

**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.*



The Destination calls for

Following by leading

Leading by following.

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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.

### **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](http://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.



## OFFERING

### OFFERTORY *You Call to Us, Lord Jesus* Aurelia

You call to us, Lord Jesus, as once in Galilee  
You called to James and Andrew,  
“Come now and follow me.”  
They left their nets and followed,  
and did not look behind;  
Lord, we like them will follow,  
our life in you to find.

You came to preach deliv’rance,  
to set the captives free,  
To heal the brokenhearted,  
to make the sightless see.  
Your ministry of mercy and justice is our task;  
Help us like true disciples  
to do the work you ask.

You summon us to visions  
of what this world can be,  
Of hope and peace and freedom  
for all humanity.  
For justice we will labor for ev’ry human soul  
Till greed and hatred vanish,  
and humankind is whole.

The path you bid us follow is not an easy road,  
And doubt or pain or conflict  
will sometimes be our load.  
Lord, grant us strength and courage  
to walk the way you trod.  
Till we behold in glory the radiant face of God.  
Joy F. Patterson

### \*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 #344

*Christ of the Upward Way* Sursum Corda

### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE *Threefold Amen*  
Traditional

POSTLUDE *Sicilian Mariners*  
*Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing*

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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:

*Rev. Bertram D. Atwood, Douw Kunhardt  
Beekman, Barbara Gifford, Ellsworth Langdon,  
Caleb Paine, Herbert Strong, William Tucker,  
and Marguerite Wellborn*

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 Note

Today's Anthem was composed in 1915. It's one  
of the best examples English romantic church  
music at the turn of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. The music is  
majestic and grand and appropriate for this  
season of Epiphany. This piece was sung at the  
celebration of Queen Elizabeth's Diamond  
Jubilee and last June at our Evensong service  
with St. George's Episcopal Church

## **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 the church office by e-mail to 1streformedpub@gmail.com or 377-2201. Dates from Feb. 2 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:** Robert W. Arnold III, public historian, will speak about the effects of the Civil War on the soldiers' families and communities - *Let Loose the Dogs of War: New York's Civil War at Home*. After the forum Robert will join us for the chili cook-off and further discussion.

**Feb. 2:** Rob Dickson of FRC will share his ongoing research of FRC in the Civil War, *It Touched Every Hearth*.

**Feb. 9:** How are we doing together? Rev. Dr. Bill Levering

## **Chili Cook-Off and Auction ~ Today**

The annual Chili Cook-off and Auction will be held today **at noon**. Please join us to taste the chili and bid on a great selection of auction items! All proceeds from this event support the Senior High Youth Group on their mission trip.

## **Narthex Display**

For more about Heritage Sunday take a look at the Narthex church display.

## **Jazz Vespers Every Sunday ~ 5pm**

**Today:** David Gleason, piano

**Feb. 2:** Nat Phipps, piano

**Feb. 9:** 'Azzaam Hameed, piano; Pete Toigo, bass; Tom D'Andrea, drums

**Feb. 16:** Peg Delaney, piano

**Feb. 23:** Michael Lamkin, piano; Bill Delaney, bass; Tom D'Andrea, drums

## **Faith Bookshop**

Oh! For a book, and a cozy nook. And oh! For a quiet hour. The Bookshop may have just the book for you. Check the table with recommendations, the shelves, and don't forget the little bookcase with gently read donated books.

## **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:** Chili Cook-off and Auction following the morning worship service.

**Feb. 2:** No meetings

**Feb. 9:** Regular meeting at 5pm; Mission Trip meeting at 7pm.

**Feb. 16:** No regular meeting. Senior High students who are going on the mission trip will meet at 6pm.

**Feb. 22:** Mission trip ends at noon

**Feb. 23:** No meetings.

## **Horizon Bible Study**

The Horizons Bible study group meets on Tuesdays at 10am in the Poling Conference room for a study of *Mark's Gospel*. Study guides by Mark Deibert from the Interpretation Bible series is available for \$7, and will be available at class. All interested are welcome to attend.

## **Midweek Vegetarian Dinner**

Every Wednesday at 6pm in Assembly Hall a small group of members and friends share a delicious, healthy, plant-based feast of soup, salad, and something sweet. Sign up in Assembly Hall if you would like to bring an edible contribution. Show up if you would like to partake of the good food and fellowship. Stay up for Midweek Evening Worship if such a service interests you.

