

**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.



Please wait.

December 15, 2013



First Reformed Church
8 North Church Street
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(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.

Non Emergency Number

Schenectady Police: 518-382-5200

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.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND LESSON *Matthew 11:2-11 (page 11)*

SERMON *While Waiting: Be Patient*

*HYMN #48 *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY Nancy Davidson
United Prayer Ministry

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *In the Bleak Midwinter*
Cranham arr. Lloyd Larson
Klokken Tower Ringers

*DOXOLOGY #592
Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

*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.

*RECESSIONAL HYMN #12
People, Look East Valet Will Ich Dir Geben

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE *People Look East*
Besancon

Please remain seated for today's Postlude.

POSTLUDE

Jesse Ayers

African Fantasy on Joy to the World

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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:

Ruth Arthur, Adeline Graham, and John Young

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.

Music Notes

In the Bleak Midwinter is one of those very thoughtful even moody carols (Hymnal #36) that describes the dark and cold of winter quite graphically. The last verse however is resolute in the most precious of all Christmas gifts, to "give my heart". The music is by Gustav Holst and hymn text by Christina G. Rossetti.

Post Service Refreshments

Everyone is invited to have refreshments in Assembly Hall right after worship. 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. There is a sign-up sheet in Assembly Hall or fill out a white pew card and place it in the offering plate. If any questions, please contact Tani Breitenbach 1streformedpub@gmail.com or 377-2201. Dates from Dec. 22 forward are still available. Please consider volunteering.

Forum

Held after worship most Sundays at 11:15am in Poling Chapel. Suggestions for programs are welcome from any committee or member; simply contact Joe Doolittle, 384-1700 or Amy Brule, 785-8201.

Today: Crèche Show and Tell

Dec. 22: M&B Christmas Offering: *Things of My Very Own*; Rayn Boncie, CEO/President

Adult Class: Christmas Bible Talk

Dr. Levering will review the Bible passages about Christmas and give some contextual and linguistic information that will add depth to your season, located in the Poling Conference room.

Dec. 29: Here We Go A'wassailing Frolic

Lenten Devotional

Have you signed up yet for your contribution to the Lenten Devotional? A poem, a response to a Bible verse, or a short piece about an idea you'd like to share with the congregation. If you haven't, sign up outside of Assembly Hall.

Narthex Cases

Please take a moment to view the Narthex display cases for this Christmas season. Nancy Teichner has carefully arranged the David Coons Van Voast Memorial Crèche in the east case and UPC has placed special Christmas items of their congregation in the west case.

Crismon Tree

Please take a moment to stop in the Dirck Romeyn room to appreciate the Crismon Tree. The tree was donated this year by the Assini and Welch families in memory of Russell V. Jones, Anne Shepherd Wemple, Robert V. Shepherd, and Susan Shepherd. The Crismon (Christ and Monograms) ornaments, which depict the principal teachings of work of Jesus, were first created initially for a tree in the Schenectady Museum and later given to Mrs. Harrison Todd to present to her church.

UPC Congregational Meeting

UPC Session is calling for a special congregational meeting, right after worship service today, to make some changes to the UPC by-laws due to our Joint Congregational Witness with FRC. Those attending sit at the right front pews (Lectern side.)

Poinsettia Delivery ~ Help Needed Today

Today volunteers will deliver poinsettia plants to homebound church members. The plants, along with addressed cards for each recipient, will be available after the service. Members of the Support and Care Committee will be present to assist. This is a meaningful opportunity to extend our love to those not able to join us for worship.

Blue Christmas ~ Today at 3pm

In this service, we will be given a chance to sing and to pray; to honor those persons who no longer sit at our tables, but remain very present in our lives and often mold our holiday traditions; and we will be invited to offer up the pain, the loneliness, the sad and dark memories, and the anxiety and fear to the one whose birth we eagerly await... Jesus Christ. As we reflect on the past, and are comforted in knowing that we are not alone, we move into the holiday season with renewed love, hope, and peace. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Jazz Vespers Every Sunday ~ 5pm

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

Dec. 22: David Gleason, piano; Mike Lawrence, bass

Dec. 29: David Gleason, piano; Mike Lawrence, bass; Tom D'Andrea, drums

Faith Bookshop

Restocked: CDs of Eric Marczak playing the Native American flute and Vantage Import animal items from Kenya. **New:** beaded necklaces and purses from Transylvania brought to us by Sara Bobok and handkerchief angels made by Joanne White to benefit daughter Christy's fund. Please stop in and look around.

