

**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.



It is certainly possible to find the attitude of wonder and love. We had it once.

September 7, 2014



First Reformed Church
8 North Church Street
Schenectady, New York 12305
(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.

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.

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 7, 2014

*The congregation may stand.

PRELUDE Ann-Marie Baker Schwartz, violin
Sten Isachsen, guitar

Duo in C majore

Fernando Carulli (1770-1841)

Asturias (Leyenda)

Isaac Albeniz (1860-1909)

10:00 a.m.

GREETING Daniel Carlson
The grace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & ORIENTATION

CALL TO WORSHIP Bill Levering

INTROIT *Psalm 122:1* Franklin G'vnn

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN *Gather Us In*

1. Here in this place new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

2. We are the young, our lives are a mystery,
we are the old who yearn for your face;
we have been sung throughout all of history,
called to be light to be whole human race.

Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.

3. Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.

Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
loves that are holy and hearts that are true.

4. Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away
here in this place the new light is shining,
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.

Gather us in and hold us forever,
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

*OUR NEED FOR GOD (*unison*)

Holy One, we confess that we have made
excuses for not following your call. In our
laziness, we have avoided and denied you. We
do not look for you in the face of others, nor
do we let others see your holiness in us. We
have doubted your presence and failed to let
you change our lives. Help us. Make us more
complete and faithful in all that we do, we
pray. Amen.

*GOD'S FORGIVING LOVE

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

**God welcomes all, strangers and friends;
God's love is strong and it never ends!**

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*unison*)

from the Accra Confession

We believe in God, Creator and Sustainer of
all life, who calls us as partners in the creation
and redemption of the world. We live under
the promise that Jesus Christ came so that all
might have life in fullness. Guided and upheld
by the Holy Spirit we open ourselves to the
reality of our world. We believe that God is
sovereign over all creation. "The earth is the
Lord's and the fullness thereof."

*PASSING THE PEACE

ANTHEM

Anthem of Fellowship Jay Althouse

To God above our voices raise;
to Thee alone give thanks and praise.
Where'er we seek Thee, Thou art found.
Let anthems now resound.
Here in our waiting hearts proclaim
the blessings of Thy holy name,
We pray that our redeeming Lord may ever be
adored.
We share Thy love and compassion.
We sing with one accord.
In fellowship we stand as one
to praise the heavenly Lord.
All praise to God who reigns above,
who joins us with His grace and love.
And in His service we may be throughout
eternity.
In Christ there is no East or West,
In Him no South or North;
But one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth.

FIRST LESSON Nancy Davidson
Guide us, God, by your Word and Holy Spirit.
Amen. *Matthew 18:15-20 (pg 20)*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND LESSON *Romans 13:8 (pg 162)*

SERMON Bill Levering
Attitudes and Obligations

*HYMN *I Come With Joy* #507

MINUTE FOR MISSION Norma Brown
What's Your Story?

OFFERING

OFFERTORY
Romanze Fernando Sor (1778-1839)

*DOXOLOGY #555
Now Thank We All Our God

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

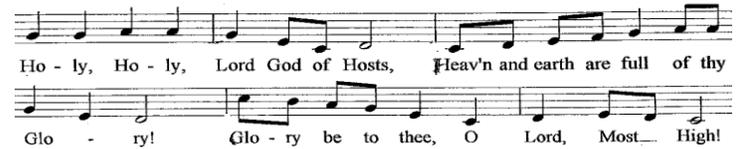
SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

COMMUNION PRAYER

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
**It is right to give God thanks and
praise!**

SANCTUS (*sung in unison*) Carl Steubing



COMMUNION

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 #429 vs. 1,3,4,5
Lord, You Give the Great Commission

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE *Twofold Amen*
Dresden

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

Jane & Cliff Bryant, James Pontius, Charlotte Ramsey, Richard L. Shuey, Allen John Wood, Richard Zentmire

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 Jane and Clifford Bryant. As a symbol of our care, each Sunday the flowers are delivered to members of FRC or UPC who are not able to join us here.

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 Risseuw, 2140 Niskayuna Dr., Niskayuna, NY 12309.

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Jazz Vespers Every Sunday ~ 5pm

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

September 14: Scott Bassinson, piano

September 21: Peg Delaney, piano; Bill Delaney, bass; Tom D'Andrea, drums

Sunday Church School

We need Church School teachers! There are 3 terms and three classes in each term:

Fall term: Sept 7 – Nov 23 (K-2)(3-5)(6-8)

Winter term: Nov 30 – Feb 15 (K-2)(3-5)(6-8)

Spring term: Feb 22 – May 24 (K-2)(3-5)(6-8)

The curriculum is the lectionary based “Seasons of the Spirit.” It is very easy to follow and gives lots of background information and ideas for each class. I will happily meet with you to go over the format. No experience is needed! Please call Jamie, 399-6848, if you are able to help out teaching, even if it is for only a few Sundays!

