

**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.



God, never alone,
Dances across time
With the Other Notes
Of That One Chord

June 15, 2014



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.

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.

Hearing Assistance

We have hearing reinforcement units that will make it easier to hear. Ask an usher.

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.

One in might and One in glory,
While unending ages run.
Joyful, joyful we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of Love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,
Op'ning to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day.

**Mortals join the happy chorus
Which the morning start began;
Love divine is reigning o'er us,
Joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us sunward
In the triumph song of life.**

Henry Van Dyke

FIRST LESSON

Guide us, O Lord, by your Word and Holy Spirit. **Amen.** *2 Corinthians 13:11-13 (pg 186)*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND LESSON *Matthew 28:16-20 (pg 34)*

SERMON *The Dimensions of God*
Bill Levering

*HYMN *We Have Been Told* #136

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Romantic Piece No. 1*
Antonin Dvorak (1841-1904)

*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 #132
Come, Great God of All the Ages

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE *Threefold Amen*
Kent Newbury

POSTLUDE

Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing
Sicilian Mariners

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Entered Into Eternal Rest

Chuck Nelson

June 7, 2014

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 FRC & UPC who entered eternal rest in previous years about this time:

Roland Carreker, Bernetta Cronk, Donald Kleiber, Walter Kozak, Sonia Lintner, David Packard, Rev. Donald Troost, Grance Vandewater

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.

In Memoriam

The chancel flowers today are placed in the sanctuary to the glory of God and in loving memory of Don Troost from Carol and Deborah

Troost. 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.

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 flowers to remember a loved one or to honor a special event. Please inform the church office of your wishes. The cost of the flowers is \$30 for two bouquets. You may send your check payable to Chancel Guild, c/o Marlene Risseeuw, 2140 Niskayuna Dr., Niskayuna, NY 12309.

Jazz Vespers Every Sunday ~ 5pm

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

June 22: Scott Bassinson, piano; Bill Delaney, bass; Tom D'Andrea, drums

June 29: Mike Lamkin, piano

Forum

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, Peggy King 370-1885, or Amy Brule 785-8201.

Today: Father's Day – Perspectives on Caring for Society and Creation, Justice Action Council Congregational Care Commission Update, Joe Doolittle and Craig Kominoski

June 22: Perspectives on Caring for the City – Introduction of New Lunn Cooperative Director, Cameron Van Kooten
(last forum for the summer)

Sunday School Schedule Changes

Summer Schedule: All children K-8 are invited to Kinderwyck after the Children's Message for summer church school.

September 7: Regular church school resumes.

Faith Bookshop

Today and during the rest of the summer, the Bookshop will be open briefly before and after

most church services. In September, we will go back to our usual schedule and resume taking book orders.

SICM Book Collection

Wanted: New or used books for kids 18 and under. Please donate age-appropriate fiction and non-fiction books to enhance SICM's Summer Lunch Program 2014. In addition to feeding thousands of hungry children, the 9-week program provides recreational and educational activities at parks throughout Schenectady. Books can be placed in the bin in the Narthex and will be collected until the program begins. Monetary donations accepted. If you have any questions, you can call Karen Gonda at 607-725-4521 or email gonda6@aol.com. Thank you for your support!

Tuesday Ladies

Meetings are every third Tuesday of the month in the home of Connie Young. We will meet June 17 from 6pm – 8pm for a salad supper. Bring a salad to pass please. Hope to see you then.

Mid-month Evening Meal & Worship

All those who hunger for good food and table fellowship are invited to bring something to share on Wednesday, June 18 at 6pm in Assembly Hall. This will be the first of this summer's pot-luck dinners (also July 16 and August 13.) Following dinner and cleanup will be a contemplative communion service in Poling Chapel at 7pm for all who wish to conclude the evening with reflective and re-centering worship of God. Those with questions may contact Daniel Carlson.

Stephen Ministry Picnic

For all active and inactive Stephen Ministers and their spouses. June 19, 6pm, 1229 Viewmont Dr., Maria Todd's Niskayuna home. Bring food and something to drink. (salads, appetizers, and anything else you wish to eat.) What you bring is what we will have to eat! Call the church office or sign up in Assembly Hall to make a reservation and tell us what you will be bringing.

Nijkerk Supper and Concert

The Schenectady/Nijkerk Council is bringing international performers, Dutch folksingers and musicians Ankie, Nanne and Tseard to FRC on June 25. We will have a potluck supper in Assembly Hall at 6pm, please bring a dish to share. There is a free-will offering. Any questions, contact Laura Lee Linder, 882-6866.

Prayer Shawl Knitting Group

We will be meeting June 26 at 9:30am at the home of Ronnie Bartholic. We welcome anyone interested in joining us. Please contact Ronnie at 393-7679 with any questions.

21st Annual Strawberry Festival

The Kanatsiohareke Mohawk Community will be holding their annual strawberry festival June 28-29, 10am-6pm. Adults: \$5, Seniors & youth under 12: \$3, under 5: free. Go to www.mohawkcommunity.com or contact Laura Lee Linder, 882-6866.