There's a lot to see, including donated Christmas ornaments, most for 25 cents.

Junior & Senior High Youth Groups

ALL youth in grades 6-12, will meet from 5-7pm on Sunday nights unless otherwise noted, all will meet for dinner, fellowship, service, and learning activities.

Today: Rehearsal for the Living Nativity and Christmas Eve Family Service.

Dec. 22: Living Nativity at 6pm. Everyone performing should be at church by 4:30pm. After the Living Nativity, we will have donuts and cocoa, and then everyone is invited to a fundraising concert for an orphanage in Romania at 7pm.

Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Family Service at 5pm. Everyone who is participating in the service should be at church by 4pm.

Dec. 29: No youth group meeting.

Stephen Ministry Training Continues

This coming week, in our Stephen Ministry final Monday evening training class we will be considering the subject of *How to Make a First Caring Visit*. In this presentation they will be receiving nuts-and-bolts information on how to get a visit with a care receiver off to a good start. We give thanks for the contagious enthusiasm of our Stephen Ministry trainees, and ask your continued prayers for them as they near the completion of their training in preparation for their ministries of compassion in 2014 and beyond.

Horizon Bible Study

On Tuesday mornings from 10 - 11am, in Polling Conference room, Rev. Ruth Kuo will lead a study on Advent and Christmas Hymns: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*, and *People, Look East, Silent Night, Holy Night, O Little Town of Bethlehem*, and others. We will learn their historical, theological, and cultural contexts. We will not meet Dec. 24 – Jan. 7 and will resume on Tuesday Jan. 14. All are Welcome! Topic of study for the new year: To be announced.

Midweek Evening Worship

Join us for this contemplative service held each Wednesday at 7-7:45pm in Poling Chapel, which includes a gentle guitar prelude, guided reflection, unhurried song, shared prayers, and the Lord's supper. Contact Daniel Carlson with any questions.

Tuesday Ladies

We will meet every third Tuesday; the next meeting is Dec. 17 at 7:30pm at Connie Young's home. All ladies are welcome. Please call Connie at 393-7061 if you have any questions or for more information.

Christmas Offering 2013

This year's Christmas Offering is designated for *Things of My Very Own, Inc.* located in Glenville. This 501©3 non-profit corporation provides crisis intervention services and programs to children in emergency situations, specifically, those impacted by extensive abuse or neglect. The organization provides innovative, ongoing programs to assist children in developing self-confidence, healthy levels of self-esteem, and a reduction in the changes of future victimization.

It is only through the support and generosity of community members that we are able to accomplish all that we do. Please consider making a tax-deductible donation today. Again this year we are eligible for GE Matching Funds. For GE employees or retirees, a donation of \$25 or more will be matched by General Electric. To make a donation with matching funds please contact the GE Matching Gifts Program at 1-800-305-0669, or access the Foundations website at www.gefoundation.com/matchinggifts. Make the check payable to *Things of My Very Own* with matching in the memo line.

Daily Devotional Books

Group V has their Devotional books available again this year. These make great holiday gifts, hostess gifts and just thoughtful gifts for friends and family. There are copies available in the book shop. They can be used year after year. If

any questions call Maria G. Todd at 372-9522, who will also have books. Cost \$7 each or 3 for \$20.

Dedicated Christmas Flowers

As we prepare for the Holiday season, remember a loved one by participating in the Christmas Memorial Flowers. Each year the church is decorated with plants and greens during the holiday season. Your loved ones will be remembered in the bulletin on Dec. 24. The donation is \$20. Even if you have donated in previous years, you must place a new order for Christmas 2013. Please call the church office **no later than Thursday, Dec. 19**, to make arrangements. Send payment to Chancel Guild, c/o Marlene Risseuw, 2140 Niskayuna Drive, 12309.