Faith Bookshop

Butterflies! You won't find a Karner Blue in the Bookshop, but you will find some very pretty butterflies that just came from South America. This month we resume taking book orders. You may order any book in print at a 30% discount, and orders are processed quickly.

Fall Youth Activities

FRC youth group activities will kick off on Sunday, **September 14** at 5pm with a picnic for students in grades 6 – 12. Parents should also plan to be present to fill out registration forms and have a brief meeting. Youth group will meet every Sunday at 5pm for dinner, discussion, games, etc. All youth in grades 6 – 12 are welcome, including friends who do not normally attend this church. Most discussions and activities will be divided into 6 – 8 and 9 – 12 grade groups, although we will be together for dinner and occasional activities. If you have questions, please contact Stacey.

Upcoming special events:

Sunday, Sept. 14, 5pm – Kickoff Picnic

Sunday, Sept. 21, 1pm – North Star Peace Walk in Albany; meet in the church parking lot

Sunday, Oct. 12 – Monday, Oct. 13 –

Columbus Day overnight & service project.

Meet at the church on Sunday at 5pm, spend the night, and spend Columbus Day working in the community. We will end with an early dinner, and youth can be picked up at the church at 6pm.

Forum

After worship most Sundays 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, Olivia Mancuso 381-8860, or Joe Doolittle 384-1700.

Today: Fall Picnic

September 14: Perspectives on Unity FRC/UPC – Open Discussion to prepare both congregations for approval of the vote Sept. 21

September 21: Separate Congregation Meetings for VOTE on the Union of FRC and UPC

September 28: Meet Cameron, Kendra, and Kelsey – Led by Rev. Stacey Midge

New! "How to" Classes on Sunday Morning Starting September 14

There are so many things to learn about in the world. This fall, our congregation will begin tackling this problem by having tiny little how-to classes about a wide variety of things in the church and in the world. The class will be at the same time as the Forum and will meet in the Dykstra Chapel.

Post Service Refreshments

Beginning September 14, we will return to having post service refreshments in Assembly Hall. We are always looking for volunteers! 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. We are in need of volunteers for **Sept 14**.

Fall Picnic Today!

Are all invited to stay after worship today for a time of food and fellowship at our annual fall picnic. In an effort to promote sustainable and healthy farming and feasting hamburgers from the grass-fed cows of Buckley Farm will be provided, in addition to veggie burgers, hot dogs, and drinks.

Ice Cream Social Today

The SICM Summer Lunch Program would like to thank all those who volunteered to serve the meals this summer. It was a great success! You are all invited to an Ice Cream Social at the Central Park Pavilion today at 3pm.

Justice Action Council Meeting Today

Please join us today at 11:30am for the next Justice Action Council. We will convene at the church picnic once we all get a plate of food. We want to brainstorm and target issues to tackle over the next few months. All are welcome, so consider joining the team and having your voice heard. We are all looking forward to catching up! Any questions, please contact Jeanne Shoulder, jmshoulder@hotmail.com.

Yoga Returns

Weekly classes will begin Monday September 8 from 6:15pm – 7:15pm in Assembly Hall, \$10 per class. The class is for all levels and you can come on a regular basis or just drop in when you can. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a mat/towel. If you have any questions please contact Douglas at: 229-7291 or dagoods1@gmail.com.

Fall Kerygma Conversations

Beginning this Wednesday, September 10, a new season of individual and communal Bible exploration begins with...the first book of the Bible! Those who've been in this group for years and those who come for the first time will alike be warmly greeted and actively engaged each Wednesday, 9:30 – 11am, through the fall in Poling Conference room, as we consider the message of Genesis for its ancient audience and for us. The accompanying study guide is now available in the church office for perusal and/or purchase (\$20), and, if supplies last, at the first class. Those with questions regarding this Adult Education and Nurture opportunity should contact Daniel Carlson.

“Vatican II: 50 Years and For Today”

Wednesday, September 10 at Emmanuel Friedens Church, 218 Nott Terrace with Fr. Chris DeGiovine, Director of Spiritual Life and Chaplain at the College of St. Rose. Father DeGiovine is an articulate and insightful speaker and will share with us his perspectives on Vatican II. It is truly the fact of Vatican II that makes many of our ecumenical church endeavors possible. All are welcome.

