

***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.



*If I wait, maybe mom will do it.
Or God.
Or it might not need to be done by then.
Or it will do itself.
Or a magic genie will do it.
Or maybe if I'm lucky, the world will end.*

June 30, 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 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.

Summer 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 after worship 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 refreshments in Huntley Garden (weather permitting) 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.

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

June 30, 2013

*The congregation may stand.

PRELUDE
Dearest Jesus, We Are Here Naphtali Rothrock
Sweet Hour of Prayer David Cherwien
Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown Robert Powell
Dale Wood

10:00 a.m.

GREETING Stacey Midge
The grace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & WORSHIP
ORIENTATION

CALL TO WORSHIP Bill Levering

*HYMN #482 *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

*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*)

The Apostles' Creed (traditional)
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

Parker Joseph Redman

PRESENTATION AND PROMISES

Lindsey & Kurt Redman

PRAYER AND 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

MUSICAL OFFERING

Stacey Midge

FIRST LESSON

Carol Troost

Guide us, O Lord, by your Word and Holy Spirit. **Amen.** *Galatians 5:13-25 (page 190)*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND LESSON

Luke 9:51-62 (page 70)

SERMON *Could you just wait a minute, Jesus?*

Bill Levering

*HYMN #343 *Called as Partners...*

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Kinderwyk

OFFERING

OFFERTORY Stacey Midge

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Christine Daniels

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 #344 *Christ of the Upward Way*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Fantasia on Old Hundredth*
Roger Wilson

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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:

Marjorie Frick, Robert Marshall, and Dorothy Sanderson

If you are aware of a departed member, whose name has not been noted near the anniversary of their death, please speak with one of our ministers or contact the church office.

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 Risseuw, 2140 Niskayuna Dr., Niskayuna, NY 12309.

In Memoriam

The chancel flowers today are placed in the sanctuary to the glory of God and in loving memory Harold Lapham by Fran Lapham on the occasion of their 62nd wedding anniversary. 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.

Church School

Although we hate to say it, September will be here before we know it! Teachers are needed for all classes in the Fall. Training will be provided. Call Jamie if you are even remotely interested.

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. Food should be brought around 9:30am, unless it is already set up on a platter. Whenever possible, our post service refreshments will be served in the Huntley Garden. Please consider signing up for preparation, cleanup, and refreshments by yourself or with a friend. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in Assembly Hall. A sheet with "how to" suggestions is also posted since the summer procedure is slightly different. Any questions, please contact Heather Chestnut at 346-7887.

Faith Bookshop

Noteworthy quotations about graduation, fathers, mothers, grandmothers, love and more, the Bookshop has delightful little books featuring each. These recently acquired books would make delightful gifts or be useful references when you need the perfect quote.

Johnson Library

The tables outside the Johnson Library have new displays for you to look at this morning Included are *My Spiritual Journey* by The Dalai Lama, *Martin Luther* by Peter Manns, *The Color of Water: A Black Man's Tribute to His Mother* by James McBride, and *The Healing Heart* by Norman Cousins. Robert Coles presents Dorothy Day in *A Radical Devotion. Meeting God at Every Turn* by Catherine Marshall and *Muhammed, His Life Based on Earliest Sources* by Martin Lings are also available. Good reading will be found in *This Our Exile; A Spiritual Journey with the Refugees of East Africa*, and *Don't Eat the Elephants* by Patricia Miller.

Jazz Appreciation Month Every Sunday, 5pm

Today: Scott Bassinson, piano

July 7: Nat Phipps, piano; Pete Toigo, bass; Tom D'Andrea, drums

July 14: 'Azzaam Hameed, piano

July 21: Peg Delaney, piano; Bill Delaney, bass; Tom D'Andrea, drums

July 28: TBA

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.

Yoga at FRC

Douglas Goodbee, certified in Kripalu/Hatha E-RYT and athletic yoga, teaches every Thursday at 6:45pm in Assembly Hall. The classes are free for FRC members, \$10 non-members. This class is for everyone at any level, singles, families, and seniors. Bring a mat and wear loose clothing. Questions: contact Douglas at 229-7291 or e-mail dagoods1@gmail.com.

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 the Dirck Romeyn Room from 9:30-11am on the last Wednesday of 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.

Communion By Intinction

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

Two Row Schenectady

Join us to celebrate the Mohawk River and renew the Two Row Treaty on July 13 & 14.

Saturday: Festival at the Mabee Farm, Sunday: paddle the Mohawk with friends from the Six Nations.

Further information on FRC Bulletin Board and at www.tworowschenectady.org

Joint VBS in July!

FRC, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, and Union Presbyterian are cooperating in a VBS experience from July 15-19 for ages 4-10 years old from 9:15am-12pm. VBS will be held at Union Presbyterian Church on Park Ave. There is a form to fill out, which can be obtained in the FRC office. Plan on having great fun and meeting new friends.

Shakespeare in the Park!