Camp Fowler Summer Camp

We will be providing volunteers for the Camp Fowler Day Camp at Steinmetz Park from July 28-August 1. We are especially in need of volunteers who are available to be there all week as "cabin counselors" from about 8am – 4pm, to spend time with the same group of campers throughout the week. No previous camping experience necessary, just a willingness to build positive relationships with children. A sign-up sheet is available in Assembly Hall.

At Camp Fowler

Registration is now open for summer camp 2014! Campers are students in grades 3-12; Fowler also offers a family camp where children of all ages and parents can experience camp together. Volunteers are also needed as cabin counselors and kitchen and maintenance staff. You can find more information on the website at campfowler.org or by contacting Stacey Midge (377-2201), who will be spending the week as chaplain for the senior high campers.

Writers Group

A Flash Fiction critique group meets on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 7pm in the Walton Conference Room. Flash Fiction is a COMPLETE story, fiction or nonfiction, written in 1,000 words or less. For more info and signups, contact James Gonda at jamesgonda63@yahoo.com or the church office.

Patty's Place

This drop-in center is open and providing a safe, warm place for sex workers to find resources so that they can make safer choices now, and have the referrals and support to leave prostitution when they are ready. Those who are interested in volunteering or donating to this ministry should contact Stacey Midge. Volunteers are needed to staff the center from 7-10pm on Wednesday nights. Contact Stacey Midge if you are interested. Patty's Place also accepts donations of supplies and money. Supplies currently needed include: individual sized shampoo and conditioner, soap, lotion, toothpaste, toothbrushes, ready to eat food items such as soup and microwave popcorn, chocolate, cans of soda (Diet Coke is in high demand,) NEW women's socks, underwear, bras, shorts, and T-shirts. Donations can be left in Stacey's office after church or during normal office hours. Financial contributions should be made out to SICM, with Patty's Place in the memo line. Thank you for your support!

Kinderwyck

We are looking for helping hands and arms to play with toddlers and rock babies from 9:50-noon each Sunday. Please call the church office if you are willing and able to help with this vital ministry.

Yoga at FRC

Yoga will not be meeting for the remainder of the summer, but will meet again in mid-September.

	This Sunday	Next Sunday
Counting Deacons	Kim Burgoyne, Joan Lindsay	Tom Burgoyne, Doug Todd
Faith Bookshop	Committee Member	Committee Member
Flower Delivery	George & Nancy Davidson, Carol DeLaMarter	Lisa Etkin, Del Pierce
Greeters	Nancy & George Davidson	Ellie & Darwin Brudos
Kinderwyk	Sarah Bachorik	Sarah Bachorik
Liturgist	Daniel Carlson	Daniel Carlson
Preacher	Bill Levering	Bill Levering
Processing Elders	Margaret King, Marilyn Leach, Darwin Brudos, George Davidson, Tom Lindsay, Kate Rose	Mary Jewett, Margaret King, Keith Muse, Don Leach, Darwin Brudos, Maria G. Todd
Reader	Nancy Davidson	Mary Jewett
Refreshments		Please sign up!
Ushers	Bill Clock (head usher,) Cathy Allen, Robert Allen, Joe Gallagher, Maurice Robbins	Del Pierce (head usher,) Karen Dickson, Rob Dickson, Michael Horan, Victoria McGowan-Horan, Doug Todd

Sunday, June 15

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

Monday, June 16

9:00 am Men's Newsgroup
 7:00 pm Klokken Ringers

Tuesday, June 17

10:00 am Morning Prayer

Wednesday, June 18

6:00 pm Midweek Evening Meal
 7:00 pm Midweek Evening Worship

Thursday, June 19

6:00 pm Stephen Ministry Picnic

Sunday, June 22

10:00 am Worship
 10:15 am Summer Church School K-8
 11:15 am Forum
 11:20 am Graduation Reception
 5:00 pm Jazz Vespers

“I didn't need to understand the hypostatic unity of the Trinity; I just needed to turn my life over to whoever came up with redwood trees.” – Anne Lamott, *Plan B: Further Thoughts on Faith*

“Faith is a luxury for those who are able to ignore what the rest of us must see every day. Pessimism, distrust, and irony are the holy trinity of my religion, irony in particular.” – Brando Skyhorse, *The Madonnas of Echo Park*

“Because the Christian God is not a lonely God, but rather a communion of three persons, faith leads human beings into the divine communion. One cannot, however, have a self-enclosed communion with the Triune God- a “foursome,” as it were—for the Christian God is not a private deity. Communion with this God is at once also communion with those others who have entrusted themselves in faith to the same God. Hence one and the same act of faith places a person into a new relationship both with God and with all others who stand in communion with God.” – Miroslav Volf, *After Our Likeness: The Church as the Image of the Trinity*

“The only way to engage god is to meet one of the three in time. We meet the Father as Creator, the Son as Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit as the dispenser of God's grace.” – Tobin Wilson

“A Jesus Follower can explain our “One God in Three Persons” is like an “equilateral triangle.” Both have three, conjoined, and distinct but identical parts. This is a simple way to help non-Followers of Jesus who struggle with the concept of Trinity to better understand the Three Personalities of our One Living God... God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.” – Gary F. Patton

“God, in eternity, exists in a dynamic mutuality co-equally and co-eternally – three “modes of being” or “persons” and yet one essence. It is a dynamic, fluid movement that does not change in essence.” – Tobin Wilson