Midweek Evening Meal

Each Wednesday this fall, beginning September 10, a tableful or so of those who appreciate sharing food and eating with others gather in Assembly Hall at 6pm for a pot-luck dinner and friendly conversation. Bring whatever edibles you enjoy and wish to share; ice water and hot coffee provided. We clean up after ourselves, and a contemplative communion service in Poling Chapel follows the meal for those who wish to stay.

Midweek Evening Worship

What do you get when you combine: lovely reflective songs quietly accompanied by acoustic guitars; an ancient practice called *lectio divina* wherein each person contemplatively attends to a brief portion of Scripture for what may be God's present intention for one's life; a small circle of varied humanity gathered around the Lord's Table where the Bread of Life is broken and the Cup of Blessing is passed from one person to the next; and with hands joined, prayers offered aloud and in silence for those in need or in joy?

Midweek Evening Worship, of course!

Beginning September 10, all are welcome and valued in time and place of God's grace. Those with questions may contact Daniel Carlson.

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.

Breakfast Bible Bunch

Dr. Levering leads an early morning Bible reflection, which will resume on Thursday, **September 11** in the Poling Conference room. The Bible study will review a text to be used the following Sunday, expose a little background of the passage, and mostly delve into its relevance to us. Coffee and carbs will be served. More if you are lucky. We will be finished at 8:30am for those who work.

Musicians of Ma'alwyck

On Saturday, September 13 at 3pm at the First Reformed Church, Musicians of Ma'alwyck will be presenting an all-Spanish program with music of de Falla (including the composer's own chamber version of the Ritual Fire Dance), Rodrigo, Granados and Turina. Musicians include violinist Ann-Marie Baker Schwartz, flutist Norman Thibodeau, cellist Petia Kassarova, guitarist Sten Isachsen, and harpist Karlinda Caldicott as well as mezzo-soprano Kara Cornell. Artist Scott Nelson Foster, who recently completed the newest commissioned portraits of St. Kateri of Tekakwitha, titling his painting *Katria Dressed as a Valencian Girl* and modeling it after a similar work by Spanish painter Joaquin Sorolla. Foster's work during our rehearsals will be videotaped and presented side-by-side with the completion of the painting during the performance.

To fully round out this celebration of Spanish music and culture, readings of the gorgeous poetry of Federico Garcia Lorca will be included and feature Jose-Daniel Flores Caraballo, the new music director of Albany Pro Musica. Maestro Flores Caraballo will be reading from several of the collections, from the earliest published *Libro de Poemas* to the *Romancero Gitanos*.

Tickets will be available in the church office and at the door as well. The price is \$25 for adults and \$10 for seniors.

Name Tag Sunday

Since we have many new faces in worship, on September 14 we will call that Sunday *Name Tag Sunday*. It would be helpful to all if we wore our name tags. Name tags can be found on the door by Poling Chapel. Don't have one? Contact the church office or let us know on a white pew card.

What's Your Story?

Everyone has significant life stories to share and doing so within the context of a small group committed to gently holding such stories in the light of God's love enables us to come to better know and appreciate others--and ourselves! That was definitely the experience of those within last fall's What's Your Story? This fall two new What's Your Story? small groups, led by enthusiastic members of the initial group, will be offered on the **third Monday** of Sept-Dec. Both the morning group, led by Norma Brown and Joe Lovell, meeting 10-12 in the Dirck Romeyn room, and an evening group, led by Dale Brown with Linda Ward, meeting 7-9 in the same comfortable location, will begin Monday, September 15. Contact any of the above leaders or the church office to sign up.

Tuesday Ladies

Meetings are every third Tuesday of the month in the home of Connie Young. We will resume Tuesday, September 16. Hope to see you then. Please call Connie at 393-7061 if you have any questions or for more information.

Group VII

We will have our Fall Luncheon at the Mohawk Golf Club September 19 at 11:30am. Please make a reservation with Connie Young, 393-7061 or cyoung50@nycapp.rr.com.

New Worship Service

Our new Saturday evening worship service, called The Link, will begin on September 20 at 5pm. This is a family-friendly opportunity to worship through contemporary music and casual liturgy. All people are welcome, but we especially invite families with Sunday sports

activities, those who work Sunday mornings, and anyone who is seeking a supportive Christian community in a modern worship setting. Please contact Stacey with any questions about this new service.

Musicians Needed

Can you play a guitar, piano, djembe, bongos, mandolin, or some other acoustic instrument? The Link – our new Saturday worship service – would like to offer you the opportunity to use your musical gifts to provide casual, modern music for this service. Please contact Stacey if you are willing to be a part of this music ministry.

