

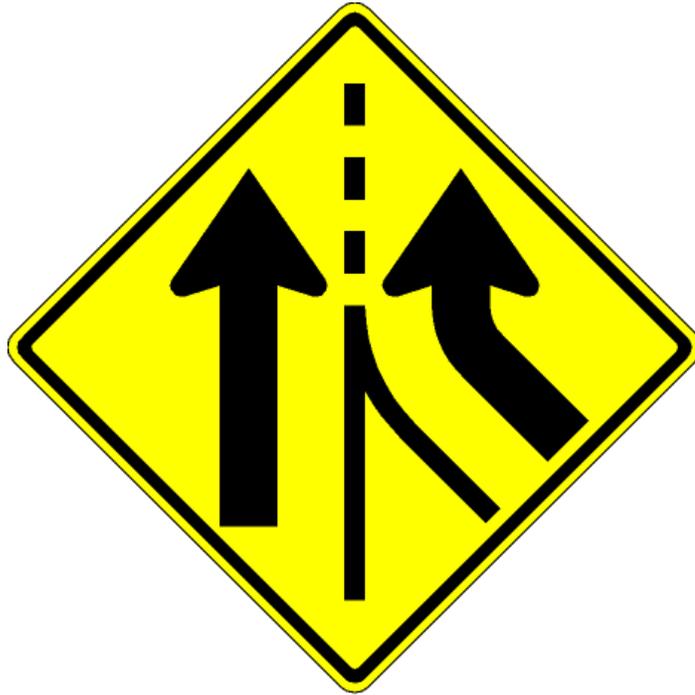
***The Covenant of Our
Congregation
Adopted in 1962***

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.



How very good and pleasant it is
when kindred live together in unity!

-Psalm 133:1

July 7, 2013

Welcome Union Presbyterian Church



First Reformed Church
8 North Church Street
Schenectady, New York 12305
(518) 377-2201 www.1stReformed.com

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.

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

July 7, 2013

*The congregation may stand.

PRELUDE Dave Gleason, piano

10:00 a.m.

GREETING Daniel Carlson
The grace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & ORIENTATION

CALL TO WORSHIP Bill Levering

*HYMN #430 *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!*

*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 A Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and

apostles, rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.

*PASSING THE PEACE

MUSICAL OFFERING Timothy Dunn, Tenor
Lord, Here Am I John Ness Beck

FIRST LESSON Margaret Miller
Guide us, O Lord, by your Word and Holy Spirit. **Amen.** *John 17:20-23 (page 111)*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND LESSON *Ephesians 4:1-6 (page 193)*

SERMON *The Call to Unity* Bill Levering

*HYMN #504 *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY Timothy Dunn, Tenor
Amazing Grace Arr. Nancy Wertech

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

COMMUNION PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Come down the center aisle starting from all the FRONT pews. Return by way of the side aisles. The servers will bring the elements to any who choose to remain seated.

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 #447 *Lead On, O King Eternal*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Dave Gleason, piano

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Welcome Union Presbyterian Church

This morning we wish to welcome members of Union Presbyterian Church, who are joining us in worship, mission, fellowship, and education. If you are a UPC member and need to know where something is, please ask anyone with a colorful smiley face sticker on.

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:

Elmer Baldwin, Chuck Greskovich, Roy Hershey, Belle Kozak, John Metcalf, III, and Susan Staffa.

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.

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

Jean Brown, Dolph Ebeling, Ruth George, Deleo Gravink, Bill Hubbard, Helen McCary, Tom Norton, Margaret Reed, Elyne Schulte, and Fran Shuey.

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 of Chuck Greskovich by his loving family Maria, Ann, and Chad. 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.

Entered Into Eternal Rest

Belle Kozak
July 3, 2013

Union Presbyterian Name Tags

We like name tags. Although we will not force these on you, there are pre-printed stick-on name tags at two sanctuary entrances for all Union members. When you take a paper name tag, we will automatically make you a permanent one for the following week that will be on the name tag door by Poling Chapel.

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 Ipsen 399-6848 if you are even remotely interested.

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.

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.

Communion By Intinction

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

Johnson Library

Friday, June 21, was the first day of summer. *The Splendor of the Seasons* published by Outdoor World is a collection of magnificent photography, as is Janet Marshall's *Nature's Dairy*. Rachel Carson's *Silent Spring* and Stella Snead's *Beach Patterns* are here, and so is Hal Borland's *The Golden Circle*, a Book of Months. Jean Van Leeuwen reminds us that it can be *Too Hot for Ice Cream*. Mary Leister's *Wildings* includes shadows to help us through unbearably hot weather, while Pierre Teilhard de Chardin studies *Man's Place in Nature*.

Jazz Appreciation Month Every Sunday, 5pm

Today: 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

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.

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.

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.