Caroling ~ December 20

It is UPC's Christmas tradition that we go out caroling to the home-bound. We will gather to have soup and bread at 5:30pm at the church, then get into our cars and deliver our joyful sounds to a few home-bound. All are welcome to join us. If you have special home-bound folks in mind, please speak with Rev. Ruth Kuo at 377-2201.

Youth Present Living Nativity and Concert

The Living Nativity performance will be held on the church lawn on Dec. 22 at 6pm. The Senior High Youth Group will act out the story of Jesus' birth, and then we will gather inside for donuts and hot cocoa to celebrate this Christmas season.

Benefit Concert for Transylvania Orphanage

Join us on Dec. 22 at 7pm (following the Living Nativity) in the sanctuary for a benefit concert supporting the Galospetri orphanage in Transylvania! This concert is being organized by a member of our youth group, Sara Bobok, who has traveled to volunteer at the orphanage. Several of our local and church musicians will be performing. Tickets are available in the church office for \$10 per person, or \$25 for a family. All

of the money raised will be used to build a fence around the orphanage. We hope to see you there!

Christmas Eve Refreshments

Volunteers needed! We are in the process of obtaining volunteers to bring finger food and helpers for set-up and clean-up for shared fellowship after the 9pm service on Dec. 24. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Tani Breitenbach 377-2201 or send an email to 1streformedpub@gmail.com.

Cookies After 9pm Christmas Eve Service

Celebrate the season by meeting up with friends and family after the 9pm service on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24. Refreshments and refreshing good cheer will greet you all in Friendship Hall.

Office Holiday Hours

The office will be closed Wednesday, Dec. 25 and Friday, Dec. 27. We will be open Thursday, Dec. 26.

Gift Idea

Is there a copy of *Three Centuries: The History of the First Reformed Church of Schenectady* in your home? A print of Len Tantillo's painting showing our first church building, *Schenectady Town, View from Cowhorn Creek, circa 1690?* *Three Centuries* may also be purchased at the church office.

Here We Go A'wassailing

Those of every age are invited to join us for a good cheer frolic after worship on the Fourth Day/First Sunday of Christmas, Dec. 29. We'll travel and carol to those in need of "good tidings this Christmas and a happy New Year!" Finishing with a complimentary lunch - and hopefully some real wassail - is an option for those participating.

Epiphany Party ~ January 4

This year our annual celebration of Christ's manifestation to Magi will be held on Saturday, Jan. 4 from 5-8pm at the home of Marey Bailey and Joseph Yavonditte, 125 Benjamin St. Schenectady. Everyone is invited: young and old,

strangers and friends. We'll feast together, sing a few carols, recall the sacred story, and process with the *Three Kings*. Then the hale and hearty will bundle up and go outside to share in the house blessing, followed by prayers around the brilliant blaze of a Christmas Tree Bonfire. All attending should bring a favorite appetizer and beverage to share. A signup sheet is posted in Assembly Hall. Contact Daniel Carlson if you have any questions. Follow that star!

Epiphany Cake Baking ~ Volunteers Needed

The traditional *Gallet* Epiphany cakes for the party will be made in the Friendship Hall kitchen on Thursday, Jan. 2 from 7 – 9pm. If you're interested in helping, call Mary Jewett at 355-8059.

Future Pillars ~ Post Holiday Gathering

Save the Date! Come to the Van Dyke Restaurant on Thursday, Jan. 9 from 6-9pm for fellowship and desserts. All members age 21 to 40ish are invited. Hot appetizers and drinks available but not included. RSVP in Assembly Hall or by calling the church office. Hope to see you there!

