

**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.



Why can't they just be nicer about it?
They don't have to be strident.
It's not that big of a deal.
We would have changed
Someday.
Maybe.

June 22, 2014



First Reformed Church
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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.

temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*HYMN #417
Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing
Sicilian Mariners

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

Dorothy VanLeeuwen

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 Jen Brondel from Ruth and Carl Brondel. 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.

Music Note: We thank the Route Fifty 5 Brass Quintet for today's music. Members are Ben Richards and Judson Hoffman, trumpets; Kara Pangburn, horn; Ryan Pangburn, trombone; and Barret Germain, tuba.

Jazz Vespers Every Sunday ~ 5pm

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

June 29: Mike Lamkin, piano

July 6: Nat Phipps, piano; Pete Toigo, bass; Tom D'Andrea, drums

Forum

After worship this Sunday (the last 'til the fall) at 11:15am in Poling Chapel, suggestions for programs are welcome from any committee or member; simply contact Amy Brule 785-8201, Peggy King 370-1885, or Joe Doolittle 384-1700.

Today: Perspectives on Caring for the City – Introduction of New Lunn Cooperative Director, Cameron Van Kooten

Congratulations on Graduation!

Many folks in our congregation have reached achievements this spring. If you know of someone that should be added to the list, please let us know.

FRC Graduates: Courtney VanOort, Jordaan VanOort, Nicole VanOort, Kate Batzinger, Matthew Merten, Katie Hjelmar, Olivia Cox

UPC Graduates: Rachel Rose, Kate Rose, Brennan Colby, Samantha Rushton, Haley White, and Olivia Hess.

Home School Graduate: Annaleigh Lester graduating a year early!

College Graduates: Becky Rose, Luke Carlson

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.

Post Service Summer Refreshments

Over the summer whenever possible, our post service refreshments will be served in the Huntley Garden. Please consider signing up for set-up, refreshments, and clean-up by yourself or with a friend. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in Assembly Hall along with a sheet on “how to” suggestions. Please read these instructions prior to signing up as it is very important in that the set-up and clean-up is done differently. Any questions, please contact the church office at 377-2201. We are in need of volunteers for **June 29**.

Summer Church School is ON!

After the children’s message we will gather at Kinderwyck (where it is air conditioned and close to the after-worship goodies.) We are looking to become a little more Bible savvy, so we will play “5 Questions” each week. A pretest, followed by interactive learning (drama, music, art, games, etc.) followed by a 100% guaranteed post test that will be given on a different Bible story each week. Everyone gets smart! We need one or two helpers (18 yrs+) to keep the program running. Call Jamie, 399-6848, if you are available – even for just one week!

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!

Summer Kerygma Conversations This Week

If you are interested in meeting up with other members to discuss whatever is currently of interest to you (e.g., an experience, event, book, movie, trip, issue) then you are invited to join us for a leisurely yet engaging conversation this week, 9:30 – 11am, Wednesday, June 25 in the Dirck Romeyn room (also to be held: July 23, August 27). No preregistration required; those with questions may contact Daniel Carlson.

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.

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.

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.

Mid-month Potluck and Worship

All those who hunger for good food and relaxed fellowship are invited to bring something edible to share on Wednesday, July 16 and/or August 13 at 6pm in Assembly Hall. Following dinner and cleanup a contemplative communion service will be held in Poling Chapel at 7 for all who wish to conclude the evening with reflective, refreshing, and re-centering worship of God. No reservation required; those with questions may contact Daniel Carlson.

Fowler Summer Camp in Schenectady

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.

Senior Recital

Olivia Cox will be presenting her Senior Recital at First Reformed Church in Poling Chapel on Friday, August 15 at 6pm. All are welcome!

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.

At Camp Fowler in Speculator

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.

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!

	This Sunday	Next Sunday
Counting Deacons	Tom Burgoyne, Doug Todd	Gay Doolittle, Joan Lindsay
Faith Bookshop	Committee Member	Committee Member
Flower Delivery	Lisa Etkin, Del Pierce	Jean & Ron Lindsay, Sarah Howes
Greeters	Ellie & Darwin Brudos	Tom & Joan Lindsay
Kinderwyk	Sarah Bachorik	Sarah Bachorik
Liturgist	Daniel Carlson	Stacey Midge
Preacher	Bill Levering	Daniel Carlson
Processing Elders	Mary Jewett, Margaret King, Keith Muse, Don Leach, Darwin Brudos, Maria G. Todd	Marilyn Leach, Phil Falconer, Jerry Griggs, Tom Lindsay, Eleanor Rowland
Reader	Mary Jewett	Marilyn Leach
Refreshments	Graduation Reception, Marilyn Leach, Barbara Walton	Please sign up!
Ushers	Del Pierce (head usher,) Karen Dickson, Rob Dickson, Michael Horan, Victoria McGowan-Horan, Doug Todd	Earl Wainwright (head usher,) Hendrick Arnold, Joanne Arnold, Richard Davis, Adam Kerwin, Philip Yourno, George Davidson

Sunday, June 22

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

Monday, June 23

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

Tuesday, June 24

10:00 am Morning Prayer

Wednesday, June 25

9:30 am Kerygma Conversations
 11:00 am First Things Volunteers

Sunday, June 29

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

“Two things that annoy me are people who are positive out of ignorance, and people who are negative out of bitterness. People who are neither usually get along with me and agree with most of what I say. People who are one of the 2 think I'm the other.” – Auliq Ice

“Technically, of course, he was right. Socially, he was annoying us.” – Neal Stephenson, *Anthem*

“The most annoying pain is perceived when a man is living without a purpose.” – Amit Kalantri

“I love you. You annoy me more than I ever thought possible, but...I want to spend every irritating minute with you.” – *Scrubs*

“I love readings and my readers, but the din of voices of the audience gives me stage fright, and the din of voices inside whisper that I am a fraud, and that the jig is up. Surely someone will rise up from the audience and say out loud that not only am I not funny and helpful, but I'm annoying, and a phony.” – Anne Lamott

“When we're dealing with the people in our family – no matter how annoying or gross they may be, no matter how self-inflicted their suffering may appear, no matter how affected they are with ignorance, prejudice or nose hairs – we give from the deepest parts of ourselves.” – Anne Lamott

“God is not around simply to comfort us. This alone is annoying, and then the specifics of how God may be asking us to grow start.” – Lib Reveling

“You know anything about investigative work?”
 “Sure. Annoy the people involved until the guilt party tries to make you go away.” – Iiona Andrews, *Magic Bites*

“Why do you have to be so annoying sometimes?”

“Can't help it. It's the company I keep.” – Kamila Shamise, *Kartography*