

***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.



*Sail neither with the wind
nor against it
and you will prosper.*

~ W.H. Levering

August 11, 2013

Welcome Union Presbyterian Church



First Reformed Church
8 North Church Street
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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; a baby changing station is in the women's bathroom.

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 Union St. entrance of the church. If you have lost/misplaced an item at church, please check there.

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost
August 11, 2013

*The congregation may stand.

PRELUDE Andrew Janack, marimba
 and Brian Halliday, vibraphone

Caprice No. 1 Matteo Carcassi (1792-1853)
Summer Song David Maslanka

10:00 a.m.

GREETING

The grace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & ORIENTATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN #420 *God of Grace and God of Glory*

*OUR NEED FOR GOD (*unison*)

Eternal God, in sovereign love you created the world good and make every human equally in your image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we forget your sustaining presence and turn from you, our Savior. Ignoring your commandments, we violate your image in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature entrusted to our care. We deserve your condemnation. Yet in steadfast faithfulness 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*)

In life and death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we

trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

*PASSING THE PEACE

MUSICAL OFFERING

Rose Hunsberger, soprano
With Verdure Clad (from Creation)
G.F. Handel

FIRST LESSON *Luke 15:8-9* Bradley Lewis
Guide us, O Lord, by your Word and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND LESSON *Luke 12:16-20 (page 74)*

SERMON *Quotes from the Lake* Bill Levering

*HYMN *I Love To Tell the Story*

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love.
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;
It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

Refrain

I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in
glory, To tell the old, old story of Jesus and
His love.

I love to tell the story; more wonderful it seems
Than all the golden fancies of all our golden
dreams. I love to tell the story, it did so much for
me; and that is just the reason I tell it now to thee.

Refrain

I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat
What seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully
sweet. I love to tell the story, for some have never
heard The message of salvation from God's own
holy Word.

Refrain

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the
rest. And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new,

new song, 'Twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.

Refrain

OFFERING

OFFERTORY Rose Hunsberger, soprano
God is My Shepherd (from Biblical Songs)
Antonin Dvorak

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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 #415 *Come, Labor On* Ora Labora

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

To enjoy the postlude please remain seated.

POSTLUDE Andrew Janack and Brian Halliday

I Skovens Dybe Stille Ro Danish Folk Song
(In the Forest's Deep Quiet)

African Market Place Abdullah Ibrahim
Arr by Kai Stensgaard

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Worship Notes

Our Need for God and Affirmation of Faith are drawn from The Presbyterian Church (USA) Brief Statement of Faith.

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 Burke, Lorraine Ebeling, Claribel Westcott Linder, Helen Huff Lord, James A. Ramsey, Linda Richards, and John Senn

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 and in loving memory of Robert and Helen Lindsay by Joan & Tom Lindsay.

The chancel flowers are also placed in the sanctuary to the glory of God and in loving memory of Lorraine Schulte Ebeling by Elyne Schulte.

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.

Magnetic Name Tags

If you do not have a name tag on the door by Poling Chapel, please indicate that on a white card pew card and put it in the collection plate.

Baby Changing Stations

There is a baby changing station in the women's bathroom located across from the Johnson Library. Soon there will be changing stations in the women's and men's bathrooms located in the area under the church street entrance.

Kinderwyk - Childcare

We need volunteers (18 & over) to help our professional staff care for our youngest members during worship. Fill out a white pew card and place it in the offering plate to let us know you would like to be a part of this ministry. Following a required background check the church office staff will contact you to schedule the Sundays you are willing and available to serve.

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.

Jazz Appreciation Month Every Sunday, 5pm

Today: 'Azzaam Hameed, piano

August 18: Mike Lamkin, piano

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

Sept. 1: Paul Mastriani, piano; Pete Toigo, bass; Tom D'Andrea, drums

Sept. 8: 'Azzaam Hameed, piano

Sept. 15: Peg Delaney, piano; Bill Delaney, bass; Tom D'Andrea, 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.

Volunteers Needed - Yates Village

Union Presbyterian is responsible for the Summer Lunch Program at Yates Village Community Center for the weeks of August 12, and 26. The time is 11:55am to 1:30pm, although most people can leave around 1pm. UPC has done this many years and the big bonus is that it is inside and air conditioned. We need Help! Please call Ellie Rowland at 370-1958 or email her at erowland@nycap.rr.com.

Family Campout August 23-25

Break out your tents, trailers, and sleeping bags. Several intrepid souls and also people in trailers will take to a nearby State Park for a weekend of informal fun. Get ready for campfires, songs, short hikes, and swimming! Families with children of any age are encouraged. Contact Scoutmaster Levering for reservations at blevering@gmail.com.