Men's Breakfast Program

The Men's Breakfast group will meet on Saturday, Jan. 11 at 8am in Assembly Hall. Our speaker for that day is George Wise. Dr. Wise is a well-known historian in the local area and has many friends in the FRC community. He will speak to us about *The History of Employment*. This is a very timely topic, considering the recent struggles with high unemployment (or underemployment) in the U.S. The meeting is open to all men of the FRC and UPC congregations. Please sign up with the office staff or sign the attendance sheet posted in Assembly Hall.

Group VII

On Friday, Jan. 17 we will meet at 10am in the Dirck Romeyn Room. Program: Meet the Covenanters; find out what they do. Co-hostesses: Martha Winchester and Ronnie Bartholic.

Prayer Shawl Knitting Group

We will not meet in December, but will resume on Thursday, Jan. 23, 9:30am at the home of Inge-Lise Pangburn. For questions, contact Ronnie Bartholic.

Emergency Contact Information

In times of crisis it can be very helpful to have on hand the name and number of the person to be contacted in case of an emergency. The Support and Care Committee urges such information to be shared with the church office, where it will be accessible to the church staff.

Kinderwyk - Childcare

We need church members who are 18 and 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.

Our United Prayer Ministry

In view of our increasing collaboration, the leaders of FRC's and UPC's separate prayer chains have begun the process of integrating these respective ministries into a shared and expanded ministry of prayer. Our united prayer ministry will include both those who wish to continue to receive and pass on prayer requests by phone as well as those who prefer the option of receiving requests by email. Now is the time for anyone not currently involved to join us in this vital ministry of offering to God our intercessions and thanksgivings for the needs and joys of one another - and others! Simply contact the church office (377-2201; 1streformedpub@gmail.com) by the evening of Dec. 15 to indicate your interest and whether you prefer contact by phone or email.

Advent and Christmas Celebrations

Sunday, December 15

3 PM.....Blue Christmas Service

Offer up loneliness, sadness, and fear to the God who walks with us. Take comfort and strength from the company of others and the possibility of renewed hope.

5 PM.....Jazz Vespers with the Peg Delany Trio

Friday, December 20

5:30 PM.....Soup and Caroling

We will gather for soup and bread, and then deliver our joyful Christmas tidings to our homebound friends.

Sunday, December 22

5 PM.....Christmas Jazz Vespers with Dave Gleason

6 PM.....Living Nativity Display

The Senior High Youth Group will act out the story of Jesus' birth, and then we will gather inside for donuts and hot cocoa to celebrate this Christmas season.

7 PM.....Benefit Youth Concert

Orchestrated by Sarah Bobok, all proceeds will benefit an orphanage in Romania.

Tuesday, December 24

CHRISTMAS EVE

5 PM.....Family Service

See the story of Jesus' birth lived-out by children and youth to include joyful music and personal testaments from High School students.

8:30 PM Music of the Season

We will present a variety of Christmas music including carols from England, Spain, France, and Italy, as well as two carols for harp and organ.

9 PM.....Carols and Candles Service

Familiar songs sung to include candles with refreshments and refreshing good cheer to follow.

11 PM.....Candlelit Service

Peaceful reflections with carols and communion

Sunday, December 29

11 AMA'wassailing Frolic

We travel and carol to those in need of "good tidings this Christmas and a happy New Year!" Complimentary lunch - and hopefully some real wassail - is an option following this outing.

	This Sunday	Next Sunday
Counting Deacons	Richard Davis, Victoria McGowan-Horan	Leah Kidwell-Fernandes, Nancy Wainwright
Faith Bookshop	Bill Clock	Linda Witkowski
Flower Delivery	Many Members	Chancel Guild
Greeters	Cox Family	Jeanette & Don Davidson
Kinderwyk	Sarah Bachorik, Barbara Walton	Sarah Bachorik, Shannon Kerwin
Liturgist	Daniel Carlson	Stacey Midge
Preacher	Bill Levering	Bill Levering
Processing Elders	Rob Dickson, Mary Jewett, Keith Muse, Roberta Blackmer, Carolyn Jones-Assini, Margaret Schadler	Keith Muse, Gene Zeltmann, Robert Beadle, Art Casey, Tom Lindsay, Linda Witkowski
Reader	Rob Dickson	Catherine deSalle
Refreshments	Blythe Gieseler, Shannon Karl	Shannon Kerwin
Usher	Glenn Blinckmann (head usher), Crystal Mongillo, Linda Malgieri, Gerry Myers, Justine Ochal	Tom Burgoyne (head usher), David Bundy, Joe Gotwals, Chris Langdon