Congregational Meeting Call

There will be a meeting of the congregation of First Reformed Church to act on the Joint Witness with the Union Presbyterian Church and related business following worship on September 21 in the sanctuary.

Peoples' Climate March

Concerned about the current and future effects of human-caused climate change and our current inadequate responses to this dimension of our current global emergency? Join members of our Creation Care Commission and the Fellowship Committee as we travel to NYC on Sunday, September 21 to participate in what is shaping up to be the largest climate gathering yet! In order to lower our emissions and connect with others, we've altered our initial plan to travel by church van; instead we'll book seats on a People's Climate March bus departing from Union College at 6:30am Sunday. So sign up asap on the Green Space in Assembly Hall. Tickets are \$30, riderships also available. Contact Daniel Carlson to purchase a ticket or register yourself at <http://my.citizenactionny.org/civicrm/event/register>.

Peace Walk

Sunday, September 21, 2014 is International Peace Day! FRC is a sponsor of an interfaith Peace Walk, which begins at 2pm at the Interfaith Center in Albany. The youth group will be walking, and it would be great to see multi-generational representation! Share interfaith prayers, teachings, singing and fellowship. Join other community members to reaffirm common roots.

Horizons Bible Study Material

Our study for the fall is "Reconciling Paul: A Contemporary Study of 2 Corinthians." We will be resuming September 23; however, study guides are now available in the church office for \$8 for anyone interested.

Evening Circle

We will meet on Wednesday, September 24 at 7:30pm at Theo Lovell's home, 664 St. David's Lane. Please bring a poem or two that you would like to share. All women are invited.

Prayer Shawl Knitting Group

We meet every fourth Thursday of the month unless otherwise noted. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, September 25 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.

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.

Run, Ride, Walk 4 Love

Safe Inc. and Love 146 are co-sponsoring a Run, Ride, Walk event to raise money to end human trafficking and support survivors of exploitation on September 27 in Saratoga Spa State Park. You can register to participate in this event at www.rrwl4l.com, or sponsor Stacey in running the 5K.

54th Stockade Walkabout

Plans are underway for September 27, 2014 from 11am – 5pm, and we are looking for volunteers. Will you help welcome visitors to FRC that day? Have you an activity, program, display, or such, for people to do or see as they tour FRC? If you have any questions or wish to sign up to volunteer, you may contact Laura Lee Linder, 882-6866. We are also looking for volunteers to help bake pastries for Saturday's event on Friday, September 26. If you would like to sign-up, you may contact Mary Jewett, 355-8059.

Patty's Place Update

Patty's Place is a drop-in support, referral and resource center for women engaged in sex work. The center has experienced a number of setbacks in the last few months, but is working hard at renewing its mission and reviving its work with this vulnerable population. A new Street Outreach Team was recently trained and has been out every week, giving care kits to street sex workers and information to area residents and business owners. More volunteers are needed to expand the outreach team and the hours of the center. Basic Patty's Place training will be held on September 17 from 6 – 9pm, and Street Outreach Training will be on September 24 from 6 – 9pm. If you are interested in becoming a Patty's Place volunteer, please email Stacey at revstacey@gmail.com.

New Bible Class to be Offered

Are you interested in participating in a Bible study/discussion group like Horizons, Kerygma Conversations or Bible Bunch, but not able to meet during the weekday mornings when these are offered? If so, please contact Daniel Carlson with when such a class might work well for you.

Youth Mentors & Sponsors Needed

For teenagers, the involvement of adults (in addition to their parents) can make a tremendous difference in their self-esteem and development of coping skills, as well as their faith development. You can make a difference in the

lives of FRC and UPC teenagers by becoming a sponsor or mentor for our youth group.

Mentors – Attend youth group meetings once a month and work with an individual, pair, or small group of students consistently throughout the year, using a set of facilitation questions provided for you. Must be willing to listen closely, respect the uniqueness of each youth, and share your life and faith honestly and appropriately. Mentors may be parents of youth currently in the youth group, but will not be assigned as mentors for their own children.

Sponsors – Attend weekly youth group meetings (with some flexibility for schedule conflicts) and assist in leading discussions and activities.

Ability to participate in the mission trip, February 15 – 21, 2015 would be ideal, but is not required. Energy, commitment, and interest in the lives of teenagers IS required!

There will be training for all sponsors and mentors at 3pm on Sunday, September 14, before the youth group kick-off picnic. Please contact Stacey if you are interested in becoming a sponsor or mentor for our youth.

