

***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.



July 14, 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.

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

July 14, 2013

*The congregation may stand.

PRELUDE Jeannette Storch, oboe
Preludio from Sonata in A minor
Arcangelo Corelli (1653-1713)

10:00 a.m.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS & ORIENTATION

CALL TO WORSHIP Stacey Midge

*HYMN #306 *Fairest Lord Jesus*

*OUR NEED FOR GOD (*unison*)
(from the PCUSA's "Brief Statement of Faith")
We trust in you, O God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love you created the world good and make everyone equally in your image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against you; we hide from you, our Creator. Ignoring your commandments, we violate your image in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve your condemnation. Yet you act with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

*GOD'S FORGIVING LOVE

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE #579

Glory Be to the Father Gloria Patri

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*unison*)
(from the PCUSA's "Brief Statement of Faith")
In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

PROFESSION OF FAITH AND SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

PRESENTATION, PROFESSIONS, AND PROMISES

Drayke Jackson and Brittany Dexter

BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Annalyn Rose Dexter-Jackson

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

Kate Rose, Jeanette Storch, sopranos
Laudamus Te Antonio Vivaldi

FIRST LESSON

Guide us, O Lord, by your Word and Holy Spirit. **Amen.** Nancy Davidson
Psalms 82 (page 542)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND LESSON *Amos 7:7-17 (page 855)*

SERMON *Totally Depraved, Dude*
Stacey Midge

*HYMN #370 *Just as I Am, Without One Plea*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY Kate Rose
How Beautiful are the Feet of Them
G.F. Handel

We praise you,
We bless you,
We adore you,
We glorify you.

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Mary Jewett

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 #289 *O God of Every Nation*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Jeannette Storch, oboe
Giga from Sonata in A minor
Arcangelo Corelli

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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:

Ida May Bacon, Jean Buchanan, Mary Jane Hasler, Jim Shapland, Pieter J. von Herrmann and Anne Shepherd Wemple

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 of Anne Shepherd Wemple from Carol Welch and family. 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.

New Members!

Today we publicly welcome Drayke Jackson and Brittany Dexter, as confessing members of this church and their daughter, Annalyn Rose Dexter-Jackson, as a baptized member. In addition to the congregation's presence and promises, these new members are blessed to have Annalyn's Godparents, Tami Montgomery-Pullman and James Pincher standing with them as well.

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.

Union Presbyterian Church 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.

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

Have you visited the church Bookshop which is open after Sunday services and located across from the library? It's a nice place to browse, meet new friends and purchase unique items and reasonably priced books. The Bookshop also carries fair trade coffee, tea and chocolates.

Jazz Appreciation Month Every Sunday, 5pm

Today: 'Azzaam Hameed, piano; Pete Toigo, bass

July 21: Peg Delaney, piano; Bill Delaney, bass; Tim Coakley, drums

July 28: Mike Lamkin, piano

August 4: Nat Phipps, piano; Pete Toigo, bass; Tom D'Andrea, drums

August 11: 'Azzaam Hameed, piano

August 18: Mike Lamkin, piano

August 25: Peg Delaney, piano; Bill Delaney, bass; Tim Coakley, drums

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 ~ Childcare

We need volunteers (18 & over) this summer to care for our youngest members during worship! No experience is required. Fill out a white pew card and let us know you would like to be a part of this ministry.

Two Row Schenectady ~ Today

Join us to celebrate the Mohawk River and renew the Two Row Treaty. Paddle the Mohawk with friends from the Six Nations, lunch at the Lighthouse in Glenville and a potluck dinner at Lock 7; more information on the bulletin boards.

Joint VBS ~ July 15-19

FRC, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, and Union Presbyterian are cooperating in a VBS experience 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.

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.

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 is 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 by July 17 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.

Fowler Camp & Retreat Center Event

On Saturday, August 3, all are welcome to the dedication of the Leet Nature Center at 4pm with hearty Hors D'oeuvres at 5:30pm on Leet's porch (reservations suggested by July 31 to 518-399-

9032). There will also be a benefit concert at 7pm with Sacandaga String Band in the Chapel.

Cultural Frolic at SPAC on August 9

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

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. This work is happening every day, and you can just show up on your own (or with a group of your friends!) *Volunteers are encouraged to call ahead to the Fort Plain Reformed Church at (518) 993-4302 or Rev. Nancy Ryan's cell phone, (518) 466-3340.*

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.

You can also check the Albany Synod website for updates at www.albanysynod.org.

Stewardship Committee

Ray and Joyce Beland are heading the 2014 Stewardship Campaign and are looking for people who are interested in serving on this committee. Please call Ray at 527-0195 or Joyce at 527-6363 or speak to them after worship if you are interested.

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	Linnea D'Andrea, David Bundy	Fred Daniels, Claire Hughes
Faith Bookshop	Committee Member	Committee Member
Flower Delivery	Marilyn & Bob Beadle, Mary Jane Fisher,	Christine & Fred Daniels, Rebecca & Carlos Grande
Greeters	Heather & Andrew Chestnut	Veronica Bartholic
Kinderwyck	Cathleen Wisniewski	Sarah Bachorik, Mary Carlson
Liturgist	Daniel Carlson	Daniel Carlson
Prayers of the People	Mary Jewett	
Preacher	Stacey Midge	Stacey Midge
Processing Elders	Veronica Bartholic, Robert Dickson, Robert Beadle, Carolyn Jones-Assini	Mary Jewett, Katherine Trimarco, Eugene Zeltmann, Christine Daniels,
Reader	Nancy Davidson	Amy Brule
Refreshments	Sarah Howes	
Usher	Earl Wainwright (head usher), David Bundy, Joe Gotwals, Chris Langdon, Linda Stanhope	Bill Clock (head usher), Louis Acquasanta, Cathy Allen, Robert Allen, Joe Gallagher, Maurice Robbins

Sunday, July 14

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

Monday, July 15

9:00 am Mens News Group

Tuesday, July 16

10:00 am Morning Prayer

Thursday, July 18

6:45 pm Yoga

Sunday, July 21

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

“For the first time I examined myself with a seriously practical purpose. And there I found what appalled me; a zoo of lusts, a bedlam of ambitions, a nursery of fears, a harem of fondled hatreds. My name was legion.” ~C.S. Lewis, Surprised by Joy

“There is no good on earth; and sin is but a name. Come, devil; for to thee is this world given.” ~Nathaniel Hawthorne, "Young Goodman Brown"

“In my judgment, such of us as have never fallen victims have been spared more by the absence of appetite, than from any mental or moral superiority over those who have. ~Abraham Lincoln, speech, Feb. 22, 1842

“The worst sin towards our fellow creatures is not to hate them, but to be indifferent to them: that's the essence of inhumanity.” ~George Bernard Shaw, The Devil's Disciple

“Always beware of aspiring to such purity that you no longer wish to appear before yourself as a sinner or even be one anymore. Christ dwells only with sinners.” ~Martin Luther

“My own sin will not hinder the working of God's goodness.” ~Julian of Norwich, Meditations with Julian of Norwich

“Sometimes we keep the sin in our lives well protected, guarded, covered over with lies. Sometimes we are not free enough to own our sin, so we cannot be healed of it. An unacknowledged wound cannot be healed.” ~Macrina Wiederkehr, Seasons of Your Heart

“Sin is its own punishment, devouring you from the inside.” ~WM. Paul Young, The Shack