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Gary Nelson, Facility Supervisor
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Tom Mahan, Sexton

Sunday, December 15

- 10:00 am.....Worship
- 10:15 am.....Church School for K-8
- 11:00 am.....Forum
- 11:00 am.....UPC Congregational Meeting
- 3:00 pmBlue Christmas
- 5:00 pmJH&SH Youth Group
- 5:00 pmJazz Vespers

Monday, December 16

- 9:00 am.....Mens News Group
- 10:00 am.....What's Your Story?
- 6:30 pmStephen Ministry Training
- 7:00 pmUPC Session
- 7:00 pmKlokken Tower Ringers

Tuesday, December 17

- 10:00 am.....Morning Prayer
- 10:00 am.....Horizons Bible Study
- 11:00 am.....Support & Care Meeting
- 6:00 pmCRTC
- 7:00 pmLights. Camera. Jesus!

Wednesday, December 18

- 9:30 am.....Kerygma Conversations
- 1:00 pmArchives
- 6:00 pmDinner & Faith Discussion
- 7:00 pmMidweek Evening Worship

Thursday, December 19

- 7:30 am.....Breakfast Bible Bunch
- 10:00 am.....Stitch Group
- 6:45 pmYoga
- 7:00 pmStephen Ministry Meeting
- 7:30 am.....Chancel Choir

Friday, December 20

- 11:30 am.....Group V
- 5:30 pmSoup & Caroling

Saturday, December 21

- 9:30 am.....Chancel Guild Vesting

Sunday, December 22

- 10:00 am.....Worship
- 10:15 am.....Church School for K-8
- 11:00 am.....Forum & Adult Class
- 12:00 pmMembership Committee
- 4:30 pmJH&SH Youth Group
- 5:00 pmJazz Vespers
- 6:00 pmLiving Nativity
- 7:00 pmBenefit Youth Concert

Patience, grasshopper, said Maia. Good things come to those who wait. I always thought that was 'Good things come to those who do the wave,' said Simon. No wonder I've been so confused all my life.
~Cassandra Clare, City of Glass

Rivers know this: there is no hurry. We shall get there someday. ~A.A. Milne, Winnie-the-Pooh

The two hardest tests on the spiritual road are the patience to wait for the right moment and the courage not to be disappointed with what we encounter.
~Paulo Coelho, Veronika Decides to Die

There are times to stay put, and what you want will come to you, and there are times to go out into the world and find such a thing for yourself.
~Lemony Snicket, Horseradish: Bitter Truths You Can't Avoid

He that can have patience can have what he will.
~Benjamin Franklin

Patience is bitter, but its fruit is sweet. ~Aristotle

To say that one waits a lifetime for his soulmate to come around is a paradox. People eventually get sick of waiting; take a chance on someone, and by the art of commitment become soulmates, which takes a lifetime to perfect. ~Criss Jami, Venus in Arms

Patience is power.
Patience is not an absence of action; rather it is "timing" it waits on the right time to act, for the right principles and in the right way." ~Fulton J. Sheen

I am extraordinarily patient, provided I get my own way in the end. ~Margaret Thatcher

Why is patience so important?"
"Because it makes us pay attention. ~Paulo Coelho

It is far better to endure patiently a smart which nobody feels but yourself, than to commit a hasty action whose evil consequences will extend to all connected with you. ~Charlotte Brontë, Jane Eyre

Make your ego porous. Will is of little importance, complaining is nothing, fame is nothing. Openness, patience, receptivity, solitude is everything.
~Rainer Maria Rilke

The strongest of all warriors are these two — Time and Patience. ~Leo Tolstoy, War and Peace