### **Midweek Evening Worship**

All are welcome to our contemplative service held each Wednesday evening, 7-7:45pm in Poling Chapel. This worship always includes a lovely guitar prelude, gentle singing, guided reflection, Holy Communion, and shared prayers, through which we seek to rekindle awareness of God's loving presence within us and all creation.

### **Fellowship Luncheon**

Save the date for the best luncheon in town. The FRC/UPC Fellowship Luncheon is scheduled for Friday, Jan. 31, at 11:45am in Assembly Hall. Gay Doolittle, Mary Jewett and Carol Troost will serve as hostesses for the luncheon. Laura Lee Linder, church historian, will share the history of First Reformed Church from the very beginning. If you are able to join us, please bring a casserole or salad to share. Desserts and beverages will be provided. Reservations are not necessary, but would be appreciated. You can do this by signing up in Assembly Hall or by calling either Amy Brule 785-8201 or Sally Bestgen 346-0304.

### **Music for Heritage Sunday Feb. 2**

With focus this year on the life of First Reformed during the Civil War era, 1861-1865 the Chancel Choir will sing two hymn-anthems from that era, one of which was written by our 15th pastor, Denis Wortman, who is remembered not only for his poetry, but also for his devotion to raising money for the Disabled Ministers' and Widows' Fund, and in our own church history, for his discourse on the death of Abraham Lincoln within a week after being called to the pulpit. *God of the Prophets*, written in 1884, is a powerful call to ministry.

Our Prelude music will be played by Musicians of Ma'alwyck: Ann Marie Barker-Schwartz, violin and Sten Isachsen, guitar. Their selections will include songs of Stephen Foster, music by Ole Bull and P.H. Ernst, and *Ashokan Farewell* which is best known as the theme music for Ken Burns' PBS series on the Civil War.

### **Daniel's Doctoral Studies**

Rev. Carlson will be in Chicago for a class this week and then back in the church office on Monday, Feb. 3.

### **Group V**

We will meet on Feb. 3 in the Dirck Romeyn room. We will be discussing the book *To Heaven and Back* by Mary Neal. A great book on how God has had a continued presence in this Orthopedic Surgeon's life.

### **Men's Breakfast**

The Men's Breakfast group will meet on Saturday, February 8 at 8am. Our guest speaker on that day will be Bill Buell, a features writer for the Daily Gazette. Bill is a native of Glenville and a resident in Niskayuna. He is the author of *Historic Schenectady County: A Bicentennial History*, published in 2009, as a reference for the County's Bi-Centennial. He is currently writing a biography of George Lunn: *From the Pulpit to Politics: Commentary on the Life of Rev. Dr. George Lunn*.

The Rev. Lunn was Schenectady's mayor for a total of four years, first as a Socialist and later as a Democrat. He then served as a U.S. Representative from New York, and was Lieutenant Governor of New York. We are excited to hear what Mr. Buell has to say about this historic figure.

### **Adult Winterfest**

Sign up and save the date. On Saturday, Feb. 8, Doug and Maria G. Todd have graciously offered their abode (Fox Hill Farm, 6003 Parkis Mills Rd., Galway) as the location for our annual adult winter outing. For the adventurous, skating, cross country skiing, snowshoeing, or a muddy winter hike begin at 3pm. The food, beverage, fellowship, and laughter indoors around the various blazing hearths of the farmhouse begin at 5:30pm with appetizers and drinks; a dinner of hearty soups, sides, salads, and desserts will follow. Glenda Luck (vocal/guitar/banjo) and Chris Duffy (stand up bass) will be providing the

entertainment. They will be performing original songs and a few old time tunes. To offset the cost of this event, we ask each person attending to contribute \$5. Please also bring some food to share (beverages provided). A signup sheet will be posted in Assembly Hall; alternatively, call the church office to indicate you'll attend. The Fellowship Committee is happy to assist with the cost of childcare for this annual event; please simply note this need on the signup sheet or with the church office. Car- pooling is encouraged to ease our pollution of the planet and parking at the party. Contact Daniel Carlson if you have any questions; the Todd's for directions (882-6555). Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow!

### **Tuesday Ladies**

Meetings are every third Tuesday at 7:30pm at Connie Young's home, next meeting is Feb. 18. All ladies are welcome. For more information contact Connie at 393-7061.

### **Lenten Devotional Reminder**

Feb. 19 is the due date for the Devotional writings. Please e-mail your submission or bring in to the church office. Thanks to all 40 of you who have volunteered to be part of this Lenten Devotional.