Come out for a free evening of Shakespeare in Saratoga's Congress Park on Friday, July 19. The Saratoga Shakespeare Company will present *The Merry Wives of Windsor*. We'll meet at 5:30pm and picnic on the lawn before the 6:30pm performance. Bring picnic food, lawn chairs, blankets, and bug spray. A signup sheet will be posted in Assembly Hall, or RSVP by July 18 to Leah Kidwell-Fernandes at 383-2167 or leah@upstateharpist.com. Please provide a number at which you can be reached on July 19 in case the event is cancelled due to inclement weather. For more information about the play, visit saratogashakespeare.com.

Special Offerings

As you know, Mission & Benevolence selects a recipient for special offerings taken up each year at Christmas and Easter. The committee invites you to nominate any group you feel would be a good beneficiary. The committee will be organizing its selection process starting in the fall, so make your nomination by September 1. In suggesting an organization, please provide the name of the person to get in touch with in the organization and their contact information. Please contact Stacey Midge for further information.

Save The Date

Cultural Frolic at SPAC on August 9

The Philadelphia Orchestra and the New York City Ballet will present a Bernstein Extravaganza. More information in our July/August First Things.

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."

Summer Volunteer

Looking for summer help to drop off collected clothing to Bethesda House and food items to SICM from FRC bins. These items are brought once a week and the church van is available for use. Contact Stacey Midge with any questions.

First Forum

The aim of First Forum is to provide stimulus to the congregation on current events or issues important to the community and world at large, through informative presentations and conversation. We work with Adult Education and Nurture, M&B, Justice Action Council and other committees; suggestions for programs are welcome from any member. Kindly contact Daniel Carlson at the church, or Joe Doolittle at 399-0499.

Support and Care Committee

To provide support and meet the needs of our church members, the following services are available.

Medical Transportation

Veronica Bartholic 393-7679
Inge-Lise Pangburn 399-1027
Ann Walraven 374-4646

Prayer Chain

Ann Gotwals 372-5089
Vernetta Theuner 355-2543

Meal Assistance

Kim Burgoyne 399-1337

Stephen Ministry

Daniel Carlson 377-2201

The Support and Care Committee is always happy to accept volunteers to assist with Sunday flower delivery, transportation, and preparing an occasional meal.

To help in any way, please call one of the above, or Chair, Veronica Bartholic at 393-7679.

	This Sunday	Next Sunday
Counting Deacons	Bill Martin, Caroline Welch	Leah Kidwell-Fernandes, Joan Lindsay
Faith Bookshop	Committee Member	Committee Member
Flower Delivery	Ann Hicks & Ann Bish, Victoria McGowan & Mike Horan	Joan & Tom Lindsay, Vernetta Thuener
Greeters	Cynthia Hamilton	Virginia Laumeister
Kinderwyck	Sarah Bachorik, Mary Russell	Sarah Bachorik
Liturgist	Stacey Midge	Daniel Carlson
Prayers of the People	Christine Daniels	Bill Levering
Preacher	Bill Levering	Bill Levering
Processing Elders	Joyce Griggs, Keith Muse, Darwin Brudos, Phillip Falconer, Jerry Griggs, Linda Witkowski	Keith Muse, Catherine Lewis, Thomas Lindsay, Delbert Pierce
Reader	Carol Troost	Margaret Miller
Refreshments	Rebecca & Elena Grande	Wisniewski Family
Usher/ Offertory Deacons	Glenn Blinckmann (head usher), Steve Breitenbach, Griffin Laycock, Gerry Myers, Susan Read	Leah Kidwell-Fernandes, William Martin, Victoria McGowan, Kimberly Burgoyne, Joan Lindsay, Thomas Burgoyne,

“Never put off till tomorrow what may be done day after tomorrow just as well”. ~ Mark Twain

“Only put off until tomorrow what you are willing to die having left undone” ~ Pablo Picasso

Sunday, June 30

10:00 am Worship
10:15 am Church School
11:00 am Refreshments
11:00 am District Boy Scouts
11:00 am Membership Committee
5:00 pm Jazz Vespers

*“I Can't think about that right now. If I do, I'll go crazy. I'll think about that tomorrow.”
~ Margaret Mitchell, Gone with the Wind*

“If it weren't for the last minute, nothing would get done.” ~ Rita Mae Brown

Monday, July 1

9:00 am Mens News Group
7:00 pm Creation Care Committee

“You cannot escape the responsibility of tomorrow by evading it today.” ~ Abraham Lincoln

“A year from now you may wish you had started today.” ~ Karen Lamb

Tuesday, July 2

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

*“Someday is not a day of the week.”
~ Janet Dailey*

Thursday, July 4 ~ Independence Day

Office Closed

“It is easier to resist at the beginning than at the end.” ~ Leonardo da Vinci

Sunday, July 7

10:00 am Worship with Communion
11:00 am Refreshments
5:00 pm Jazz Vespers

*“If you choose to not deal with an issue, then you give up your right of control over the issue and it will select the path of least resistance.”
~ Susan Del Gatto*

“God has promised forgiveness to your repentance, but He has not promised tomorrow to your procrastination.” ~ Augustine of Hippo

“My mother always told me I wouldn't amount to anything because I procrastinate. I said, 'Just wait.’” ~ Judy Tenuta

“Never put off for tomorrow, what you can do today.” ~ Thomas Jefferson