We only get to choose what we do about it.” ~Kami Garcia, Beautiful Darkness

Thursday, June 6

7:30 am Breakfast Bible Bunch
6:45 pm Yoga

“I won't tell you that the world matters nothing, or the world's voice, or the voice of society. They matter a good deal. They matter far too much. But there are moments when one has to choose between living one's own life, fully, entirely, completely—or dragging out some false, shallow, degrading existence that the world in its hypocrisy demands. You have that moment now. Choose!” ~Oscar Wilde

Friday, June 7

7:00 pm Musicians of Ma'alwyck

*“Life is partly what we make it, and partly what it is made by the friends we choose.”
~Tehyi Hsieh*

Saturday, June 8

11:00 am Demont Memorial

“The hardest choices in life aren't between what's right and what's wrong but between what's right and what's best.” ~Jamie Ford, Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet

Sunday, June 9

10:00 am Worship
11:00 am Coffee & Refreshments
11:15 am First Forum
5:00 pm Jazz Vespers

*“I would say that I'm not scared. Everyone has the ability to hurt. It's the choice that matters.”
~Yvonne Woon, Dead Beautiful*

*“If Pavlov tested his cat he would have failed.”
~Patrick H.T. Doyle*