### **Prayer Shawl Knitting Group**

We will meet on Thursday, Feb. 27 at 9:30am at the home of Inge-Lise Pangburn. For questions, contact Ronnie Bartholic 399-7679.

	<b>This Sunday</b>	<b>Next Sunday</b>
<b>Counting Deacons</b>	George Trimarco, Nancy Wainwright	Gay Doolittle, Leah Kidwell-Fernandes
<b>Faith Bookshop</b>	Roberta Blackmer	Veronica Bartholic
<b>Flower Delivery</b>	Veronica Bartholic	
<b>Greeters</b>	Jean & Ronald Lindsay	Ann & Emile Walraven
<b>Kinderwyk</b>	Sarah Bachorik, Shannon Kerwin	Sarah Bachorik, Inge Pangburn
<b>Liturgist</b>	Stacey Midge	Stacey Midge
<b>Preacher</b>	Bill Levering	Bill Levering
<b>Processing Elders</b>	Veronica Bartholic, Gene Zeltmann, Darwin Brudos, Art Casey, Carolyn Jones-Assini, Cathy Lewis	Mary Jewett, Keith Muse, Gene Zeltmann, Darwin Brudos, Art Casey, Del Pierce, Barbara Walton, George Davidson
<b>Reader</b>	Lynne Gilgore	Therese McCarty
<b>Refreshments</b>	Ann Hicks, Ann Bish	Ellie Rowland, Karen Gonda
<b>Usher/Offertory Deacons</b>	Del Pierce (head usher), Jeff Cox, Jim McCullough, Sharron McCullough	Richard Davis, Gay Doolittle, Leah Kidwell-Fernandes, Bill Martin, Nancy Wainwright, Kim Burgoyne, Tom Burgoyne, Claire Hughes

## **Sunday, January 26**

10:00 am..... Worship  
10:15 am..... Church School for K-8  
11:15 am..... Forum  
12:00 pm..... Chili Cook-Off  
12:00 pm..... Membership Committee  
5:00 pm..... Jazz Vespers

## **Monday, January 27**

9:00 am..... Men's News Group  
7:00 pm..... Creation Care Committee

## **Tuesday, January 28**

10:00 am..... Morning Prayer  
10:00 am..... Horizon Bible Study  
6:00 pm..... CRTC

## **Wednesday, January 29**

6:00 pm..... Vegetarian Dinner  
7:00 pm..... Midweek Evening Worship

## **Thursday, January 30**

7:30 am..... Breakfast Bible Bunch  
10:00 am..... Stitch Group  
6:30 pm..... CRTC  
6:45 pm..... Yoga  
7:30 pm..... Chancel Choir

## **Friday, January 31**

12:00 pm..... Fellowship Luncheon

## **Sunday, February 2 ~ Heritage Sunday**

9:00 am..... Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary  
9:15 am..... High School Choir  
9:30 am..... Choir Rehearsal-Poling Chapel  
10:00 am..... Worship with Communion  
10:15 am..... Church School for K-2  
10:20 am..... Carol Choir  
11:15 am..... Forum  
11:15 am..... Orff Rehearsal  
11:20 am..... Kirk Ringers  
4:00 pm..... Youth Orchestra  
5:00 pm..... Jazz Vespers

I would rather be an artist than a leader.  
Ironically, a leader has to follow the rules.  
~Criss Jami, Venus in Arms

There's actually no point in following in another's  
footsteps TOO exactly, you'll end up leaving no  
tracks of your own. ~Mike A. Lancaster

If everyone you knew jumped off a bridge, would  
you too?" Dr. Roger asked.  
David had heard this before and knew you were  
supposed to say no. But was that really true? If  
everyone jumped off a bridge, maybe there was a  
good reason. Maybe the bridge was on fire. If  
anything, the guy who didn't jump was the crazy  
one. ~John M. Cusick

Don't walk behind me; I may not lead. Don't walk  
in front of me; I may not follow. Just walk beside  
me and be my friend. ~Albert Camus

Questioning authority doesn't make you resistant;  
who should follow blindly without knowing the  
destination. ~ L Darnell

I lead only if I have to, I follow only if I must, I  
like being alone, for I find company in my mind.  
~Abdelrahman Ashraf Abuzied

We herd sheep, we drive cattle, we lead people.  
Lead me, follow me, or get out of my way.  
~ George S. Patton