Youth Tubing Trip Date Change

Due to lack of availability, the youth group tubing trip is postponed until Sept. 2, which is the date when UPC has their annual tubing event. Please let Stacey know if you can attend on Labor Day by Aug. 26.

In the meantime, all youth in grades 6-12 and their parents are invited to a BBQ on the church lawn on Aug. 22 from 6-8pm. Please bring a side or dessert to share.

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 August 28 and share your new found learning and experience with others. Contact Daniel Carlson for further details.

Church Facility Tour on First Sundays

If you are new to our church building and would like a brief tour, every Communion Sunday there will be someone to show you around immediately following a cup of coffee. Meet in front of the church office.

Welcome Back Picnic September 8

All are invited to stay after worship on September 8 for a time of fun, food, and fellowship. Please bring a dish to share.

In an effort to be green and promote healthy eating, this year's picnic will have an emphasis on eating locally. Those attending are encouraged to use locally grown/locally made products in the dishes they bring to share. Volunteers are needed for set up before the picnic and break down/clean up after the picnic. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Leah Kidwell-Fernandes at 383-2167 or leah@upstateharpist.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.

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."

Article Deadlines

Bulletin: The Wednesday prior to current Sunday

First Things: The 15 of the month, if it falls during the weekend, it is the Friday or Monday closest to the 15.

Where to send: 1streformedpub@gmail.com or contact Tani by calling the church office.

Facility Use Forms

For all groups using the churches facilities: please make sure a Facilities Use Form is submitted to the church office no later than one week in advance. The forms are available in the church office, on line at www.1streformed.com, and in the Facility Use Forms mail-box out in the hallway.

Church School

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.

A Reminder – The October 20 Book Sale

Please bring donated books – fiction, non-fiction, and children's – to the Poling Conference room. Volunteers needed. Call Linda Witkowski 374-7904

	This Sunday	Next Sunday
Counting Deacons	Fred Daniels, Claire Hughes	George Trimarco, Therese McCarty
Faith Bookshop	Virginia Laumeister	Bill Clock
Flower Delivery	Susan & Gene Zeltmann, Veronica Bartholic	Alison & Walter Yang, Linda Witkowski
Greeters	Peggy & Bob Ridgway	Nancy Ellen & Dale Swann
Kinderwyk	Sarah Bachorik	Sarah Bachorik, Mary Russell
Liturgist	Stacey Midge	Bill Levering
Preacher	Bill Levering	Bill Levering
Processing Elders	Gene Zeltmann, Christine Daniels, Del Pierce, Linda Witkowski	Veronica Bartholic, Rob Dickson, Peggy King, Katherine Trimarco
Reader	Bradley Lewis	Barbara Walton
Refreshments	Chris & Leah Kidwell-Fernandes	Barbara Walton
Usher	Earl Wainwright (head usher), Kip Arnold, Joanne Arnold, Phil Yourno, Louis Acquasanta, Richard Davis, Adam Kerwin	Art Shultes (head usher), Nicholas Blinckmann, Jeff Cox, Sharron McCullough, Jim McCullough

I love quotations because it is a joy to find thoughts one might have, beautifully expressed with much authority by someone recognized wiser than oneself. ~Marlene Dietrich

Sunday, August 11

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

Quotations will tell the full measure of meaning, if you have enough of them. ~James Murray

Life itself is a quotation. ~Jorge Luis Borges

It is a pleasure to be able to quote lines to fit any occasion... ~Abraham Lincoln

Monday, August 12

9:00 am Mens News Group

A quote is just a tattoo on the tongue.

~Attributed to William F. DeVault

Tuesday, August 13

10:00 am Morning Prayer
6:00 pm Archives

I've compiled a book from the Internet. It's a book of quotations attributed to the wrong people. ~Jerry Seinfeld

Wednesday, August 14

1:00 pm Archives
2:00 pm Staff Meeting

He wrapped himself in quotations—as a beggar would enfold himself in the purple of Emperors. ~Rudyard Kipling

Thursday, August 15

6:45 pm Yoga

Fine phrases I value more than bank-notes. I have ear for no other harmony than the harmony of words. To be occasionally quoted is the only fame I care for. ~Alexander Smith

Sunday, August 18

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

Collect as precious pearls the words of the wise and virtuous. ~El Amir Abdelkader

Proverbs are potted wisdom. ~Charles Buxton

We love quotations; they strengthen us in our own belief; they show that some other spirit, perhaps a master-spirit, has gone thus far with us: to such we cling as the ivy to the oak. ~S.J.W., "On Female Education," in The Christian Teacher (National Review), 1835