Summer Lunch

We will be serving free lunches to children in Steinmetz Park during the week of July 15-19. Volunteers are needed from 11:45-2pm. Please sign up by contacting Stacey Midge.

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.

We're Going Tubing!

All youth in grades 6-12, from both Union Presbyterian and First Reformed, are invited to go tubing on the Schroon River on Wednesday, July 24. We will depart from the church parking lot at 10am and travel to the Sacandaga Outdoor Center, where we will have lunch and spend the afternoon tubing and swimming. We will return at 6pm. Please bring \$10 per person, a bagged lunch, sunscreen, and a towel. You MUST RSVP for this event by contacting Stacey Midge at revstacey@gmail.com, or at the church office, so that we have an accurate count for transportation and tube rental. This is the first event of our youth group year and we hope to see all of you there!

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 July 31 and/or August 28 and share your new found learning and experience with others who value mutual sharing all year long! Contact Daniel Carlson for further details.

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.

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.

Flood Relief Work Needed In Fort Plain.

We need your help in Fort Plain. Here is how you can help

Volunteers: Needed to help muck out people's homes (basements mostly) and to help carry items to the curbside. *Volunteers are encouraged to call ahead* at the church phone (518) 993-4302 or Rev. Nancy Ryan's cell phone, (518) 466-3340.

You can watch The Albany Synod website for updates at www.albanysynod.org.

Stacey Midge will be collecting and delivering donated supplies. These items may be dropped off at the room by the west sanctuary entrance:

- bleach, rubber gloves, shovels, mops
- bottled water, any size.
- diapers and wipes.
- flashlights/batteries.
- personal hygiene products such as toothbrushes, deodorant, toothpaste, feminine products, hand soap, shampoo, etc.
- laundry & dish soap, disinfectant, bug spray
- pet food.

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.

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."

	This Sunday	Next Sunday
Counting Deacons	Leah Kidwell-Fernandes, Joan Lindsay	Linnea D'Andrea, David Bundy
Faith Bookshop	Committee Member	Committee Member
Flower Delivery	Joan & Tom Lindsay, Vernetta Thuener	Marilyn & Bob Beadle, Mary Jane Fisher,
Greeters	Virginia Laumeister	Heather & Andrew Chestnut
Kinderwyck	Sarah Bachorik, Nancy Martin	Sarah Bachorik
Liturgist	Daniel Carlson	Daniel Carlson
Prayers of the People	Bill Levering	Mary Alice Jewett
Preacher	Bill Levering	Nancy Davidson
Processing Elders	Keith Muse , Catherine Lewis, Thomas Lindsay, Delbert Pierce	Veronica Bartholic, Robert Dickson, Robert Beadle, Carolyn Jones-Assini
Reader	Margaret Miller	Nancy Davidson
Refreshments	Wisniewski Family	Sarah Howes
Offertory Deacons/ Usher	Leah Kidwell-Fernandes, William Martin, Victoria McGowan, Kimberly Burgoyne, Joan Lindsay, Thomas Burgoyne	Tom Burgoyne (head usher), David Bundy, Joe Gotwals, Chris Langdon, Alida Rice, Linda Stanhope

“We are only as strong as we are united, as weak as we are divided.” ~J.K. Rowling, Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire

*“One love, one heart . . .
Let’s get together and feel all right” ~Bob Marley*

“All for one and one for all.” ~Alexandre Dumas, The Three Musketeers

“Sometimes the thing that brings us together also pulls us apart. Sort of like a zipper.” ~Jarod Kintz, This Book Title is Invisible

“When there is no enemy within, the enemies outside cannot hurt you.” ~Winston Churchill

“The Destiny of Man is to unite, not to divide. If you keep on dividing you end up as a collection of monkeys throwing nuts at each other out of separate trees.” ~T.H. White

*“Pit race against race, religion against religion, prejudice against prejudice. Divide and conquer! We must not let that happen here.”
~Eleanor Roosevelt*

“I am a strong individualist by personal habit, inheritance, and conviction; but it is a mere matter of common sense to recognize that the State, the community, the citizens acting together, can do a number of things better than if they were left to individual action.” ~Theodore Roosevelt, The Man In The Arena: Speeches and Essays by Theodore Roosevelt

“Unity is vision; it must have been part of the process of learning to see.” ~Henry Adams, The Education of Henry Adams

Romans 15:5-6

New International Version

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Sunday, July 7

10:00 am Worship with Communion
10:15 am Church School for K-2
11:00 am Refreshments
5:00 pm Jazz Vespers

Monday, July 8

9:00 am Mens News Group

Tuesday, July 9

10:00 am Morning Prayer
6 pm Archives

Wednesday, July 10

1:00 pm Archives
2:00 pm Staff Meeting

Thursday, July 11

6:45 pm Yoga

Sunday, July 14

10:00 am Worship
10:15 am Church School for K-8
11:00 am Refreshments
5:00 pm Jazz Vespers