Prospective Member Class October 5

Interested in a closer relationship with this congregation? Dr. Levering will be leading membership orientation meetings that include a tour of the church and a chat about who we are. It lasts 90 minutes and is held in the church office at 3pm on the first Sundays of October through February.

Church Directories

Don't have one? You can pick one up in the church office, or you can call 377-2201, and request for one to be mailed to you.

	This Sunday	Next Sunday
Counting Deacons	Gay Doolittle, Joan Lindsay	Tom Burgoyne, Therese McCarty
Faith Bookshop	Committee Member	Committee Member
Flower Delivery	Carol Troost, Lauren Cleworth	Crystal Mongillo, Barbara Walton
Greeters	Ron & Jean Lindsay	Ann & Doug Phillips
Kinderwyk	Sarah Bachorik	Sarah Bachorik
Liturgist	Daniel Carlson	Stacey Midge
Preacher	Bill Levering	Bill Levering
Processing Elders	Adam Mason, George Davidson, Don Leach, Marilyn Leach, Margaret King, Mary Jewett, Brad Lewis, Cathy Lewis	Adam Mason, Jeanne Shoulder, Rob Dickson, Bill Ward, Keith Muse, Linda Witkowski, James Gonda, Bill Rochelle
Reader	Nancy Davidson	Therese McCarty
Refreshments	Fall Picnic!	Please sign up!
Offertory Deacons/Ushers	Vickie McGowan-Horan, Claire Hughes, Darwin Brudos, Caroline Welch, Gay Doolittle, Joan Lindsay	Glenn Blinckmann (head usher), Linda Malgieri, Gerry Myers, Crystal Mongillo, Justine Ochal, Ralph Rosenthal

Sunday, September 7

- 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary
- 10:00 am Worship w/Communion
- 10:15 am Summer Church School for K-8
- 11:00 am Fall Picnic
- 11:15 am Forum
- 5:00 pm Jazz Vespers

Monday, September 8

- 9:00 am Men's News Group
- 7:00 pm Klokken Tower Ringers

Tuesday, September 9

- 10:00 am Morning Prayer
- 12:00 pm Primary Election
- 6:00 pm Archives
- 6:30 pm Standing Committees
- 7:30 pm Consistory

Wednesday, September 10

- 9:30 am Kerygma
- 12:30 pm Thursday Belles
- 1:00 pm Archives
- 6:00 pm Midweek Evening Dinner
- 7:00 pm Midweek Evening Worship
- 7:00 pm Writers Group

Thursday, September 11

- 7:30 am Bible Bunch
- 10:00 am Stitch Group
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Saturday, September 13

- 2:00 pm Musician's of Ma'alwyck

Sunday, September 14

- 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary
- 9:15 am High School Choir
- 10:00 am Worship
- 10:15 am Church School K-8
- 11:00 am Refreshments
- 11:15 am Forum
- 11:15 am Kirk Ringers
- 11:40 am How To Classes
- 3:00 pm Youth Leader Training
- 4:00 pm Youth Orchestra
- 5:00 pm Jazz Vespers

“Keep your thoughts positive because your thoughts become your words. Keep your words positive because your words become your behavior. Keep your behavior positive because your behavior becomes your habits. Keep your habits positive because your habits become your values. Keep your values positive because your values become your destiny.” – Mahatma Gandhi

“The greater part of our happiness or misery depends upon our dispositions, and not upon our circumstances.” – Martha Washington

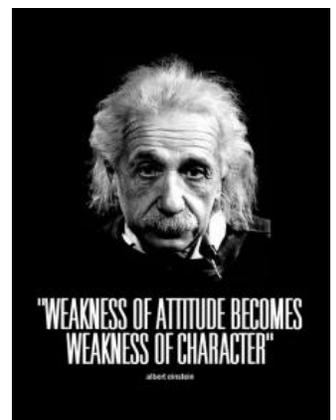
“Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference.” – Winston Churchill

“If you are distressed by anything external, the pain is not due to the thing itself, but to your estimate of it; and this you have the power to revoke at any moment.” – Marcus Aurelius, Meditations

“Every day one should at least hear one little song, read one good poem, see one fine painting and—if at all possible—speak a few sensible words.” – Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

“Life is 10 percent what you make it and 90 percent how you take it.” – Irving Berlin

“There is so much about my fate that I cannot control, but other things do fall under the jurisdiction. I can decide how I spend my time, whom I interact with, whom I share my body and life and money and energy with. I can select what I can read and eat and study. I can choose how I'm going to regard unfortunate circumstances in my life – whether I see them as curses or opportunities. I can choose my words and the tone of voice in which I speak to others. And most of all, I can choose my thoughts.” – Elizabeth Gilbert



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